



## Benefits of Children's University

The termly and annual certificates received as being part of this scheme will go into a pupil school progress file to show the achievements made outside of the school day.

Being part of Children's University is a fantastic way to recognise, celebrate and accredit the out of hours learning you take part in.

Children's University hold benefits for the young people involved, their parents or guardians, the schools and other organisations on board and the wider community, some of these benefits are highlighted below.

### Young people

- Develops lifelong learning
- Extends learning beyond normal school hours
- Enriches the normal school curriculum
- Rewards participation in out of school hours learning
- Young people become confident and independent learners
- Young people develop a wide variety of skills and knowledge

### Schools

- Gives external credit for activities which are often already taking place
- Raises self-esteem by giving an externally accredited certificate
- Keeps track of young people who regularly attend OSHL activities
- Rewards young people who progress through the CU award system

### Parents

- A chance for parents to share and celebrate their child's achievements
- To develop further opportunities for their children to learn outside normal teaching hours
- To access high quality programmes

### Community

- Local people become involved: develops a sense of community
- Community partnerships are encouraged
- All young people are included
- By helping young people feel they are valued members of their local community
- Enables parents and carers to be a part of the young person's learning and celebrate their achievements.

### Links with higher education

One of Cardiff Children's University's main partners is the University of Wales Institute Cardiff (UWIC). They are a great supporter of Children's University and recognise the achievements young people make in their Out of Hours Learning. The Youth University section of Children's University will give you extra benefits as part of UWIC's 'LEAP' scheme such as extra bursaries.