

***The Keith Williams Academy is now a certified LEARNING DESTINATION for the Children's University.***

***Young golfers of all abilities can now visit Hawkstone Park, participate in a variety of golfing activities and have their 'Passport To Learning' stamped and approved as part of their CU Awards.***

***Please visit: [www.childrensuniversity.co.uk](http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk) for more information.***

## **Parents/Carers**

### **Children's University structure**

Children's University is run by the Children's University Trust. It operates through more than 80 local centres, with a further 25 in planning. Local Children's University centres are almost always a partnership between several organisations, and membership is managed at school level.

School membership fees and costs for children are decided by the local Children's University but are generally based on a contribution according to the size of the school and include a small charge for the *Passport To Learning* per each pupil taking part in the scheme.

### **Children's University Learning**

Activities must take place outside the normal school day and are always voluntary. The learning is linked to higher education course provision as exemplified on [www.ucas.com/students/coursesearch](http://www.ucas.com/students/coursesearch) - in other words: if you can aspire to a degree in it, the Children's University wants to know! Activities can include clubs which run before school, during lunchtime, after school or at weekends and during holidays. As part of the school's commitment to the Children's University, a small number of staff are required to become CU Validators and asked to assure the quality of learning offered as part of the local Children's University provision. Through this process the school becomes a restricted *Learning Destination*.

In addition to school based activities, there is a growing number of recognised *Learning Destinations* in the wider community. Nationally there are over 1,800 public *Learning Destinations* which you can find by following the link on the home page.

### **Recognising and rewarding participation**

Children's University students use *Passports To Learning* in which they record the number of hours of completed CU validated learning activities. Children are encouraged to progress through the national certification scheme, based on the number of hours of attendance throughout their involvement with the Children's University. Bronze, silver and gold certificates are awarded at CU Undergraduate, CU Postgraduate and CU Doctorate levels. The certificates are usually presented at a graduation ceremony organised through the local Children's University.