

Dear Parents and Carers

Your school has joined Barnsley Children's University. This encourages and rewards children and young people for taking part in learning activities of their choice in their own time. Research shows that children and young people who are rewarded for choosing to learn out of school feel proud and confident about their achievements and do better at school.

The Children's University celebrates children and young people's achievements with award certificates and badges. To do this we count the learning credits that they earn out of school time – one for each hour.

The national awards are:

- Bronze (30 hours)
- Silver (65 hours)
- Gold (100 hours)

...and these continue right the way up to 1000 hours!

All the children and young people have to do is to regularly attend their favourite clubs and activities that take place out of lesson time and update their CU online dashboard regularly.

We look forward to seeing you at Children's University award ceremonies in the future!

**The Barnsley CU team**