

HEADTEACHER: Mr I Bacon

11th December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Watling Academy Year 5 Children's University

We are thrilled to invite your child to this year's Children's University programme at Watling Academy. Building on the success of last year's programme, we are eager to continue providing exciting and enriching learning opportunities for Year 5 students currently attending either Whitehouse or Fairfields Primary Schools. This programme aims to inspire a love for learning, whilst encouraging personal growth and skill development.

Children's University is an out of school hours learning programme that aims to provide our future students with a variety of learning opportunities and experiences that take place beyond the normal school day. This opportunity is designed to assist in giving a greater breadth to KS2 programmes of study for students with the capacity for extending their education and exploring subjects to a higher level. The emphasis of the sessions will be fun, but with clear learning outcomes that complement their Key Stage 2 learning and prepare students for the challenges they will face in their Key Stage 3 studies.

Students will be offered the opportunity to attend a variety of taster sessions operated by our secondary specialist teachers in our fantastic facilities. There will be no charge to the students attending. Students will have the opportunity to experience sessions in Maths, Art, Textiles, Science, STEM, Computing, Food Technology, and Spanish.

Basic information about Watling Academy Children's University:

- Each lesson will take place between 4:00pm and 5:00pm. We request that students arrive onsite at Watling Academy at 3:45pm to register prior to their lesson.
- There will be two four-week rotations of lessons during Term 2 (your child will attend all 8 sessions)
- The first rotation will take place between 17th January 7th February 2024.
- The second rotation will take place between 28th of February 20th of March 2024.







Clothing and Equipment requirements:

Students will attend the Year 5 Children's University in their primary school uniform. We also recommend that students bring with them a notepad, pen, pencil and a bottle of water.

Please note: We will not allow students to walk home alone or leave school unaccompanied. Please let us know your arrangements for collecting your child promptly at the end of each session at 5:00pm through the sign-up form below.

Please complete the link below to sign up to the Children's University programme. Deadline for responses is **Friday 22**nd **December 2023 at 3:15pm**.

https://forms.office.com/e/86zrap7KDH

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. We look forward to a successful year at the Children's University.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gibbs

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