Dear Parent/Guardian

We would like to invite your child to join the Wakefield Children's University, part of a charitable trust that provides 5 to 14 year olds with exciting and innovative learning activities and experiences outside normal school hours.

Children own a Passport to Learning and collect stamp codes for participation in activities at validated Learning Destinations, many of which take place within school. **Learning after school includes everything from school run after school clubs, competitions, in-school music lessons, other activities that take place within school but outside the school day.** Hours can also be earnt for attending out of school activities/clubs such as swimming, football, martial arts, dance, language classes or through educational visits such as museums, galleries, stately homes, National Trust etc. The list is quite extensive as to the places and activities available and the above are just a small snapshot/examples. **The CU and School will update you and send home ideas and information of free events running in the local area regularly.** Lots of activities are shared on the **Selby Children's University** Facebook page so please like our page to get regular updates.

Your child will need a passport to collect their codes. The codes will be a colour and 4 digits. These stamp codes are then entered onto your child's own personal online dashboard where you/they can keep track of Learning Hours, activities and certificates. Children are rewarded with certificates upon reaching certain thresholds:

- Bronze Award = 30 hours
- Silver Award = 65 hours
- Gold Award = 100 hours

The certificates follow these increments up to 1000 hours, meaning there are 30 certificates to collect in total! If an activity doesn't have a code, enter it in your passport, get it signed and then you can claim up to 3 hours of learning for visiting a place/ museum or activity. When children reach 100 hours, they are invited to a graduation ceremony!

The Passport to Learning is available for £3.50. These can be ordered through school. Log all activities in here whilst you are out and about and then they can be added to the dashboard when you have time.

Children and young people can collect stamp codes in their Passport at Learning Destinations across the country. To find out where these are, visit www.childrensuniversity.co.uk.

To support your child in this exciting venture and help them to achieve their Children's University awards, please complete and return the reply slip below and pay £3.50 to cover the cost of the Passport to Learning via ParentPay. The Passport will then be delivered to school along with a booklet detailing how to access your online dashboard.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to the Wakefield Children's University.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Rayner

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Wakefield and Selby Children's University Coordinator
Castleford College

If you would like your child to participate in Selby Children's University, please read and sign below and return to your school.

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I would like my child to participate in Selby Children's University and enclose £3.50 to purchase a Passport to Learning.

I understand that I am responsible for the Passport and information contained therein. I give permission for my child's name, date of birth, unique pupil number and gender to be shared with the Children's University for the purposes of administration, including the setup of an online account. When you log into the account first time, please enter a contact email as this will be used to answer any emails that come through from the 'Help us' section of the web page.

Name of Pupil		**Date of Birth**	
Class		**Gender**	
Parent/Guardian Signature		**Date**	

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To help us with ensuring you can get the most out of being part of Selby Children's University, we would appreciate if you could let us know of any out of school clubs or groups you are a part of or any learning activities you enjoy. This could include things such as swimming lessons, football club, Brownies/Scouts, craft sessions, dance groups. Please fill out the form below and we will endeavour to sign up the activity provider so that you can earn Learning Hours for taking part.

Name of Activity Provider	Brief Description of Activity	Contact Details (if known)

Please include any local places you visit where learning opportunities take place.