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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are thrilled to share with you some very exciting news! This autumn, we will be launching the Staffordshire Children's University scheme here at Gorsemoor. Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be able to sign up to the scheme, which recognises all their achievements outside of school.

Staffordshire Children's University, recognises and rewards participation in high quality out of school learning opportunities. Research shows that participation in extra-curricular activities can positively impact on attainment, increase a pupil's positive association with school, and build self-confidence and resilience.

Children who participate in Children's University have the opportunity to learn in a rich range of contexts, experience new places, visit universities and attend their own graduation ceremonies. This adventure introduces children to the joy of learning, brings a sense of wonder in the world around them and develops their confidence and aspirations for the brightest futures.

This is a national scheme which started in 2009 to encourage and reward children's participation in extra curricula activities, held both in and outside of school. Children are encouraged to develop new interests, join in new activities and are rewarded for this dedication. Validated activities enable children to collect stamps in their online *Passport to Learning* which in turn culminates in graduation from the Children's University (more information can be found at www.childrensuniversity.co.uk). If your child currently attends any out of school activities you can check to see if they are validated for the scheme. If not, you can request them to sign up at on the children's university website.

Children's University is completely free to sign up! Later in the year, we will be asking for a small contribution towards coach travel to the graduation ceremony. Further details will be provided in spring term.

If you would like to sign up to the scheme, please complete the Google Form by following the link below by **Monday 26th September 2022**.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSczD8GQC0OWPp7_0gCpO83GhbTdYcNv-jydb-STtNTBgU0abg/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you would like any further information, please come and see us.

Kind regards,
Mrs Campbell and Miss Deeming