



JUNIOR UNIVERSITY 2017



Dear Parent/Carer,

Our school is taking part in a national programme for Year 10 students called Junior University, run by education charity Transformation Trust in partnership with Which? University.

You can read more about the Transformation Trust and Which? University here: www.transformationtrust.org.uk and www.university.which.co.uk.

Junior University involves pairs of undergraduates from a local university coming into our school to run a university-style project with 60 of our Year 10 students, including your child. At the end of the programme, the students will be visiting the local university for a Celebration Day. The two sessions to be run in school will be on Friday 3rd November and Friday 10th, from Period 1 to 3. Your daughter will be informed of which class she will be in.

Junior University will give your child a real flavour of what university life is like, alongside free, independent information from Which?. University isn't for everyone, but Junior University will provide your child with the support, confidence, and information they need to help them make the right decision based on a real experience of what university can be like.

As part of Junior University, the Policy Evaluation and Research Unit at Manchester Metropolitan University (a.k.a. PERU) will be conducting an independent evaluation on how taking part in Junior University impacts on your child, including how much more they know about university, their attitude towards university, and their attainment in school in the future.

Your child will be asked to fill in a survey before they take part in Junior University and after. The information they provide in the survey will be held securely by PERU and will not be shared with anyone else. They can ask the survey via this link <https://mmu.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/pre-junior-university-survey>. After the first survey a small number of children will be asked to take part in a face-to-face follow up interview. This will be conducted by a researcher from PERU either in school or while your child is attending the University Celebration day.

The University Celebration Day will be on **Wednesday 22nd November** at the University of Roehampton. We will be travelling by coach which is being funded by the Transformation Trust and National Collaboration Programme. We will leave school at 10:30am and return at approximately 15:30pm.

In order to be able to carry out the research, PERU require that the school shares your child's name, date of birth, and postcode. Please complete the attached permission slip.

This information will only be used by PERU to cross-reference your child's survey responses with their Unique Learner Number in the National Pupil Database and the Higher Education Statistics Agency database. Your child will not be named or identifiable in any report that comes from this research.

You can read more about the National Pupil Database and the Higher Education Statistics Agency database here:

www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-pupil-database and www.hesa.ac.uk

If you have any questions please contact myself Mrs Greenland or the Transformation Trust (info@transformationtrust.org.uk / 0207 148 0934).



**Reply slip: To be returned to Mrs Greenland by 30th October 2017
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at University of Roehampton**

In order for your student to take part in Junior University we need your permission for PERU to carry out this research. Please sign below to indicate that you give permission for our school to share the specified information with PERU, and for your child to participate in a survey and possible follow-up interview conducted by PERU.

Student's Name: Tutor Group:

I hereby give my permission for the school to share my child's name, date of birth, and postcode with PERU for the purpose of evaluating the impact of the Junior University programme. I also give permission for my child to participate in a survey, and possibly a follow-up interview with PERU.

My child's full name:

My child's date of birth:

My child's postcode:

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Parent/Carer Signature

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Parent/Carer Name (please use capitals)

I would like my daughter to participate in the above visit. I am aware of the travel details for the day.

I acknowledge that I have already signed and returned a Generic School Consent Form to allow my daughter to participate in the visit.

Signed: (Parent/Carer) Date:

Print Name:

Emergency contact number

Medical Information: Please provide details of any conditions requiring medical treatment including any medication.....