

University graduation ceremony- Tuesday 21st June 2022

On the afternoon of Tuesday 21st June, Mrs Chutti and Mrs Minors took a group of 12 children to the University of Wolverhampton for the Children's University graduation ceremony. This is an annual event and the first one that our school has participated in. The Children's University programme is a charity that works in partnership with schools to develop a love of learning amongst the most disadvantaged children. The Children's University experience has a significant role to play in raising Pupil Premium children's aspirations and awareness of university, in particular among those with little or no family experience of higher education. Many of the children's parents and family members accompanied us on the trip and it was great to see our children supported by their families and sharing in this special experience together.





During the ceremony held in The Chancellor's Hall, we listened to a speech from a graduate, Chris Randall, who had studied The BSc (Hons) Fire & Rescue degree. He spoke highly of his university experience and how it helped to demonstrate the real-world relevance of subjects such as maths and science he studied at school. This speech gave our children an insight into the university experience and a taste of the exciting opportunities on offer to them in the future.



There was also a speech given by Moyra Throssell, Head of UK Partnerships at the University, who spoke of the valuable and exciting opportunities on offer at the university such as living abroad whilst studying for a degree. She also spoke of the exciting first steps our children have taken in their University experience. Furthermore she also spoke of Wolverhampton University wanting every young person to expect more for their future; to be aware of the array of options available to them and to have the confidence that whichever direction they choose, they can and will make a success of it.



Moyra Throssell then presented the children on stage with bronze or silver certificates to reward their achievement of collecting either 30 or 65 hours of extra-curricular learning stamps. The children earn stamps for each hour of additional learning activities and experiences undertaken outside of the normal school day.



Overall it was a wonderful experience to celebrate learning and raise aspirations amongst our most disadvantaged children.

