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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following a review of York Children's University undertaken by the York Cares Board of Directors, I am writing to inform you that York Children's University will cease to operate from the end of this academic year. This decision has been made to enable York Cares to refocus its efforts in support of its charitable objectives by developing its programme of employer-led activities within schools.

All children who have not yet graduated will have the opportunity to do so at a ceremony on **Thursday 13 July** at the University of York. All children who have already graduated but who have reached a higher award level will be issued with the relevant certificate(s).

Before invitations or certificates go out, children will need to register their most recent **total number of hours** by **Friday 19 May**. **Please send any passports into school by Tuesday 2nd May 2017** to give school time to update them and calculate the total number of hours. Invitations to graduation will be issued in May.

We have contacted all Learning Destinations to inform them of this decision. Children will still be able to collect stickers from Learning Destinations between now and July.

CU Trust, the national charity which supports the developments and provision of local Children's University schemes will be working to try to re-launch York Children's University with another local partner and will keep all York schools informed of any future developments. CU Trust can be contacted via email (contactus@childrensuniversity.co.uk).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and commitment to the scheme and wish your child(ren) the very best with their continuing learning journeys.

Yours faithfully,

Holly Hennell
Acting Manager
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