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Dear Parents /Carers

University of East Anglia's Year 7 Make it Count Project

Your young person has been invited to take part in the University of East Anglia's Year 7 Make It Count project. The 'Make It Count' project is an exciting opportunity run by the University of East Anglia (UEA) and will equip your young person with a set of tools to support them in becoming a more independent learner. It offers your young person a chance to go on a journey of self-exploration with the aim of developing their skill set and boosting their confidence along the way.

The project will ...

- Take place in school time.
- It will be run over 8 hourly workshops (1 per week).
- The Head of Year/Lead Teacher will ensure that they are not missing the same lesson each week and will avoid taking your young person out of core subjects where possible.

What will my young person be doing as part of the project?

Workshops

Through each workshop, your young person will be given lots of opportunities to explore their preferred learning styles and practise using a range of tools with an understanding of how they can be used in all subject areas to support raising attainment. Climate change provides the context for each workshop giving access to high quality resources that are inclusive for all.

Journal

At the end of each session, your young person will complete some reflective activities, helping them to look ahead to when and how they might use these skills across school. These will be recorded in a journal which will be kept in school

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Evaluation

UEA's evaluation team will be working with the project's organisers to see whether Make It Count is meeting its aims. To do this, your young person will be asked to complete some surveys, and some of the work they do as part of the project (such as in the journals) will be analysed. We won't be marking your young person's work or looking at individual responses but, instead, all the information will be collected together and anonymised (including quotes) before we use it in any of our reports, conference presentations, marketing materials or publications (e.g., the UEA website, leaflets, journals or social media). We'll show our short Outreach data collection animation to your young person as part of the project. If you'd like to view the animation, it can be found at <https://outreach.uea.ac.uk/data-collection/>. If you wish to opt out of the evaluation, you will separately receive/may have already received a parent/carer letter from your school which links you to the full data protection policy and explains how you can opt out by emailing outreach@uea.ac.uk.

How can you support your young person as they take part in the project?

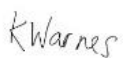
As a parent or carer, you play an essential role in supporting your young person as they navigate their way along their learning journey.

It's important that the discussions your young person has when taking part in Make It Count are continued at home. Simple questions that you can ask are:

- What did you learn in Make It Count today?
- Tell me one new fact that you have learnt about climate change today.
- How will you use that skill in school tomorrow/in the next few days?

If you have any questions, or concerns, please do contact me via Email: Kate.Warnes@atrust.org.uk. Likewise, if you do not wish for your child to take part in this opportunity, please let me know as soon as possible, so it may be offered to another student.

Kind regards



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