

# FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS CELEBRATION

The University of Winchester warmly invites you to attend the Festival of Friends celebration event. The celebration will be taking place at the **University of Winchester on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018**. The event is for both service children and non-service children, their parents, teachers and careers advisors. Further guidance on the event is provided overleaf.

As well as being able to attend the Festival of Friends award ceremony, attendees will be able to explore the university and its facilities with student ambassador tour guides. There will also be an opportunity to view and discuss other Festival of Friends projects from around Hampshire and take part in workshops to find out more about future educational options, including university.

The booking form for attending the event is now open, using the following URL:

<https://winchester.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/festival-of-friends>

## FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS PROGRAMME, TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018

14.00	Arrivals and refreshments
14.45	Welcome Talk
15.15	Campus Tour
16.00	Projects Showcase and refreshments
17.00	Awards presentation & Guest Speaker
18.00	Departures

# FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS FAQ:

## THE FESTIVAL:

### What is the Festival of Friends?

The Festival of Friends, funded through the Covenant Fund, is a celebration event taking place at the University of Winchester to recognise the work that schools in Hampshire have been undertaking to support the integration of service families in partnership with Hampshire County Council. Awards will be presented to winning submissions of 'mini-projects' that have been developed by schools as part of the Service Pupils Distract Coordinators network.

### Who should attend the Festival of Friends?

The University warmly invites anyone with an interest in supporting the integration of service families and service family children. We would suggest that schools invite a small selection of both service and non-service pupils who are representative of those who have been involved in the project. In addition to service children and non-service children and their parents, invited school staff could include teachers, careers advisors and pastoral support staff.

### Are parents able to attend?

Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for the Awards presentation, from 16:00 onwards. It is the responsibility of each individual school to liaise directly with parents and carers about the release of pupils following the event in line with their respective policies on this matter.

If travel for parents is a concern given the distance of the school, please get in touch with the Access and Outreach team to discuss further.

### What will the day entail?

Following discussions with the Service Children Network Coordinators, we have confirmed the programme for the day. The first half of the Festival has a focus on school parties attending, with parents and other guests encouraged to join from 16:00 to visit the Projects and attend the Awards presentation:

13:30	Showcase rooms available for setup.
14.00	Arrivals from 14:00 onwards with refreshments provided. First opportunity to visit the Project Showcase.
14.45	Welcome Talk by the University of Winchester. This interactive talk will introduce the concept of University to attending pupils and will seek to encourage the aspirations of both service and non-service children.
15.15	Campus Tour led by current Student Ambassadors. Campus tours have been enthusiastically received by both primary and secondary visits.
16.00	Projects Showcase and refreshments. Suggested arrival time for parents and other guests.
17.00	Awards presentation & Guest Speaker
18.00	Departures

### What age pupils can we bring along?

Both primary and secondary schools are invited to attend the Festival. On the sign up form, we have suggested Year 1 upwards, however, it is at the discretion of individual schools to decide which pupils



they feel would benefit from the day. Please get in touch with the Access and Outreach if you would like to discuss further or have any questions.

### **What parking facilities will be available on the day?**

Visitor parking at the University is extremely limited and coaches may drop off but are not able to park on campus. We have secured some reserved parking for the event, however, using this must be arranged in advance with the Access and Outreach team. For guests arriving after 16:00, parking restrictions will no longer apply however, parking may still be very limited. Alternatives for travelling to the University include using Winchester's four Park and Ride services or using public transport.

### **'MINI-PROJECTS' AND AWARDS:**

#### **What counts as a 'mini-project'?**

Mini-projects could take a variety of forms. A mini-project could be an initiative or activity that supports the integration of service children and families that the school has developed or is in the process of developing. It may be that it is an initiative or activity that the school has run in the past for service children but have developed or are developing further this year.

For Primary and Secondary, there are two awards to apply for and each award has cash prizes for both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. If you are uncertain as to whether an initiative or an activity could be submitted, please get in touch with either your District Coordinator or with the Access and Outreach team at the University of Winchester.

#### **How will the mini-projects be presented at the Festival of Friends?**

Following feedback from the Service Coordinators Network, mini-projects will displayed in an exhibition-style Showcase during the Festival of Friends.

#### **How do I submit a 'mini-project'?**

Submissions are made using the Awards Application Form. The deadline for primary submissions is **12<sup>th</sup> March, 12pm**. **The deadline for secondary submissions has been extended until Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 12pm.**

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#### **Can we attend the Festival without submitting a project?**

Yes, the Festival is open to all who would like to celebrate the work being done by Hampshire schools to support the integration of service families and schools are welcome to attend without submitting a project. However, we would strongly encourage any schools who have projects or initiatives that support the integration of service family children to consider how they could develop this with the support of the District Coordinators Network and apply for an award.

#### **Any further questions? Need to contact the Access and Outreach team?**

Our email address is;

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