



Information for Parents and Pupils

The **Unique Learner Number (ULN)** is a number to be used in education throughout your life. It is used in Northern Ireland, England and Wales for learners aged 14 and over in schools, colleges and training.

This important number will make sure that all learning achievements are stored in one place – an electronic record of all qualifications and learning called a Learning Record. The Learning Record will become available soon.

During 2015/16 pupils aged 14+ will be allocated a ULN. This number will be used electronically for examinations and to support progress to Further Education, Training and Higher Education.



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What will happen?

Your ULN belongs to you and gives you access to the information contained in a Learning Record. It is a secure system with identity protection built in. You will be asked to read a 'privacy notice' about sharing your information with relevant people, and will have control around what is seen.

Your school will receive a ULN for each pupil and use it for examinations processes; you should keep a record of this number safe so that you can use it for applications such as UCAS or moving into Further Education and Training. Careers providers and employers may also want to know your ULN and see evidence of your learning achievements.

Your ULN may be printed on examinations results slips and certificates. It is a ten digit number and must not be confused with the 4 or 5-digit Candidate Number you use during examinations.

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How the ULN will be used?

The ULN will match your information from different awarding organisations into one electronic record. This will include qualifications you may be doing outside of school, such as sports coaching/ music qualifications or extra qualifications taken at evening college. Any future qualifications that you will take will also be added to this record.

The ULN and Learning Record will make sharing information about your learning easier and quicker. This will allow you to share information electronically in similar ways to other information about your life, and streamline and support applications you will make to further and higher education, training and employment.

To find out more about the Unique Learner number, visit www.learningrecordsservice.org.uk