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### **Cultural trips with parents lift teenagers' aspirations**

Teenagers who visit museums and art galleries with their parents are more likely to want to go to university, research suggests. The data came from an annual survey by the University of Essex in which 10,931 adolescents were asked about their relationships with parents and peers and extracurricular activities. Those who were not exposed to cultural activities were up to 20 per cent less likely to consider university or GCSEs as important. Dimitra Hartas, of the University of Warwick, who led the study, said that the findings "raise the issue of reconsidering the role of the home environment". The research was published in the *Journal of Youth Studies*.