



13 June 2025

Dear PCS Families

FAO Year 7 Parents/Carers - Parents/Carers' Evening Feedback

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our recent year 7 Parents/Carers' Evening. We hope you found the event informative and useful. We value our relationships with our PCS families and firmly believe these positive relationships support success.

As we come to the end of year 7, we would like to ask that parents and carers complete this quick [Google Form](#), which provides us with feedback on how your child has settled into the first year of their secondary school journey.

Many thanks for your time.

FAO Year 10 Parents/Carers - Message from the PCS Careers Team

A reminder regarding the upcoming Work Experience placements for Year 10.

To ensure your child can participate, it is essential that we receive all signed parental agreements as soon as possible. If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to sign and return this document.

Could you also please remind your child to sign their student agreement if they have not yet completed this.

If you have not received a copy of the agreement, or if you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Lane, Work Experience Coordinator, via email at emma.lane@swale.at.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter, as it helps us finalise all arrangements for a successful work experience period for our students.

PCS Ten for Success

As per our email prior to half term regarding the **PCS Ten for Success**, it has been fantastic to see so many students arriving at school over the last fortnight with all of the stationery and equipment required for the day.

Can we please ask that those students who did not have equipment, use the weekend to stock up. You are still able to purchase a bundle on ParentPay for £2.50 should you wish to do so.

Free Music Workshops - Message from East Sussex College

Free music workshops are running at SCDA Youth centre on Denton Island in Newhaven. The session is being facilitated by professional musicians who regularly run these sessions with them. It's a chance for children to play instruments, mix music, sing and write songs, with the opportunity to perform at their Every Sort of People Community event on Saturday 19 July at the Sidings in Newhaven. [Click here for details.](#)



Free Tennis Sessions - Message from Simon Dormer, Chairman Newhaven Tennis Club

Click here for details.

Create Music Summer School

Create Music teachers have been promoting courses to their pupils, but please note that all pupils in Brighton & Hove and East Sussex are able to take part, with courses running in Brighton, Lewes and Eastbourne this year and there are courses suitable for all ages, with some of their music tech courses - including Composing and Scoring for Film - and our Rock and Pop courses being tailored to older students.

There are still places available. All courses are taught by experienced Create Music teachers, offering an opportunity to develop musical skills over a range of courses that all lead to a celebration performance. They also offer a bursary scheme for families on low incomes.

Free 1-day Summer Animation and Feel-Good Food Workshops for Ages 7-14 - Message from Press Play Films

We are delighted to announce that Press Play Films and Eat Fresh & Feel Good will be returning at summer with more animation and cookery holiday activities for families in receipt of benefit-related free school meals or who meet other criteria. After lunch we will head outside to play on the play equipment in the park and we will lead another group in playing some football.

We will be hosting workshops in Peacehaven, Newhaven and Eastbourne for ages 7 to 14 and have 50% SEND provision on each day.

4/5/6/7/8 August - The Hub, Piddinghoe Avenue, Peacehaven

<https://eequ.org/book/animation-and-feel-good-food-peacehaven-with-press-play-films-15753>

18/19/20th August - Lewes Road Hut, Newhaven

<https://eequ.org/book/animation-and-feel-good-food-newhaven-with-press-play-films-15754>

24 to 30 August – Regency Park, Watling Road, Eastbourne

<https://eequ.org/book/animation-and-feel-good-food-eastbourne-with-press-play-films-15755>

We encourage children to book 2 or 3 days (with a max of 3 days for each child).



HAF Drama Holiday Club - Message from Make (Good) Trouble

We are excited to invite children from your school to our free HAF Drama Holiday Club this Summer, designed for students in East Sussex who receive free school meals. It is part of East Sussex County Council's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme.

Hosted by Make (Good) Trouble, this unique holiday club will take place in the beautiful Friston Forest, part of Seven Sisters Country Park, and will be led by a qualified children's drama therapy coach from Dragon Drama.

Club Details:

- *Dates: Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th & Wednesday 30th July, 11am-3pm*
- *Location: South Downs National Park*
- *Activities: Woodland exploration, drama, storytelling, music, movement, art, group games & more!*
- *Free lunch provided daily*

What to Bring:

✓ **Wet-weather gear (just in case!)**

✓ **Sturdy footwear (no sandals or slides)**

We also have access to an indoor space if the weather takes a turn. Help with transport to the location can be provided.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children to build confidence, express creativity, and have fun in nature! Spaces are limited, so we would love your help in spreading the word to eligible families.

The sign up form and details are here:

<https://eequ.org/book/woodland-drama-workshop-with-make-good-trouble-cic-5213>

Learning Beyond The Curriculum Week Update - Message from Ms Turner, Assistant Headteacher

Our exciting week of activities is fast approaching. We still have some students who have yet to confirm choices. We have shared all of the remaining activities that have spaces left in News In Brief and students have been asked to see Ms Turner to confirm any last minute changes. On **Monday 16 June** the final lists of allocated activities can be found posted up in the Library. Those who still have choices to be confirmed can come to a final meeting on **Monday 23 June in PDI** to choose. Failing that, they can fill in any spaces on the day.

As well as the non-paying activities, we still have spaces left for the water sports at Piddinghoe Lake and the Surf Life Saving school at Brighton Beach. We also have spaces left for Portsmouth Dockyard. If your child is interested in any of these, please contact pcs-enquiries@swale.at

Next **Friday 20 June**, we will be sending out consent forms for all of the off-site activities. Can we please ask that you check your emails next Friday so that these consent forms are returned promptly to support us with the smooth organisation of the week. Thank you to all those who have paid up for the activities; please check ParentPay if you are unsure if you still owe money. As with all off-site trips, please contact PCS enquiries if you would like to discuss a payment plan.

Many thanks for your understanding.



Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) for Summer 2025 - Message from the HAF Team

The summer holidays are approaching and [Holiday food and fun!](#) is coming back!

Families can find out what's available and book a place on the [HAF booking website](#).

This DfE funded programme offers a range of exciting activities for all school-aged young people who receive benefits-related free school meals, up to and including Year 11. Parents can check if they qualify by reading the East Sussex County Council website [Free school meals page](#).

All sessions include a healthy meal and are free to eligible young people. There is a great range of clubs spread across multiple venues in East Sussex. Activities include sport, art, theatre, forest school, animation, music, computer coding and crafts.

A small number of places will also be available to children and young people who:

- Disabled or special educational needs, including those with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- Children in Need (CiN)
- Referred to Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
- Young Carers
- Have a disabled sibling
- Children on a Child Protection Plan (CP) and Looked After Children (LAC)
- Refugee groups

At Easter over 2,500 young people attended HAF provision, 1,020 of whom were secondary-aged. We received some amazing feedback from families.

Here's a sample of what they said:

Parent/ carer comments:

- My daughter thoroughly enjoyed the wide range of activities on offer and found the staff caring and fun.
- This was amazing! My son really enjoyed the two days he was able to attend and was supported by the team to try new activities and to persevere when he found them difficult. He came away from rock climbing really proud of what he had achieved.
- The leaders were fantastic. J had great fun and expanded his nature knowledge

Young people's comments:

- I get to meet new people and have some space.
- It's so fun! I want to come again!
- I got to express who I am.

For families that do not currently receive benefit-related free school meals but think they may be eligible, please visit our [Free school meals webpage](#) to find out how to apply.



Parent/Carer Survey - Message from Caterlink

Please complete [this survey](#) (alternatively use the QR code below if you are unable to access the link) to provide feedback to Caterlink to help them improve the service they provide.

The survey will close on Thursday 31 July.



Sports Day House T-shirts

As we are sure you will have heard by now, Sports Day was a very successful event. Huge congratulations to all those who participated, it was an extremely joyous community event. Our House winners were Jevington.

Whilst the majority of students purchased their own t-shirts, lots of students who borrowed t-shirts have now asked if they can keep them.

If students do not want to keep their t-shirt, we would like to ask that all borrowed t-shirts are washed and returned to the school Library by the end of the day on **Monday 16 June**. We will keep a record of all returned t-shirts.

If your child does not return a t-shirt that they borrowed from us by the end of the day on Monday, we will put the £3.00 onto ParentPay and students can keep the t-shirt.

As of September 2025, any student who competes in any sporting activity at PCS will be required to wear their House t-shirt.

Upcoming Key Dates

- **Monday 16-Friday 20 June** - Duke of Edinburgh Expedition (Selected students)
- **Monday 16 June** - Year 11 Drama Celebration Meal at Donatello
- **Tuesday 17 June** - Town Sports (Selected students)
- **Thursday 19 June** - School closing at 2.40pm for Year 8 Parents' Evening (Starting at 3.45pm)
- **Friday 20 June** - Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

- **Friday 27 June** - INSET Day (School closed to students)