

14 December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Please see this exciting invitation from the **University of Sussex** regarding one of their Saturday Clubs starting up in January.

We are pleased to announce that we have opened applications for this year's **Saturday Club** at the **University of Sussex**. This year's theme is Writing & Talking and is open to students aged 13–15 (Years 8, 9, 10). The **Saturday Club** will be running on most term time Saturdays from 13 January until June 2024.

Delivered by our Sussex Writes team, sessions will have a focus on creative writing; exploring how we define ourselves through language, whether written or spoken. The programme will offer students exciting new ways of using their voice through poetry, prose, and spoken word. They will also have the opportunity to work with University of Sussex PhD tutors and local poets, to learn from their expertise and be inspired by their passion for creative writing.

The deadline to apply for the club is midnight on **Sunday 17 December**.
<https://saturday-club.org/club/university-of-sussex-writing-talking/>

About the National Saturday Club

The National Saturday Club is a UK-wide network, supported by Arts Council England and the Department for Education. This is a unique programme open to all abilities and will help to build skills and confidence as well as demonstrate pathways to further study and careers. Each year, the programme gives 1,500 young people the unique opportunity to study subjects they love for free on Saturday mornings.

“My daughter has made good friends, had fantastic experiences and has grown socially, emotionally, and academically as a result of the Saturday Club.”

– Parent

The programme is **free of charge** for participants, and we will provide lunch and travel vouchers to/from campus on public transport each week for local students.

Kind regards
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