

22 May 2026

### FAO Y7-9 Parents/Carers - LBTCW, ParentPay Payment Reminder

This is a polite reminder that if your child has been offered a place in the paid activities during Learning Beyond The Curriculum Week, payment has been set up on ParentPay. Please complete the payment to secure your child's place.

### Summer Fair and Circus at Telscombe Cliffs Academy

Please see the attached poster. Tickets are available to purchase here:  
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/telscombec cliffsacademyptfa/index.cfm>

### Free Swim Vouchers - Message from Saltdean Lido

*Now that our pool summer season has started, we are happy to announce that our free swim vouchers are available again this year.*

**Eligibility: Children and young people aged 18 and under living in or attending school/college or home schooled in Brighton & Hove.**

*Vouchers are available to collect at pool reception and the main building reception.*

### Board Game Donations Required! Message from Ms Osborne

Please see the attached poster.

### May Half-Term Holiday Club at Scout Adventures Broadstone Warren - Message from Scout Adventures

*Active Adventures is an outdoor holiday club for children aged 8–16, open to both Scout members and non-members. Each day is designed to keep young people active, engaged, and enjoying the outdoors, while building confidence and making new friends in a safe and supportive environment.*

Please see the attached poster.

### Year 7 Parents/Carer's Evening - Reminder

The Year 7 Parents'/Carers' Evening is taking place on **Thursday 4 June**.

Please note that we will have an early school closure of **2.40pm on Thursday 4 June** for all students.  
(and a later start time of **9.30am on Friday 5 June**, except for Year 11 students taking the **GCSE English Language exam**).

### PCS Summer Concert 2026!

Please see the attached poster - tickets are now available to purchase on ParentPay!

**PCS Sports Performance Recognition - Message from Mr Dumbrell, Teacher of PE / School Sports Coordinator**

We know that we have a wide variety of incredibly talented young people here at PCS. While we love celebrating their dedication to sport, we often miss out on their achievements outside of school simply because our students don't always share them with us.

To ensure no success goes unrecognised, please take a moment to complete the attached [Google Form](#) if your child has recently excelled, placed, or competed at a high level in a sports competition outside of school hours that we are not already aware of.

Thank you for helping us celebrate our students' achievements!

<https://forms.gle/hmxvWVY3zfrgVo2P9>

## Important Free School Meal Eligibility Update from ESCC

### FSM Eligibility / Applications

The free school meals eligibility criteria will change **from 1 September 2026**, and the transitional protection rules will cease at the end of this academic year.

All families in receipt of Universal Credit will now qualify for free school meals. However, there will be two categories of benefits-based free school meals:

- **Targeted FSM** – This will continue to be based on the existing threshold and will cover pupils from households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less. In addition to receiving free meals, pupils eligible for targeted FSM will attract pupil premium and other disadvantage funding for their schools.
- **Expanded FSM** – This is a new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit. Pupils eligible for expanded FSM will receive meals only and will not qualify for pupil premium or other associated benefits, such as free HAF activity clubs or low-income transport.

### Ever 6 FSM Cohort

Pupils who are, or have been, eligible for FSM within the last six years are part of the 'Ever 6' FSM cohort. This is used for disadvantage funding and accountability purposes. Following the expansion of FSM, the Ever 6 FSM cohort will be based on targeted FSM only (not expanded FSM).

If you are **not** currently eligible for Free School Meals you are encouraged to apply **from 1 June** via East Sussex County Council's website here:

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/schools/school-life/school-meals/free-school-meals>

You should not apply before this date, as the current eligibility criteria will still apply and you may receive a 'not entitled' result. ESCC will not be rechecking eligibility for pupils whose previous FSM application was unsuccessful.

Please note that it is imperative that parents of children already in receipt of FSM **do not reapply**. ESCC have advised that reapplications would make it extremely difficult to complete processing before the beginning of September. These pupils will instead be included within their review process.

### HUGGG Vouchers to Finish after May School Half Term holiday

Please see attached details.

### Messages from PCS Careers Team



#### **'Passport Style Photo' Needed - Message from East Sussex College**

A reminder that students have been asked to submit a 'passport style photo' for their account (e.g. a photo which clearly shows their face). This is for safeguarding purposes and will only be viewed by the Events team and tutors on the day. Please can you remind your child of the importance of a clear photo. Students who do not have a clear photo will be contacted and asked to update their profile.

#### **FAO Y10 Parents/Carers - Taster Days at Seaford Head Sixth Form**

Please find attached a letter to parents/carers and students inviting them to Year 10 Taster Days at Seaford Head Sixth Form, taking place on either **Wednesday 17 June or Thursday 18 June 2026**.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to experience a full day in the Sixth Form and take part in four lessons from subjects they are interested in exploring further.

The aim of the day is to give students the opportunity to:

- Sample a range of four A Level/BTEC lessons
- Visit our Sixth Form Centre and access facilities in Seaford
- Meet our inspiring Sixth Form staff and teachers

The Taster Day will run from 8.45am to 3pm.

There is also a link to the new Sixth Form Prospectus attached in the letter, along with a document detailing the list of A Level and BTEC courses running from September 2027. Students will have the opportunity to select four subjects on the day.

#### **FAO Y10 Parents/Carers - Year 10 Taster Day at East Sussex College - Message from ESC**

Please make sure you sign up for a Taster Day with the link below:

<https://www.escg.ac.uk/whats-on/open-events/>

#### **FAO All Students - University of Brighton**

As you may be aware we have very close links with both the University of Sussex and the University of Brighton. As a school, our students benefit from University visits, lectures and bespoke study days as well as workshops, discussion groups and assemblies at PCS. For any students who are interested in the work of university students there are some public graduation shows that they can visit, or you can visit with them. [Click on the link to find out more.](#)

### BrightMed Applications Now Open! - Message from Brighton and Sussex Medical School

*Deadline: Sunday 19th July*

*BrightMed is our flagship Widening Participation programme at BSMS. The scheme identifies and supports young people from across Sussex who have the potential to become tomorrow's doctors.*

*As a BrightMedder, young people will take part in regular Saturday sessions on the University of Sussex campus, including lectures, seminars and hands-on activities. Year 12 students who are part of BrightMed may also be eligible for the Guaranteed Interview Scheme (please see [our webpage](#) for more information).*

*The programme works with students from Year 9 to Year 12 who live or study in Sussex, and who meet our eligibility criteria. We are currently looking for young people in Years 8 to 11 to apply to join BrightMed next year.*

*You can read more about BrightMed, including eligibility criteria [on our webpage](#).*

*Interested students should complete the relevant application form:*

[Students currently in Years 8-10](#)

[Students currently in Year 11](#)

*If you have any questions about BrightMed or the application process, please email [outreach@bsms.ac.uk](mailto:outreach@bsms.ac.uk)*

### BrightMed Applications Now Open! Deadline: Sunday 19 July - Message from BSMS Outreach

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### BSMS Open Day - Saturday 6 June, 9.30am-4.30pm - Message from BSMS Outreach

We're excited to announce that booking is now open for the BSMS Open Day this summer. Our event will be held in the Medical Teaching Building and run concurrently with the University of Sussex Open Day on the same campus.

Visitors should select the subject which they are interested in when completing the registration form. To be sent information regarding the BSMS Open Day, registrants must select "Medicine." [Register here.](#)

We want to make sure that everyone can visit us at an Open Day, so the University of Sussex are offering to help with travel costs for eligible visitors plus one guest. Find out more about [help to travel to an Open Day here.](#)

### Upcoming Key Dates ([PCS School Calendar](#))

- **Monday 1 to Tuesday 16 June** - Summer Exam Season
- **Monday 1 June** - Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Group 2 Overnight Expedition (Leaves AM)
- **Tuesday 2 June** - Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Group 2 Overnight Expedition (Returns PM)
- **Tuesday 2 June** - Bude Parent/Carer Information Evening (5-6pm)
- **Thursday 4 June** - Year 7 Parents/Carers' Evening (3.40-6.40pm)
- **Friday 5 June** - Late school start for all students - 9.30am (except for Year 11 students taking the GCSE English Language exam)

### PCS Vacancies

Current vacancies at PCS are outlined below and can be found on [our website](https://www.swale.at/vacancies) (<https://www.swale.at/vacancies>).

#### Teaching Assistant (Fixed Term Until December 2026)

Start date: July 2026

Deadline for applications: Sunday 31 May

Interview date: w/c Monday 8 June

# PCS SUMMER CONCERT



Peacehaven  
Community  
School

Aspire • Believe • Contribute • Achieve

**WEDNESDAY**  
**15<sup>TH</sup> JULY**  
**5:30PM**



**ADULTS - £6**  
**UNDER 16'S - £4**  
**PCS STUDENTS - £2**

**TICKETS**  
**AVAILABLE ON**  
**PARENTPAY**

# Board game donations required!

## BOARD GAME DONATIONS NEEDED!

Give a little, help a lot!

Get an early start on spring cleaning today and donate  
Ms Osborne **TODAY!**

Drop your boardgames off with **Ms Osborne in En6  
and/or Reception** for the future use of the students at  
Peacehaven Community school in extracurricular  
activities.

Contact:

Ms Osborne - Teacher of English

[martha.oborne@swale.at](mailto:martha.oborne@swale.at)





# School holidays just got more exciting!

Fresh air, freedom and adventure!



## Ready for a school holiday full of excitement?

Active Adventures at Broadstone Warren is the ultimate outdoor adventure club for children aged 8–16. Packed with thrilling challenges, nature connection activities, and epic team games, each day offers a new adventure to inspire a love for the great outdoors!

[www.scoutadventures.org.uk/events](http://www.scoutadventures.org.uk/events)



## Give your child an unforgettable school holiday filled with fresh air, freedom and adventure!

Set in the stunning Broadstone Warren in Ashdown Forest, children aged 8-16 will take part in a daily programme of non-stop outdoor action. With expert instructors leading the way, creating a safe and supportive environment where children run, climb, explore, and build confidence while unplugging from screens and having a blast with friends in the great outdoors!

### What's on offer:

- High-energy adventures such as archery, ziplining, and climbing.
- Fun team building games and problem-solving challenges.
- Survival skills such as shelter building, backwoods cooking and fire lighting.
- Connect with the natural world with mindful activities, outdoors arts and crafts, wildlife spotting, and nature walks.



### When is it:

- Running throughout May, Summer and October school holidays in 2026, and all school holidays in 2027 (see website for exact dates).
- 8.30am-5.30pm daily (activities run 9am-5pm)
- Participants can attend individual days, or the entire week.

### Pricing:

£35 per day, per child. Save 10% on a 5-day block and each additional child.

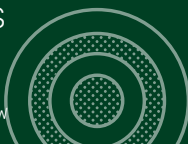
## Book now and join the adventure!

[www.scoutadventures.org.uk/events](http://www.scoutadventures.org.uk/events)

✉ [activeadventures@scoutadventures.org.uk](mailto:activeadventures@scoutadventures.org.uk)

📍 Scout Adventures Broadstone Warren,  
Lewes Road, Forest Row RH18 5JS

Scout Adventures is owned and operated by The Scout Association.  
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The Scout Association, Gilwell Park, Chingford, London, England E4 7QW



## **Priority - HUGGG Vouchers to Finish After May School Holiday**

*The Household Support Fund ended nationally on 31 March 2026. This was provided by the UK Government and distributed by councils to support residents in East Sussex. This included the holiday supermarket voucher scheme (HUGGG vouchers) for pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals.*

*From 1 April 2026, the government introduced the new Crisis and Resilience Fund. The new fund takes a different approach, with support focused on households experiencing immediate financial hardship or crisis, alongside help to build longer-term financial resilience.*

*East Sussex County Council took a decision to fund HUGGG vouchers for the April and May school holiday as part of a transition to the new arrangements.*

*As a result of these changes to the Fund, the Council will no longer be distributing holiday vouchers to all pupils solely based on free school meal eligibility. Being eligible for free school meals will not automatically mean a household is entitled to a voucher or payment under the new fund.*

*Support will continue to be available, but it will be assessed based on individual household circumstances and need.*

*Families can find out more about the [Crisis and Resilience Fund](#).*

*If you need help now, see [cost of living support](#).*

*Families eligible for free school meals can get free activities and food through [Holiday food and fun](#).*

*The Cash for Kids Holiday Hunger Grants scheme supports children and young people (up to 18 years old) facing food insecurity during the school holidays. Schools can apply and projects must focus on outcomes that encourage children to eat more healthily and be more active during the school holidays. Please see the [Grant Application - Cash for Kids](#).*



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# CIRCUS

BROUGHT TO YOU AS PART OF THE PTFA SUMMER  
FAYRE



FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

SHOWS AT 3.45PM AND 5PM

TICKETS £9PP OR £30 FOR A FAMILY OF 4  
TELSCOMBE CLIFFS ACADEMY FIELD



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