

14 November 2025

Dear PCS Families

Reminder to Parents/Carers - School Parking

A polite reminder to parents/carers to please park safely outside the school and not to wait in the disabled parking bays.

PCS Website - Parent Guides

We have a new section to our website called '[Parent Guides](#)' (under 'Information') which provides useful links to information regarding Edulink (our parent portal), Google Classroom and ParentPay.

If these guides do not answer your questions, please contact us via email at pcs-enquiries@swale.at

Lost Property

We encourage students to check at our Student Support Desk if they have lost any personal items.

Free School Meals - Check if You're Eligible - Message from East Sussex County Council

Please [follow this link](#) to check whether your child may be eligible for free school meals.

Considering the ongoing pressures associated with the rising cost of living, access to free school meals can provide valuable financial relief for families. It is important to note that even if a child does not take up the meal, a successful application still enables your school to receive additional funding through the pupil premium.

Reminder - Food Hall, Topping Up Accounts

Please note that if students do not have money in their dinner accounts they will not be served by staff in the Food Hall.

We would like to remind parents/carers of the following:

- dinner accounts can be topped up via ParentPay (if you are having difficulties accessing ParentPay, please email us at pcs-enquiries@swale.at)
- in your account settings a notification can be set up to alert you as to when your child's ParentPay account balance is low
- students with biometric (fingerprint) consent can check their account balance daily using our balance checker, located by our Student Support Desk at Reception
- students entitled to Free School Meals should budget their allowance across break and lunch (if their entire allowance is spent at morning break time, no more purchases can be made at lunch)
- if students' accounts cannot be topped up for the following day in order to make a purchase in the Food Hall, they should bring a packed lunch instead

If your child purchases their lunch from the Food Hall, please ensure their accounts are topped up the day before as balances in accounts do not update instantly.

Thank you for your support.

CACE Exploitation Parent/Carer Workshop - Message from ESCC Exploitation Team, Children's Services

We will be running a new Collaboration Against Child Exploitation parent/carers workshop in Peacehaven in November 2025.

The workshop is a 2.5 hour intensive look at all aspects of exploitation, including signs and indicators, social media and adolescent to parent violence.

Details as follows:

Monday 24th November, 1030am – 1pm

Address: The Joff Youth Centre, Roderick Avenue, Peacehaven, East Sussex, BN10 8BL

Parents/carers will have the opportunity to speak to keyworkers, parent mentor-volunteers with lived experience and find out about ongoing monthly support sessions. I have included a link to the recent film we made about the groups - [Collaboration Against Child Exploitation on Vimeo](#)

We always offer a hot drink and refreshments which is always a bonus too! The sessions are always super friendly, relaxed and non-judgmental.

Feedback from a previous evening group: "I was able to be open and honest with other parents and carers who are in the same situation. I was able to be honest with others who "get it" without any judgement just support. I've told the CACE support group things I've never even told my closet family and friends. The best part was never once feeling judged in anyway."

Top tips on How to Keep Your Child Healthy at School

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2025/10/top-tips-how-child-healthy-school/>

Wave Swim School - Message from Wave Active

Please see the attached flyer.

Knife Arch - Thursday 20 November

Please see the attached letter from Mr Verniol, Assistant Headteacher.

Winter Music Concert 2025!

Please see the attached poster for our upcoming Winter Music Concert taking place on Wednesday 26 November!

Tickets are available to purchase on ParentPay for adults and under 16s. Please complete this [Google Form](#) if you would like to reserve free PCS student tickets.

School Winter Production - Mary Poppins

Please see the attached poster for our upcoming winter production of *Mary Poppins* which is taking place between Wednesday 10 to Friday 12 December!

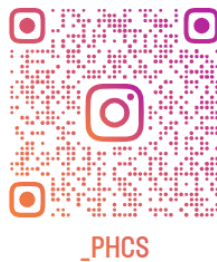
Tickets will be available to purchase on ParentPay in due course.

PCS Winter Market 2025!

We are very excited to announce that we will be holding a Winter Market on Friday 12 December! Please see the attached poster for details.

There will be some 'PCS Stalls' and proceeds will go toward our new School Fundraising Budget, helping us create more enriching experiences for our students.

We will be sharing more information in the lead up to the day on our socials (you can find our X account [here](#) and our Instagram QR code is below).



This event is open to anyone in the local community and we hope to see you all there!



Messages from PCS Careers Team

FAO Y10 Parents/Carers - Work Experience 2026

On Wednesday 5 November all students had an assembly about Work Experience 2026. Please find attached the booklet that they were all given to bring home to share with you.

Please also see the attached letter that has been emailed out to parents, from Ms Lane, Work Experience Coordinator & Library Supervisor.

College Open Days List Sep 2025

Please see the attached information.

Post-16 Colleges & Open Events for 2026 Entry - Message from Get Career Confident

Please see the attached flyer.

Upcoming Key Dates

- **Wednesday 5-Tuesday 18 November** - Year 11 Mock Exam Season
- **Monday 17 November** - Y8 University of Brighton Budgeting Workshops, Lessons 1 - 3
- **Thursday 20 November** - Knife Arch
- **Friday 21 November** - NGRT (Reading) Tests (Selected students)

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>).

Teacher of Humanities

Start date: Jan/April 2026

Deadline for applications: Wednesday 26 November

Interview date: w/c 1 December

7 November 2025

Dear PCS Families

We are writing to you today with an important update regarding our proactive measures to maintain a safe and secure environment for all students at Peacehaven Community School.

As part of a sustained commitment to student safety, Peacehaven Community School is actively collaborating with the East Sussex Police to educate and safeguard our young people from the risks associated with knife and weapon-related crimes.

As a measure within this initiative, a Knife Arch will be installed inside the school on **Thursday 20 November**, starting at **8.15am**.

- **Student procedure:** All students will be asked to walk through the arch.
- **Search protocol:** If the arch detects any potentially dangerous items, students may be subject to a bag search.

We want to be clear: there is no specific issue with knife crime at Peacehaven Community School. This measure is being introduced as an important preventive and educational step in light of recent national news and growing concerns across the country. We extend our sincere thanks to the East Sussex Police for their continued support in this vital work.

We also want to reassure you that we are aware that students with Special Educational Needs (SEND) may require a different experience when going through the Arch. Our SEND team will be on hand to provide the necessary support to these students.

The safety of our young people requires a strong partnership between schools, the police, and families. Parents and carers play a vital role in this effort by remaining aware and having open, honest conversations with their children about the dangers of carrying weapons.

It is critical for young people to understand the realities:

- **Severe Consequences:** Being found in possession of a knife is a serious crime with severe consequences, impacting future education, employment, and travel opportunities - and, most critically, posing a significant risk to life.
- **False Protection:** Some young people mistakenly believe carrying a weapon offers protection or enhances their status. The unfortunate reality is that they are statistically more likely to become victims of serious violence themselves.
- **Shared Responsibility:** Parents and carers should be mindful that girls may sometimes be pressured to carry or store weapons for others (e.g. boyfriends or male friends), believing they are less likely to be stopped. Possession of a knife or weapon is a crime, regardless of who it belongs to or the circumstances.

It is an offence to carry a knife in a public place (such as a road or in a school) or to carry any article which has a blade or is sharply pointed.

It is also an offence to carry an offensive weapon in a public place. This includes any article made, adapted or intended for causing injury eg: knuckle duster or bayonets, broken bottles.

- Carrying a knife includes: in your hand, a pocket, in the boot of your car or if someone else is carrying a knife for you.
- Exceptions include if you are carrying the knife as part of your job, such as a tool for a trade. However, forgetfulness, ignorance to the law or general self-defence are not reasonable excuses if you are caught carrying a knife.
- It is an offence to use any knife in a threatening way (even a legal knife).
- It is also an offence to sell a knife to anyone under 18. If you are concerned that your child has been sold a knife, you can contact the Citizens Advice Bureau to report the trader to Trading Standards.

Warning signs

These signs don't always mean the worst is happening and could just be normal teenage Behaviour:

1. Have they become withdrawn from the family and/or school?
 2. Is their school or college reporting worrying changes in behaviour, academic achievement or attendance?
 3. Have they lost interest in positive activities such as sports clubs?
 4. Do they stay out unusually late without giving a reason and are vague about their whereabouts?
 5. Have they stopped seeing old friends and started hanging out with a new group?
 6. Are they secretive about the contents of their bag?
 7. Are they defensive if you ask what is in their possession or if they are hiding anything?
 8. Has their attitude changed about carrying knives/weapons? For example, justifying it by saying people carry them for self-defence?
 9. Have any items gone missing from the kitchen, toolbox or garage?
 10. Have you found a weapon hidden amongst their possessions?
- How to support your child if you are worried

For information from the Home Office about how to support your child if you have concerns regarding your child and knife crime, please see the attached leaflet.

Alternatively, please go to the following website:

<https://noknivesbetterlives.com/parents/having-the-conversation/>

Should you have any concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school and request to speak with a member of our Safeguarding Team (DSLs).

We truly appreciate the cooperation of parents and carers as we work together to educate and protect our young people.

Yours sincerely

M Verniol

Mat Verniol

Assistant Headteacher - Safeguarding, Mental Health and Attendance Lead

13 November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Year 10 Work Experience – Monday 6-Friday 10 July 2026

During the week beginning **Monday 6 July 2026**, all Year 10 students will complete a week's work experience. This is a placement with an employer in which a young person carries out a range of tasks in much the same way as an employee, with the emphasis on learning from the experience. Work experience provides opportunities for learning about the skills, behaviours, careers, roles and structures that exist within a workplace.

Work experience is seen as an important part of the curriculum and supports young people to make career decisions, develop work related skills and support successful transition into further and higher education, apprenticeships and the workplace.

We encourage students to find their own placements, as this helps to develop their resourcefulness, self-confidence and initiative, as well as helping to secure the placement of their choice. This is especially important within the current labour market. Their placement could be with parents/carers or other relatives, family/friend connections, or simply by approaching an employer in a sector that they are interested in directly.

All own placement employers **MUST** have Employers Liability Insurance. The placement cannot be considered without it. Please check that the employers have this before submitting your own placement request.

The deadline for submitting an own placement is Friday 23 January 2026.

The reason that we need all placement requests submitted by this date is to give us time to ensure that a member of the East Sussex County Council work experience team is able to make visits to every placement provider, to undertake a pre-placement visit. This will check the health and safety management arrangements of the business to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students.

Careful consideration must be given to what sort of activities may be possible in a placement and whether it would be enjoyable and rewarding. For example, many might like to gain experience of working in a solicitor's office but, due to client confidentiality, some of the tasks that the student is allowed to do can sometimes be quite limited.

Once students have found their placements and these have been agreed with the placement provider, please can details be sent to emma.lane@swale.at or handed to a member of the PCS Library team.

Please note that if your child is successful in being allocated their placement choice on completion of the health and safety check, it will not be possible to change their placement at a later date if they 'change their mind'.

You will also be required to complete a 'Medical and Contact' details form (this will be sent out nearer the time). There is a duty to ensure employers know in advance about students who might be at greater risk, for example due to health conditions or specific learning needs, so they can take these properly into account. It is essential that any medical or other significant information that may affect your child's health and safety is provided. Permission will always be sought before such information is shared, but please note that a placement cannot go ahead if permission is not received.

For those students who are struggling to arrange their own placement, we have ensured that support is available through our dedicated online portal.

We have issued all year 10 students with a username and password so that they can access the official work experience website: <https://www.careerseastsussex.co.uk>

Within this website, students will find a comprehensive list of all placement opportunities we currently have available within East Sussex.

Next Steps for Students:

1. Log in to the website using the username and password provided.
2. Review the opportunities and select the placement that is of interest.
3. Submit the placement request to me (via the website mechanism or email, as instructed) in order for me to try and confirm the arrangement with the employer.

It is essential that students submit their choices promptly so we can confirm their placement well in advance of the start date. If they have misplaced their login details, please ask them to come to the library at break or lunch for a replacement.

If you have any queries about the work experience process, please feel free to contact me via email at emma.lane@swale.at or via telephone on 01273 581100.

Yours sincerely



Ms Emma Lane
Work Experience Coordinator & Library Supervisor



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"A strong careers programme is in place. This includes work experience, links with employers and timely advice. Pupils are well prepared for their next steps and for life in modern Britain"

Ofsted report October 2023





Work Experience A Guide for Students

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A placement with an employer in which a young person carries out a range of tasks in much the same way as an employee, with the emphasis on learning from the experience. Work experience provides opportunities for learning about the skills, behaviours, careers, roles and structures that exist within a workplace.

How do you benefit from a work experience placement?

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How to find a work experience placement?

Work experience can only take place from year 10 onwards. At PCS, Mrs Lane is our Work Experience Coordinator. You can talk to her about the different options to find a placement. She is available Tuesday - Friday and is based in the school Library.



Before your work experience placement?

It is recommended that you arrange a pre-placement meeting before the placement starts. This will allow you to have a 'practice run' for the travel element, to see the business premises and meet with your contact so it is not so daunting on the first day. It will also provide a valuable opportunity to ask questions such as;

- **What time should you arrive and what time will you finish?**
- **Where to report to on the first day and to whom**
- **What are break/lunch arrangements – is there somewhere to buy lunch or should you bring a packed lunch?**
- **What is the dress code and do you need to provide any PPE (Personal protective equipment e.g. protective footwear)**
- **Do you need to bring anything extra with you?**



Health and Safety

You need to take responsibility for your own Health and Safety and those around you. At the start of the work experience placement, you should receive an induction which as a minimum should include:

- **Tour of the working area/premises**
- **Fire procedures**
- **First aid arrangements**
- **Overview of expected tasks during the week**
- **Prohibited tasks and/or areas**
- **Requirements for personal protective equipment (PPE)**
- **Introduction to colleagues**
- **Confirmation of working hours and breaks**
- **Shown welfare facilities**

Employer Expectations

Prior to the placement, it is a good idea for you to research your employer to gain a basic knowledge of the company in order to understand the possible expectations that the employer will have.

Employer expectations will also be discussed at the pre-placement meeting. However, you should be aware of the expectations that all employers will have;

- **Positive attitude**
- **Show interest**
- **Polite and friendly**
- **Ability to follow instructions/listening skills**
- **Hard working**
- **Punctual and reliable**
- **Appearance and hygiene – appropriately dressed.**

Your Expectations

You may have a different expectation of what a placement will be like compared to reality. Therefore you should have realistic expectations. Age, lack of experience, lack of training, knowledge, skills and health and safety restrictions will limit some of the tasks that you can do.

Time will be spent observing colleagues especially in environments that are high risk such as building/construction, garages and engineering.

Routine tasks such as cleaning, tidying, filing etc will be done. A full working day will be undertaken in the majority of placements not 'school hours'

Verbal and Non-verbal Communication

You should ask questions to show interest and be aware of negative and positive body language. Examples of positive body language are:

- **Making eye contact**
- **Sitting up straight**
- **Paying attention**
- **Relaxed posture**
- **Keeping hands out of pockets**

Examples of negative body language are:

- **Staring**
- **Slouching**
- **Yawning**
- **Crossed arms and legs**
- **Looking at your watch**



Mobile Phones/Social Media

Use of mobile phones will not be allowed during the placement 'working hours'. You may be asked to place phones in bags or lockers or as a minimum phones should be turned off or placed on 'silent'.

Mobile phones are not permitted in childcare/school placements due to safeguarding procedures. Inappropriate content and use of social media whilst on placements may result in placements being terminated.

Working Hours

Placements will take place between a Monday – Friday during term time. The maximum number of hours you can work will be 8 hours which would include a 1 hour break. You will be informed of the exact times of the placement by your employer. You will not be paid whilst on work experience, as it is an educational experience not employment.

Absences

If you are going to be late for your placement then you should:

- Contact the employer.
- Apologise to say that you will be late and explain the reason.
- Provide an expected arrival time.
- If you are unable to attend the placement due to illness:
 - Contact the employer.
 - Explain reason for absence.
 - Provide an expected return date.
- You should also follow correct protocol for informing school of illness. Please ensure you call the absence line for each day of illness.

Tel: 01273 575832

Placement Reflection

Work experience should be treated as a 'learning experience' and not just a week out of school. Therefore you need to reflect upon your placement to consolidate what you learnt and apply to your future career planning and goal setting. You should ask yourself;

- Did you enjoy the placement and was it beneficial?
- What new skills did you learn and develop?
- Do you now have an idea of what employers require from their employees?
- Has it given you a better idea of what career path you want to take?

If you didn't enjoy the experience this is also a positive thing! Now you can investigate other career paths which may be of interest.

ABOVE ALL, use the experience to help you make informed choices about your future



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What type of work can students do?

There are a wide variety of placements available and there are very few occupational placements that are prohibited to a student. In some cases legislation imposes restrictions on the type of work which students can do, these restrictions are designed to protect students from occupations unsuitable for them.

Due to a student's inexperience and age some tasks may only be completed under strict supervision or may, in exceptional circumstances, be observation only. The emphasis, however, is always on trying to provide an interesting and well balanced placement.

How much are students paid whilst on Work Placements?

Students must not be paid whilst on Work Experience, as it is an educational experience not employment. However, employers may wish to make a contribution to expenses; e.g. fares and meals.

What hours can a student work whilst on a Work Experience Placement?

Students should not work for more than 5 days in any consecutive seven day period and it is a requirement that students should not work more than a standard eight-hour day or forty hours in a week. They should not work excessively long hours or unnecessarily unsocial hours. The number of hours worked together with the pattern of work is normally a matter of agreement by the employer, school and student. Some industries work on shift basis or work evenings, please discuss this with employer and ensure travel arrangements suit later working. Students can work up until 10pm in these cases.

Are there particular Health & Safety considerations?

All placements will be vetted by the ESCC work experience team prior to the student attending their work placement to ensure the Health, Safety and welfare of the student during the experience. The school will be provided with a copy of the placement assessment for the placement.

How can Parents/Carers help?

Young people need to be motivated and determined in order to make the most of the opportunity that a Work Placement presents. Parents/Carers should encourage their Son/Daughter to think of the type of placement that they believe they would like to have. Discuss your sons/daughters interests, career



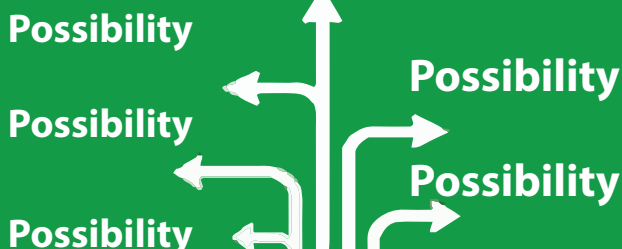
prospects or hobbies when deciding what type of placement would be more beneficial to them. On a practical level, Parents/Carers can help by making sure of the following:

- Knowing where your child will be going and what they will be doing
- What will your child's working hours be
- What the contact details are for your child's employer and also for the school.
- That your child contacts the employer before Work Experience is due to begin in order to confirm arrangements:
 - Exactly where to go on the first day
 - Lunch arrangements
 - Working times

Ensure that your child is prepared for the first day: Bus fares Appropriate clothing Packed lunch / lunch money How to get to the placement in plenty of time

In the run up to Work Experience your child should be reminded that the provision of Work Experience placements is entirely due to the goodwill and to the generosity of employers.

Possibilities



Previous Placements have included

Willingdon Primary School, Queens Park Primary School, One Digital Ltd, Telscombe Cliffs, Peacehaven Heights, Meridian, American Express, Arundel Park Lodge, The Grand Hotel, Ambers Florist, All Sparks Electrical, Newhaven Library, Rayment Cycles, Butterfly Nursery, University of Sussex, Sainsbury's, Same Sky, Southern Heating Group, St Peter's Medical Centre, Caterlink, Coop, Elite Flight Training Centre, Electra hair fashions, Buzz Active - Spray Water Sports, Ron Young Motors' Ltd, Meridian Vets, Pavilion Gardens cafe, North street hair, Padello, D'oro restaurant, Maples care home, Paul Bott estate agents, Rampion visitors centre, Body Shop, Go Botanica Ltd, Not just poodles, Flatscreen Arms, Eastbourne College, Wild Monkey's childcare, Boomerang, Roclyns Rest Home, The White Horse, East Brighton Golf Club, The Jog Shop, St Luke's Primary School, Chateau Vel, Epoq Legal Services, Fairlight Garage, The Talent Foundry, Harbour Primary School, Peacehaven Town Council, The Regency Restaurant, Soccerfix, The Equine Warehouse, Homecall carpets and Flooring, to name but a few...

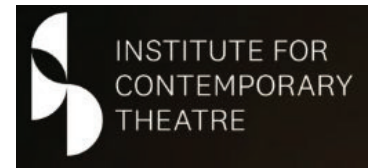


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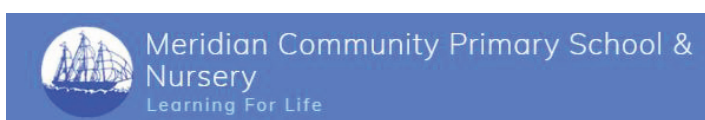
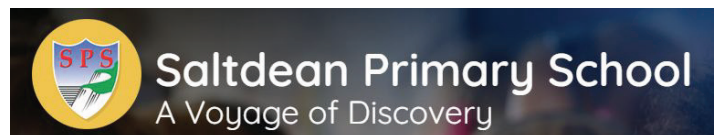
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Charlie Bear's Nursery
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College and Sixth Form Open Events

Autumn 2025

The events are listed in A-Z order by town - click the links below:

[Ashford \(Kent\)](#)

[Bexhill](#)

[Brighton](#)

[Crowborough](#)

[Eastbourne](#)

[Hastings](#)

[Haywards Heath \(West Sussex\)](#)

[Heathfield](#)

[Lewes](#)

[Plumpton](#)

[Seaford](#)

[Tonbridge \(Kent\)](#)

[Uckfield](#)

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Ashford (Kent)	East Kent College Elwick Rd, Ashford TN23 1NN	• No details available yet	*Register to find out when the open day is taking place: East Kent Colleges Group Open Days

Bexhill	Bexhill College Penland Road Bexhill-on Sea East Sussex TN40 2JG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 22nd October • Thursday 23rd October 2024. • 6 - 8:30 pm. 	No need to book More info here: Bexhill 6th Form College
Bexhill	DV8 <i>(specialist college for creative sector)</i> Dv8 Sussex 41 St Leonards Road Bexhill TN40 1HS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 8th October 5pm - 7pm • Saturday 11th October 10am - 12am 	As far as we know, there is no need to register. But check DV8 website before the day Dv8 Sussex: Creative College and Education in Brighton and Bexhill For any questions or if you need assistance, phone DV8 (between 9 and 5) 01424 213890 (Bexhill)
Brighton	BACA (Brighton Aldridge Community Academy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, 16 October 2025 • 6-8 pm. 	*Book here: Brighton Aldridge Community Academy - BACA College Open Evening
Brighton	BHASVIC Brighton Hove & Sussex Sixth Form College 205 Dyke Road, Hove BN3 6EG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 12th November • Thursday 13th November • 4pm - 8pm 	No need to book, but register to receive info: BHASVIC Open Evenings 2025
Brighton	BIMM Music Institute (Brighton)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th October 10:30-3 • 8th November 	*Book here - 11th Oct: BIMM Brighton Open

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	38-42 Brunswick St West Hove BN3 1EL	11-3	Day - BIMM Music Institute *Book here - 8th Nov BIMM Brighton Open Day - BIMM Music Institute
Brighton	BN1 Arts New England Street Brighton BN1 4GW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 27 September 10-12 • Saturday 18 October 10-12 • Saturday 29 November 10-12 	*Book before attending: Open Days and Events
Brighton	Brighton Met	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 15th October - 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm • Saturday 22nd November 10 am - 1 pm <p>Check the address:</p> <p>For: Creatives Industries, Business, Travel & Cabin Crew, Computing & Digital Technologies, Games Design & Animation, Catering & Hospitality, Health & Social Care, Early Years & Childcare and Hair & Beauty go to:</p> <p>Brighton MET Pelham Campus: 1A Pelham St, Brighton and Hove, Brighton BN1 4FA</p> <p>For: Construction & Trades, Sport &</p>	<p>*Book before attending:</p> <p>Brighton MET Open Evening - Wednesday 15 October 2025 Brighton MET</p> <p>Brighton MET Open Morning - Saturday 22 November 2025 Brighton MET</p>

		Boxing Academy, go to: Brighton MET East: Wilson Ave, Brighton and Hove, Brighton BN2 5PB	
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Brighton	DV8 Dv8 Sussex Victoria House 125 Queens Road Brighton BN1 3WB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 8th October 5pm - 7pm • Saturday 11th October 10am - 12am 	No need to book For any questions or if you need assistance, phone DV8 (between 9 and 5) 01273 550432 (Brighton)
Brighton	Varndean Sixth Form College Surrenden Road Brighton BN1 6WQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 27 September: 11am - 2pm • Thursday 6 November: 4pm - 8pm 	No need to book: https://www.varndean.ac.uk/events/
Crowborough	Beacon Academy Beacon Academy Sixth Form, Green Lane, Crowborough East Sussex TN6 2DY **note this is different address from main school site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sixth form open event: Saturday 4 October 2025, from 10:30am to 1:30pm • Sixth Form Taster Sessions: Tuesday 14 to Thursday 16 October 2025 (booking essential) 	No need to book for the 4 October open day *BUT you do need to book for the taster sessions - register here: Open Events and Induction - Beacon Academy

Eastbourne	<p>East Sussex College Group</p> <p>Ecat House, Cross Levels Way, Eastbourne BN21 2UF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 15th October • Thursday 20th November • 3:45pm - 6:45pm 	<p>No need to book: More info here</p> <p>Open Events East Sussex College</p>
Hastings	<p>East Sussex College Group, Station Approach,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 16th October • Thursday 20th November • 3:45pm - 6:45pm 	<p>No need to book: More info here</p> <p>Open Events East Sussex College</p>

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	<p>Hastings TN34 1BA</p> <p>Construction /trades at Ore campus: 42 Parker Rd, Hastings TN34 3SU</p> <p>Motor vehicles at: Unit 17-18, Northridge Industrial Estate, St Leonards, Hastings TN35 4PP</p>		

Haywards Heath	Haywards Heath College Harlands Road Haywards Heath RH16 1LT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 20 October 2025 • Tuesday 21st October • 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm 	<p>*Book here for 20th Oct Haywards Heath Open Evening - Monday 20 October 2025 Haywards Heath College</p> <p>*Book here for 21st Oct Haywards Heath Open Evening - Tuesday 21 October 2025 Haywards Heath College</p>
Heathfield	Heathfield Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 23rd October, 5.30 - 7.30 pm 	No need to book: September 2026 Application - Heathfield Community College
Lewes	East Sussex College Group Mountfield Rd, Lewes BN7 2XH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 14th October • Thursday 20th November • 3:45pm - 6:45pm 	No need to book: More info here Open Events East Sussex College
Plumpton (near Lewes)	Plumpton College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 11th October 	*Book before attending:

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	Ditchling Road Lewes BN7 3AE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9am - 12 pm 	Visit us at our Open Event on 11 October 2025 - Plumpton College

Seaford	<p>Seaford Head School Sixth Form</p> <p>Arundel Road Seaford East Sussex BN25 4LX</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 9th October • 6 pm - 8 pm • This is the main event with talks and tours and an opportunity to meet subject teachers and students • Saturday 11th October • 10 am - 12 pm. • This is more informal and an opportunity to meet Mrs Alvarez, Head of Sixth Form, Mr Ross, Head of Years 12 & 13, and Clare Callard, Assistant Head Years 12 & 13 	<p>*Book here: https://outlook.office.com/book/SixthFormOpenEvening@seafordheadschool.onmicrosoft.com/?ismsaljsauthenabled</p>
Tonbridge, Kent	<p>North Kent College Brook Street Tonbridge Kent TN9 2PW</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 27th September • 10am - 4pm 	<p>*Book here: Events at North Kent College News & Upcoming Activities</p>
	<p>Hadlow College (Part of North Kent College) Tonbridge Road Hadlow Kent TN11 0AL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 15th November • 10 am - 1 pm 	<p>*Book here: Hadlow Open Morning November 2025</p>

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Uckfield	Uckfield College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 12th November • 5.30pm-8pm 	No need to book
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Post-16 Colleges & Open Events for 2026 Entry



Updated throughout the year. Please check dates/times before attending

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College	Date of open event(s)
<p>BHASVIC, Hove</p> <p>6th Form College offering A Levels, Level 3 Vocational courses & ESOL.</p> <p>Offers courses at Level 3 only.</p>	<p>➤ Wednesday 12 November 2025, 4-8pm</p> <p>➤ Thursday 13 November 2025, 4-8pm</p> <p>You can only apply to Varndean or BHASVIC, not both.</p>
<p>BN1 Arts</p> <p>Extended Level 3 Diploma study for Performing Arts Pathways in Dance, Musical Theatre and Acting and Creative Music Industry. Level 3 RSL Diplomas in Music & Performing Arts.</p> <p>Offers courses at Level 3 only.</p>	<p>See their website for further details and to sign up for open evening information.</p>
<p>Brighton Aldridge Community Academy (BACA) College</p> <p>A Levels, Vocational Level 2 & 3 courses, Construction courses and specialist Sport Academies (Table Tennis, Football & Cricket).</p> <p>Offers courses at Level 2 and 3.</p>	<p>➤ Thursday 16 October 2025, 6-8pm</p>
<p>Brighton College</p> <p>Opening Doors Scholarship Programme.</p> <p>Brighton College is an independent, fee-paying college - they offer 20 free places each year under their Opening Doors initiative. See link for details.</p> <p>Offers Level 3 only.</p>	<p>➤ Saturday 11 October 2025</p>

<p>Brighton MET College (campuses in Central and East Brighton)</p> <p>Further Education Colleges offering Level 1 - 3 vocational courses, T Levels, SEND and ESOL courses.</p> <p>*MET College is also a training provider for apprenticeships. You must have an employer to be an apprentice. Offers Entry level, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wednesday 15 October 2025, Open Evening ➤ Saturday 22 November 2025, Open Morning
<p>Brinsbury College, Pulborough</p> <p>Brinsbury College is also a training provider for apprenticeships. You must have an employer to be an apprentice.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Saturday 11 October 2025, Open Morning
<p>The BRIT School, Croydon</p> <p>Performing Arts, Applied Theatre and Creative Arts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ See their website for further details and to sign up for open evening information.
<p>Chichester College (including Brinsbury)</p> <p>Further Education College offering Level 1 - 3 vocational courses, T Levels and SEND courses.</p> <p>Chichester College is also a training provider for apprenticeships. You must have an employer to be an apprentice.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tuesday 7 October 2025, Open Evening ➤ Saturday 8 November 2025, Open Morning
<p>Collyer's 6th Form College, Horsham</p> <p>6th Form College offering A levels, Vocational Level 3 and T Level courses .</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wednesday 12 November 2025 ➤ Thursday 13 November 2025
<p>Crawley College</p> <p>Further Education College offering Level 1 -3 Vocational Courses, T Levels SEND and ESOL courses.</p> <p>Crawley College is also a training provider for apprenticeships. You must have an employer to be an apprentice.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Thursday 9 October 2025, Open Evening ➤ Saturday 8 November 2025, Open Morning
<p>DV8 Sussex (Campuses in both Brighton & Bexhill)</p> <p>Specialist Further Education College for Vocational Level 2 & 3 Courses in Music, Media and Games Development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wednesday 8 October 2025, 5-7pm ➤ Saturday 11 October 2025, 10am-12pm

<p>East Sussex College (Campuses in Lewes, Eastbourne, Newhaven and Hastings)</p> <p>Further Education College offering A levels, Level 1 - 3 Vocational courses, T Levels and SEND courses.</p> <p>ESCG is also a training provider for apprenticeships. You must have an employer to be an apprentice.</p>	<p>Eastbourne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wednesday 15 October 2025 ➤ Thursday 20 November 2025 ➤ Thursday 19 March 2026 <p>Hastings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Thursday 16 October 2025 ➤ Thursday 20 November 2025 ➤ Thursday 19 March 2026 <p>Lewes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tuesday 14 October 2025 ➤ Thursday 20 November 2025 ➤ Thursday 19 March 2026 <p>Newhaven</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Thursday 20 November 2025 ➤ Thursday 19 March 2026
<p>King's Sixth Form</p> <p>School 6th Form College offering A Levels and Level 3 Vocational courses.</p> <p>Offers level 3 only.</p>	<p>See their website for further details and to sign up for open evening information.</p>
<p>Military Preparation College, Eastbourne</p> <p>The Military Academy is a unique training college that helps 16+ year olds develop their fitness, vocational qualifications, and employability skills to help prepare for employment, including rewarding careers in the British Armed Forces.</p> <p>Work towards BTEC qualification while preparing for armed forces entry.</p>	<p>See their website for further details and to sign up for open evening information.</p>
<p>Newman College (Cardinal Newman 6th Form)</p> <p>School 6th Form College offering A Levels, Level 3 Vocational courses and specialist academies. Offers Level 3 only.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Thursday 20 November 2025, 5-8pm
<p>Northbrook College (campuses in Shoreham, Durrington and Worthing)</p> <p>Further Education Colleges offering Level 1 - 3 vocational courses, T Levels and SEND courses.</p> <p>Northbrook College is also a training provider for apprenticeships. You must have an employer to be an apprentice.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wednesday 8 October 2025 ➤ Saturday 15 November 2025

<p>Plumpton College</p> <p>Land and Environmental vocational courses at Levels 1 – 3.</p> <p>Offers Entry level, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3.</p> <p>Plumpton is also a training provider for apprenticeships. You must have an employer to be an apprentice.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Saturday 11 October 2025, 9am-12pm ➤ Saturday 22 November 2025, 9am-12pm ➤ Saturday 17 January 2026, 9am-12pm ➤ Saturday 21 March 2026, 9am-12pm
<p>Pro-direct Football Academy</p> <p>Football education programme with BTEC Level 3 in Sport & Physical Activity.</p> <p>Location: University of Sussex.</p>	<p>Further enquiries via the website.</p>
<p>Rewards Hair Academy</p> <p>Traineeships and apprenticeships in Barbering and Hairdressing. Also a training provider for customer service/care/business admin and other sectors.</p> <p>Rewards is a training provider. You must have an employer to be an apprentice.</p>	<p>Taster day information here</p>
<p>Shoreham Academy</p> <p>School 6th Form offering A levels, Level 3 Vocational courses and T Levels.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Thursday 6 November 2025, 6-8pm
<p>Sir Robert Woodard Sixth Form, Lancing</p> <p>School 6th Form offering A Levels and Level 3 Vocational Courses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Thursday 16 October 2025
<p>SupaJam</p> <p>Level 1 & 2 music technology, podcasting, recording, live performance, music journalism and video and photography. Offering carefully tailored placements to young people aged 16-25 with an EHCP.</p>	<p>Check for events at https://www.semmuk.com/open-evenings or email outreach@supajam-education.org to arrange a visit.</p>
<p>Steve Willis Training</p> <p>Apprenticeship provider in Burgess Hill. Apprenticeships in electrical, plumbing, gas.</p> <p>Steve Willis is a training provider. You must have an employer to be an apprentice.</p>	<p>See their website for further details and to sign up for open evening information or email apprenticeships@stevewillis.com for more details and to book.</p>
<p>Sutton & District Training</p> <p>Smaller training college in Woodingdean & Brighton. Offers various vocational & supportive courses and ESOL.</p>	<p>If you would like to have a tour of the college, or discuss the application process, contact the college on 01273 694626 or email Sadie.mansell@suttondistrict.co.uk to arrange a suitable time.</p>

<p>Varndean College</p> <p>6th Form College offering A Levels, GCSEs, Level 2 & 3 Vocational courses, T Levels and the International Baccalaureate.</p> <p>Offers Level 2 and 3.</p>	<p>➤ Thursday 6 November 2025, 4-8pm</p> <p>You can only apply to Varndean or BHASVIC, not both.</p>
<p>Worthing College</p> <p>Further Education College offering A Levels, Level 2 & 3 Vocational courses, T levels, ESOL and specialist academies.</p> <p>Offers Level 2 and 3.</p>	<p>➤ Thursday 16 October 2025, Open Evening</p> <p>➤ Tuesday 21 October 2025, Open Evening</p>

University	Date of open event(s)
University of Brighton	<p>City campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Saturday 18 October 2025 ➤ Saturday 22 November 2025 <p>Moulsecoomb campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Saturday 11 October 2025 ➤ Saturday 15 November 2025 <p>Falmer campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Saturday 8 November 2025 <p>In-person and virtual campus tours are available (in-person dates will be published soon).</p>
University of Chichester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Saturday 11 October 2025, 9:30am-3pm ➤ Sunday 26 October 2025, 9:30am-3pm ➤ Saturday 22 November 2025, 9:30am-3pm <p>In-person and virtual campus tours are also available and can be booked via the website.</p>
University of Sussex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Saturday 4 October 2025, 9:30am-4:30pm ➤ Saturday 1 November 2025, 9:30am-4:30pm <p>In-person, self-guided and virtual campus tours are also available and can be booked via the website.</p>

There are many other school sixth forms in East and West Sussex, you can search via:

- ☐ [West Sussex search tool](#)
- ☐ [East Sussex search tool](#)
- ☐ [What Next Sussex](#) includes Brighton and Hove sixth forms

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<http://www.getcareerconfident.co.uk>

What Next Sussex – a directory of post-16 provision in Sussex

<https://getcareerconfident.co.uk/what-next-sussex>

National Careers Service – a government funded careers information and advice online or by telephone

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk>

icould.com – Career ideas and information for your future

www.icould.com

University

UCAS – entry requirements and exploration tools for university courses

www.ucas.com

Informed Choices – advice on useful subjects for university entry (produced by the Russell Group)

www.informedchoices.ac.uk

Prospects – all about graduate careers and more

www.prospects.ac.uk

A Star Future – a guide to studying abroad

https://www.astarfuture.co.uk/countries_to_study_abroad.html

Apprenticeships

Find an apprenticeship – a search engine for live apprenticeship vacancies

www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk

Amazing Apprenticeships – all the key facts about apprenticeships

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com>

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