



FAO All Parents/Carers - Scaffolding for works in the car park behind the Leisure Centre

There will be roof works carried out in the New Year over the teaching block at the back of the school. To minimise the disruption with scaffolding, the car park behind the Leisure Centre will be used and this will take up 4 car parking spaces. This will be all fenced off and alarmed for security, health, and safety. The time frame for these works should be **4 weeks starting in January**.

FAO Year 7-9 Parents/Carers - Learning Beyond the Curriculum Week

Please see the attached letter and accompanying information booklet.

X Social Media Platform Update

Please note that the official school presence on X has ended.

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
- park in the old Co-Op car parks (as you are permitted to do so)
- **not** drop children off in Jason Close as this blocks the road for local residents
- **not** use the the service yard, which is clearly marked as authorised access only for the Meridian Centre (Morrisons), the Town Council, Butterfly Nursery and EMCOR

We have attached an image to highlight the areas where parking is available, and where it is not.

Thank you for your support.

FAO Year 11 Parents/Carers - Year 11 leavers' hoodies shop is now open!

Please use this link to order your hoody: <https://www.pcs.leavers-shop.co.uk/>

First deadline for bulk order: Monday 1 December for a pre-Christmas break delivery to school (Orders can be placed after this date, however the delivery will not be until we have another significant amount of orders, which means delivery to school will be a later date of February 2026).

Once hoodies have been received by students, they are permitted to wear them as part of the daily uniform. Students do not have to wear a shirt under their hoody, but must wear their PE/Dance top.

Free Parent/Carer Workshops - East Sussex Mental Health Support

[Lunch and Chat - Secondary School Children's Wellbeing](#)

[Taming the Worries @ Peacehaven Family Hub](#)



Develop your Warhammer skills this February in Lewes

Join us in Lewes this February for our Warhammer weekend focused on advancing your painting skills and confident preparation for gameplay.

We're excited to be hosting two days of Warhammer workshops on Friday 21 and Saturday 22 February in Lewes, designed to help young people not only make terrain and paint miniatures to a high standard, but also learn how to prepare armies, terrain and themselves for tabletop games.

Please see the attached poster.

Changes to Child fares from 1st January 2026 - Message from Brighton & Hove Buses

From 1st January 2026, child fares will be available up until 31 August following a young person's 18th birthday. This means child fares will continue to support those in further education and through the summer holidays.

To pay a child fare, young people aged 14–18 may need to prove their age if they aren't in school uniform. To avoid the risk of being charged an adult fare, we recommend getting verified in advance.

Verification is quick and easy:

- Use the in-app child verification, or
- Get a Child BusID card, available from our travel shop on North Street, Brighton, or from the depot at 43 Conway Street, Hove.

Accepted ID for children aged 14-18 when buying child tickets on the bus:

- Inapp child verification
- Child Key BusID
- UK passport
- UK driving licence
- Sussex 3iD card

For further information please contact us by phone on 01273 886200 or by email at info@buses.co.uk

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.



PCS Ten for Success

At PCS, we continue to remind students that in order to be successful, they need to be ready to learn. This includes having all of the correct equipment for the school day.

Whilst the majority of our students have come back to school in the New Year fully prepared, we have seen an increase in the number of students arriving at school without even the basics of a pen and pencil.

Please could we remind all parents, carers and students that the expectation is that all students come to school with their **Ten for Success**.

- 1 x pencil case
- 1 x purple pen
- 1 x black pen
- 1 x pencil
- 1 x pencil sharpener
- 1 x ruler
- 1 x rubber
- 1 x glue stick
- A reading book
- Planner (KS3 only)

As a reminder, all of these items can be readily and cheaply purchased from any stationery shop or online, however to make things easier we are offering a 'PCS bundle' for £2.50 which includes all of the stationery.

If your child does not have a reading book, we have a well stocked library, should your child require one. This is open everyday.

All students will need a reading book for DEAR time.

Many thanks for your support in ensuring that your child has everything they require on a daily basis to be the successful student that we all want them to be.

Parent Voice

Our next Parent Voice meeting will be **Wednesday 28 January 2026, 5 - 6pm**. Please [click on the link](#) to confirm your attendance.



Tesco Groundwork Funding - Vote for PCS!

We are pleased to announce that the PCS voting boxes are now available in the below Tesco Stores. We would be extremely grateful if you could vote for our project when you next visit a local Tesco store. To vote, simply collect blue tokens at the checkout and place them in the PCS project box!

Voting boxes will be available until the end of March.

Where you can vote for PCS!

- Lewes Tesco Superstore
- Peacehaven Tesco Express
- Rottingdean Tesco Express
- Seaford Tesco Express
- Seaford Alfriston Tesco Express

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Messages from PCS Careers Team



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

Please see the attached flyer.

Work Experience 2026

Please see the attached letter from Ms Lane, Work Experience Coordinator & Library Supervisor.

An Excellent Opportunity For All of Our Aspirational Students

Please find attached information about the fantastic free Saturday Clubs that are being run by the University of Brighton. These have always been very well attended by students from PCS and the feedback has been 100% positive. We are delighted that our students have been offered these amazing opportunities once again and would like to encourage as many of our students as possible to apply to participate.

LIVE Q&A With Our Qualified Careers Advisors - Message from Get Career Confident

We are excited to share that we are holding another LIVE Q&A with our qualified careers advisors on Wednesday 28th January 6-7pm. This time on the topic of GCSEs Options.

If you, or someone you are supporting, is about to choose their GCSEs, join us [online](#) for a supportive, informal but informative text chat. There will be GCSE specific videos and materials highlighted, and you can ask your individual questions to the careers advisors who will be online between 6 -7pm.

Upcoming Key Dates (PCS School Calendar)

- **Monday 19 January** - Year 11 Music NEA C3 Activity 1
- **Tuesday 20 January** - Year 11 English trip to see Macbeth in Brighton
- **Tuesday 20 January** - Year 7 Athletics at Willingdon
- **Tuesday 20 January** - Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Orienteering (Both groups)
- **Wednesday 21 January** - Year 8 Athletics at Willingdon
- **Thursday 22 January** - Year 9 visit to University of Sussex, Inspire 3
- **Thursday 22 January** - Year 9 Parents/Carers' Evening (Early school closure - 2.40pm)
- **Friday 23 January** - Late school opening (Students to arrive at 9.30am)
- **Friday 23 January** - Year 11 football fixture at Seaford Head



PCS Vacancies

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

Teaching Assistant (Fixed Term until October 2026)

Start date: February 2026

Deadline for applications: Friday 23 January 2026

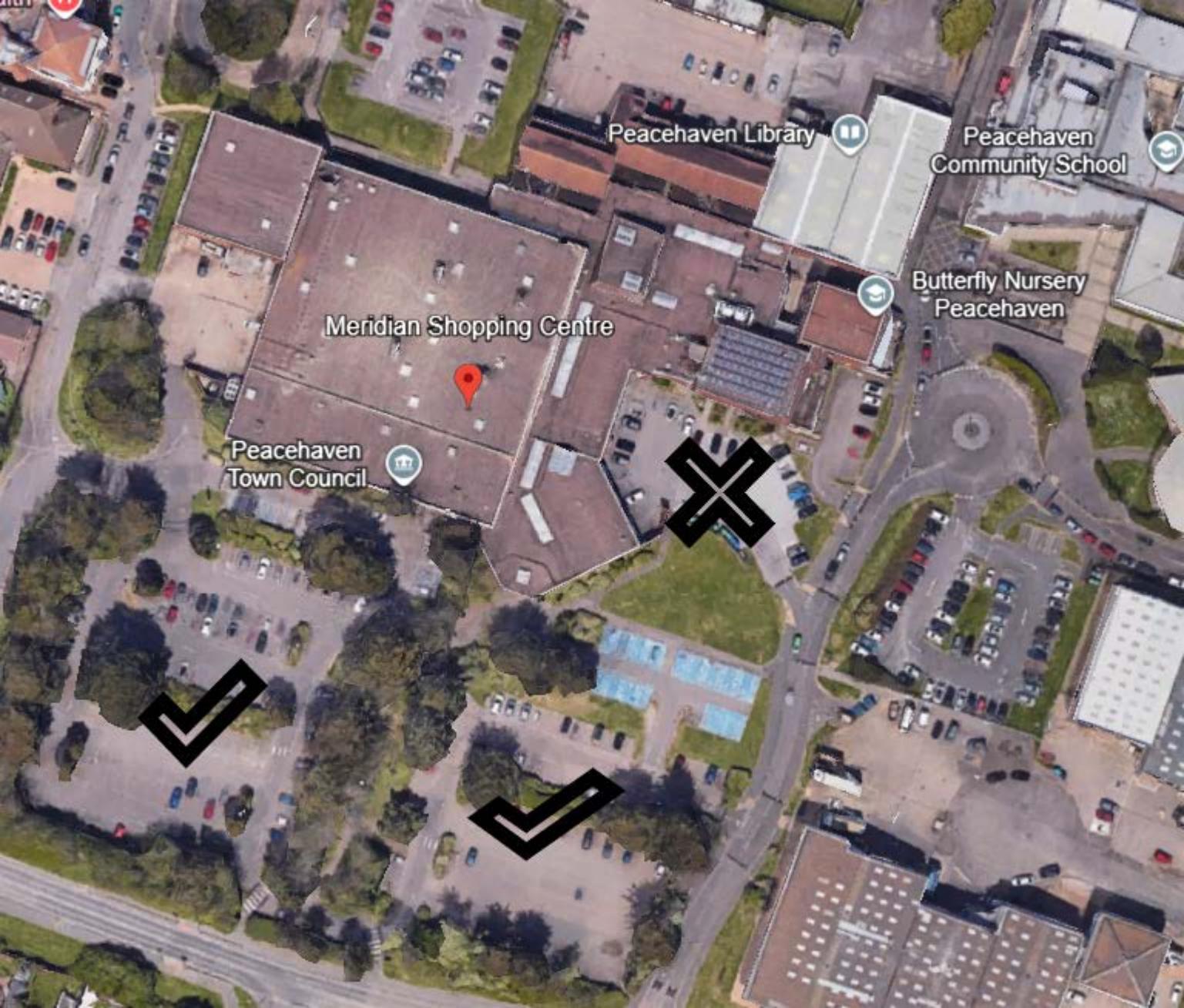
Interview date: w/c 26 January 2026

Teaching Assistant (Permanent)

Start date: April 2026

Deadline for applications: Friday 23 January 2026

Interview date: w/c 26 January 2026

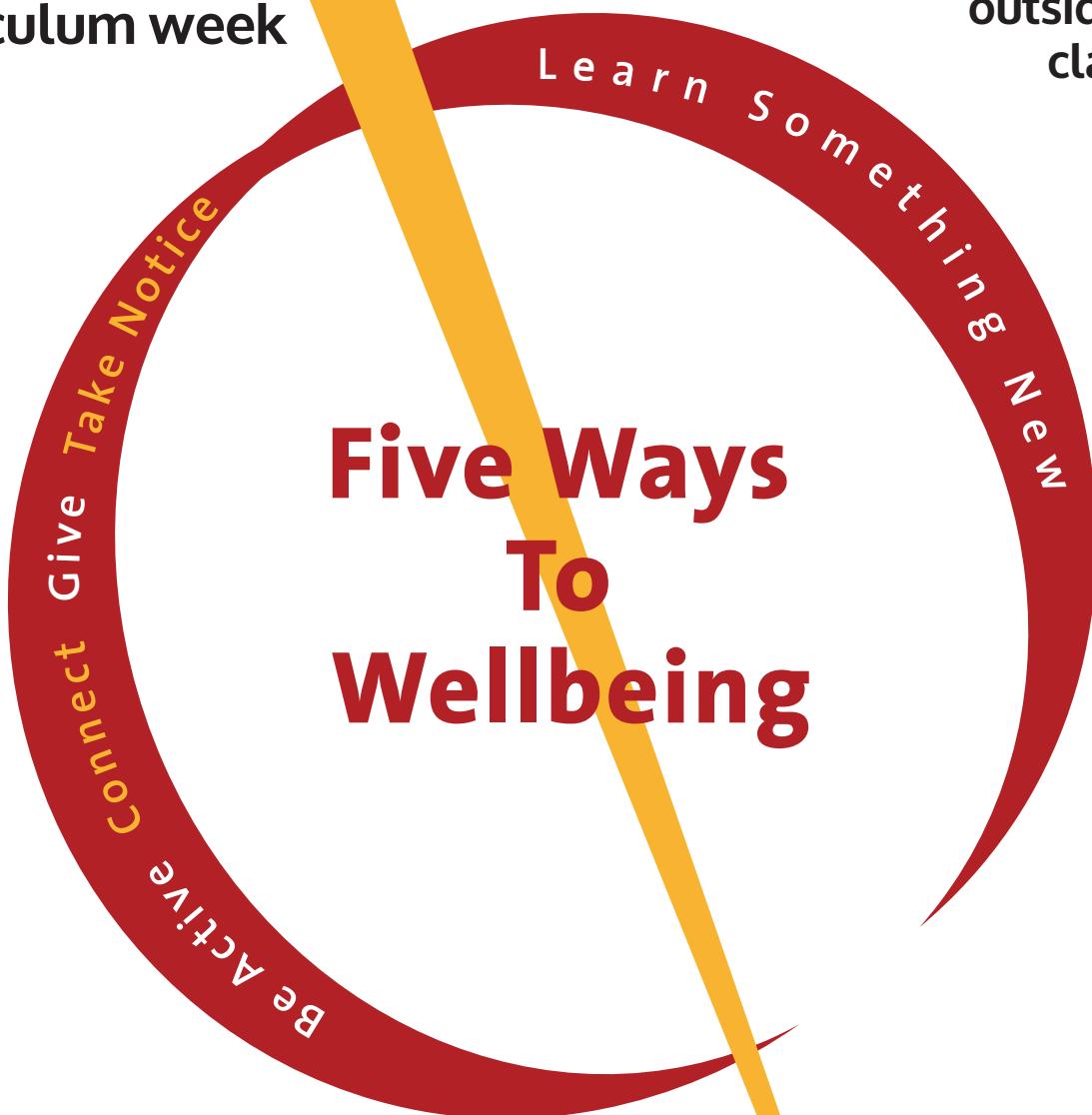




It's back!!

Our third
Learning
Beyond the
Curriculum week

The theme of this week is **Wellbeing** and will focus on providing students with opportunities to practise the **5 ways of wellbeing** as well as enhancing their personal development by learning outside of the classroom



This exciting week is a compulsory week for all students in years 7, 8 and 9. We encourage students to think carefully about selecting a balance of activities, to really gain the most from the week.

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Learning Beyond the Curriculum

Through our diverse range of exciting enrichment activities, students will be exposed to a wide array of new experiences, which will support them to develop new interests and gain key skills and attributes that will help them in all aspects of their lives:

- **Community Engagement**
- **Collaboration**
- **Creativity**
- **Enjoyment and fascination of learning something new**
- **Exploration of different cultures**
- **Leadership**
- **Planning**
- **Self expression**
- **Socialising**
- **Teamwork**
- **Working with new people**



Activity	Cost	Duration	Open to	Available days	Number of Spaces
					Monday & Tuesday or Wednesday & Thursday
The Apprentice	Free	2 days	All year groups	Monday & Tuesday or Wednesday & Thursday	40
Art and Photography	Free (+Bus fare)	2 days	All year groups	Monday & Tuesday or Wednesday & Thursday	20
Beach Treasure Hunt	Free	1 day	All year groups	Monday	30
Beach Volleyball Yellow Wave	£6.50 (+Bus fare)	1 day	All year groups	Every day	30 per day
Board Games	Free	1 week	All year groups	Every day	30 per day
Bude	£515.00	1 day	Year 8	All week	Full
Branching Out	£41.00	1 day	All year groups	Wednesday	50
Circus skills	Free	1 day	All year groups	Monday	15
Crafty with wood	Free	1 day	All year groups	Monday	24
Crochet	Free	1 day	All year groups	Every day	15 per day
Culture Club - Japan	£2.50	1 day	All year groups	Monday	20
Cycling Experience	Free	1 day	All year groups	Monday - Mountain biking, Tuesday - Seafront cycle, Thursday - Mountain biking, Tuesday - Riverside ride	15
Digital creative story writing			All year groups	Monday & Tuesday or Thursday	20 per days
Discover the Cuckmere Valley			All year groups	Monday	30
Fake it to Bake it			All year groups	Monday & Tuesday or Wednesday & Thursday	16
Football			All year groups	Monday Y7, Y8 & Y9, Thursday Y7, Y8 & Y9	40 per day
Forensic Science Day	Free	1 day or 2 days	All year groups	Tuesday	30
France - Boulogne	£60.00	1 day	All year groups	Thursday	55
German Culture and Lifestyle	£2.50	1 day	All year groups	Wednesday	20
Golf	£15.00	1 day	All year groups	Tuesday	14
Green Fingers	Free	1 day	All year groups	Wednesday	20
Harry Potter World	£40.00	1 day	All year groups	Monday	50
Historical Hike from Lewes	Free	1 day	All year groups	Wednesday	40
Historical Tour of Brighton	Free	1 day	All year groups	Thursday	20
Imperial War Museum	£25.00	1 day	All year groups	Tuesday	40
Intergenerational Community Links	Free	1 day	All year groups	Monday & Thursday	20 per day
Italian Culture and lifestyle	£2.50	1 day	All year groups	Thursday	20
Italy - Sorrento	£860.00	4 days	All year groups	Monday	20
Literary tour of Brighton	Bus Travel	1 day	All year groups	Every day	20
Multi sports day	Free	1 day	All year groups	Monday & Tuesday or Wednesday & Thursday	20 per day
Music Showcase	Free	1 day	All year groups	Tuesday or Thursday	25
Quilling	£50.00 per day	1 or 2 days	All year groups	Monday, or Tuesday & Wednesday	50 per day
Piddlinghoe Lake - Water sports	Free	1 day	All year groups	Monday	15
Rags to Riches	Free	1 day	All year groups	Every Day	15
Read a book in a day	Free	1 day	All year groups	Monday	15 per day
Sew, you would like to sew?	Free	1 day	All year groups	Wednesday	12
Table Tennis	Free	1 day	All year groups	Wednesday	30
Team building and problem solving	Free	1 day	All year groups	Wednesday	50
Techfest	Free	1 day	All year groups	Wednesday	25
Tennis	£9.00	1 day	All year groups	Tuesday	30
Visit to the Sealife Centre	£10.00	1 day	All year groups	Tuesday	30
Visit to the Theatre Royal			All year groups	Thursday	20



The Apprentice



Have **you** got what it takes? Are you a budding entrepreneur? Are you creative? Have you got a great idea to solve one of life's problems? Will you be hired or fired?

This was so much fun last year, this year it will be a 2 day event.

Free - 2 days - All year groups
This event will run twice
Number of spaces: 40

Art & Photography



Students will be working with the Art department spending day 1 taking photos in Brighton and day 2 creating art work with the photographs.

Students will be expected to make their own way too and from Brighton for this event. They will meet with PCS staff in the town centre.

Free (+Bus Fare) - 2 days
All year groups
This event will run twice
Number of spaces: 20

Beach Treasure Hunt



Students will venture down to the local beach with PCS staff to gather and sort debris that can be found on our shoreline.

They will collect any useful objects they find to bring back to school to be used for Art and DT projects during the week.

Free - 1 day - All year groups
Number of spaces: 30



Beach Volleyball Yellow Wave



Students will spend the morning learning how to play volleyball on the sandy pitches at Black Rock. This will be followed by a picnic lunch. Students will then visit the marina with its arcades.

Students will be expected to make their own way to and from Brighton for this event. They will meet with PCS staff at the Yellow Wave Volleyball area.

£6.50 (+Bus Fare) - 1 day -
All year groups
This event will run every day
Number of spaces: 30 per day

Board Games





KS3 Learning Beyond the Curriculum week

6th July - 9th July 2026

Students will spend the morning playing board/card games.

They will then spend the afternoon creating their own board/card games for others to play.

Free - 1 day - All year groups

This event will run every day

Number of spaces: 30 per day

Bude



Our ever popular Bude trip to Cornwall is back again this year. Students will travel down to Cornwall by coach.

The students will experience a huge range of experiences such as surfing, climbing, abseiling, caving, kayaking, amongst other team building and self confidence boosting activities.

£515.00 - 1 Week - Year 8

Number of spaces: FULL

Branching Out



Students will travelling by coach to this outdoor adventure park in Halland.

Activities included will be low ropes, high ropes, climbing wall, giant swing, leap of faith, tree nets all organised by Branching Out.

£41.00 - 1 day - All year groups

Number of spaces: 50

Circus Skills



Students will create their own juggling balls and then learn how to juggle with different numbers of balls.

As they become more proficient, they will learn additional simple circus skills.

Free - 1 day - All year groups

Number of spaces: 15 per day



Crafty With Wood



Students will spend a whole day finding out about artistic talents they did not know they had!

Working with a range of wood and materials they will produce some art pieces worthy of display in a local gallery!

Free - 1 day - All year groups

Number of spaces: 24

Crochet



Students will learn how to crochet and contribute to making a PCS tapestry.

Free - 1 day - All year groups

This event will run every day

Number of spaces: 15 per day

Culture Club - Japan





Cultural appreciation and language-based activities around all that is Japan - Origami, Animé, Japanese film and the potential to taste some Japanese delicacies.

£2.50 - 1 day - All year groups

Number of spaces: 20

Cycling Experience



Monday - Students will cycle from the Big Park to experience parts of the South Downs Way.

This will be an out-and-back route accompanied by PCS staff. Tuesday - a seafront ride and Thursday - will be a riverside ride.

Note: Cycles and Helmets can be hired from The Bike Hub free of charge. If a student wishes to bring their own bike, a correctly fitting helmet will be compulsory.

Free - 1 day - All year groups

Number of spaces: 15 per day

Digital Creative Story Writing



Cultural appreciation and language-based activities around all that is Japan - Origami, Animé, Japanese film and the potential to taste some Japanese delicacies.

£2.50 - 1 day - All year groups

Number of spaces: 20

Students will spend the day writing and creating digital stories using a range of media including collage, plasticine animation, written and spoken word. They will produce a digital video story across the 2 days.

Free - 1 day or 2 days - All year groups

Number of spaces: 20 per day

This is a 2 day event

Discover the Cuckmere Valley



Students will explore the area around the River Cuckmere observing the plants and animals.

They will engage in a variety of activities during the walk which will help them to appreciate the natural world.

Students will be expected to make their own way to the meeting point The Seven Sisters Country Park Visitor Centre and they will be dismissed from there at the end of the walk.

Free (+Bus Fare) - 1 day - All year groups

Number of spaces: 30

Fake it to Bake it



KS3 Learning Beyond the Curriculum week 6th July - 9th July 2026

Have you got the skills required to replicate a Twix bar, a French Fancy or a Mr Kiplings Bakewell Tart?

Students will have an opportunity to show off their organisational, creative and time management skills at their best.

£10.00 - 2 days - All year groups

This event will run twice

Number of spaces: 16

Football



Students will spend the day developing awareness of skills and tactics used in football and play in a variety of competitions throughout the day.

You will need shin pads and appropriate footwear.

You will also need to be prepared to be outside if it rains.

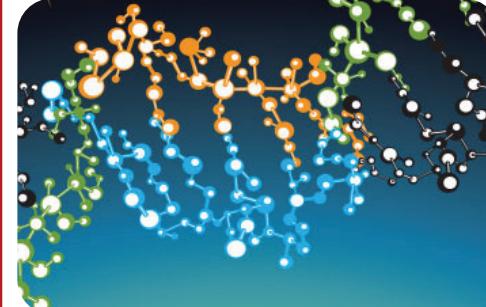
Free - 1 day - All year groups

Monday (y7), Tuesday (y8),

Wednesday (y9) Thursday (y7, 8 & 9)

Number of spaces: 40 per day

Forensic Science





Students will have an opportunity to use their scientific understanding and practical skills to become a detective for the day, and solve a mysterious incident.

You will be prepared to learn new skills and show the best safe practice in the lab.

Free - 1 day - All year groups
Number of spaces: 30

France - Boulogne



Students will spend a day exploring the picturesque French town of Boulogne.

They will take part in a Treasure Hunt, visit the old town and do some shopping for some local specialities!

We will travel by coach and the tunnel

£60.00 - 1 day - All year groups
Number of spaces: 55

German Culture & Lifestyle



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Students are going to spend the day taking part in a variety of activities 'all things German'.

They will explore the world of German music and film and then try some delicious German food to finish the day off.

£2.50 - 1 day - All year groups
Number of spaces: 20

Golf



Students will spend the day at Eastbourne Golf Club. They will learn some basic skills and then walk the course, putting their newly found skills into action.

Students will travel to Eastbourne and back via bus with PCS staff, so they will need a bus fare.

£15.00 - 1 day - All year groups
Number of spaces: 14

Green Fingers



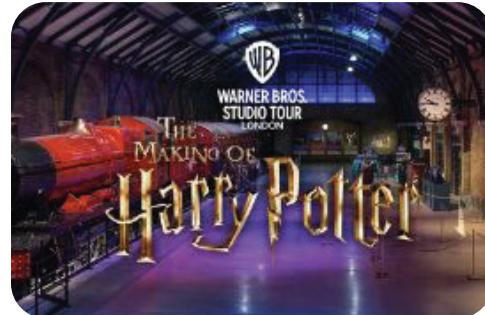
Students will look at biodiversity at PCS and in our local environment.

They will provide basic maintenance to our butterfly banks and other natural habitats around the site.

They will learn basic gardening skills and find out more about the different foods that are grown in our local area. There may be an opportunity for food tasting.

Free - 1 day - All year groups
Number of spaces: 20

Harry Potter World



Students will travel by coach and experience a tour of the Warner Brother Studios to discover more about the making of the Harry Potter films.

£40.00 - 1 day - All year groups
Number of spaces: 50



Connect



Historical Hike from Lewes



Students will walk from Lewes to PCS - can you rise to the challenge!

Upon arrival students will discover some of the interesting historical sites of Lewes - the County town of East Sussex.

Students will be expected to make their own way to The Depot in Lewes which will be the meeting point at the start of the day.

Free - 1 day - All year groups
Number of spaces: 40

Historical Brighton Tour



The Pavilion, The North Laine, The Lanes, Volks Railway, are amongst many of the historical places of interest to be visited in Brighton.

Students will be expected to make their own way to and from Brighton for this event. They will meet with PCS staff in the Town Centre.

Free-1 day - All year groups
Number of spaces: 20

Imperial War Museum



What a fantastic day out!

The Imperial War Museum (IWM) London is a national museum covering modern conflict from World War I to the present day.

It is known for its immersive exhibitions that combine large military hardware with personal stories and artifacts.

£25.00 - 1 day - All year groups
Number of spaces: 40

Intergenerational Community Links



Students will visit local care homes accompanied by PCS staff.

They will meet up with elderly members of the community, play games and find out more about the similarities and differences between their lives.

Free -1 day - All year groups
This event will run twice
Number of spaces: 20

Italian Culture & Lifestyle



Students are going to spend the day taking part in a variety of activities 'all things Italian'.

They will explore the world of Italian music and film and then try some delicious Italian delicacies.

£2.50 - 1 day - All year groups
Number of spaces: 20

Italy - Sorrento



Students will spend 4 days in a beautiful hotel in Sorrento on the Almalfi coast visiting the historic town of Pompei and walking up Mount Vesuvius.

The visit also includes a boat trip along the coast to discover the area in more depth.

Please note: This trip is now full
£860.00 - 4 days - All year groups



Literary Tour of Brighton



Graham Green, Lewis Carroll, Jane Austen, Charles Dickens and of course the well known, best selling author Peter James all have links to Brighton.

Students will have an opportunity to embark upon a cultural tour of Brighton to find out more about the haunts of these well known writers and the inspiration for their writing.

There will be a literary-spot treasure hunt! Students will be expected to make their own way to and from Brighton for this event. They will meet with PCS staff in the Town Centre.

Bus Travel -1 day - All year groups
Number of spaces: 20

Multi Sports Day



Students will spend the day partaking in a variety of different sporting activities, such as badminton, pickleball, spikeball, volleyball, basketball, rounders, & softball.

Free -1 day - All year groups
This event will run every day
Number of spaces: 40 per day

Quilling



Quilling is an art form that involves the use of strips of paper that are rolled, shaped, and glued together to create decorative design.

Students will learn how to quill!! What a skill! Students will use newly found skills to be creative.

Free -1 day - All year groups
Number of spaces: 25

Music Showcase



Spend the day as a singer or musician and perform in a mini-concert at the end of the day.

Take part as a soloist or as part of a band.

Focus on learning and rehearsing a song of your choice to perform or writing and recording your own music.

Free - 2 days - All year groups
Number of spaces: 20

Piddlinghoe Lake



Students are invited to spend 1 or 2 days at Piddlinghoe Lake.

Engaging in a selection of exciting water based activities including paddle boarding, sailing and kayaking.

Students will be expected to make their own way to and from Piddlinghoe Lake.

£50 per day -1 or 2 days -
All year groups
Number of spaces: 50 per day

Rags to Riches





Upcycled fashion - Anti fast fashion
Students will be using different materials to create a new textile project.

They will be learning about fast fashion and its impact on the environment.

Free - 1 day - All year groups
Number of spaces: 20

Read a book in a day



Spend the day 'losing yourself' in a book. Use this as an opportunity to indulge yourself with no other distractions in a quiet space in our school library.

Bring your own book or choose from the vast selection in the school library.

Free - 1 day - All year groups
Number of spaces: 20

Sew, you would like to sew?



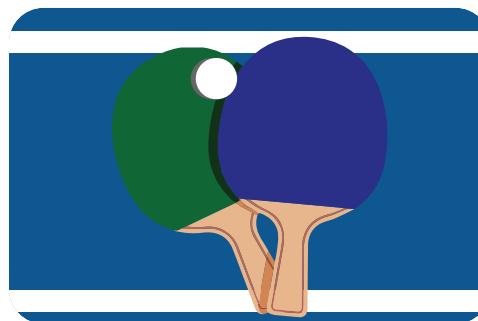
Students will spend the day engaging in a series of team building activities, working with primary school students, helping them with their organisation and cooperation skills.

Beginners and experienced sewers welcome.

Students will learn different sewing techniques using different fabrics and materials.

Free - 1 day - All year groups
Number of spaces: 15 per day
This event will run twice

Table Tennis



Spend the morning learning techniques and the afternoon playing in friendly competition.

What better way could you think of to hone your Table Tennis skills?

Free - Every day - All year groups
Number of spaces: 12

Teacher for a day!



Students will spend the day engaging in a series of team building activities, working with primary school students, helping them with their organisation and cooperation skills.

Free - 1 day - All year groups
Number of spaces: 30

Team Building & Problem Solving



Students will take part in a variety of teamwork and problem solving activities.

You will work inside and outside of the classroom and half of the day, weather permitting, at the big Park looking for clues. This will use physical and mental aptitude.

Free - 1 day - All year groups
Number of spaces: 50

Techfest



Stop just playing games and start creating them! In this hands-on Techfest session, you'll dive into the world of games development.

We will cover the basics of level design, mechanics and coding to bring your own virtual world to life. Whether you're a complete newbie or a coding pro, you'll leave with some skills to build your own playable game.

Free - 1 day - All year groups
Number of spaces: 25



Tennis



Experienced and beginner tennis players welcome. Learn new skills, find out how to play like a pro.

Spend the day having some coaching and then participating in some fun mini tournaments.

Free - 1 day - All year groups

Number of spaces: 30

Visit to the Sealife Centre



Students will discover the world beneath our ocean. This is the world's oldest operating aquarium, having originally opened in 1872.

Students will then spend the afternoon having a picnic on the beach before heading home.

Students will be expected to make their own way to and from Brighton for this visit.

£9.00 - 1 day - All year groups

Number of spaces: 30

Visit to The Theatre Royal



Students will have an opportunity to discover what happens behind the scenes at the Theatre Royal in Brighton with a follow up workshop.

Students will be expected to make their own way to and from Brighton for this event. They will meet with PCS staff at the theatre.

£10.00 - 1 day - All year groups

Number of spaces: 20



What Next?

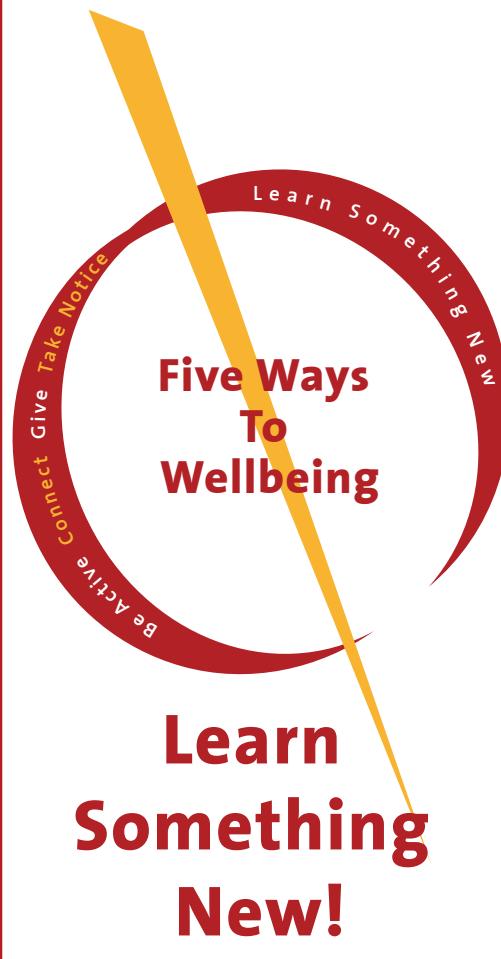
Each student will have a Google form in their PDI Google Classroom. Every student in years 7, 8 and 9 must fill this in.

Everybody will take part in activities this week.

Students who are going on a residential to Bude or Italy will have to indicate this on the form.

All other students are to complete the form following the instructions.

Whilst we will endeavour to provide students with their chosen activities, it is important that they indicate reserve choices in the event of activities being booked up.





Frequently Asked Questions

How many activities can I choose?

You need to be doing an activity every day. When you tick your choices on the Google Form make sure that you have looked at which day it is taking place. There is then the opportunity to try to do similar things with different friends. We can not promise, but we will try to make this happen.

Some activities take place across more than one day, please take care to read the booklet properly so that you can map out your week.

What if there are not enough spaces for what I would like to do?

We will try to make sure everybody can take part in the activities they have chosen. We have indicated how many spaces there are for each activity this year. We do ask that you put 3 reserve choices down in case some activities prove to be very popular.

I would like some financial support with paying for an activity, how do I know if I am eligible and how do I request a reduction?

Please ask your parent/carer to contact the school by email:

pcs-enquiries@swale.at

who will be able to refer you to the appropriate person for advice.

What are the timings of the day?

All of the activities take place during the school day. Exact timings will be shared with you once you have confirmation of your activities.

What will I need to wear?

For all onsite activities, students will be asked to come in in their PE kit.

For all other activities, suggestions will be made once you have confirmation of your activities. (You will not be expected to wear your school uniform!)

What will happen about lunch?

You will have a lunch break as normal if you take part in activities in school.

For those activities off site, we will advise on a packed lunch. For those students in receipt of Free School Meals who are off site, we will provide a packed lunch if required.

Will I need any extra money?

That is your own decision, if you have chosen an activity in Brighton, with bus travel, you will need to pay for travel. If you are in school, you will not need any extra money.

If you have paid for coach travel to an activity, you might wish to bring some money for souvenirs.

When is the deadline to make choices?

The deadline to make choices is **Friday 19th December**

When will I find out if I have been accepted on to an activity that needs payment if I don't yet know?

Once we have received all of the choices we will then set up parent pay accordingly. You will receive an email letting you know if and when parent pay has been set up for you.

When will I find out what I will be doing if I am doing my activities in school?

All choices and a full programme of events will be shared with students in term 4.

What will be the end product of our Learning beyond The Classroom Week?

We shall be creating a showcase of experiences to share with our local community.



5 December 2025

Headteacher
Rachel Henocq

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Learning Beyond The Curriculum week Monday 6 - Thursday 9 July 2026

We are very excited to be able to announce that after such positive feedback again last year, we are going to be holding our **THIRD PCS Learning Beyond the Curriculum week** for all of our KS3 students in July 2026.

Once again, the theme of the week is **wellbeing**. This will be a 4 day event this year due to Friday 10 July being an Inset Day. Over the course of the four days, students will have the opportunity to take part in activities that will support them to practise the five ways of wellbeing - Be active, Connect, Give, Take Notice, Learn Something New - as well as to enhance their personal development by learning outside of the classroom.

All KS3 students had an assembly last week to give them all of the information they need about the week. Hopefully they have already started to talk with you about the amazing array of activities on offer, the majority of which there is no cost for.

Attached is a digital copy of the information booklet to share with you. The FAQs on the back page should answer any questions you may have, but if you need clarity on anything, please contact pcs-enquiries@swale.ac.uk who will forward your email to the appropriate person.

Once your child has decided upon which activities they would like to sign up to, they need to complete the sign up, [Google Form](#) which can be found in this link. The link will also be available on their year group PDI Google Classroom. All instructions are on the form.

This week is compulsory for all students and we encourage them to think carefully about selecting a balance of activities to gain the most from the week. Please note, for any students signing up to Beach Volleyball they can only sign up once. We have given students a deadline of **Friday 19 December** to submit their choices. This is the last day of term.

Please note, we will not request payment from you for any activity until places have been confirmed. For some of the more expensive activities we can set up payment plans to spread the cost.

All payment plans will go onto ParentPay once the choices have been finalised and places confirmed.

Kind regards

J Turner

Ms Josie Turner

Assistant Headteacher - Personal Development

9 January 2026

Headteacher
Rachel Henocq

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.ac.uk 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.ac.uk or via telephone on 01273 581100.

Yours sincerely

Ms Emma Lane
Work Experience Coordinator & Library Supervisor

Geography, ecology & environmental science Saturday club - for years 10 and 11

Location: University of Brighton's Moulsecoomb campus

Dates: 31 January, 14 & 21 February, and 7 March

Time: 10am-1.30pm, with lunch included

Explore science and nature in four fun sessions. Explore how we encounter nature, investigating people-nature interactions; solve a wildlife crime using forensic science; discover where Brighton's drinking water comes from; and design your own water filter. Get hands-on and see how science connects to the world around you. [Read further details about the sessions.](#)

Application deadline is 16 January

[Geography, ecology and environmental science club poster](#)



Media holiday masterclass - for years 8 and 9

Location: University of Brighton's Moulsecoomb campus

Date: Wednesday 18 February

Time: 10am-3pm, with lunch included

Taking place on Wednesday of half term, students will experience a range of media subject tasters led by our academic staff. They'll explore sports journalism, representation in media, and media production (including a lighting, camera, and greenscreen workshop). It will be a fun, relaxed introduction to university and studying media.

Application deadline is 30 January

[Media masterclass poster](#)



Sport studies holiday masterclass - for years 7 and 8

Location: University of Brighton's Falmer campus

Date: Tuesday 31 March

Time: 10am-2.30pm, with lunch included

Discover what it's like to study sport at university.

Explore subjects including sports science, PE teaching, and strength and conditioning through a variety of different activities, seminars, and sports. Our staff and students will be supporting throughout the day.

Application deadline is 6 March

[Sports masterclass poster](#)



Formula 24 Saturday club - for years 8 and 9

Location: University of Brighton's Moulsecoomb campus.

Dates: 28 March, 11 & 25 April, 9 May, and race day TBC

Time: 10am-2pm, with lunch included

Work in teams to build, test-drive and race a Formula 24 electric racing car. Take part in a variety of engineering activities and a local race heat, sponsored by Greenpower, against teams from across the region at Goodwood Motor Circuit.

Application deadline is 6 March

[Formula 24 club poster](#)



Application form

Students should fill in the Saturday club and holiday masterclass [application form](#) with their parents/carers. Priority is given to students who meet our [widening participation criteria](#).

For our Saturday clubs we ask that students commit to attending all sessions for their chosen club and that students attending a holiday masterclass attend for the whole session.

If you have any questions, please contact us at outreach@brighton.ac.uk.

Post-16 Colleges & Open Events for 2026 Entry



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

Get Career Confident offer on-line resources to support young people, parents and teachers with their future options. Follow their social media for updates.

See [What Next Sussex](#) for the Post-16 Sussex-wide Directory.

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

<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

[East Sussex College](#)

(Campuses in Lewes, Eastbourne, Newhaven and Hastings)

Further Education College offering A levels, Level 1 - 3 Vocational courses, T Levels and SEND courses.

ESCG is also a training provider for apprenticeships. You must have an employer to be an apprentice.

Eastbourne

- Wednesday 15 October 2025
- Thursday 20 November 2025
- Thursday 19 March 2026

Hastings

- Thursday 16 October 2025
- Thursday 20 November 2025
- Thursday 19 March 2026

Lewes

- Tuesday 14 October 2025
- Thursday 20 November 2025
- Thursday 19 March 2026

Newhaven

- Thursday 20 November 2025
- Thursday 19 March 2026

[King's Sixth Form](#)

School 6th Form College offering A Levels and Level 3 Vocational courses.

Offers level 3 only.

See their website for further details and to sign up for open evening information.

[Military Preparation College, Eastbourne](#)

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.

Work towards BTEC qualification while preparing for armed forces entry.

See their website for further details and to sign up for open evening information.

[Newman College \(Cardinal Newman 6th Form\)](#)

School 6th Form College offering A Levels, Level 3 Vocational courses and specialist academies.

Offers Level 3 only.

- Thursday 20 November 2025, 5-8pm

[Northbrook College](#)

(campuses in Shoreham, Durrington and Worthing)

Further Education Colleges offering Level 1 - 3 vocational courses, T Levels and SEND courses.

Northbrook College is also a training provider for apprenticeships. You must have an employer to be an apprentice.

- 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.</p> <p>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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Thursday 6 November 2025, 4-8pm <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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Thursday 16 October 2025, Open Evening ➤ Tuesday 21 October 2025, Open Evening

University	Date of open event(s)
<p>University of Brighton</p>	<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>
<p>University of Chichester</p>	<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>
<p>University of Sussex</p>	<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](#)

Useful Links

Get Career Confident – careers advice and resources for young people, parents/carers and teaching staff in Sussex. Sign up to receive inspiration & information about opportunities through social media or email

<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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