

28 November 2025

Dear PCS Families

Weds 10 Dec - Later Start for Students

Please note that due to our Year 11 Parents/Carers' Evening taking place on Tuesday 9 December, students from all year groups will be asked to **arrive by 9.30am on Wednesday 10 December** to start PDI at 9.40am and then go to lesson 2 at 10am.

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. **UPDATE:** Please note that you are permitted to park in the old Co-Op car parks. Local residents kindly ask that parents/carers **do not** drop their children off in Jason Close as this blocks the road.

PCS Website - Parent Guides

We have a new section on 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.

Top tips on How to Keep Your Child Healthy at School

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

Free Holiday Football Camps This December! Message from Learn Play Achieve Soccer Academy

LPA Academy are an all inclusive, fit for all football programme for children aged 4 - 16. We are all about creating an amazing community and want to offer everybody the chance to come and enjoy the fun!

*We are very excited to announce the confirmation of our **FREE CHRISTMAS CAMP NEAR YOU** at Newhaven Football Club, Fort Road, BN9 9DA on **Tuesday 23rd December 2025!** The purpose of the camp is to receive donations of any kind for Turning Tides Charity and help those in need during this time. We would love to receive your support with this.*

Your children will have the chance to play in some amazing football games, have the chance to win prizes and of course, meet the famous Santa Clause!

Please see the attached flyer.

FAO FSM Eligible Families

The winter holiday is approaching and [Holiday food and fun!](#) will be back!

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

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

Please see the attached flyer. You can book a place on the [HAF booking website](#).

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.

Holiday Skate Club - Message from The Skate Club

Please see the attached flyer.

Girls Cricket Offer - Message from MCC Foundation

If you were not already aware, there are MCC Foundation Hubs based across Sussex, and the sessions will be getting underway very soon. If you have not heard of our programme previously, it is FREE winter coaching, and summer competition for young cricketers who attend a state school. You can see more information on our website here:

<https://www.lords.org/mcc/mcc-foundation/mcc-foundation-in-the-uk>

The sessions are for Girls aged U11-U17.

Brighton Girls - BACA, BN1 9PW – Tuesdays, 17:00 – 19:00 – Trials: December 2nd & 9th

Sign up: <https://app.upshot.org.uk/signup/1cabef04/1acdb0e428f9d816/>

Eastbourne Girls - Eastbourne College, BN21 4JY – Wednesdays 17:30 – 20:30 – Trials: December 9th

Sign up: <https://app.upshot.org.uk/signup/1cabef04/d469472cf7335477/>

School Winter Production - *Mary Poppins*

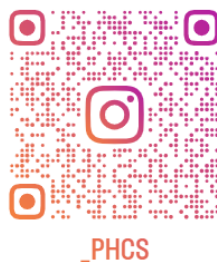
Please see the attached poster for our upcoming winter production of *Mary Poppins* which is taking place between Wednesday 10 to Friday 12 December!
Tickets will be available to purchase on ParentPay.

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!

Update: Premier Sports & Leisure will be selling discounted school uniform at the market! Please see the attached flyer.

PCS Cinema Night - Tuesday 16 December

Please see the attached poster!



Messages from PCS Careers Team

Post-16 Colleges & Open Events for 2026 Entry - Message from Get Career Confident
Please see the attached flyer.

I workplace opportunity for 16+ - Message from DABBBLEZONE

We are excited to share some fantastic worktaster opportunities for DABBBLEZONE at Hastings Games Fest, happening on the 7th and 8th of February 2026. We are currently looking to recruit 4 VR Assistants and 6 Playtesters. These roles are open to young people aged 16 and over.

Please note the application deadline is midnight on the 23rd of January

The voluntary roles available are:

VR Assistant (4 positions)

- *Students with a keen interest in VR will help visitors try out popular VR games, such as Beat Saber and Job Simulator. Each VR Assistant will receive a free ticket (normally £18.85) plus a £20 expenses payment.*
- *Apply here:*
<https://www.dabble.app/worktaster-details/vr-assistant-dabblezone-hastings-games-fest-2026/r/recfTysDQq0HY9TMP>

Playtester (6 positions)

- *Gaming enthusiasts can join as Playtesters to try out and provide feedback on exciting new games created by young indie developers in the Indie Zone. Playtesters will also get a free ticket and £20 expenses.*
- *Apply here:*
<https://www.dabble.app/worktaster-details/playtester-dabblezone-hastings-games-fest-2026/r/recFdbGEnorooCwPw>

Students can follow us on Instagram for updates: https://www.instagram.com/dabble_awi

Varndean Christmas Physics Lecture

To all interested in Science careers:

Varndean School are hosting their Christmas Physics Lecture on this Monday, 1st December, 5-7pm. Entry is free, but places must be booked through the eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-varndean-christmas-physics-lecture-tickets-1969125549526> Suitable for KS4 and above, interested in careers in science.



The Varndean Christmas Physics Lecture

Monday 1st December, 5-7pm, Varndean School

Sponsored by The Ogden Trust

We are excited to announce the first Varndean Christmas Physics Lecture!

Featuring 3 local speakers:

Amber Shepherd - Physics researcher from Brighton
Dr Mark Selby - Engineer and entrepreneur
Dr Duncan Gilbert - Consultant Clinical Oncologist at the Sussex Cancer Centre

Free to attend
Complimentary drink & Christmas treat provided

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

- **Monday 1 December** - INSET Day
- **Tuesday 2-Thursday 4 December** - Year 11 Health and Fitness NEA Assessment
- **Wednesday 3-Thursday 4 December** - Year 11 Mock Interviews

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>).

(NO CURRENT VACANCIES)



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PRESENTS

Disney and CAMERON MACKINTOSH'S

MARY POPPINS JR.

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Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th
and Friday 12th December at 6:30pm
Student/Child £3 – Adult £6

A musical based on the stories of
P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney film
Original Music and Lyrics by
Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

Book by
Julian Fellowes

New Songs and Additional Music and Lyrics by
George Stiles and Anthony Drewe

Co-Created by
Cameron Mackintosh

Adapted by iTheatrics under the supervision of
Timothy Allen McDonald



Cinema Night

TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

5:30 - 7:30

**Everyone welcome but students
must come with a parent**

More than one person per family can come

**We will start the screening at 5.30pm
& aim to finish by 7.30pm**

**FREE
POPCORN
AND
SQUASH**

THIS IS A FREE EVENT



Elf - PG

Synopsis:

Raised as an oversized elf, Buddy travels from the North Pole to New York City to meet his biological father, Walter Hobbs, who doesn't know he exists and is in desperate need of some Christmas spirit. Buddy was a baby in an orphanage who stowed away in Santa's sack and ended up at the North Pole. Later, as an adult who happened to be raised by elves, Santa allows him to go to New York City to find his birth father, Walter Hobbs. He, who is on Santa's naughty list for being a heartless jerk, had no idea that Buddy was even born.



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WINTER MARKET

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER
4 - 8.30PM

GREENWICH WAY
PEACEHAVEN
EAST SUSSEX
BN10 8RB



HOT FOOD & DRINKS, TOMBOLA, RAFFLE,
CHRISTMAS GIFTS & CRAFTS

OPEN TO EVERYONE IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

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)
<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

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

wwwucas.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>

Volunteering

Do It – volunteer search engine

<https://doit.life/volunteer>



FREE HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMPS THIS DECEMBER!

We've joined forces with Turning Tides, Sussex FA & Newhaven FC to deliver a festive, high-energy football camp — totally free to attend!*

***🎁 Entry = Bring minimum 1 Wishlist Item from the Turning Tides Wishlist to the camp — helping support people affected by homelessness this winter.**



Tuesday 23rd of December



**Sussex FA, Lancing, BN15 9AX
Newhaven FC, BN9 9DA**



9am-3pm

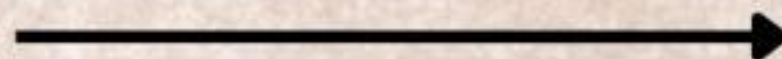


LIMITED SPACES! - don't miss out!



SCAN ME

Wishlist to follow!





HOLIDAY SKATE CLUB

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
MOBILE SKATEPARK
ARTS AND CRAFTS
GAMES AND ACTIVITIES



W/C MON 29TH | 4 DAYS (NOT NYD) | 9AM-3PM

**TAX-FREE
CHILDCARE
+ VOUCHERS
ACCEPTED**

BOOK: [THESKATECLUB.COM/HOLIDAYSKATECLUB](https://theskateclub.com/holidayskateclub)

School Uniform Christmas Sale

Exclusive offers from:



Blazers

Junior:

~~£32.95~~

£25.00

Senior:

~~£39.50~~

£30.00

 **PREMIER**
SCHOOLS



PE Kit

Tees:

£10.00

Shorts:

£5.00



Extras

Sports Socks:

£3.50

Black Sweatshirts

£10.00

LIMITED STOCK!

**ONLY AVAILABLE AT THE
PCS CHRISTMAS MARKET
CASH OR CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED**



Holiday food and fun!

FREE for families receiving
benefits-related free school meals.

Scan the QR code to visit our website.

[Welcome to Holiday food and fun | East Sussex County Council](#)



Activities may include sports, games, arts, crafts, music, and nature although these will differ from club to club.

Bookings for winter clubs are now open.



During school holidays at Easter, summer and Christmas, our Holiday Food and Fun clubs will be serving up a menu of activities and food for children and young people aged 5-16. Activities will vary and not all activities will be available to all ages.



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