



19 December 2025

Headteacher  
Rachel Henocq

Dear PCS Families

### **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.

### **Ofsted Guidance for Parents**

Ofsted have produced some guidance for parents to understand the new grading.

The GOV.UK page is [here](#) and it includes a 3-minute, helpful video titled *New Ofsted report cards and grades: a guide for parents*.

### **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.

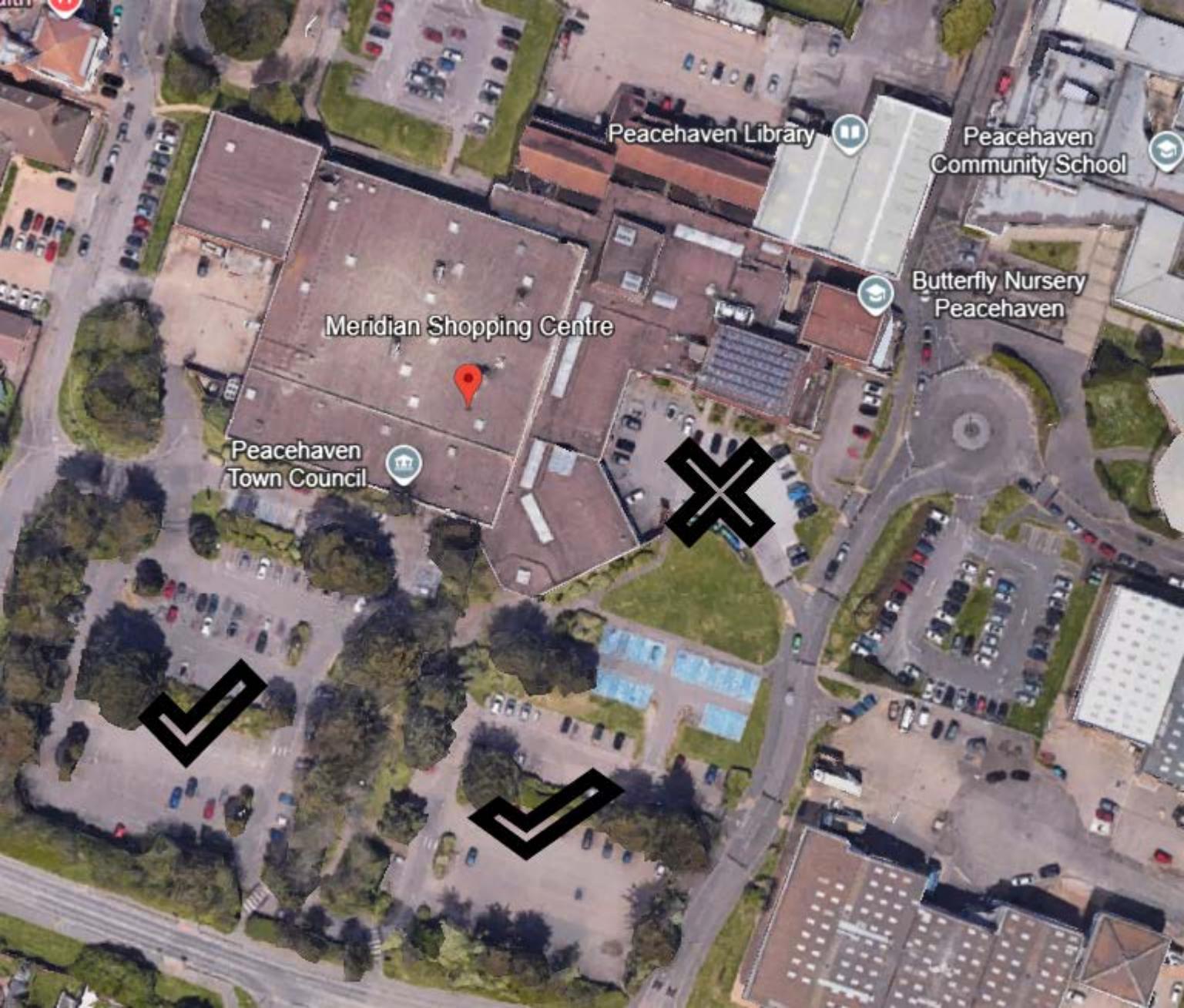
### **FAO FSM Eligible Families**

*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](#).





### Head Lice Advice

There has been a reported case of head lice which can easily spread with close contact - although they do not pose a serious risk, they can be uncomfortable and require prompt treatment with over the counter products available from pharmacies.

Please check or get your child to check their hair and scalp regularly for any signs of head lice: small white eggs (nits) attached to the hair shaft as well as live lice.

To prevent spreading head lice, encourage your child to avoid sharing personal items such as hats, combs, and hair accessories - regularly wash bedding and clothing in hot water.

### 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 Clubs - Message from All Abroad! Bus

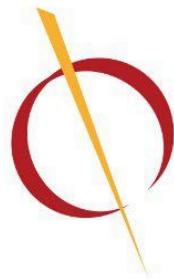
*All Abroad! Bus is running 2 days of holiday clubs before Christmas, on 22 & 23rd December, for children/young people in the 7 to 12 year old age group - or a bit older at our discretion.*

*We'll have children baking and feasting, making and playing, being active and enjoying some virtual travels with our 360 VR headset tours - all in the name of recreating Christmas markets abroad as best as we can from the comfort of the fabulous Mercread Youth Centre in Seaford!*



### A Unique Development Opportunity for Female Footballers - Message from ESFA Enterprises

Please see the attached flyer.



## Messages from PCS Careers Team

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

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

- **Monday 5 January** - INSET Day (No students on site)
- **Monday 5 January** - Start of Term 3
- **Friday 9 January** - Year 9 University of Brighton Options Workshop (Selected students)

## **PCS Vacancies**

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

### **Teaching Assistant (Fixed Term until November 2026)**

Start date: February 2026

Deadline for applications: Wednesday 7 January 2026

Interview date: w/c 12 January 2026



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](mailto: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

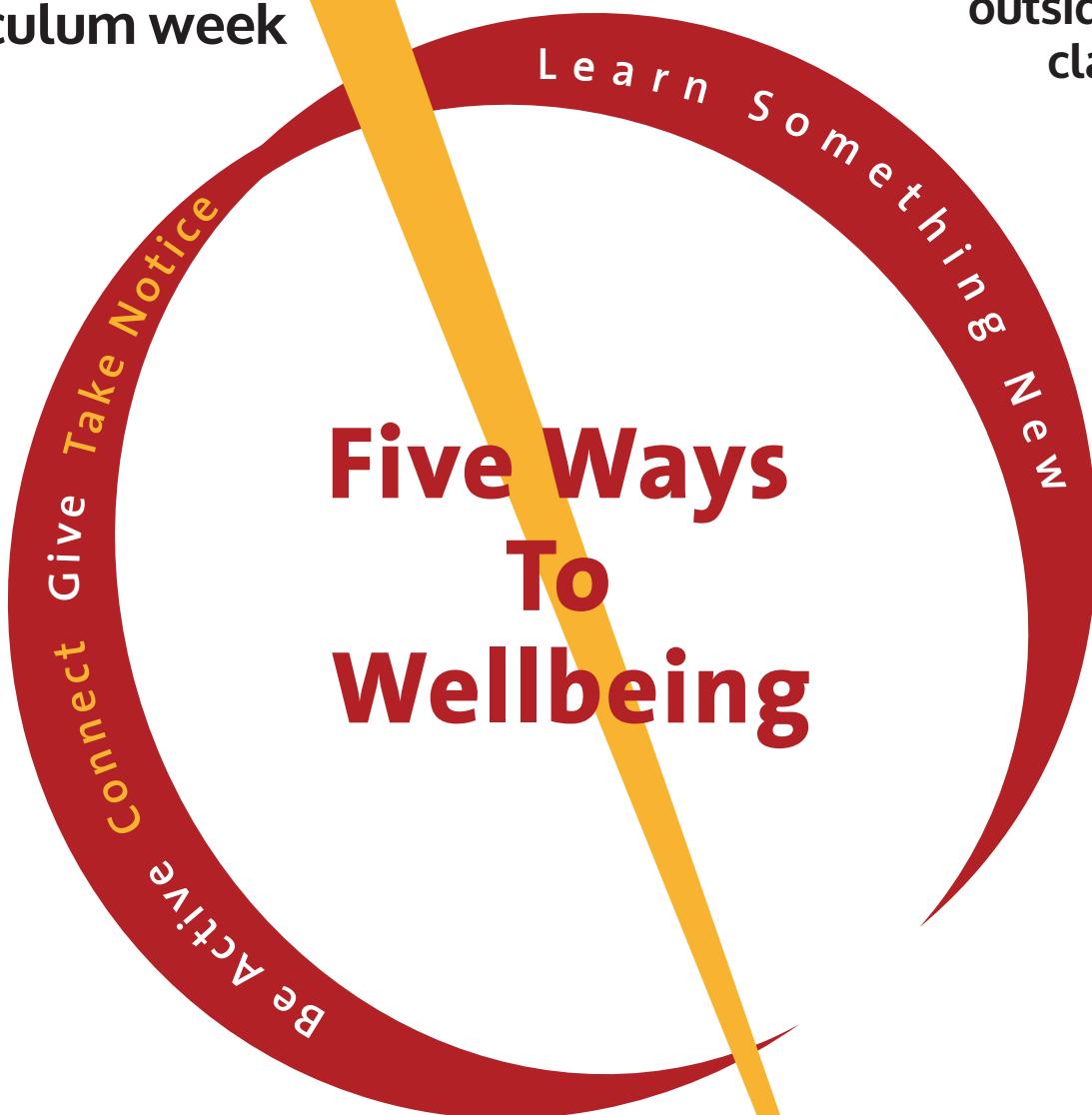
Assistant Headteacher - Personal Development



**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



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.

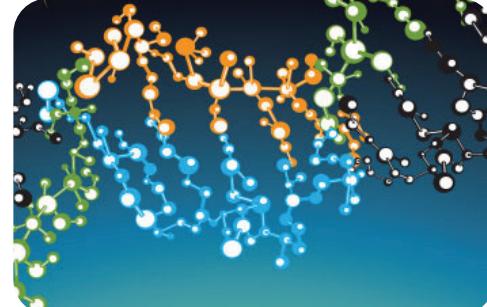
**Free - 1 day - All year groups**

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



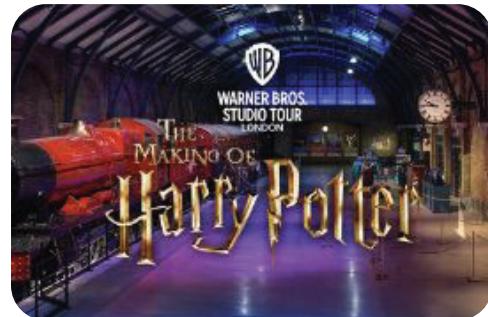
Students will look at biodiversity at PCS and in our local environment.

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**





## Historical Hike from Lewes



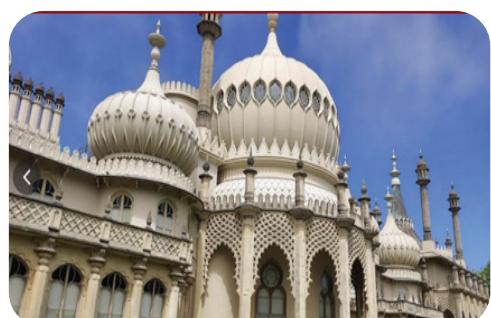
Students will walk from Lewes to PCS - can you rise to the challenge!

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?



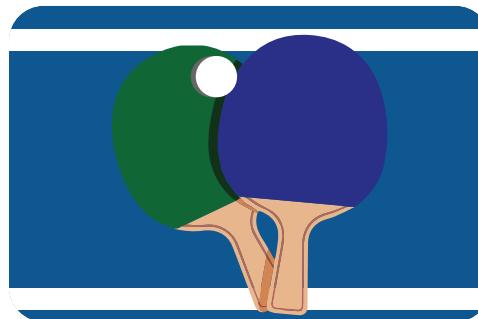
Students will spend the day engaging in a series of team building activities, working with primary school students, helping them with their organisation and cooperation skills.

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?

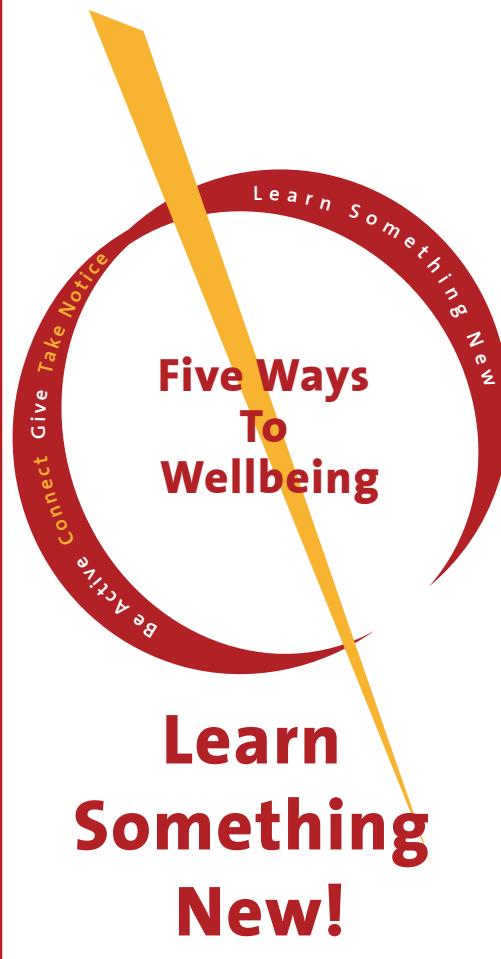
Each student will have a Google form in their PDI Google Classroom. Every student in years 7, 8 and 9 must fill this in.

**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.

# 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)
<b>BHASVIC, Hove</b>  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 <b>or</b> BHASVIC, <b>not</b> both.
<b>BN1 Arts</b>  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.
<b>Brighton Aldridge Community Academy (BACA) College</b>  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
<b>Brighton College</b>  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><b>Brighton MET College</b> (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"> <li>➤ Wednesday 15 October 2025, Open Evening</li> <li>➤ Saturday 22 November 2025, Open Morning</li> </ul>
<p><b>Brinsbury College, Pulborough</b></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"> <li>➤ Saturday 11 October 2025, Open Morning</li> </ul>
<p><b>The BRIT School, Croydon</b></p> <p>Performing Arts, Applied Theatre and Creative Arts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ See their website for further details and to sign up for open evening information.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Chichester College (including Brinsbury)</b></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"> <li>➤ Tuesday 7 October 2025, Open Evening</li> <li>➤ Saturday 8 November 2025, Open Morning</li> </ul>
<p><b>Collyer's 6th Form College, Horsham</b></p> <p>6th Form College offering A levels, Vocational Level 3 and T Level courses .</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Wednesday 12 November 2025</li> <li>➤ Thursday 13 November 2025</li> </ul>
<p><b>Crawley College</b></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"> <li>➤ Thursday 9 October 2025, Open Evening</li> <li>➤ Saturday 8 November 2025, Open Morning</li> </ul>
<p><b>DV8 Sussex</b> (Campuses in both Brighton &amp; Bexhill)</p> <p>Specialist Further Education College for Vocational Level 2 &amp; 3 Courses in Music, Media and Games Development.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Wednesday 8 October 2025, 5-7pm</li> <li>➤ Saturday 11 October 2025, 10am-12pm</li> </ul>

## [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><a href="#">Plumpton College</a></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"> <li>➤ Saturday 11 October 2025, 9am-12pm</li> <li>➤ Saturday 22 November 2025, 9am-12pm</li> <li>➤ Saturday 17 January 2026, 9am-12pm</li> <li>➤ Saturday 21 March 2026, 9am-12pm</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">Pro-direct Football Academy</a></p> <p>Football education programme with BTEC Level 3 in Sport &amp; Physical Activity.</p> <p>Location: University of Sussex.</p>	<p>Further enquiries via the website.</p>
<p><a href="#">Rewards Hair Academy</a></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 <a href="#">here</a></p>
<p><a href="#">Shoreham Academy</a></p> <p>School 6th Form offering A levels, Level 3 Vocational courses and T Levels.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Thursday 6 November 2025, 6-8pm</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">Sir Robert Woodard Sixth Form, Lancing</a></p> <p>School 6th Form offering A Levels and Level 3 Vocational Courses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Thursday 16 October 2025</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">SupaJam</a></p> <p>Level 1 &amp; 2 music technology, podcasting, recording, live performance, music journalism and video and photography. <b>Offering carefully tailored placements to young people aged 16-25 with an EHCP.</b></p>	<p>Check for events at <a href="https://www.semmuk.com/open-evenings">https://www.semmuk.com/open-evenings</a> or email <a href="mailto:outreach@supajam-education.org">outreach@supajam-education.org</a> to arrange a visit.</p>
<p><a href="#">Steve Willis Training</a></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 <a href="mailto:apprenticeships@stevewillis.com">apprenticeships@stevewillis.com</a> for more details and to book.</p>
<p><a href="#">Sutton &amp; District Training</a></p> <p>Smaller training college in Woodingdean &amp; Brighton. Offers various vocational &amp; 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 <a href="mailto:Sadie.mansell@suttondistrict.co.uk">Sadie.mansell@suttondistrict.co.uk</a> to arrange a suitable time.</p>

<p><a href="#">Varndean College</a></p> <p>6th Form College offering A Levels, GCSEs, Level 2 &amp; 3 Vocational courses, T Levels and the International Baccalaureate.</p> <p>Offers Level 2 and 3.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Thursday 6 November 2025, 4-8pm</li> </ul> <p>You can only apply to Varndean or BHASVIC, not both.</p>
<p><a href="#">Worthing College</a></p> <p>Further Education College offering A Levels, Level 2 &amp; 3 Vocational courses, T levels, ESOL and specialist academies.</p> <p>Offers Level 2 and 3.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Thursday 16 October 2025, Open Evening</li> <li>➤ Tuesday 21 October 2025, Open Evening</li> </ul>

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

## University

**UCAS** – entry requirements and exploration tools for university courses

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

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

[www.informedchoices.ac.uk](http://www.informedchoices.ac.uk)

**Prospects** – all about graduate careers and more

[www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)

**A Star Future** – a guide to studying abroad

[https://www.astarfuture.co.uk/countries\\_to\\_study\\_abroad.html](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](http://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>

# Residential Coaching Camps 2026

Marlborough College, Wiltshire

27 July - 31 July 2026: U13 Girls' Coaching Camp  
27 July - 31 July 2026: U15 Girls' Coaching Camp



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Join ESFA Enterprises for its two residential coaching camps this summer and help young players to develop their skills with incredible coaching in a stunning location. These two courses will provide players with a one-of-a-kind coaching experience, using Marlborough College's world class facilities in a safe and nurturing environment, where empowered, young players will leave with a bespoke development plan to allow them to continue with confidence in their footballing journey.

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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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