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October 2025



YEAR 11 POST 16 CHOICES EVENT

WHEN:

**Wednesday 1st October
4.30 - 6.30pm**

**Student surname
visiting time:**

A-L: 4.45-5.45pm

M-Z: 5.30-6.30pm

WHERE:

PCS Main Hall



**BRING PARENTS AND CARERS
ALONG TO SPEAK WITH
REPRESENTATIVES FROM
LOCAL COLLEGES, TRAINING
PROVIDERS AND EMPLOYERS
ABOUT YOUR POST 16
OPTIONS!**

**COME AND SPEAK WITH
ADVISORS**

FROM:

EAST SUSSEX COLLEGE

VARNDEAN

BHASVIC

PLUMPTON

GB MET

CARDINAL NEWMAN 6TH FORM

SEAFORD HEAD 6TH FORM

SUTTON AND DISTRICT AND

MANY MORE POST 16

TRAINING PROVIDERS



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When students leave PCS, there are numerous pathways they can follow. This evening provides an opportunity to find out more about what is available and to support in making informed decisions about next steps.

There are many different qualifications you can study whilst at college. These include:

A Levels

An A Level is an advanced level qualification. A Levels are a 2 year course, subject based and can lead to university, further study, training or work. Most students take 3 A Levels.

T Levels

A T Level is a 2 year course which is studied after GCSEs. T Levels are industry specific qualifications providing students for entry into skilled employment. They are broadly equivalent to 3 A levels.

BTEC

A BTEC can be studied at level 1, 2 and 3. A level 3 BTEC is equivalent to an A Level. Subjects studied at BTEC are work related. They combine practical learning with subject and theory content.

Apprenticeships

An apprenticeship is a paid job which offers hands-on work experience alongside off-the-job training. Colleges can support the educational side of an apprenticeship, not all colleges offer this.

Students would be expected to source their own work placement to attach to the college apprenticeship.

Here are some of the providers that will be attending our Post 16 evening:

Colleges



<https://www.escg.ac.uk/about/prospectuses/>

East Sussex college offers an extensive range of courses including A Levels, T Levels, Technical and professional programmes, Apprenticeships, and inclusive Learning Options. East Sussex has multiple campus venues which include Newhaven, Lewes, Eastbourne and Hastings.



<https://varndean.ac.uk/>

Varndean College has approximately 2000 students. It is in the top 10% of UK schools and sixth-form colleges for value-added, meaning the students who study at Varndean achieve much higher than expected of them based on their GCSE grades. The campus is in Brighton.



<https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk>

BHASVIC is based in Brighton, has approximately 3500 students and offers A Level and BTEC courses. Students have the opportunity to join college societies outside of their lessons.

In previous years students results have placed BHASVIC in the top 1% of schools and colleges nationally for best results.



**PLUMPTON
COLLEGE**

<https://www.plumpton.ac.uk/>

Plumpton is based in the heart of the South Downs and offers a wide range of courses in agriculture, animal care, horticulture, fisheries management or machinery or one of our other many exciting courses.

Students have opportunities to gain lots of hands-on experience and the chance to develop an extensive range of skills.



<https://www.brightonmet.ac.uk/>

Brighton Met is based over multiple campuses within Brighton and Hove. It offers students a wide range of vocational BTECs, diplomas and T-Level courses.

The Facilities available include state-of-the-art workshops, studios and classrooms—which have been specifically designed for creative and digital specialisms—as well as a suite of new hair & beauty salons that are open to the general public.

Met college also has a campus based in Worthing called Northbrook College which offers a range of vocational qualifications.



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<https://www.dv8sussex.com>

Dv8 Sussex is a creative college offering young people aged 16-18 personalised, industry-led courses in the most vibrant & exciting creative sectors. Through practical project based learning students gain real life experience to develop skills in a supportive and ambitious environment, where there are continual opportunities to work and think differently.

Private Sector Colleges



**OXFORD
International
College
Brighton**

<https://www.oicbrighton.com>

Oxford international College (OIC) is based in Brighton. It offers students A Level courses in core subjects as well as Chinese, Russian, Business and Politics. OIC offers tailored academic programmes based on talent and ambitions. Scholarships and bursaries can be applied for.



<https://roedean.co.uk/>

Roedean offers a bespoke curriculum offering A Levels in four pathways including STEM, Business,

Economics and Performing Arts. Roedean offers places to female students only. Scholarships and bursaries can be applied for.



**BRIGHTON
COLLEGE**

<https://www.brightoncollege.org.uk>

With close proximity to the South Downs, Brighton College offers students a variety of A Levels delivered in a sixth form setting.

Scholarships and bursaries can be applied for.

Sixth Forms



<https://seafordhead.org/>

Seaford Head school opened a Sixth Form Centre in September 2014 and offers a varied academic curriculum.

This curriculum supports students to follow a variety of pathways at university. Students follow a timetable that includes enrichment, tutoring and discrete intervention.

It also offers a wide choice of advanced (level 3) subjects which lead on to a full range of all university courses.



**BRIGHTON ALDRIDGE
COMMUNITY ACADEMY**

<https://www.baca-uk.org.uk/>

BACA offers a post-16 diverse range of academic, vocational, and technical qualifications, enriched with programmes and extensive collaboration with employers. It also offers BTEC and A Level courses. BACA offers small group settings which are beneficial to students needing additional support.



**NEWMAN
COLLEGE**

<https://www.newmancollege.co.uk/>

Newman College offers a diverse post 16 course of BTEC and A Level qualifications. It also has a varied programme of activities including trips, university visits, external speakers, the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), Sports Leadership and the Debating Society.

Training Providers



**ARMY
BE THE BEST**

<https://www.army.mod.uk/>

If you're 16 or 17 you'll train first at AFC Harrogate as a Junior Soldier. You'll learn all the skills you need, from map reading to how to handle a weapon. Once you've finished the course at Harrogate, you'll be old



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enough, trained and ready to join your unit, as a soldier in the Regular Army.



<https://stevewillis.com/>

Steve Willis Training Centres have two first-class facilities in Burgess Hill, West Sussex, and Portchester, Hampshire.

Both centres offer high-quality training with a full range of the latest equipment in the workshops with modern classrooms tailored to gas, electrical, oil and renewable training courses.



<https://www.bsms.ac.uk/>

Brighton and Sussex medical school provides higher education for those wishing to work in the medical profession.

They have a variety of undergraduate and postgraduate schemes.

BSMS offers a variety of medical outreach opportunities for students at PCS starting in year 9.



<https://www.suttondistrict.co.uk/>

Sutton and District Training are a training provider that supports students to gain practical skills for employment, prepare for further education, or develop personally.

They accept students no matter their ability or attitude to education. Sutton and District training offers students a small group environment which would be beneficial for school refusers or students with additional needs.

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CAREERS EAST SUSSEX

<https://www.careerseastsussex.co.uk/information/young-people/apprenticeships>



<https://amazingapprenticeships.com>



<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Universities



University of Brighton

<https://www.brighton.ac.uk>



<https://www.sussex.ac.uk/>



We work in close partnership with University of Sussex and the University of Brighton and have strong links with their outreach teams.

Both universities will be present at our Post 16 event.

If you have any questions regarding Higher Education please do speak to the ambassadors who will be able to answer any questions you may have.



**To support you with your conversations this evening,
you may wish to ask some of the following questions:**

How easy are you to get to from Peacehaven?

**What are the admission requirements for the pathways I am
interested in?**

**What are the deadlines for applying for the pathways I am
interested in?**

How do I know what is the right pathway for me?

**What resources and support does the college offer for
students to succeed academically?**

**Can you provide any insights or advice for incoming first
year students to help them succeed?**

**Can you provide information about the campus community
and extracurricular activities available?**

**Are there any opportunities for internships, research, or
study abroad programs?**



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WHAT ARE 'EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS'?

It's a term used to describe the skills that have been identified as the most useful skills for any job. They can be broken down into 3 groups:

1

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS

This includes the more practical skills, such as being able to use IT and numeracy effectively.

2

PERSONAL SKILLS

This category features skills like working well in a team, being a good communicator and time management.

3

ATTITUDES, VALUES & HABITS

This is all about how you think and behave - are you confident and enthusiastic about the job? Employers need to see that you would be a good fit for their company.

Our Careers Team

Are always on hand to help



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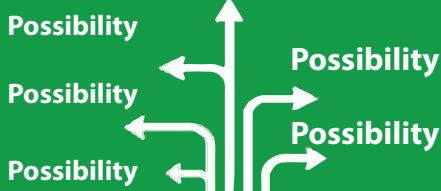


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Possibilities



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