



Rye College

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Dear families,

This time of year is extremely busy for our Year 11 students. Between now and Christmas, they will be making decisions about their future beyond Rye College: consequently, we wanted to bring to your attention a few key dates and events for your diaries.

Rye College has the privilege of working with Thrive Careers to support post-16 progression. They provide specialist careers information, advice and guidance, to work alongside the delivery of our careers programme. Mr. R. Matthews from Thrive Careers has already begun his programme of guidance interviews: where each year 11 student will receive an interview and personal action plan.

To get Year 11 switched on to post-16 options, many of our local providers will lead Year 11 assemblies over the coming weeks. Some providers are yet to confirm, and we hope that other establishments (particularly Kent Colleges) can be added to the list below:

Wednesday 6th September – Thrive Careers post-16 progression launch

Tuesday 26th September – Bexhill College

Tuesday 10th October – East Sussex College Group

Wednesday 1st November – ASK Apprenticeships

This brief introduction to each establishment will be followed up with specific open days/evenings. Attached to this letter is a sheet that provides contact details, dates and times of most of the local college open evenings and events. Further information may be found on individual college websites. Please check this information as these can be subject to change. We will also provide regular reminders and updates via our website and social networking sites.

In terms of applications, these will be done through system run by Careers East Sussex – <https://careerseastsussex.co.uk/>. Students should have received their log-in details to access the site. In most cases, students wishing to apply to Kent providers can also apply through this system. If not, they can create their own log in at [KentChoices: Home \(kentprospectus.co.uk\)](http://KentChoices: Home (kentprospectus.co.uk)) We will be looking at the application site during Life Education lessons so that students can receive support, particularly with their personal statements.

We have ASK Apprenticeships coming in to deliver a bespoke interview techniques workshop, followed by a registration workshop in the new year. Students will be able to practice their interview techniques in a mock interview with local employers. These events really support your children in developing their employability skills and sit alongside the academic qualifications they will achieve.

I would also like to remind you of our 'Success at 16' evening' taking place on Wednesday 11th October from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. This is an opportunity for you and your family to learn about the Maths and English Curriculum and post-16 options. Presentations will start in the hall at 5:00pm, followed by a careers fair style event in the English block with various post-16 providers from Kent and East Sussex, as well as other companies such as My Future Starts Here, University of Brighton, Action Your Potential, iRock and local training providers.



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Lots of useful information about applications, careers advice etc can also be found on our website [Careers](#)
[| Rye College](#) | [Aquinas Trust](#)

If you have any queries about any of this information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. D. Starkey via office@ryecollege.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. D. Starkey
 Learning Director KS4

Details of Open days/evenings of local post-16 establishments

Post-16 Provider	Date	Time
Bexhill College Penland Rd Bexhill TEL: 01424 214545 www.bexhillcollege.ac.uk enquiries@bexhillcollege.ac.uk	18 th and 19 th October 2023	6 - 8:30pm
East Sussex College Hastings Station Approach Hastings TEL: 01424 442222 www.escg.ac.uk hastings.info@escg.ac.uk	5 th October 2023 16 th November 2023 7 th March 2024 - Station Plaza, Ore and the Automotive Training Centre	4:30 – 7pm
East Sussex College Eastbourne Cross Levels Way Eastbourne TEL: 01323 637637 www.escg.ac.uk eastbourne.info@escg.ac.uk	19 th October 2023 30 th November 2023 14 th March 2024	4:30 – 7pm
East Sussex College Lewes Mountfield Road Lewes TEL: 01273 483188 www.escg.ac.uk lewes.info@escg.ac.uk	12 th October 2023 23 rd November 2023 21 st March 2024	4:30 – 7pm



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ARK Alexandra 6th Form Parkstone Road TEL: 01424 448207 https://arkalexandra.org/sixth-form info@arkalexandra.org	TBC	TBC
Ashford College Elwick Road Road Ashford Kent TN23 1NN ashford@eastkent.ac.uk	15 th November 2023	4 – 7pm
Homewood School 6th Form Centre Ashford Road Tenterden Kent TN30 6LT TEL: 01580 764222 www.homewood-school.co.uk info@homewood.kent.sch.uk	13 th /14 th November 2023 22 nd November 2023	9-11am 4-7pm
Norton Knatchbull Grammar School Sixth Form Hythe Road, Ashford, Kent TN24 0QJ Tel: 01233 620045 www.nks.kent.sch.uk	11 th January 2024 17 th January 2024 taster morning	TBC
Highworth Grammar School Sixth Form Maidstone Road Ashford Kent TN24 8UD Tel: 01233 624910 www.highworth.kent.sch.uk office@highworth.kent.sch.uk	4 th January 2024 11 th January 2024	6-8pm 9-10am
DV8 Bexhill Hive 41 St Leonards Road Bexhill, TN40 1HS Tel: 01424 213 890 www.dv8sussex.com	14 th October 2023	10am – 12pm
Marsh Academy Station Road, New Romney TN28 8BB 01797 364593 www.marshacademy.org.uk info@marshacademy.org.uk	23 rd November 2023	TBC



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Plumpton College Plumpton College Ditchling Road Plumpton East Sussex BN7 3AE 01273 890 454 https://www.plumpton.ac.uk/courses	14 th October 2023 25 th November 2023 20 th January 2024 16 th March 2024 15 th June 2024	12 – 3:30pm
Hadlow College Hadlow Tonbridge Kent TN11 0AL 01732 850551 enquirieshadlow@northkent.ac.uk	4 th November 2023	10am - 1pm

