



## Weekly Newsletter

**REMINDER: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October is an INSET day, therefore we are closed to students.**

### Our Vision

“Nurturing within our community; aspiration, self-worth, courage, a respect for learning, the drive for a successful personal and collective future and the desire for all to achieve and prosper.”

Welcome to our weekly letter.

Another busy week has flown past.

We began our week with the first of our Year 11 College presentations, as part of our careers advice and guidance, where the Vice Principal of East Sussex College, Hastings shared with our Year 11s information about his college and of the potential pathways our Year 11s can take within their curriculum. We were all very impressed with the number of courses and opportunities available to our students, from A levels to T levels. The college's Open Days are next week, therefore, if your Year 11 child is keen on one of the courses that was referenced, do look on their website and join them, next week. Bexhill College will be visiting us next week, too and we look forward to hearing about their college. Thanks to Mrs Macmillan for arranging these very important assemblies.

Year 11 have had a very busy week, as this week they completed their GCSE mock examinations. Praise must go to our Year 11s, who attended on time (and some arrive early for science revision, too), behaved impeccably within the examination and have reflected maturely on their experiences. As we have said to them, the mocks are the rehearsals, these are to help and inform both students and staff where the learning needs to be bridged to ensure informed final examinations.

This week we had our Year 7s being taken by Mr Rose and his team, to Rock-A-Nore, Firehills and East Hill to study rocks and waves, as part of their science curriculum. They were so lucky with the weather and all returned with some form of a tan, having experienced so many elements of the science curriculum within their work on the trip as well as enjoying the beautiful view of Hastings Town in the sunshine, from up high. Thank you to Mr Rose and the staff who supported the trip.

Mr Money organised for his Year 9 Photography students to travel to Brighton to take photographs of this really exciting coastal town, as part of their curriculum on Everyday Spaces. The capital and additionality these trips provide to the students' knowledge cannot be overemphasised. Thank you to Mr Money and his staff for supporting this brilliant trip.

October is Black History Month and Miss Macmillan has provided our tutors and teachers with a multitude of learning opportunities to blend into their curriculum and tutor programme, throughout this month and beyond. Miss Macmillan presented a very thought-provoking assembly on our concept of Black History Month and how we need to look beyond what we know and find out what we don't know, to truly increase our knowledge of the cultures within our world and with whom we live and work. Miss Macmillan presented some really interesting books for us all to read. They are within this newsletter, so do have a look at them, yourselves, for I know we all learn a great deal about being British in the 21st Century, by doing so.

At the mention of books our librarian, Ms Jenkins, keenly pricks her ears as she continues to engage the students with the wonderful array of reading material found in our library. The more you read, the more you understand, the further you will travel in spirit and in life. I thoroughly recommend a good read.

Mr Walsh has provided the students with another 'word of the week', the root word 'pan' took centre stage and who would have thought we would be using that word in our daily lives for nearly two years. I would rather we focus on the 'pan' words and enjoy what they reveal to us.

This week we welcomed our potential new Year 7s at our Open Mornings. With our Year 11 Senior Students busy focusing on their mock examinations, we found our Year 10 students stepping up fantastically and saw them talking and working with their visiting parents, carers and primary students, sharing their knowledge and experience of their career in the academy. Our guests were taken into classrooms and saw the academy at work. Many compliments were made from our visitors about their positive experience, our academy and their tour guides. Well done to our Year 10 students!

Lastly, we had our Year 7 Welcome Evening for our parents, carers and students, where this well attended evening found our Year 7 tutors, pastoral and SEN team meeting our new parents, who did not have the chance to tour the academy, when their child was in Year 6. It was such a good way to continue and start the relationship with the academy pastoral team.

## **Year 7 Tutor Event**

Thank you to all our year 7 Parent/Carers who engaged with our Year 7 Tutor event.

Parent/carer consultations are an important event in our Academy calendar. The focus for year 7 parents was on; settling into the Academy, establishing the routines and expectations, progress made and attitude to learning. It was also an opportunity to discuss any support that needs to be put in place to help with future progress.

We have introduced an easy to use online appointment booking system - SchoolBooking. This system allows you to choose your own teacher appointment times. We will provide full information and how to access SchoolBooking, you will receive an invitation email to your account. We are confident this system will be an improvement over our previous booking arrangements.

<https://www.schoolbooking.com/>

## **University Of Brighton Board Game event with undergraduate ambassadors**

On Thursday 21st October and Tuesday 23rd November, we have the University of Brighton in the Academy working with our Year 8 students. Our Year 8 students will be playing the University Board Game to find out about university life. The workshop will be run by undergraduates from the University of Brighton and is a fun way to find out about university and what it can lead to!

## Library News by Bev Jenkins, School Librarian

We have been delighted to be able to re-open the library every break and lunchtime since the start of the term. The students are getting used to being back in the physical space and I have been loving helping them choose new books to read. We'll be continuing our work to update our library stock this year, including more of the very popular manga books, updating our black and diverse authors and LBTQ plus section, as well as new non-fiction titles.

Year 7 students are starting to be welcomed in to the library, and to complete Accelerated Reader, our reading and comprehension scheme. Our library computers are getting good use every break and lunch by students doing group presentations and finishing off their homework.

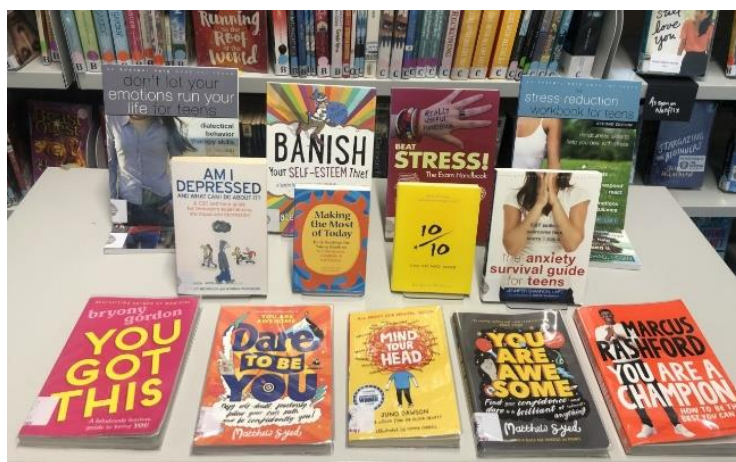
We have just completed a very successful application process for student librarians to help out in the library with putting books away, helping other students choose new books, displays and much more. Further details on this next week.

We've been shown a fantastic resource that students can borrow from East Sussex Libraries at Hastings or Hollington. This is a well-being bag, and contains all these lovely items for your young person to trial out.



## Mental Health and Resilience Books in the Hastings Academy Library

We have a great selection of resilience and mood boosting non-fiction books in the school library too.



## Covid-19 Vaccinations

As we mentioned last week, we now have a date for on-site Covid vaccinations for our students. If you wish for your child to receive the vaccine, please ensure you complete the consent form at your earliest convenience. If you have not received the form, please email [office@thehastingsacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@thehastingsacademy.org.uk)

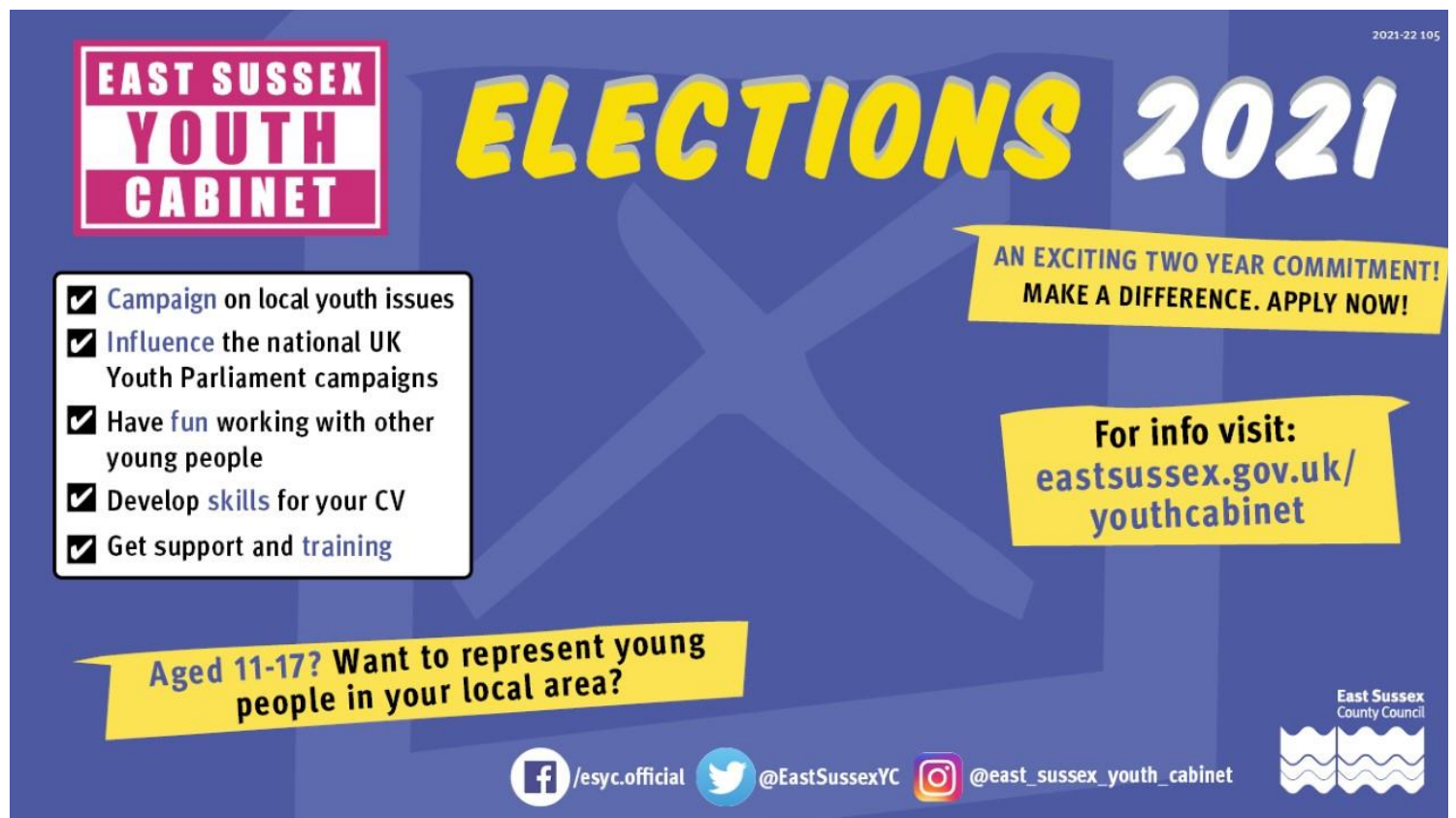


## Become a Youth Cabinet member!

After half term, The Hastings Academy will be holding their Youth Cabinet Elections. The Hastings Youth Cabinet is a group of 11-18 year olds who are the elected and representative voice for children and young people in East Sussex. Youth Cabinet members play a role in campaigning on issues that young people have voted as a concern to them, responding to local issues and consultations. East Sussex Youth Cabinet is non-political.

Any student at The Hastings Academy can apply as long as they have an interest in changing their community for the better and can commit to two years as a representative. They will have plenty of training and support from trained youth workers. They will be required to attend meetings, sometimes online or sometimes in Eastbourne, but members will have all out-of-pocket expenses covered, with both public transport and refreshments reimbursed. They will also receive recognition for their achievements and earn references for CV's, college and university applications.

Any students who may be interested should speak to Mr Wall plus more information can be found at [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/youthcabinet](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/youthcabinet). There will also be a virtual Q&A session on 2nd November from 6-7pm, hosted by current Youth Cabinet members. This will provide an opportunity to speak to current members about their role and experience in the Youth Cabinet, and the benefits and opportunities it brings. Workers that support Youth Cabinet will also be there to give additional information and signpost to future opportunities.



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**EAST SUSSEX  
YOUTH  
CABINET**




# ELECTIONS 2021


- ✓ Campaign on local youth issues
- ✓ Influence the national UK Youth Parliament campaigns
- ✓ Have fun working with other young people
- ✓ Develop skills for your CV
- ✓ Get support and training

**AN EXCITING TWO YEAR COMMITMENT!  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE. APPLY NOW!**

**For info visit:  
[eastsussex.gov.uk/  
youthcabinet](http://eastsussex.gov.uk/youthcabinet)**

**Aged 11-17? Want to represent young  
people in your local area?**

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## Whole School Photos

Whole school photos will be taking place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October. These will be available to purchase via ParentPay. If you do not have a ParentPay account, please email [tha.parentpay@thehastingsacademy.org.uk](mailto:tha.parentpay@thehastingsacademy.org.uk) and we will be happy to assist you with setting up an account.

## Root Word of the Week

### Definitions.

**Pan**acea =

(Noun) – A medicine that cures all illnesses.  
"The discovery of insulin was thought of as a panacea"



**Pan**orama =

(Noun) – A view in all directions.  
"The top of the tower provides a panorama of the entire town."



**Pan**demic =

(Noun) – Something that affects everyone in society.  
"It is said that a lack of exercise is pandemic in our society"



### Etymology

(where a word comes from)

"Pan" is another ancient Greek word – although interestingly, they never put it at the start of their words – that only happened when it entered English!

Sadly, it has nothing to do with the Greek God 'Pan' – Although we DO get the word 'Panic' from him!

This week we will be focusing on words which use the Greek word 'Pan' which means 'All'.

'Pan' =

All

## What's in the News? Discussion and Debate



**THE HASTINGS ACADEMY News**

Emergency Talks are being held over the energy crisis – prices of gas and electric are set to soar over the winter.

England managed to beat Andorra 5-0 in the World Cup Qualifiers – an especially dramatic game as part of the stadium caught fire the morning of the match.

This week marks the 955<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Hastings. To commemorate the occasion, hundreds of volunteers playing Saxons and Normans clashed at the weekend in a re-enactment of the battle.



**Discussion: With gas and electric getting more and more expensive, what can we do to help use less of both resources?**



## Year 10 Trip to the De La Warr Pavilion

The Art department took a group of Year 10 Art and sculpture students to the De La Warr Pavilion in Bexhill to look at the exhibition "Cursebreakers" by artist Alexi Marshall which depicts a range of mythological and pagan tales relating to Hastings and its inhabitants. Students also created a range of studies of the promenade and beach, using a variety of drawing media, which are now on display outside the Art department.



## Year 11 Core Mock Exams

Our year 11 students have focused this week on sitting mock exams in English, Maths and Science. Well done to all our Year 11 students on the preparation, focus and positive attitude throughout this week. Don't forget the period 6 Revision sessions.

## Year 7 Science trip

This week, Mr Rose and the Science Department led three trips for the Year 7 students. This fabulous trip allowed our students to see waves and apply their knowledge to real life situations. The students looked at wave speed against the harbour arm in real time, they also looked at the rock cycle and saw how this was taking place at Rock-A-Nore and observed the layers of rock. Students observed the range of biodiversity on the East Hill and Firehills. They made informed use of the pooters and quadrats to explore the range of organisms across the area and measured how changes in biodiversity occurred across the space. Students enjoyed a wonderful walk in the fine weather from the East Hill to North Seat through Fairlight to observe the local biodiversity and take in the natural local environment.

## LFD tests over half term

The DfE have stated that staff, students and pupils should continue to test twice-weekly over half-term and preferably take an LFD test the night before they return to their setting after the break. As always we wish you a safe holiday.

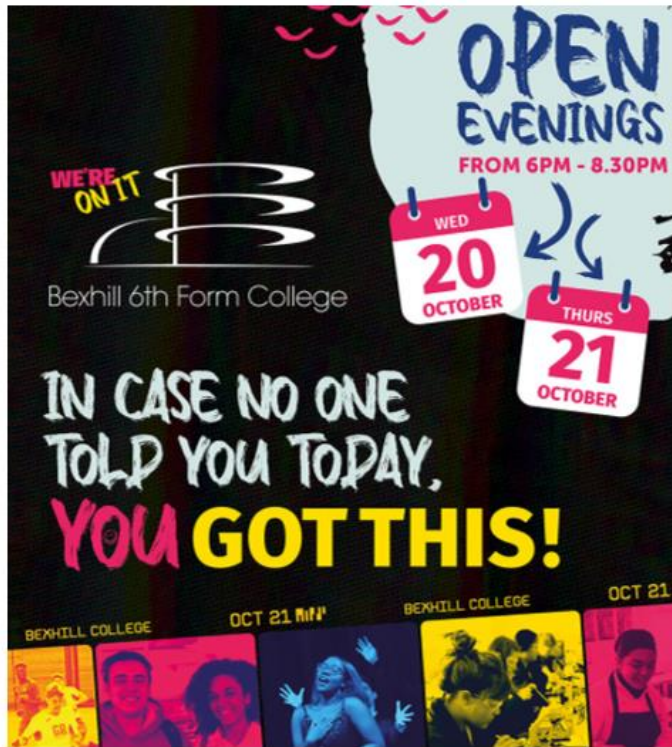
## Year 9 Photography trip to Brighton

On Friday, 49 Year 9 students went on a Photography trip to Brighton. Students photographed the Lanes, Royal Pavilion and Pier. They will use their photos as part of a project looking at Everyday life.





## College/ Sixth Form Open Events



**WE'RE ON IT**

Bexhill 6th Form College

**OPEN EVENINGS**  
FROM 6PM - 8.30PM

WED 20 OCTOBER

THURS 21 OCTOBER

**IN CASE NO ONE TOLD YOU TODAY, YOU GOT THIS!**

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## Y11 Plumpton

**PLUMPTON COLLEGE**

OCTOBER 2021

25 OCT

**YEAR 11 TASTER DAY**

25/10/2021

Come on campus to find out what it's like to study at Plumpton College and try out some of our courses.

NOVEMBER 2021

4 NOV

**NOVEMBER INFORMATION EVENT - PLUMPTON COLLEGE CAMPUS**

04/11/2021

Come and explore the exciting career paths and opportunities at our College Information Event.

JANUARY 2022

22 JAN

**JANUARY INFORMATION EVENT - PLUMPTON COLLEGE CAMPUS**

22/01/2022

Come and explore the exciting career paths and opportunities at our College Information Event.



## Y11 East Sussex College



# OPEN EVENTS ARE BACK!

**LEWES**

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> October  
Thur 14<sup>th</sup> October

**HASTINGS**

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> October  
Thur 21<sup>st</sup> October

**EASTBOURNE**

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
Thur 4<sup>th</sup> November

**16:30 to 19:00**

## Year 10 & 11 Information Evenings

Our information evening content is still live on our website! If you'd like to take a look, please visit the following links:

[Year 10 Information Evening](#)

[Year 11 Information Evening](#)



## Black History Month

Plenty has been going on around the Academy to celebrate Black History Month.

Miss Macmillan has been leading the assemblies with a slideshow and discussion on the importance of Black History Month.



## Open Morning Tours

The academy was really pleased to open its doors, this week, to our numerous parents, carers and primary students, who had not had the opportunity to tour the academy during our Open Evening. It was so good to see so many families keen to visit our academy. Thanks go to Mr Sadler for organising this event and more so to our brilliant Year 10 students, who spent their mornings guiding our prospective students around the academy and sharing with them, their career at the academy, to date. Great praise and thanks must go to our Year 10s, who responded so maturely to this work with our visitors, as our Year 11 Senior Students were dedicating their time to their Year 11 Mock Examinations. It was with much pride that I watched the students talk and engage so eloquently with their guests and the commentary from our visitors, as they left, was that they really loved what they saw and heard and that the Year 10 students were a credit to the academy. I would, therefore, like to thank Amber, Charlie, William, Jemimah, Sofia, Caleb, Alfie, Hania and Dan for their time and support of their academy.

## Year 9 Football vs Rye College

Congratulations to the Year 9 football, beating a very strong Rye College squad on 3-2 on Wednesday evening.

The match was played in the caged 3G astro-pitch and a large crowd were present to cheer the home team. Hastings started brightly and scored three goals in the first half to keep the crowd quiet. In the second half the Rye team scored two important goals to make the game exciting. As the atmosphere became more and more tense near the final whistle, the THA players held their nerve for the win. Well done to all the players and a big thank you to Mr Cocks for managing the squad.



## Deadline for School Admissions

If you would like your Year 6 child to join The Hastings Academy in September 2022, the deadline for applications is fast approaching. Please apply via this link: <https://new.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/schools/admissions/apply-secondary>

Have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

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