



A Message from Principal Simon Addison

It's a pleasure to share this edition of our newsletter with you, as we reflect on what has been a fantastic term so far! There's been so much happening across the academy, and we're thrilled to share some highlights.

Firstly, the excitement is building as rehearsals for Beauty and the Beast near their finale. The wait is almost over, and we can't wait for you to see the hard work and talent of our students and staff come to life on stage!

This week also saw Odd Socks Day, a brilliant way to celebrate individuality and raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week. Our students embraced the spirit of the day with creativity and enthusiasm.

Finally, a big thank you for your support during our Children in Need fundraising events. From the infamous teacher dunk to face painting, cake sales, and even car washing, our school community came together to raise funds for an important cause. Your generosity and encouragement make all the difference.

Thank you once again for being part of our Hastings Academy family - your continued support helps us create these wonderful opportunities for our students.



Event	Date
Y11 Mock Exams	11th-22nd Nov
Hamilton Theatre Trip	21st Nov
Y10 Mock Exams	25th Nov- 29th Nov
Y8 Parents' Evening	28th Nov
Villiers Park Trip	29th Nov
Knockhatch Trips	2nd, 9th, 16th Dec
Lee Valey Velodrome Trip	3rd Dec
Indoor Primary Athletics	5th Dec
Christmas Jumper Day	12th Dec
Beauty and the Beast	12th-13th Dec
Y11 Work Experience Week	16th-20th Dec
Parents' Forum	18th Dec
Last day of term	20th Dec

Library Activities

Book Club
Wednesdays afterschool
till 4.30pm

Homework Club
Thursdays afterschool till
5pm
Open to all years. Use
computers, printer and get
any support needed from
your friendly librarian!

PARENT COFFEE MORNINGS
(9.15 - 9.50am - Main Hall)
Thursday 9th January 2025
Thursday 27th February 2025
Thursday 24th April 2025
Thursday 5th June 2025

PARENT FORUM MEETINGS
(6.00 - 7.00pm - Main Hall)
Wednesday 18th December 2024
Wednesday 12th February 2025
Wednesday 2nd April 2025
Wednesday 21st May 2025
Wednesday 25th June 2025

PARENT EVENINGS
Y8 Parents' Evening 28th November 2024
Y11 Parents' Evening 9th January 2025
Y10 Parents' Evening 23rd January 2025
Y9 Parents' Evening 6th March 2025

Dates

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Clubs Timetable

See below for a list of our after school clubs and interventions

Afterschool Clubs 3:20-4.20pm	Y10 Boys Football/Sports Club <i>Mr L Sadler (Sports centre)</i> All years- Art Club <i>Mrs L Collins (S10)</i> All years-LGBT club <i>Ms Chamberlain (F14a)</i>	Y10 French Club <i>Mrs C. Pepper and Miss A. Caruana (S7)</i> Yr7 & 8 Football/ Sports Club <i>Mr A Smith & Mr Collett (Sports Centre)</i> All years Netball Club <i>Miss M Gibbons & Miss Dengate</i> All years Marine Biology Club <i>Mr Wraight (F20)</i> Musical Theatre Rehearsal <i>Performing Arts team (Main Hall)</i> All years-LGBT club <i>Ms Chamberlain (F14a)</i>	1066 Book Awards Book Club <i>Mrs M Crane (Library)</i> All Years Basketball Club <i>Mr M Collett (Sports Centre)</i> Y10 & 11 Open Music Rehearsals <i>Miss East</i> Y9 Boys Football/Sports Club <i>Mr A Smith (Sports centre)</i> D of E Club – Ms McCallum (S2) Musical Theatre Rehearsal <i>Performing Arts team (Main Hall)</i> All years-LGBT club <i>Ms Chamberlain (F14a)</i>	All years- Homework Club <i>Mrs M Crane (Library) until 5pm</i> All years-LGBT club <i>Ms Chamberlain (F14a)</i>	Y11 Football <i>Mr R Grant</i> All years- Classics Club <i>Mr S Walsh & Mr G Bloggs (W8)</i> All years-LGBT club <i>Ms Chamberlain (F14a)</i>
	Italian Club <i>Miss F Mancini (F13)</i>	Geography <i>Ms Richardson (F9)</i> SS Lead: Musical Theatre <i>Ms Standen and Ms Geshtaja (Hall A)</i> SS Lead: Choir <i>Ms East (music room)</i> SS Lead: Netball <i>Ms Dengate and Ms Gibbons (sports Centre)</i> SS Lead: Art <i>Mr Money and Mr Rose (Art studio)</i> SS Lead: MFL-Club International <i>Mr. S. Regereau (S7)</i> SS Lead:	Debate Club <i>Mr Wraight (F1)</i> SS Lead: Choir <i>Ms East (music room)</i> SS Lead: Story Writing <i>Mr Walsh/ Ms Peters (W8)</i> SS Lead: Board Games <i>Mr. D. Blackwell (E11)</i> SS Lead: Spanish Club <i>Ms. S. Sage (S11)</i> SS Lead:	Board Games <i>J Ellis (F8)</i> SS Lead: Environmental Studies <i>MS Picton (F19)</i> SS Lead: MFL-Club International <i>Mrs C Pepper (S7)</i> SS Lead:	Music Appreciation <i>Mr Tyson (E11)</i> SS Lead: Music Club <i>K East (music room)</i> SS Lead:
Lunchtime Clubs Lunchtime clubs are open for all years to join	Y10/ Y11 Performing Arts Intervention <i>Various –ask teacher</i> Y11 Business Studies Intervention Y11 English Intervention Y11 Sports Studies Intervention <i>Molly Gibbons- E16</i>	Geography Intervention (YR 11) <i>Ms. Puttick, Ms. Mancini, Mrs Richardson in F5</i> Y11 Science Intervention <i>Various teachers in Firehills</i> Y11 Maths/ Computer Science Intervention Mr A. Tyson (E16)	History Revision (YR 11) <i>Ms. Chamberlain, Mr Evans, Mr Ellis in F14a</i> Y11 French Revision <i>Mr S. Regereau (S6A)</i> Y11 Spanish Revision <i>Mr B. Batista (S11)</i> Y11 Maths Intervention <i>Maths team E11 E11a and E12</i> Y11 DT/ food Intervention <i>Ms Davidson (DT workshop)</i> Y11 Philosophy Intervention <i>Mr Heafield ?</i>	Art/Photography intervention (KS4) <i>Art dept in art studio</i>	

Careers Fair

Last week we held our annual careers fair, a chance for local employers and educators to visit our students and share their insights to the world of work and further education. We had a wide range of visitors from local colleges- Hastings and Bexhill, to apprenticeship schemes, to local employers such as Herringtons Solicitors and local charities.



We even had our own pupils sharing their own weekend-jobs, with Ami Y9, who helps out at a Kickboxing school, showing Ms MacMillian her moves. Every year group got a chance to attend the event and students left feeling inspired about the wide range of options they will have when they leave the academy. Watch out for the next edition of the newsletter where we will be sharing an upcoming careers focussed assembly visit by the BBC.





Anti Bullying Week

This week was Anti-Bullying Week, where we celebrated diversity and inclusion and raised awareness of the harms of bullying.

On Tuesday we celebrated Odd-Socks day, with many students and staff coming in to school in mismatched pairs of socks to raise awareness and start discussions on what it means to be different. It was fantastic to see so many students taking part, with a wide range of crazy socks on display.

On Thursday we also held a special Anti Bullying workshop for local children from Sandown Primary. In these workshops the students discussed who bullying affects, from the bully to the victim to onlookers. They then created freeze-frames with the children. The workshop was a great success, a big well done to all the students who took charge and led our visitors.



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CHILDREN IN NEED

Last Friday 15th was our annual Children in Need fundraising day. Our senior students pulled out all the stops, getting very creative in their fundraising events.

Over the course of the day they raised a whopping £784!!

There was the classic Dunk the Teacher, with dark-horse Mr Addison getting the ceremonial dunking (and then having to go to his afternoon meetings with green sludge still in his hair).

Y10 organised a car wash, with teachers paying the students to scrub their muddy cars during lunch.

Y9 organised a three legged obstacle course race, where pairs of teachers battled it out, and students paid to buy dodgeballs which could then be pelted at the three-legged racers.



Y8 turned west hill into a fairground with their games, with some great prizes on offer such as lunch queue skip passes.

Finally, Y7 broke bake sale records, raising just under £300 from their cakes! A huge number of Y7s bought in bakes for the sale, from some amazing cookie-monster cupcakes to delicious banana bread. They took advantage of both first break and second to make sure that every single crumb was sold. Well done to all, and special well done to Y7 for their amazing turnout!



MRS CHAMBERLAIN'S FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

During November, Mrs Chamberlain is taking on the 1500 squats challenge to raise money for Young Lives vs Cancer. That is a big 50 squats per day! She has been doing squats during lessons, tutor time, before school, after school, whenever she has a spare moment, and roping in students and colleagues too!

Young Lives vs Cancer is a charity that helps families cope when a young person is diagnosed with cancer. From financial support to arranging at home treatment, they do many things to support young cancer patients.

If you would like to donate to Mrs Chamberlain's fundraiser you can head [here](#) to do so.

And that's not all!

Last month, Mrs Chamberlain took a 'dip a day', to help end sewage pollution. Her daily swims raised vital funds for Surfers Against Sewage, a charity which campaigns to protect the ocean from pollution, sewage and waste. She managed to raise £223!

A big well done to Mrs Chamberlain!





Peer Mentor Scheme

At the beginning of the academic year, we launched a new Peer Mentor Scheme. Our Peer Mentors, from years 9 and 10, underwent specialised training from Anti-Bullying Quality Mark-UK to equip them with skills in safeguarding, confidentiality and effective communication. This training ensures they can provide safe, respectful support whilst recognising when to refer more serious concerns to a member of staff. They provide guidance and assistance, helping students with every day school concerns and offering a friendly face to whom other students can turn. The programme empowers students to share their experiences and tackle challenges together, from navigating school routines and building friendships to addressing issues such as bullying proactively. By creating an environment of mutual respect and empathy, the programme plays a vital role in promoting positive relationships. It also helps younger students feel more connected and supported whilst Peer Mentors gain valuable skills in leadership, empathy and communication. We are proud of our students' commitment to looking out for one another and are excited to see the positive impact of this programme on our school community.

Students are encouraged to visit East Hill at break and lunch times. This dedicated space provides a comfortable and welcoming environment where students can connect with a mentor for advice, guidance or simply a friendly chat.



Joseph- Ms East shares her writeup of last term's trip

If you read last term's newsletters you will know that two of our talented students were in the Hastleons production of Joseph, and some of our students made the trip to the White Rock theatre to watch the production. Here is what Ms East had to say about the trip:

Our Hastings Academy performing arts students enjoyed our visit to The White Rock Theatre to watch local theatre company Hastleons put on their fabulous performance of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat.

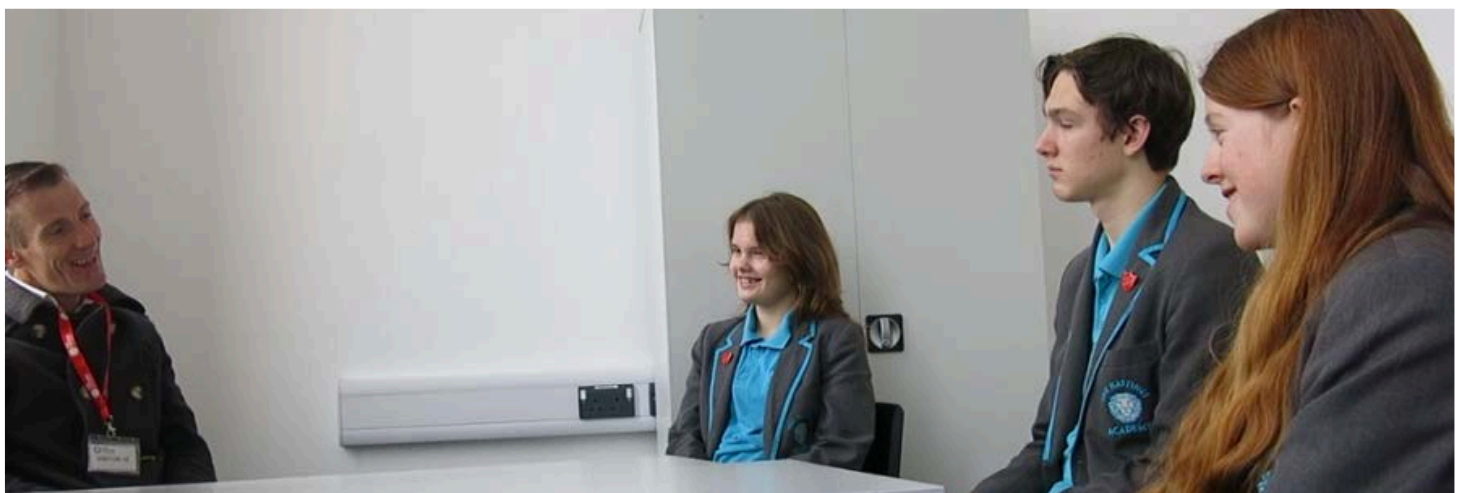
A huge well done to the Hastleons for putting on such a great show, the energy and talent that all the cast brought to the stage was certainly inspiring for our students. For them to see that it is possible to get involved in the local Am - Dram circuit and beyond is great for our budding musical theatre stars. This is thanks to our own students Toby Nobbs Hobden and Myles Hodges who were involved in the production, we are very proud of them both and can't wait to see them in the next show!

THIS DECEMBER WE WILL BE COLLECTING FOR



Surviving the streets are a great local charity who support the local community, from vulnerable families to the elderly and homeless, they help to provide food through digital food banks, on-call Emergency outreach, support groups and more.

Keep an eye on our social media platforms for an interview with James, the founder, who came to chat with some of our student councillors about what Surviving the Streets do.





**THE
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Performing Arts Department Presents

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BEAUTY
AND THE
BEAST

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December 12th

December 13th

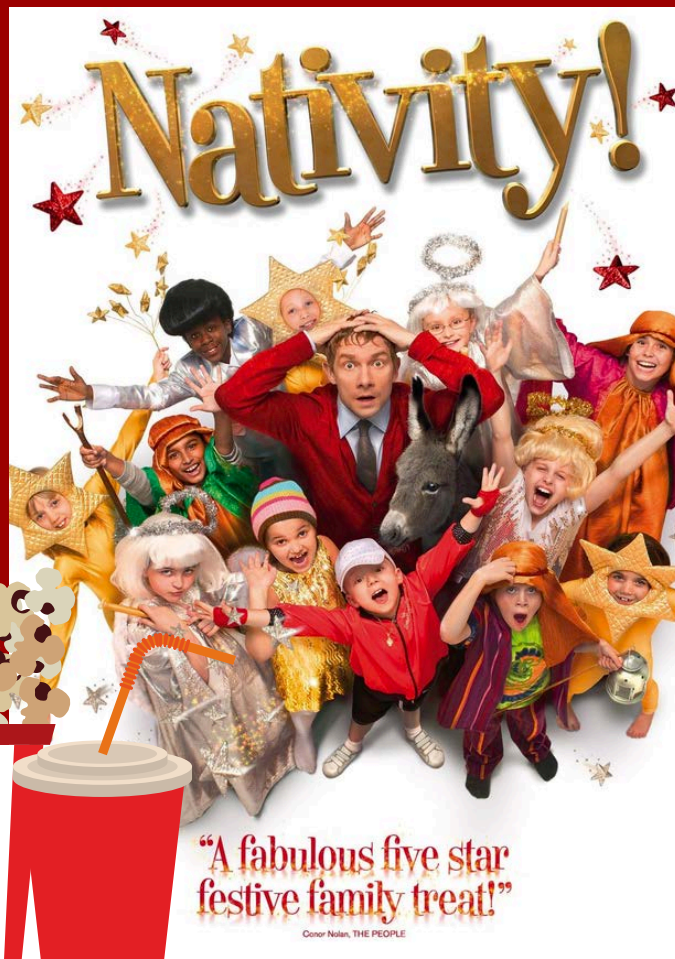
6.30pm

Main Hall

£2.50 Adult

£1 Child (Under 16)

Tickets Available via ParentPay



Christmas Cinema!

This December we will be raising money for our senior student fund by holding a festive cinema in the hall on:

Thursday 28th Nov

Tuesday 3rd Dec

Thursday 5th Dec

We will be showing Nativity

Entry for all three screenings inclusive is 50p, payable on Parentpay or on the door.

There will be popcorn!

WEEK 1 MENU

W/C: 04/11, 25/11, 16/12, 06/01, 27/01, 10/03, 31/03

FOOD UNION

CHOICE One

CHOICE Two

GRAB & GO options

MON	Beef Bolognese 🍖 Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Vegetarian Bolognese 🌱 Served with Wholewheat Pasta
BURGER BAR		
TUE	Beef Burger Served with Baked Garlic and Herb Wedges and Corn on the Cob	Veggie Burrito 🌱 with Chipotle Potato Wedges and Corn on the Cob
CLASSICS		CLASSICS
WED	Honey Roast Glazed Ham with Roast Potatoes and Roasted Autumn Vegetables	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Roasted Autumn Vegetables
THUR	Chilli Con Carne 🍖 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Chilli No Carne 🌱 Served with Wholegrain Rice
FRIDAY FAVOURITES		FRIDAY FAVOURITES
FRI	Battered Fish Served with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas	Quorn Sausage Roll 🌱 Served with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas

HOT DISHES:
Paninis
Pasta and Sauces
Freshly Baked Pizza
Soup and Bread
Jacket Potato and Toppings

SALADS:
Tuna and Sweetcorn Pasta Salad 🍷
Pesto Pasta Salad 🌱
Roasted Indian Chickpea Salad 🌱

SANDWICHES/BAGUETTES:
Ham and Cheese Sandwich
Chicken Salad Sandwich
Cheese Baguette 🌱
Tuna Mayo Baguette
BLT Baguette

WRAPS:
Pepper and Houmous Wrap 🌱
BBQ Chicken Wrap 🍷
Chicken Caesar Wrap 🍷

🍷 Nutritionist's Choice 🌱 Vegetarian 🐟 Oily fish 🌾 Wholegrain

Our menu is subject to change.

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WEEK 2 MENU

W/C: 11/11, 02/12, 13/01, 03/02, 24/02, 17/03

FOOD UNION

CHOICE One

CHOICE Two

GRAB & GO options

MON	Sausage and Mash Served with Vegetables and Gravy	Vegetarian Sausage and Mash 🌱 Served with Vegetables and Gravy
TUE	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake 🍷 Served with Baked Garlic and Herb Wedges	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic and Herb Bread and Mixed Salad
WED	Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables and Gravy	Roast Quorn 🌱 Served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables and Gravy
THUR	Chicken Yakisoba Served with Vegetables	Vegetarian Cottage Pie 🌱 Served with Vegetables and Gravy
FRI	Battered Fish Served with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas	Cheese and Onion Bake 🌱 Served with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas

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BBQ Chicken Wrap 🍷
Chicken Caesar Wrap 🍷

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WEEK 3 MENU

W/C: 18/11, 09/12, 20/01, 10/02, 03/03, 24/03

FOOD UNION

CHOICE One

CHOICE Two

GRAB & GO options

MON	Buffalo Chicken Served with Baked Garlic and Herb Wedges, Mixed Salad and Ranch Dressing	Cheese and Bean Toastie 🌱 Served with Baked Garlic and Herb Wedges and Mixed Salad
TUE	Sausage and Mash Served with Vegetables and Gravy	Veggie Burrito 🌱 Served with Baked Garlic and Herb Wedges
WED	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables and Gravy	West African Vegetable Rice 🌱
THUR	Cottage Pie served with Peas and Gravy	Vegetable Tikka Masala 🍷 Served with Wholegrain Rice
FRIDAY FAVOURITES		FRIDAY FAVOURITES
FRI	Battered Fish Served with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas	Vegetable Tikka Sausage Roll 🌱 Served with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas

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1STH DECEMBER

2.50 ENTRY VIA PARENTPAY

REFRESHMENTS- MR GRANT DANCE OFF

DJ TYSON-COMPETITIONS-DANCING

SOFT DRINKS FACE PAINTING AND MORE

BLAZER SWAP

COMING SOON



If you have any blazers to donate ahead of the blazer swap at the end of term, this would be greatly appreciated! At the end of term pupils will be invited to swap their ill fitting blazers with ones which fit, but to start the event off it always helps to have some surplus blazers.

Are you a parent concerned about bullying?

We are forming an anti-bullying
strategy group for parents as
part of our work towards the
Anti-Bullying Quality Mark

**Please email Mr Wall
to offer your input.**

g.wall@thehastingsacademy.org.uk

A large, stylized red handprint graphic is centered at the bottom of the page. The handprint is filled with a textured, splattered red color. Overlaid on the handprint is the text "STOP BULLYING!" in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a red outline.


**STOP
BULLYING!**

Tell us about your extra-curricular successes!

We absolutely love hearing about all the great things our students get up to out of school, from sports superstars or musical magicians to selfless charity work we want to hear about it all. If your child has done something amazing outside of school, and if they don't mind us celebrating it, please let us know and we can showcase their achievements here in the school newsletter.

Email Miss Mitchell to tell her all about it:

i.mitchell@thehastingsacademy.org.uk



Oliver!

We wish to extend our warmest congratulations to 4 of our talented students who have just finished a run of 'Oliver!' at the White Rock Theatre with the Hastleons (a local amateur dramatic society). 'Food, Glorious Food' - followed by Applause, Glorious Applause for well-deserved standing ovations at each performance. Daniel, Robyn, Myles and Toby had 'to pick a pocket or two' but at the end of the day they'd 'do anything' for Fagin as they delivered their well-rehearsed lines on stage. All we can say is that we are very much hoping that they will 'be back soon' on stage with more stunning performances. We are sure that we don't need to worry about 'who will buy' tickets to come and support them! 'Consider yourself' in for many more stunning performances from these budding performers!
(No apologies for the outrageous song-dropping!)
Mrs C.Pepper

Hastings Music Festival



A huge well done to all our students who have taken part in this years Hastings Music Festival. It has been great to hear how well our students have done in a number of classes. We are looking forward to celebrating all your future achievements in the Performing Arts, thank you for all your hard work.



Elijah Bigg Triathlon 2nd place
This Sunday our very own Elijah Bigg not only took part in and won 2nd place in the Brighton Triathlon, but he also took 2nd place in the Hastings Triathlon, a massive 32 second place! Putting Elijah in the third place overall. He was especially impressive, exiting the first race neck with the...

We look forwards to celebrating all your achievements in the podiums in the



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CAREERS EVENT FOR
YOUNG PEOPLE WITH
THEIR PARENTS & CARERS

CAREERS EVENT

Tuesday 26 November 2024

4:30PM – 7PM

**THE KINGS CENTRE,
EASTBOURNE BN23 6PT**

This event is aimed at those who might need a bit of additional support with their next steps into education, training or employment.

You are invited to meet education and training providers who offer a variety of career pathway options, employers and apprenticeship providers with current or future vacancies. You will have the opportunity to take part in mock interviews, pre-screening for live vacancies or work/skills discussion with an employer.

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Drop-in at i-Rock



A safe, confidential space* for LGBT+ young people aged 14-25 to talk, get support or information.

**in line with our confidentiality policy*



From 2pm to 5pm, no appointment needed



Thursday 26th September



i-Rock, Rock House, 49-51 Cambridge Rd,
Hastings TN34 1DT



For more information please contact
irockeastsussex@spft.nhs.uk

