



Headteacher's Update: No 330, 5 June 2026

Theme of the Week

A Rich Life - Nature

Dates for your Diary



Friday 5 June: PTA Quiz Night 7:00pm - 10:00pm (**CANCELLED**)

Thursday 11 June: Year 10 Parents' evening 4:30-7:30pm (**CORRECTION online**)

Monday 15 June: Deadline for Bible Project 2026 entries to Mrs Dendy-Arto

Tuesday 23 June: Cultural Day

Thursday 25 June: Summer Showcase

Thursday 2 July: Year 6 Parents' Welcome Evening 5:30-6:30pm (on site)

Friday 3 July: INSET Day - Year 6 induction day; school closed to all current students

Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 July: Enrichment Days

Letters on the Website

Whole School

General

04.06.26 [Catering Consultation](#)

03.06.26 [School Streets Consultation](#)

Trips

02.06.26 [Ecology Club - Trip to Benfield Hill LNR](#)

Year 7 Trips

12.05.26 [Year 7 Trip - Jubilee Library](#)

05.05.26 [Student Librarian Trip - Jubilee Library](#)

Year 8

General

19.05.26 [Food Preparation & Nutrition \(8A4 & 8B2\)](#)

Trips

05.05.26 [Student Librarian Trip - Jubilee Library](#)

Year 9 Trips

22.05.26 [Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition - Final Update](#)

22.05.26 [Bronze Expedition - Kit List](#)

05.05.26 [Student Librarian Trip - Jubilee Library](#)

28.04.06 [Inspire Scholars' Trip - University of Oxford](#)

14.04.26 [Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Expedition - 03rd and 4th July](#)

14.04.26 [Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Expedition - 12th and 13th June](#)

Year 11 General

02.06.26 [Year 11 Group Photo - Still Time to Order](#)

26.05.26 [Year 11 - Dinner Money Account](#)

Sixth Form General

02.06.26 [Taster Day at Brighton University](#)

26.05.26 [Year 13 Dinner Money Account](#)

Trips

03.06.26 [Year 13 Trip to Geneva and CERN](#)

02.06.26 [Year 12 Chemistry Trip - University of Sussex](#)

Sports Fixtures



Monday 8 June: U13 Cricket at Varndean

Monday 8 June: U13 Girls Cricket at Dorothy Stringer

Attendance

"Congratulations to Year 8 for having the highest attendance in the school this week. In particular, 8E absolutely smashed the school target of 96% with an incredible 99% attendance for the week- what a fantastic return from the half-term break - well done!!"

Students of the Week

Year 7: Tiwa W for his fantastic contribution in Drama - such great knowledge of Midsummer Night's Dream and Shakespeare shown

Year 8: Ruby RH for great work in English

Year 10: Tyler C for Demonstrating resilience and determination in Maths

Bible Project 2026

Dear students,

We would like to invite you to take part in the Schools Bible Project 2026. Your challenge is to step into the world of the Gospels and bring a Bible story to Life through creative writing.

Entries are to be submitted to me in RP2 by Monday 15 June.

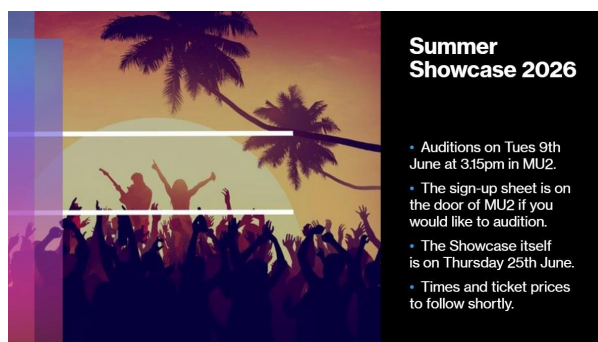
Mrs Dendy-Arto

2026 Schools Bible Project SBP_AA_2026.indd (follow link for more info)
Submit your work by Monday 15th June to Mrs Dendy-Arto (RP2)

<p>Your Task</p> <p>You are invited to take part in the Schools Bible Project 2026.</p> <p>Your challenge is to step into the world of the Gospels and bring a Bible story to life through creative writing.</p> <p>What You Need to Do</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Choose ONE Gospel incident (see box below)Imagine you were there. You must write as if you personally witnessed the event.Write a first-person narrative. Use I (e.g. I saw... I heard... I felt...) Describe what happens from your point of view.Use the Bible text carefully. Your writing should be based on the Gospel passage, but expanded creatively. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Christ turns water into wine at a wedding. John 2:1-12.Christ calms the storm at sea. Mark 4:35-41.Christ heals a man with leprosy. Luke 5:12-16Christ feeds the 5,000. John 6:1-14The Last Supper. Matthew 26:26-30; Luke 22:14-23.The Resurrection and the road to Emmaus. Luke 24:1-33	<p>Focus on:</p> <p>What you saw What you heard What you felt / thought The atmosphere and emotions of the moment</p> <p>Do NOT:</p> <p>Write an essay or explanation Simply retell the story without imagination</p>	<p>Rules</p> <p>Must be handwritten Maximum length: 4 sides of A4 Written in first person Based on a real Gospel passage</p> <p>Why Take Part?</p> <p>Chance to win book prizes Schools can win up to £500 Top winners are invited to Westminster Abbey (London)</p> <p>Tips for Success</p> <p>Start by reading the passage carefully. Imagine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Where are you standing?Who else is there?What is surprising or powerful?Use descriptive language (sights, sounds, smells, feelings)Show emotion — how did this moment affect you?
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Summer Showcase - Thursday 25 June

Please see this exciting poster for how you can get involved in the Summer Showcase!



Summer Enrichment Days - 6th and 7th July

Year 7

Our Year 7 students will be taking part in a whole year group camp at Blackland Farm. This is an exciting opportunity for the year group to celebrate the successes of their first year at King's School and to build further friendships as they head into Year 8. In addition, we have a group of Year 7 students who will be taking part in creative activities in school including a visit to Hove Museum of Creativity and Boulder Brighton.

Year 8

Our Year 8 students will be completing a Theme Park challenge. They have the opportunity to visit Thorpe Park on one day, and will be designing and building rollercoasters on the other day. As well as being a fun creative and hands on experience, the students will learn about aspects of business, such as marketing and budgeting, during these days.

Year 9

Students have the opportunity to take part in a team building and adventure day at Blackland Farm. Students in school on this day will complete a number of team building challenges. We hope that all students will reflect on their time in school so far, and start to focus on the start of their GCSE exams. On the second day Year 9 students will take part in a cross-curriculum day focused on Healthy Living.

Year 10

Our Year 10 students have work experience this year. Many of them will be taking part in 2 days of work experience which will help them understand the world of work and help them to start to focus on their careers as they head into Year 11 and start to plan their post 16 education. Students in school will take part in work experience opportunities around Brighton and Hove and Sussex.

Water Safety





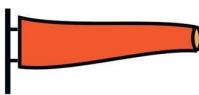
With the warmer weather finally upon us, we wanted to take this opportunity to share some key information regarding water safety. This year there have been a number of tragic cases of young people losing their lives after being swept out to sea, diving and jumping in dangerous places or swimming in lakes. The RNLI website has excellent advice and guidance for young people who wish to swim in the sea and lakes and you can access their resources via the links below. We hope you are able to spare just a few minutes to talk to your son or daughter about water safety.

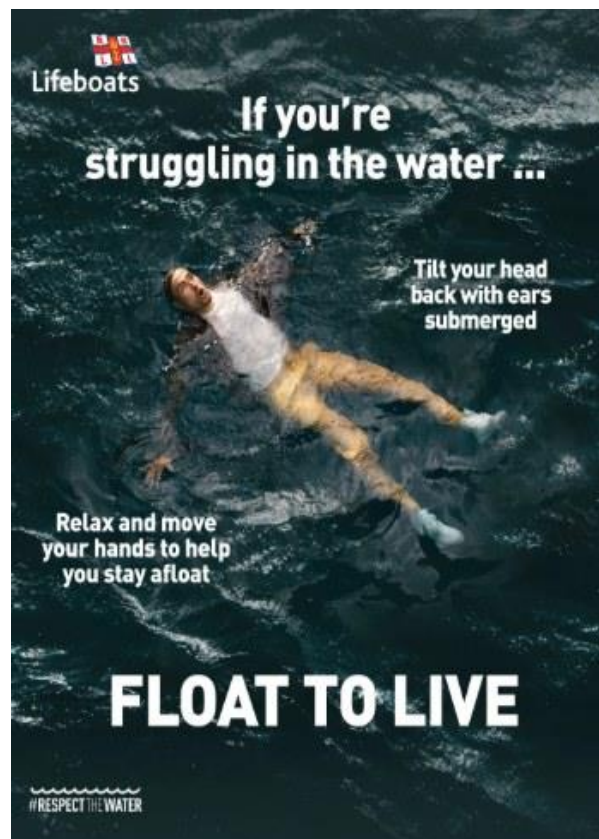
[RNLI Beach Safety for Everyone](#)

[RNLI Knowing the Risks](#)

[RNLI Water Safety Advice - Newsround Video](#)



 RED AND WHITE PROHIBITION SIGN Do not enter the water at any time. Swimming and other water-related activities are not permitted.	
 RED AND YELLOW FLAGS Lifeguarded area: safest place to swim, bodyboard and use inflatables.	 RED FLAG Danger! NEVER go in the water when the red flag is up, under any circumstances.
 BLACK AND WHITE CHEQUERED FLAGS For surfboards, kayaks and other non-powered craft. NEVER swim or bodyboard here.	 ORANGE WINDSOCK Indicates offshore or strong wind conditions. NEVER use an inflatable when the sock is flying.



Cultural Day - Tuesday 23 June

Sixth Formers are organising a Cultural Day on **Tuesday 23 June** to celebrate and embrace the rich diversity within our school community and to raise funds for Compassion UK to enable us to sponsor a child abroad for a year ([Compassion UK | Releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name](#)).

This is a chance for students and staff to share their cultural heritage. As well as traditional dress, students can wear a sports top that represents a country they have links to (they must not wear 'club' tops). We ask students to be respectful in only wearing traditional dress or

sports tops for countries that they themselves have links to. We are asking that anyone wearing their own clothes donate £2 on ParentPay. Donations from others who wish to give money to Compassion UK are also very welcome.

Students will also have the opportunity to bring in cold snacks from a culture to share at the end of the school day on the courtyard as students exit site. Please ensure that items are fully labelled with ingredients to protect students with allergies and remember no nuts at all please in any item. Students who bring in snacks should drop these off at the Sixth Form Social Room at the start of the day. If your child would like to take part in tasting different cultural dishes please make a donation of £2 towards this on ParentPay. Staff will have a list of those students who have made donations to tick them off as they collect snacks at the end of the day.



King's Culture Day

WHEN IS IT?
Tuesday
23rd June

CLOTHING
You are free to represent your culture through traditional attire.

FOODS
People are free to bring in cultural snacks to share with others which will be hosted in the canteen at the end of the day!

TUTOR TIME COMPETITION!
♥ A special cultural quiz will be given to your tutors to be completed.
♥ The winning tutor group from each year will win a **very special prize** for them to enjoy!

The poster features a yellow background with white text boxes. It includes icons for a pink dress, a woman in a hijab, a plate of dumplings, a steamed bun, a strawberry, a pink macaron, a yellow cookie, and a group of diverse children.

Work Experience - Year 10 and Year 12

If your child is out on work experience, please remember the following advice for the students that can be found in the handbook on our website [King's Work Experience Handbook.pdf](#)

We are looking forward to hearing about their experiences of the workplace.



PREPARING FOR YOUR PLACEMENT

Work experience is an exciting opportunity to learn about the world of work and develop skills that will help you in the future. To make the most of your placement, preparation is key. Here are some steps to help you get ready:

One Week Before: Contact Your Employer

It is important to confirm the details of your placement about a week before you start. Some of this information may be on the Employer's Initial Form on Unifrog, but you should still make the call/send an email. Ask about:

- Where to go on your first day.
- Start and finish times.
- Who to ask for when you arrive.
- What you are expected to wear.
- Lunch arrangements – Is there a canteen or do you need to bring your own?

Research the Organisation

- Find out what the company does, its values, and the type of work you will be involved in.
- Look at their website or social media pages to understand their culture and recent projects.

Plan Your Journey

- Check the location and how you will get there. Practice the route if possible.
- Make sure you know the start and finish times and allow extra time for travel.

Tip: To avoid being late, allow plenty of extra travel time. Traffic in Brighton can be very busy during peak hours, so plan ahead. If you are travelling by bus, assume there may be delays or that some buses might not arrive. Make sure you know alternative routes and times and choose a departure time that gives you backup options, so even if one bus does not show, you can still arrive on time.

Dress Appropriately

- Ask about the dress code in advance. If unsure, smart and tidy is always a safe choice.
- Make sure your clothes and shoes are comfortable for the tasks you will be doing.

Prepare the Essentials

- Bring a notebook and pen to take notes.
- Pack lunch and a drink unless you know food will be provided.
- Keep emergency contact details and any required documents (e.g. placement letter) with you.

Understand Expectations

- Be punctual, polite and enthusiastic.
- Listen carefully, ask questions, enthusiasm, and show interest in learning.
- Remember, this is a professional environment, so use appropriate language and behaviour.

Set Personal Goals

- Think about what you want to learn - new skills, understanding a career path, or improving confidence.
- Write down two or three goals and review them during your placement.
- Prepare some questions you would like to ask about the role, the organisation, or career paths. This shows initiative and helps you learn more.

What to Do if You Cannot Attend Your Placement

Sometimes unexpected things happen, and you may not be able to attend your work experience placement. If this occurs, it's important to act quickly and professionally:

Steps to Follow

1. Contact your employer immediately
 - Call them as soon as you know you cannot attend. Do not rely on email or text unless you have no other option.
 - Do this as early as possible, unless the reason is unexpected, you should be doing this at least an hour before the start time of your placement.
 - Explain the reason clearly and politely. If you know how long you expect to be off, let them know and keep them updated regularly if things change.
2. Inform King's
 - Contact the attendance line (01273 840004)

Do not simply fail to turn up - this can damage your reputation and the school's relationship with the employer.

What to Do if You Are Running Late

1. Call your employer immediately
 - Let them know your estimated arrival time.
 - Apologise for the delay and explain briefly (e.g. transport issues).
2. Do not panic
 - Arrive as soon as possible and stay calm. Being honest and polite goes a long way

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DURING YOUR PLACEMENT

Your placement is a chance to learn, grow, and experience the world of work. Here's what you need to do to stay safe, make a great impression, and get the most out of the week.

Induction Checklist

When you arrive, your employer should give you an induction. Make sure the following are covered:

- Who is your point of contact.
- Where the welfare facilities are (toilets, break areas)
- What to do if the fire alarm sounds.
- Where the First Aid kit is located and who the appointed First Aider is
- Any Health and Safety requirements you need to follow.
- Any tasks you are NOT allowed to do.

If anything is unclear, ask questions. Your safety and understanding are important.

Key Points to Follow

- Be polite, respectful, courteous, friendly, and professional.
- Show interest, ask questions, and challenge yourself.
- Complete as many different activities/tasks as possible.
- Aim to speak to employees in different roles to learn about varied careers.
- Avoid using your phone or social media during work hours.

Take Notes Effectively

Taking notes during your placement is essential for remembering what you have learned and reflecting later. Here is how:

- Write down key tasks and skills you observe or practice.
- Record names and job titles of people you meet.
- Note any advice or tips given by your supervisor or colleagues.
- Use bullet points for clarity and keep your notebook organised by date.
- Review your notes at the end of each day to reinforce learning.

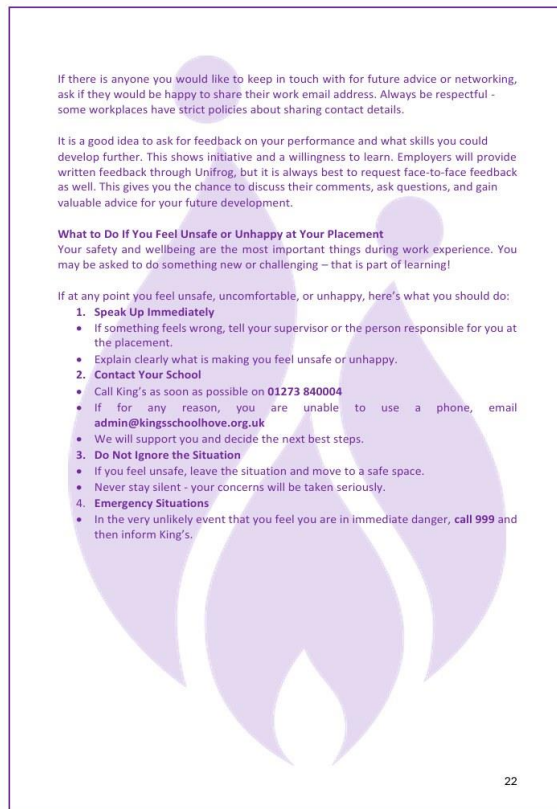
Your Work Experience Journal

A few weeks before your placement, you will receive a printed copy of your Work Experience Journal. This journal is designed to guide you through your placement by helping you record key information and reflect on your experiences. It also includes a range of tasks and activities for you to complete during your time at the workplace, making sure you get the most out of the opportunity.

At the End of Your Placement

On your final day, make sure you thank the key people who have supported you during your placement and make an effort to say goodbye to colleagues. A polite and positive farewell leaves a lasting impression.

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If there is anyone you would like to keep in touch with for future advice or networking, ask if they would be happy to share their work email address. Always be respectful - some workplaces have strict policies about sharing contact details.

It is a good idea to ask for feedback on your performance and what skills you could develop further. This shows initiative and a willingness to learn. Employers will provide written feedback through Unifrog, but it is always best to request face-to-face feedback as well. This gives you the chance to discuss their comments, ask questions, and gain valuable advice for your future development.

What to Do If You Feel Unsafe or Unhappy at Your Placement
Your safety and wellbeing are the most important things during work experience. You may be asked to do something new or challenging – that is part of learning!

If at any point you feel unsafe, uncomfortable, or unhappy, here's what you should do:

- 1. Speak Up Immediately**
 - If something feels wrong, tell your supervisor or the person responsible for you at the placement.
 - Explain clearly what is making you feel unsafe or unhappy.
- 2. Contact Your School**
 - Call King's as soon as possible on **01273 840004**
 - If for any reason, you are unable to use a phone, email **admin@kingschoolhove.org.uk**
 - We will support you and decide the next best steps.
- 3. Do Not Ignore the Situation**
 - If you feel unsafe, leave the situation and move to a safe space.
 - Never stay silent - your concerns will be taken seriously.
- 4. Emergency Situations**
 - In the very unlikely event that you feel you are in immediate danger, **call 999** and then inform King's.

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PTA Prize Raffle

Do you have any unwanted gifts at home? Or do you run a business that could donate items or an experience for our school raffle? The PTA are looking for raffle prize donations for the summer showcase on 25th of June. We'd be so grateful for anything you would be happy to share to raise money for our wonderful school!

Please drop to reception or email pta@kingschoolhove.org.uk before the showcase.

Thank you

King's PTA

Uniform Price increases - A message from Logo Sports

As we begin preparations for the upcoming 2026 price increases, we are writing to inform you of an upcoming adjustment to our school uniform pricing.

Over the past year, we have experienced continued increases in manufacturing, material, and transportation costs. While we have worked hard to absorb these where possible, it has become necessary to implement a price review to ensure we can maintain the quality, consistency, and service levels that you and your families expect.

Please find attached a detailed price list outlining the updated costs for all uniform items, which will come into effect from Monday 1 June 2026.

We remain fully committed to:

- Providing high-quality, durable uniform garments
- Ensuring reliable stock availability throughout the year
- Offering excellent customer service to both schools and parents

We understand the importance of keeping uniform affordable for families, and we have taken care to keep increases as measured as possible. There are also some costs that may have come down or stayed the same.

Item	2025	2026
Short Sleeve Shirts (boys & girls)	£16.00/£18.50	£16.00/£18.50
Long Sleeve Shirts (boys & girls)	£16.00/£18.50	£16.00/£18.50
Grey V Neck Jumper (unisex)	£16.25	£16.75
Blazer (boys & girls)	£39.50/£41.00	£40.00/£40.50
Grey Tartan Skirts (girls)	£27.50/£29.00	£28.00/£29.00
Charcoal Trousers (charcoal)	£16.75	£16.75
School Tie (boys)	£8.95	£8.95
P.E Polo Shirt (boys & girls)	£14.00/£15.00	£14.00/£15.00 (this item will change brand as discussed, the price will revert to the price mentioned in the email)
P.E Rugby Shirt (unisex)	£26.00/£27.95	£26.00/£27.95
P.E Shorts (unisex)	£8.00	£8.50
P.E Skort (girls)	£13.00/£14.00	£13.00/£14.00 (this item will change brand as discussed, the price will revert to the price mentioned in the email)
P.E Leggings (girls)	£22.25/£23.50	£22.95/£23.75
P.E Sweatshirt (unisex)	£10.00/£11.00	£12.00/£13.00

Parent Notice Update – SGN Gas Network Upgrade on Hangleton Way

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been informed by SGN that essential gas network upgrade work due to begin on Hangleton Way from Monday 8 June will now be delayed until Monday 15 June. This work is expected to last for approximately 14 weeks.

To keep everyone safe while the work is carried out, temporary traffic lights will be in place around the SGN work area at all times. This is likely to cause delays, especially at busy times of the school day.

Please allow extra time for your journey to and from school during this period.

The section of road being upgraded runs from the side of 62 Spencer Avenue to the junction with Poplar Avenue, which is close to the school site.

SGN have assured us that they will keep us updated on any changes to their schedule or traffic arrangements as the work progresses.

Thank you for your understanding while this essential work takes place.

Brighton and Sussex Medical School

BSMS Outreach Summer Admissions Talks

The team here at BSMS Outreach will be running a series of admissions talks at the end of June and in early July. These sessions are for anyone interested in a future in medicine and will provide information about the application process and life as a medical student. The sessions will be held on Zoom and all begin at 5pm (BST).

[Getting into Medicine](#) on Tuesday 30 June is an interactive session for aspiring doctors to find out what is involved in the admissions process and to explore the concept of making strategic applications.

Our [Introduction to the UCAT](#) on Tuesday 7 July will explain the format of the test and discuss key strategies.

We will be joined by current medical students on Thursday 9 July for our [Student Life](#) talk. They will talk about what a typical week at medical school looks like for them, the highlights from their journey to medicine so far and the challenges they've faced along the way.

University of Brighton Online Summer Schools

Monday 20 – Thursday 23 July

The University of Brighton are running free online summer schools across a range of areas for Year 12 students to explore a subject they love this July. This includes a Health Professions summer school and a Biological Sciences and Pharmacy route. There are also several other subjects available for students from Art & Design, to History & Politics, to Engineering & Construction.

Find out more on the [summer schools webpages](#).

[Booking](#) closes on Friday 17 July.

In-person work experience: Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Monday 27 – Friday 31 July

The Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust is offering students aged 14 and over the opportunity to complete in-person work experience placements across Sussex.

Placements are available across various teams including psychology, finance, digital, communications and physiotherapy.

The shortlisting process takes into account practical considerations such as the applicant's location and ability to travel to the placement, so please ask any interested students to consider that this opportunity is based in Sussex before taking the time to apply. They should read all the details on the webpage before making an application. Any questions regarding the placement or application process should be directed to spft.wex@nhs.net

Applications for the July cohort open on Monday 1 June for two weeks, closing on 15 June. [Apply here.](#)

Live virtual work experience: Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust

Monday 22 – Thursday 25 June

Later this month, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust is hosting a free live virtual work experience programme on Microsoft Teams for students in Year 11 and above.

Days 1-3 of the programme will provide a deep dive into a career in medicine. Day 4 will focus on the multi-disciplinary team, exploring a range of healthcare professions.

To register, students should complete [this form](#) by 12pm on Friday 19 June.

The Trust are also hosting a UCAT Preparation webinar on Wednesday 17 June, 5-7:15pm, for those planning to test this year. This is free to attend but prior registration is required. [Book here.](#)



HAF Summer School



ThirdSpace Theatre invites your young person on their very special summer school from 24th-27th August at Hanover Community Centre. We have HAF places available for those on income-related free school meals, and an early bird and sibling discount for everyone else!

Intrigue, cloak and dagger, high drama! Learn the techniques, play the games, find your character. Everyone welcome, whether you're trustworthy or traitorous!

Booking links:

[7-12 year olds \(HAF\)](#) | [7-12 year olds \(paid\)](#)

[13-16 year olds \(HAF\)](#) | [13-16 year olds \(paid\)](#)

This will be a fun-filled and action-packed drama summer school in Brighton! Sign your child or young person up for four days of roleplay adventure, where they will learn to act their socks off, convince their friends they're telling the truth, and study spy secret techniques. Using drama games such as Werewolf, Mafia, and Clocktower.

And the garden will be open for some outdoor fun and breakout space!

All tutors are trained, professional performers and directors with lots of enthusiasm and experience. Children and young people don't need any previous experience to join, whether they want to have fun or learn new skills and techniques.

A deliciously healthy hot lunch is included every day.

"A fantastic creative environment that let's the children discover and develop their own sense of self." (parent feedback)

Posters and Information



New today - The Parents' Guide to University 2026

Looking for a helpful resource to share with parents and guardians?

The Parents' Guide to University 2026 has been created to help families support young people as they explore their university options. It covers everything from choosing a course and university, to student finance, applications, and preparing for university life.

It features contributions from more than 80 university representatives from across the UK, alongside expert voices including educator and TV personality Baasit Siddiqui.

Please share the [Parents' Guide 2026](#) with parents, guardians and students in your community. The guide is free to download and no registration is required.

Looking for more university guides?

The Parents' Guide completes the 2026 collection. You can also download the [Students' Guide to University 2026](#) and [Teachers' Guide to University 2026](#).

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YEAR 7-10

The Team ↪

MONDAY
LUNCH BREAK
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