



Rye College

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Dear families,

Pupil Premium winter bulletin 2022

As part of Rye College's vision to create bright futures for all, through life transforming learning, the intent of the [Rye College Pupil Premium Strategy](#) is to achieve equity, in learning and opportunity, for all of our students. The aim of this bulletin is to describe how to apply for free school meals, free music lessons (Year 7, 8 and 9 students) and loan a school laptop.

Breakfast club for all

Every morning (0800-0845) up to 20% of our students are visiting our canteen for free toast, cereal and drinks, so they can start the day ready to learn. It also provides somewhere comfortable and supervised for the students to sit and socialise before the school day starts. Pastoral support is also on hand, if required.

School laptop loan for all

If your child does not have access to a computer at home, we have laptops available to loan for free. Please email office@ryecollege.co.uk for further information.

Free music lessons for KS3 Pupil Premium students

Pupil Premium students in years 7, 8 and 9 are eligible for free weekly group music lessons in school provided by [Create Music](#), which includes instrument hire, if required. Tuition is available for drums, guitar, bass, keyboard, brass, strings, woodwind. To find out how to apply, please email office@ryecollege.co.uk

How to apply for free school meals

Children of secondary school age may receive free school meals if their parents or carers receive any of these benefits:

- Universal Credit and a household income less than £7,400 a year (excluding benefits)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit if your annual household income isn't over £16,190

For more information, please visit the following web page: [East Sussex County Council school meals information \(click here\)](#)



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Families can apply for free school meals via the [East Sussex Parent Portal \(click here\)](#)

Alternatively, families can contact the East Sussex County Council Admissions and Transport team, who coordinate free school meal applications, by phone, email or letter:

Admissions and Transport team
County Hall
St Anne's Crescent
Lewes BN7 1UE

[Email via webpage \(click here\)](#)

Phone: 0300 330 9472

Opening hours for telephone enquiries are Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm

It is the East Sussex County Council Admissions and Transport team, who will be able to offer support and advice regarding free school meal applications.

We do encourage every family, who is entitled to this provision, to apply via one of the routes described above. For more information about how we support our Pupil Premium students at Rye College, please read our 2022-23 [Rye College Pupil Premium Strategy](#).

If you have any questions or comments regarding anything in this bulletin, or about your child's education, please email office@ryecollege.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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