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East Sussex College Group Taster days

Dear Families,

I am writing to inform you about the Year 10 College Taster days that are being organised by the East Sussex College Group (ESCG) which covers campuses in Hastings, Eastbourne and Lewes.

In recent years, taster days have become increasingly popular, and are now part of a marketing strategy aimed at Year 10 students who will be considering their options after their GCSEs. In the last year, most local colleges put on virtual events but I am pleased to inform you that the ESCG days will be face-to-face. College may seem a long way off, but once students begin Year 11 in September, there is a real focus on post-16 options, so the earlier ideas can be explored the better.

As a school we have been allocated **30th June** for the **Hastings campus**. This is the only date that students can book for this taster day. They can do so by visiting <https://tasters.escevents.co.uk/register>

The dates of other campuses are as follows:

Eastbourne: 21st and 22nd June

Lewes: 24th and 25th June

To register for these, students visit the same website, but they can choose either date. The reason for this is that we are not allocated a specific day due to very small numbers of students from Rye who attend.

If your child wishes to attend one of the taster days, they will have to make their own way there. Attendance at the taster days will be recorded as an Educational Visit. Please can you complete the reply slip so that your child's absence from school for the taster day can be authorised.

When the students register, they select the subject areas that they would like to shortlist for individual timetables to be created. There will be a mix of traditional subjects as well as new subjects such as Psychology, Media, Law, and Hospitality etc. for students to choose from. These may be a combination of A- Levels, BTECs and new T-Levels. Students should choose subjects that they may be interested in studying, and not those that their friends wish to study!

The dates of these taster days fall during our year 10 mock examination weeks. We have now cleared Wednesday 30th June as we envisage the majority of students will want to visit Hastings. For Eastbourne and Lewes, students have permission to attend and will be provided with the opportunity to complete the exams scheduled for that day at a different time.

Any updates I receive about ESCG or other establishments will be posted on the Rye College Website, and our Facebook and Twitter pages; so please ensure that you subscribe to these. I will also of course give messages to our Form Tutors to pass on. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school, via email or telephone.

Thank you for your continued support.



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Yours sincerely,

Donna Starkey

Learning Director KS4

Year 10 ESCG Taster Days – Please return to the school office email FAO Mrs. Playford (Attendance Officer)

Name of student:

Form:

My child will be attending the following taster days. (Tick appropriate dates)

Hastings - Wednesday 30th June

Eastbourne - 21st June / 22nd June

Lewes - 24th June / 25th June

I understand that it is the responsibility of my child to register for the taster days, and arrange the necessary transport. Rye College is not responsible for any travel costs incurred for these visits.

Name of Parent/Carer:

Signed:

