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Year 10 College Taster days

Dear families,

We are writing to inform you about the Year 10 College Taster days that are being organised this year.

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 following their GCSEs. During these days, students will get to know the buildings, meet staff and attend subject tasters that they may be interested in studying post-16. College may seem a long way off. However, once students begin Year 11, there is a real focus on post-16 options, so the sooner ideas can be explored, the better.

East Sussex College Group

As a school, we have been allocated a full taster day for **Hastings** as we are in their catchment area. Our allocated date is **Monday 19th June** for the **Hastings campus**. This is during our Year 10 PPE week but there will be no exams on this day. This is the only date that students can book for this taster day. They can sign up by visiting <https://tasters.escevents.co.uk/>

Unfortunately, the dates for the Eastbourne and Lewes Campus taster days fall either in the PPE week or the work experience week. There was no consultation around these dates. ESCG have said that students and families are more than welcome to book themselves a tour of Eastbourne or Lewes by visiting [College tours | East Sussex College \(escg.ac.uk\)](http://College%20tours%20|%20East%20Sussex%20College%20(escg.ac.uk)) They also informed us that the content of taster days for each of the establishments is very similar for each subject, so the experience at Hastings will replicate that of Eastbourne or Lewes.

For the Hastings campus, students will either be able to sign up to a **Station Plaza** Taster Day or **Ore Valley** Taster Day. Although different campuses, the taster sessions will run on the same day. The courses offered at each campus will be clear when registering.

- Station Plaza is home to our A-Level courses and a whole range of vocational diplomas including Art and Design, Beauty, Business, Hair, Health and Social Care, Hospitality and Catering, Public Services, Sport, and Travel.
- Ore Valley is home to our Construction, Engineering, IT and Computing, and Music subjects.

Bexhill College

We have also been allocated a full taster day for **Bexhill College**. This is **Wednesday 12th July**. Once again students will have to book to attend. This can be done by visiting https://www.bexhillcollege.ac.uk/docs2/about/taster_day_2022.shtml, where you can also view the prospectus and register. Alternatively, students can register by visiting the Bexhill College website, under the 'About' drop down and selecting Year 10 Taster Days. The **deadline for registration is Friday 26th May**.

If your child wishes to attend any of these 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 [Microsoft form](#) so that your child's absence from school for the taster day can be authorised. Mr Neve, a member of our support staff, will be present at both taster days in case students have any issues during the day.



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When the students register for these taster days, 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!

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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