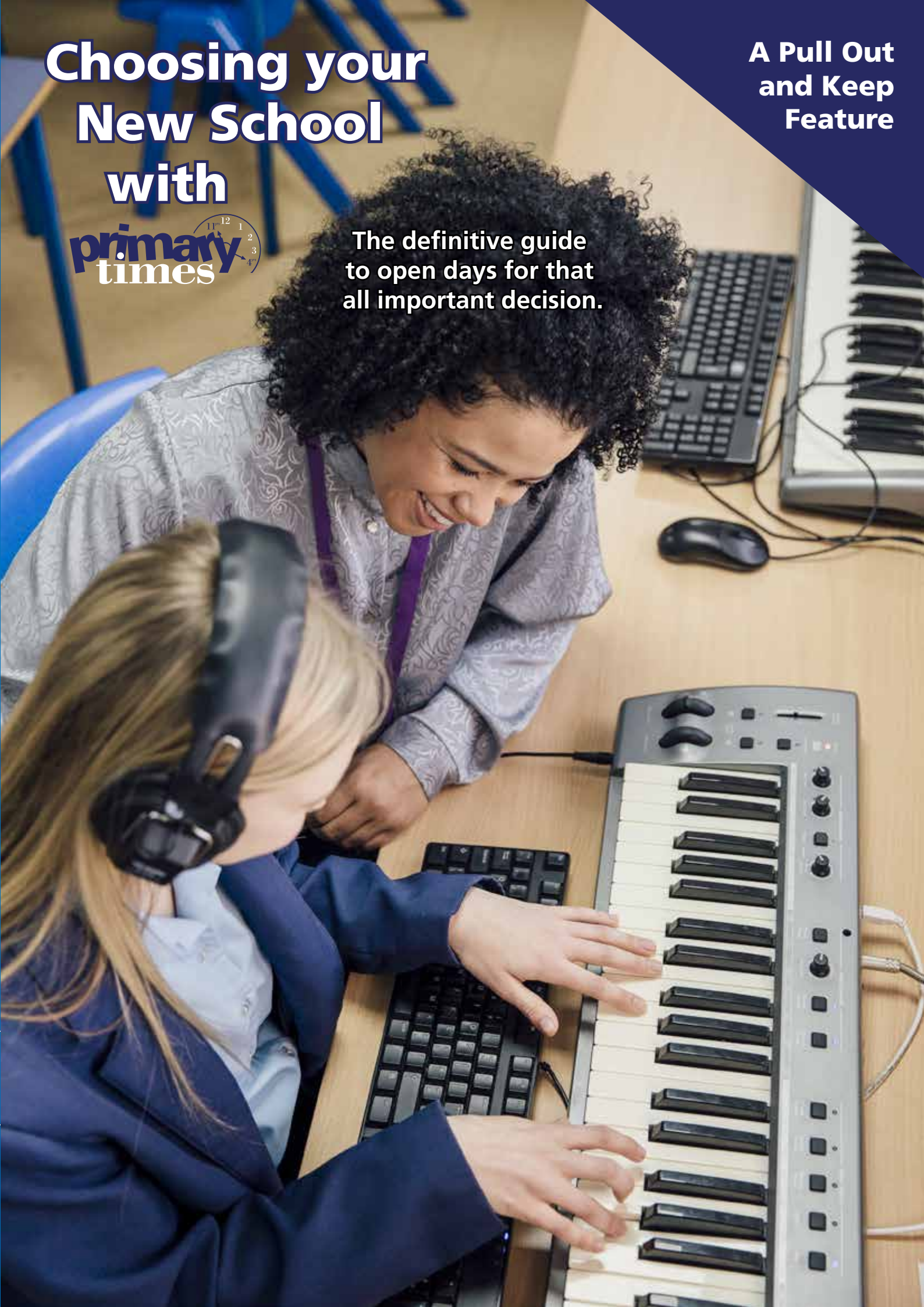


# Choosing your New School with

**primary**  
times

The definitive guide  
to open days for that  
all important decision.

A Pull Out  
and Keep  
Feature



# Choosing your New School

**Starting to look at secondary schools? We give you the lowdown on what to do.**

Choosing a secondary school is one of the most important decisions you are going to make because it's likely to have a huge impact on your child's future, way beyond the school gates. There's some essential 'homework' to be done before you make that all important choice and you must make sure you know the deadlines for applying via your local authority.

For some, it won't be an issue, as catchment area rules determine your first or other choices, decided by postcode or feeder school. However, for those of you who can choose, the task can seem a daunting one. To help you through the process, follow our tips for some forward planning and get the most out of a school open day.

**Make a Shortlist of Schools**

Firstly, make a shortlist of the schools that your child could attend by looking at nearby local authority's websites or visit [www.education.gov.uk](http://www.education.gov.uk). Make sure you check their admission rules carefully to ensure your child is eligible for a place. You also need to be happy that your child can travel to school easily and that siblings, if relevant, could go to the same school. After that, it's time to take a look at the facts and figures to make a comparison on paper.

**Do Your Homework**

It will help if you do some online research of your own. All schools have to have a website. Among other things, this has to include details of the curriculum, admission criteria, behaviour policy, special educational needs policy, disability policy, links to Ofsted reports, links to performance data, the school's latest key stage attainment and progress measures. But the other things on the website may be at least as important. Does the school feel an exciting place to be? Yes schools can be exciting; maybe they've changed a bit since our time. Is there a regular newsletter and is there lots going on? Does whoever writes the website sound enthusiastic about the school? If they're not, you may not be either.

**Head to the Open Day**

Once you're satisfied with your shortlist and you've done your homework, it's time to do the most important thing of all and visit the schools. Nothing beats going to see the school for yourself, so get the most out of your visit with our tips and

**The grand tour**

Most open days will feature a pupil-led tour. Ask lots of questions and you'll hear all sorts of interesting things from your friendly guide that don't feature in the prospectus. Talk to as many pupils and parents as you can manage on the tour for maximum feedback. Don't forget to take in the atmosphere and environment of the school, to get a feel for whether your child would be happy in these surroundings.

**The Head teacher's talk**

Don't miss out on the Head teacher's talk, usually given at specified times on open days/evenings. You'll find out what priorities and emphasis the Head gives to various aspects of their school, and will be able to see if these aspirations match your family's own. The Head should come across as genuine, inspiring and bursting with pride for both school and pupils, as well as being very clear about the school's achievements and goals.

**Expectations for behaviour**

Make sure you query the levels of discipline that are imposed, such as the consequences for late/absent work, unruly behaviour and the uniform code. Feel free to raise serious disciplinary matters such as bullying and how it is handled. The responses should give you a good indication of what is tolerated at the school.

Bring hope to a hungry child with

# PORRIDGE SMILES

..... this October! .....



This October, Mary's Meals is inviting you to reach out to children living in poverty by supporting the #PorridgeSmiles campaign

To request your free Porridge Smiles fundraising pack, please visit [www.worldporridgeday.com](http://www.worldporridgeday.com)





#PorridgeSmiles

## Students in action

As you're on the school tour, observe the children in school, as they will often be a great indicator of a school's ethos. You'll get to see how children treat each other and how they interact within the classroom and corridors. Are they happy? Do they seem confident and animated? Are teachers welcoming and friendly, and are you getting the feeling of a warm, open attitude? ideas.



## Equal opportunities for all

School should bring out the best in every child. If yours requires additional help in any areas of learning, ask about the support available to enable them to reach their potential. Query how students are monitored to ensure

their learning stays on track and they don't 'slip under the radar' and fall behind their peers. Ask about communication systems that are in place to ensure teachers and parents can work together to be a constant support to your child.

## Life outside the classroom

Essential learning doesn't just happen in the classroom. Look out for interesting extra-curricular activity posters on the noticeboards. If your child likes sports but isn't an 'A' team candidate, will they still get to participate? If there are after school clubs, check what they are and when they take place.

## Peace of mind

The switch to secondary school is a big one and communication will be key. It is important to know how to contact staff if you have a problem or concern. Find out how contact details such as teacher names and emails are provided, and whether the first point of contact should be via telephone or email. It's important to see how easy it is to contact school staff in case of an emergency. Information about good pastoral care should be plentiful as it's an essential ingredient for a happy school life.

## It's an open day, so keep an open mind

Remember this is about your child, not you. Try not to be influenced by your own educational experience as it may not be relevant. Find out what your child really thinks and don't hesitate to take advice from trusted teachers who you feel know your child best – you may be surprised by what they tell you. In the end, trust your instincts, find the right environment for them to be happy, then sit back and watch them flourish.

## Willingdon Community School

'Developing Personal Excellence' is at the heart of everything they seek to achieve at Willingdon. Their overarching goal is to ensure students leave Willingdon, not only with opportunities available to them because of their academic success, but as well-rounded individuals.

The school will be responsible for helping students create their own identity and become active participants in society. The school pride themselves on the range of extra-curricular clubs and enrichment

activities offered daily to students. These range from sports clubs to residential trips away for example, to Iceland and Uganda.

Willingdon Community School has a very strong transition programme so the moment you decide to embark on the next stage of the journey with them, the support will start for parents and students. This

will give you the chance to get to know them so the September start will not be so daunting.

The school embraced their most recent Ofsted inspection where a Good judgment was sustained. The inspectors commented on the "organised, calm and positive ethos throughout the school, which is enhanced by strong relationships between staff and pupils." Inspectors also noted that "staff have high expectations of pupils' conduct and, as a result, pupils are well behaved, respectful and friendly to one another." They concluded by adding "behaviour continues to be typically exemplary."

Go and see Willingdon Community School for yourself. For more information, please visit [www.willingdonschool.org.uk](http://www.willingdonschool.org.uk).



# YEAR 6

## OPEN EVENING

# 6

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 (Wednesday)  
5.30PM - 8.30PM

Open Mornings:  
10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
9.00AM

DEVELOPING  
PERSONAL  
EXCELLENCE

## Willingdon

COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BROAD RD • EASTBOURNE • BN20 9QX • 01323485254

## Claremont School Octagon Development Project

Claremont School in East Sussex, one of the best independent schools in the region, will start the new academic year in September on the crest of a wave with record numbers across the Prep and Senior School sites, and a £3.5m redevelopment project underway at the Senior School site in Bodiam.

The expansion plan, known as The Octagon Development Project, will focus on the redevelopment of the heart of the school site, creating a new art department, student work rooms, classrooms and offices. Simultaneously, the school will extend its already outstanding performing arts provision providing a brand new dance studio and music department. This project will add to the facilities across the two sites. These include sports halls, swimming pools, pitches for every sport, an Astroturf pitch, theatre, performing arts centre, forest school and, of course, many well equipped and resourced classrooms and



specialist subject areas. Claremont has a reputation for outstanding academic results and a warm, supportive and dynamic school programme. The aim is for every child is to develop a positive and proactive attitude towards learning which will support them throughout their lives. The ethos of an amazing learning journey ensures that each individual has the opportunity to develop knowledge, confidence, self-esteem, good learning habits,

and an appreciation of moral values within a busy and vibrant environment.

Look out for further updates on the progress of The Octagon Development and many other exciting new projects that are in the pipeline to mark the beginning of a new chapter in the life of Claremont School. For more information, please visit [www.claremontschool.co.uk](http://www.claremontschool.co.uk).

### Timetable for Choosing your New School

**September/October** Attend school open days to choose which ones to apply to.

**31 October** Final deadline for submitting application forms.

**1 March (Offer Day)** Your child's offer will be available on your council's website. They will then be posted out.



Schools - Don't miss out on advertising your open days in our October Half Term issue

If you would like to advertise in it please contact:  
**01273 916210** or email [catherine@primarytimes.biz](mailto:catherine@primarytimes.biz)

## Anything Nose in Schools Next March

Red Nose Day is back for 2019, and Comic Relief is calling on all teachers to clear their school's diary on Friday 15 March to take part in the epic fundraising extravaganza.

Red Nose Day is a time in the school year that students remember for a lifetime - donning a nose, dressing up and coming up with all kinds of wacky ways to raise funds for a good cause.

It isn't just an exciting opportunity to take part in a fantastic day of fundraising. Red Nose Day also gives students a great chance to learn more about the world around them and how Comic Relief is working to support vulnerable people both at home in the UK and around the globe.

To help schools get red-y for a day of fundraising and events, teachers can now pre-order a free fundraising pack tailored specifically for primary schools. The packs are bursting with ideas - fundraising guides, posters, stickers and balloons - to help ensure schools will have an unforgettable time. Comic Relief also offers school curriculum materials and videos that teachers can use to help raise awareness of the world around them and those living incredibly tough lives.

To have these tips, tools and classroom ideas land in your school's post box this January, pre-order your pack now - just head to [www.rednoseday.com/primarytimes](http://www.rednoseday.com/primarytimes).

Comic Relief is a registered UK charity that aims to create a just world, free from poverty - where everyone is safe, healthy, educated and empowered. Since 1985, Comic



Relief has raised over £1 billion. That money has helped, and is helping, people both here at home in the UK and across the world.

For more information about Comic Relief and the work it carries out, please visit [www.comicrelief.com](http://www.comicrelief.com).





**HAVE YOUR GCSE RESULTS SURPRISED YOU?**

**ARE YOU NOW LOOKING FOR A GREATER CHALLENGE FOR YOUR A LEVEL STUDIES?**

Claremont can open many doors for  
your future.

The perfect preparation for your  
higher education.

A limited number of places still available to start  
our A Level programme this September.

Call us now for further information or an  
appointment to discuss your options.



**Claremont**

**JOIN US AT OUR NEXT OPEN DAY ON**

**SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER 2018 AT 9:30AM-1PM**

**OUR FOCUS IS ON THE LEARNING  
JOURNEY OF EVERY STUDENT  
- FROM START TO FINISH!**

**CLAREMONT SENIOR SCHOOL  
AND SIXTH FORM  
Bodiam | TN32 5UJ  
01580 830396**

[www.claremontschool.co.uk](http://www.claremontschool.co.uk) | [enquiries@claremontschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@claremontschool.co.uk)

[facebook.com/claremontschool](https://facebook.com/claremontschool)

## Back to School, Bus to School

The first day back at school in September can be an anxious time for children and parents, especially if your child is starting a new secondary school. One really helpful way you can help address these fears is to plan your child's bus travel and tickets before their first day back.

Buying your child's bus ticket can be straightforward with the busID scheme for young people aged 5 to 18.

You can upload e-tickets onto the card and top up online or at the One Stop Travel shop. Alternatively, your child can show their card and pay the driver directly. A free busID card entitles your child to pay half the adult fare or 50p per journey if accompanied by an adult. There are also discounts for siblings of up to £90 a year.

If your child will only be using the bus occasionally, the citySAVER Multi-Trip tickets are for you. You can buy single journeys in bulk and the more you buy, the more you save. You'll find every Brighton and Hove secondary school and the routes that serve them, along with timetables, bus stops and fares, at [www.yourschooljourney.co.uk](http://www.yourschooljourney.co.uk).



## Bede's Nursery

Located in Eastbourne, with panoramic views of its beautiful coastline, Bede's Nursery and Pre-Prep School is a haven of learning, creativity and opportunity.

Headmaster, Giles Entwisle, told Primary Times, "We strive to provide the very best possible environment and education for children from three months through a wholly caring and supportive ethos,

where all children and families feel included, secure and valued. By celebrating and building on what children already know and do, and with our understanding of how children develop and learn, we encourage pupils to make choices and develop their individuality, a strength we are particularly proud of at Bede's. Practical life skills are embedded in the daily routine here, as children get ready to embark on the next stage of their journey into Bede's Prep."

Bede's Nursery offers wrap-around care from 7.45am to 6pm, specialist tuition in subjects such as music and dance, a cookery room, free-flow classrooms and swimming lessons in an indoor-heated pool (with specialist swimming teachers from age three years). Bede's also offers a Beach School for their Pre-Prep School pupils within walking distance, and will be opening a Forest School in September. Bede's Nursery is open 51 weeks a year and offers Early Years funding from 3 years, including the extended 30-hour entitlement.

Open Mornings will take place on Saturday 29 September and Saturday 2 March 2019. To register or to book a personal visit, please contact Helen Pugh, Nursery Admissions and Finance Officer, on 01323 356 976 or email [holywell@bedes.org](mailto:holywell@bedes.org). For further information, please visit [www.bedes.org](http://www.bedes.org).



## St Andrew's Prep, Eastbourne

Home to 370+ children aged from 9 months to 13 years, St Andrew's Prep, Eastbourne is just a five minute walk to the sea and the foot of the South Downs. The school's talented staff is

**Brighton & Hove Buses**

**Let us take you to school safely.**

To find out more about school routes and fares, visit [www.yourschooljourney.co.uk](http://www.yourschooljourney.co.uk)

dedicated to preparing its pupils for a fast changing, high-tech world, giving them lifelong-learning and problem-solving skills alongside leadership and teamwork opportunities and, perhaps most important of all, the tools to become good citizens. In short, St Andrew's Prep is stimulating the imagination, creativity and inventiveness of every pupil while equipping them with the essential qualities of self-discipline, resilience, honesty, kindness and compassion.



St Andrew's believe they need to be educating children on how to form opinions properly, how to substantiate ideas, how to self-reflect without over-analysing, how to listen and value other opinions, how to think critically and

how to be aware of the wider community. In other words, they want to expand the minds of every pupil so that they become more resilient, more compassionate and better listeners. Every child is in a sports team, not just the elite. Every child can choose to be in a drama production, everybody takes part in music and the vast majority play at least one instrument. The school is extremely successful. A number of children have reached Grade 8 music over the years and St Andrew's Prep has won many county and national sporting titles. You can see the school for yourselves by emailing [admissions@standrewsprep.co.uk](mailto:admissions@standrewsprep.co.uk) or visiting [www.standrewsprep.co.uk](http://www.standrewsprep.co.uk).

St Andrew's Prep  
EASTBOURNE



## Inspiring Modern Minds

Open for 50 weeks of the year from 8am to 6pm and benefiting from a highly specialised timetable, the St Andrew's Prep Nursery offers outstanding care and an inspirational education for children from 9 months to 4 years.

Call us on 01323 733203 or email [admissions@standrewsprep.co.uk](mailto:admissions@standrewsprep.co.uk)  
[www.StAndrewsPrepNursery.co.uk](http://www.StAndrewsPrepNursery.co.uk)

Choosing your new School

# BEDE'S

Nursery, Pre-School and Pre-Prep

Registration now open

For a personal visit  
please contact:  
[holywell@bedes.org](mailto:holywell@bedes.org)  
T 01323 356987  
or online at [bedes.org](http://bedes.org)

IAPS – Boys and girls  
3 months to 7 years

51 weeks a year  
7.45am – 6.00pm  
Monday to Friday

Offering Universal and  
Extended EYEE entitlement  
for 3+ year olds

Bede's  
Duke's Drive, Eastbourne  
East Sussex BN20 7XL  
[bedes.org](http://bedes.org)



## 'Failing is Good' - Burgess Hill Girls School

Failing is good - one of the powerful mantras girls should adapt to achieve their dreams.

A vital part of the curriculum at Burgess Hill Girls is their speakers programme. Most recently, Olympic champion Lizzy Yarnold was the guest of honour at the Junior School sports day. Winning consecutive Olympic gold medals in 2014 and 2018, Lizzy is the most successful British Winter Olympian and the most successful Olympic Skeleton athlete of all time from any nation. She stayed for the whole day, chatting with girls, answering their questions and cheering them on.

She also gave a powerful speech about the challenges she has faced in her sporting career.

At age 18 she realised she wasn't going to make it as a heptathlete and began to explore other events to succeed in her dream of becoming an Olympian. Through UK Sport's Girls4Gold talent identification programme, she was identified as having potential in skeleton. Seven years later she was World Champion. There are three lessons children can take from Lizzy's story. Firstly to aim high, secondly to adapt. The third lesson? In Lizzy's own words, 'failing is good, you don't win much in life, so it is very important to deal with losing and to see it as a positive.'

'Failing is good' fits very closely with the philosophy at Burgess Hill Girls. Their empowering community gives girls the freedom to take risks, to challenge themselves, and, most importantly, to make and learn from mistakes - a true driver in developing the necessary character and skills to succeed in the long term. You might even see a Burgess Hill Girl on the podium sometime soon. For more information, please visit [www.burgesshillgirls.com](http://www.burgesshillgirls.com).



## Canterbury Cathedral Choir

Canterbury Cathedral Choir are offering a unique opportunity for boys who would like to join them in September 2019. They are looking to award substantial scholarships to talented boys. Auditions, for a long time referred to as voice trials, will be held on 10 November 2018. Don't wait until then, though! Any boy who is 7 or 8 years old and who enjoys singing can be considered. The Cathedral organist, David Flood, will be delighted to meet and advise them at



any convenient time. It is not necessary to have had any musical training at all as Dr Flood is just keen to see potential. He will offer

lots of encouragement and advice about how to prepare for the audition. He can answer any queries as well as providing all sorts of information.

Dr Flood ensures that all the music-making in the Cathedral is fun and that the life of a chorister is a wonderful and unique experience. The Cathedral Choir House has recently enjoyed a £2 million renovation whilst the choristers, all 25 of them, also enjoy the excellent facilities of St Edmund's School, Canterbury, receiving very substantial scholarships from the Cathedral.

Canterbury Cathedral Choir enjoys the very highest reputation across the world, performing to many thousands of people every year at home and through radio and television performances. The choir records regularly and their CDs, of which the newest has just been produced, are highly regarded. The choristers also have the opportunity to participate in major tours. A two-week tour of America in April this year was a huge success.

The life of a chorister is full of excitement with the huge reward of being part of such a special team. It is the chance of a lifetime. To learn more, please contact David Flood on 01227 865 242 or [davidf@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:davidf@canterbury-cathedral.org). Further information and a short video can be seen at [www.canterbury-cathedral.org/worship/choir](http://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/worship/choir).

## St Catherine's College

St Catherine's College are a Church of England Academy that has children at the heart of everything they do. They are a high achieving school with children who are well prepared for their next steps in life. They have happy, safe, confident and resilient learners and make the education of pupils their first concern. The curriculum is broad and varied with Art, Dance, Drama, Music, Food Technology and Motor Vehicle all featuring, as they recognise the value of developing the whole child's experience. St Catherine's College provides opportunities for everyone whatever their background or faith.

The college are different because they are the only Church of England Secondary School/

Academy in East Sussex. Parents send their children there because the school insists upon high standards and firm boundaries, all underpinned by a Christian foundation.

St Catherine's College look forward to welcoming you to their Open Evening on Tuesday 18 September from 5.45pm, with Headteacher's speeches at 6pm and 7.30pm. Their Open Month is from Monday 24 September - Friday 19 October. Please contact them to make an appointment for Open Month tours. For more information, please visit [www.stcatherines.college](http://www.stcatherines.college).




## CANTERBURY cathedral

# VOICE TRIALS

FOR BOYS AGED 7 & 8  
10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

ENQUIRIES ARE WELCOME AT ANY TIME

Substantial scholarships are awarded and choristers benefit from an all-round excellent education at St Edmund's School Canterbury.


The Master of Choristers, David Flood, is always pleased to meet and advise parents and their sons.



For further details please telephone

**01227 865242**

[davidf@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:davidf@canterbury-cathedral.org)

 @No1Cathedral



## King's Academy Ringmer

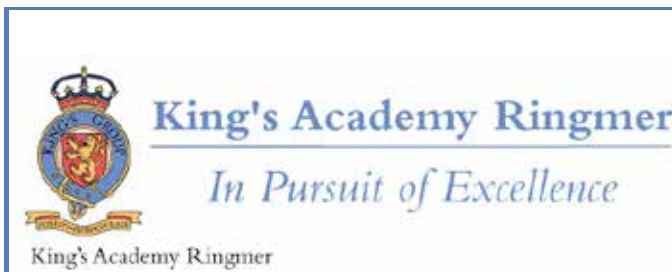
King's Academy Ringmer are very proud of their two winning candidates for the two year Sixth Form scholarship at their sister school in Madrid. Ellie Gross and Oscar Beale were selected from an extremely tough field by the King's Group, including Sir Roger Fry. Oscar will start in September 2018 and Ellie the following September. The academy joined the King's Group of Academies (KGA) just over a year ago. The King's Group was founded in 1969 by Sir Roger Fry, who was awarded a knighthood for his services to UK Education Internationally. Sir Roger chairs the Board of Trustees for the King's Group Academies and together with King's Academy Ringmer are offering two places for a Sixth Form scholarship opportunity to their school in Soto, Madrid, Spain. The fully funded scholarship is only available to Ringmer students.



The scholarship includes all boarding fees, all tuition fees, including textbooks, for the duration of the two-year programme and access to all extra-curricular activities.

Marketing Manager, Jamie Peacock, told Primary Times, "KGA also have four other schools in Spain and schools in Bahrain, Frankfurt, Latvia and Panama, and we would like to build relations with all of them. It really is an exciting time for both staff and students here at Ringmer." Ellie Gross told Primary Times, "This is such an incredible opportunity that I feel absolutely honoured to have been awarded. It's one of those surreal offers that you hear about but never think you will get the chance to take. I'm overwhelmingly excited to start there next summer."

For more information, please visit [www.kgaringmer.uk](http://www.kgaringmer.uk).



## 2018 Open Days/Evening

Open Evening Thursday 13 September  
 School Open Mornings 17-21 September  
 Alternatively please call for a tour at any time and arrange to meet the Principal



A School focused on high quality educational outcomes under new leadership.

Please visit the school to see us in action.

King's Academy Ringmer  
 Lewes Road, Ringmer BN8 5RB  
 01273 812220 [www.kgaringmer.uk](http://www.kgaringmer.uk)

[f @ringmeracademy](https://www.facebook.com/ringmeracademy) [t @Ringmer\\_Academy](https://twitter.com/Ringmer_Academy)

**OPEN EVENING ~ Tuesday 18 September at 5.45pm**

God's children at the heart of everything we do

Together we listen, learn and achieve together.

**OPEN EVENING**  
 Tuesday 18 September 2018 at 5.45pm.  
 Headteacher's Speeches at 6pm & 7.30pm.  
 Tours from 5.45pm.

Open Month - Monday 24 September to Friday 19 October 2018.  
 Please contact the College to make an appointment for Open Month.

**Contact details:**  
 Priory Road, Eastbourne,  
 East Sussex, BN23 7BL  
 01323 465400  
[www.stcatherines.college](http://www.stcatherines.college)  
[admin@stcatherines.college](mailto:admin@stcatherines.college)



**VARNDEAN SCHOOL**

20<sup>th</sup> September 2018

5:30pm-8:30pm

# Open Evening



[www.varndean.co.uk](http://www.varndean.co.uk)



school@varndean.co.uk

01273 561281

Balfour Road, Brighton BN1 6NP

## Causeway School

An overwhelming sense of community exists at the heart of Causeway School, bringing together students, staff, parents and carers. Their mission is simple, to ensure that every member of the school is 'putting achievement first' as well as fostering happy, confident learners who leave school with the right skills and qualifications for the world.

Causeway's bright, modern building located in green surroundings makes it a great learning environment. The



school has outstanding facilities including dedicated specialist classrooms, a theatre hall, 3G astro pitch, a sports hall, dance studio, library, drama studio, amphitheatre, outside courts and extensive pitches.

The school's rich curriculum delivers a

wide variety of learning opportunities beyond the school day, through a wealth of extra-curricular activities, trips and visits.

There are high expectations and Behaviour for Learning is a real strength which mean that students flourish in a safe and calm environment.

Causeway's dedicated staff run a personalised transition programme designed to support all new students. This includes: Master Classes, Meet the Tutor Evening, Transition Day, primary school visits, buddy builders and a taster session activity week.

For further information visit [www.causewayschool.org](http://www.causewayschool.org) or contact 01323 465 700.

## WELCOME TO CHAILEY SCHOOL



*"Every adult and every young person in our school achieving more than they ever thought possible"*

### Open Evening

6.30pm Tuesday 18th September 2018

### Open Mornings

9.00-11.00am

Monday 24th to Thursday 27th September 2018

No appointment is necessary. The students, staff and governors look forward to welcoming you.



If you would like to see the school in action, please do call to arrange a visit:

**01273 890407**

[www.chaileyschool.org](http://www.chaileyschool.org)



Headteacher: Mrs Helen Key

Chailey School, Mill Lane,  
South Chailey BN8 4PU

## CAUSEWAY SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2018 | 6.00pm - 8.30pm

Headteacher's address 6.15pm & 7.15pm



## OPEN DAYS

Every Morning from  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Sept - Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018  
To book please call 01323 465700

## Hailsham Community College

Hailsham Community College is a busy, cheerful community with a positive atmosphere full of purpose and endeavour. Their focus is on learning - they take pride in nurturing and supporting the personal, social and academic development of each individual. They know that students learn best when they are secure and happy.

The college motto, 'be the very best you can be', is very simple but encapsulates everything they believe in for the entire college community, students and staff alike.

Their successful transition programme supports pupils throughout Year 6.

Through a series of activities spread across the year children become familiar with the college environment

and their teachers well before starting their first day as a Year 7 student. The college find that students begin in September fully prepared, confident and ready for the next step of their educational journey.

HCC was proud to be judged as 'Good' by Ofsted in March 2017 with key observations being their strong sense of community, excellent relationships between staff and pupils, and how the school's culture enables students to grow as confident, eloquent and articulate young people. For more information, please visit [www.hccat.net](http://www.hccat.net).



*We would like to welcome all parents and Year 6 students to our*

# OPEN EVENING

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 5 – 7pm

*Meet the Principal and discover how Hailsham Community College inspires students to be the best they can be.*

**"This is a good school" Ofsted**

*For more information call 01323 841468 or visit [www.hccat.net](http://www.hccat.net)*

### Brighton & Hove

Name	Address	Tel	Website	Date/Time of Open Days
Blatchington Mill	Nevill Avenue, Hove, BN3 7BW	01273 736 244	<a href="http://www.blatchingtonmill.org.uk">www.blatchingtonmill.org.uk</a>	No available information - see school website for details
Cardinal Newman Catholic School	The Upper Drive, Hove, BN3 6ND	01273 558 551	<a href="http://www.cnscs.co.uk">www.cnscs.co.uk</a>	Open Eve Wed 3 Oct 4-7.30pm, Head's talk 4.30, 5.30 & 6.30pm.
Dorothy Stringer School	Loder Road, Brighton, BN1 6PZ	01273 852 222	<a href="http://www.dorothy-stringer.co.uk">www.dorothy-stringer.co.uk</a>	Open Eve Thurs 11 Oct.
Hove Park School	Nevill Road, Hove, BN3 7BN	01273 294 807	<a href="http://www.hovepark.brighton-hove.sch.uk">www.hovepark.brighton-hove.sch.uk</a>	Open Morns Mon 8-Fri 12 Oct, Mon 15-Wed 17 Oct, call 01273 295002 to book appt. Open Eve (Valley Campus) 18 Oct 6pm.
King's School	High Street, Portslade, BN41 2PG	01273 840 004	<a href="http://www.kingschoolhove.org.uk">www.kingschoolhove.org.uk</a>	Open Morn 25-27 Sept & 1-2 Oct 9.15-11.15am. Open Eve Thurs 27 Sept 5-8pm, Head's talk 5.30, 6.15 & 7pm. Book online.
Longhill High School	Falmer Road, Rottingdean, BN2 7FR	01273 304 086	<a href="http://www.longhill.org.uk">www.longhill.org.uk</a>	No available information - see school website for details
Patcham High School	Ladies Mile Road, Brighton, BN1 8PB	01273 503 908	<a href="http://www.patchamhigh.brighton-hove.sch.uk">www.patchamhigh.brighton-hove.sch.uk</a>	Open Eve Thurs 4 Oct 5.45-8.15pm. Open Morn Tue 9-Wed 10 Oct 8.45-10.30am.
Portslade Aldridge Community Academy	Chalky Road, Portslade, BN41 2WS	01273 416 300	<a href="http://www.paca.uk.com">www.paca.uk.com</a>	Open Eve Tues 9 Oct 6-8pm.
Varndean School	Balfour Road, Brighton, BN1 6NP	01273 561 281	<a href="http://www.varndean.co.uk">www.varndean.co.uk</a>	Open Eve Thur 20 Sept 5.30-8.30pm.
<b>Other</b>				
Burgess Hill Girls	Keymer Road, Burgess Hill, RH15 0EG	01444 241050	<a href="http://www.burgesshillgirls.com">www.burgesshillgirls.com</a>	Open Day Sat 6 Oct. Phone school to book place.
Canterbury Cathedral Choir	Cathedral House, 11 The Precincts, Canterbury, CT1 2EH	01227 865 242	<a href="mailto:david@canterbury-cathedral.org">david@canterbury-cathedral.org</a>	Voice trials for boys aged 7 or 8, Sat 10 Nov

**Dates correct at time of going to press. Contact the school to confirm details**

## East Sussex

Name	Address	Tel	Website	Date/Time of Open Days
Ark Helenswood Academy	The Ridge, St Leonards, TN37 7PS	01424 753 040	www.helenswoodacademy.org	Book personalised tours by email <a href="mailto:info@arkhelenswood.org">info@arkhelenswood.org</a> or call school
Ark William Parker Academy	Park Avenue, Hastings, TN34 2PG	01424 439 888	www.arkwilliamparkercademy.org	Open Morns Thurs 13 & 20 Sept, 4 & 11 Oct 9-10am.
Beacon Academy	East Beeches Road, Crowborough, TN6 2AS	01892 603 000	www.beacon-academy.org	Open Day Sat 6 Oct. Open Morn Tours Mon 8-Fri 12 Oct.
Bede's Preparatory School	Duke's Drive, Eastbourne, BN20 7XL	01323 744 222	www.bedes.org/prep-school.aspx	Boys & Girls 3 Months - 7 Years. Contact <a href="mailto:holywell@bedes.org">holywell@bedes.org</a> 01323 356 987 to book visit.
Bede's Senior School	Upper Dicker, Hailsham, BN27 3QH	01323 843 252	www.bedes.org/senior-school.aspx	Open Morn Sat 15 Sept.
Bexhill High Academy	Gunters Lane, Bexhill, TN39 4BY	01424 730 722	www.bexhillhigh.org	No available information - see school website for details
Bricklehurst Manor School	Bardown Road, Wadhurst, TN5 7EL	01580 200 448	www.bricklehurst.co.uk	No available information - see school website for details
Buckswood School	Guesting, TN35 4LT	01424 813 813	www.buckswood.co.uk	Open Morns Sat 6 Oct & 17 Nov 10am-12 noon. Private tours available via school website
Causeway School, The	Larkspur Drive, Eastbourne, BN23 8EJ	01323 465 700	www.causewayschool.org	Open Morns Mon 24 Sept-Fri 12 Oct, Call to book apt. Open Eve Tues 2 Oct 6-8.30pm, Head's talk 6.15 & 7.15pm.
Cavendish School, The	Eldon Road, Eastbourne, BN21 1UE	01323 731 340	www.cavendish.e-sussex.sch.uk	Open Eve Thurs 20 Sept 4.50-8pm, tours 5-7.45pm, Head's talk 5.6 & 7pm. Open Morns Mon 25 Sept-Fri 5 Oct 9am apt only.
Chailey School	Mill Lane, South Chailey, BN8 4PU	01273 890 407	www.chaileyschool.org	Open Eve Tues 18 Sept 6.30pm. Open Morn Mon 24-Thurs 27 Sept 9-11am.
Claremont Senior School	Bodiam, Robertsbridge TN32 5UJ	01580 830 396	www.claremontschool.co.uk	Open Day Sat 6 Oct 9.30am-1pm
Claverham Community College	North Trade Road, Battle, TN33 0HT	01424 772 155	www.claverham.e-sussex.sch.uk	Open Morns Fri 28 Sept & Mon 1 Oct 9am.
Eastbourne Academy, The	Brodrick Road, Eastbourne, BN22 9RQ	01323 514 900	www.theeastbourneacademy.org	Open Eve Tues 25 Sept 6-8.30pm. School Tours Fri 28 Sept & Mon 1-Fri 5 Oct 10.40am.
Frewen College	Rye Road, Northiam, TN31 6NL	01797 252 494	www.frewencollege.co.uk	Opens Morns 20 Sept, 6 Oct, 10 Nov 18, 17 Jan, 2 Feb, 23 Mar, 25 Apr, 11 May, 15 Jun 19.
Gildredge House	Compton Place Road, Eastbourne, BN20 8AB	01323 400 650	www.gildredgehouse.org.uk	Open Eve Mon 17 Sept 5.30-8pm, tours 5.30-7.45pm, Head's talk 5.30, 6 & 6.30pm. Open Morns Mon 24 - Fri 28 Sept, Head's talk 9am, book online.
Hailsham Community College	Battle Road, Hailsham, BN27 1DT	01323 841 468	www.hccat.net	Open Eve Thur 4 Oct 5-7pm.
Hastings Academy, The	Rye Road, Hastings, TN35 5DN	01424 711 950	www.thehastingsacademy.org.uk	No available information - see school website for details
Heathfield Community College	Cade Street, Heathfield, TN21 8RJ	01435 866 066	www.heathfieldcc.co.uk	No available information - see school website for details
King's Academy Ringmer	Lewes Road, Ringmer, BN8 5RB	01273 812 220	www.kgaringmer.uk	Open Eve Thurs 13 Sept 8pm. Open Morns 17-21 Sept 9-11am.
Peacehaven Community School	Greenwich Way, Peacehaven, BN10 8RB	01273 581 100	www.phcs.org.uk	Open Eve Tues 25 Sept 6-8.30pm. Tours Fri 28 Sept & Mon 1-Fri 5 Oct 10.40am.
Priory School	Mountfield Road, Lewes, BN7 2XN	01273 476 231	www.priorye-sussex.sch.uk	Open Eve Thurs 20 Sept 6-9pm.
Ratton School	Park Avenue, Eastbourne, BN21 2XR	01323 504 011	www.ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk	Open Eve Thurs 27 Sept.
Robertsbridge Comm College	Knelle Road, Robertsbridge, TN32 5EA	01580 880 360	www.robertsbridge.org.uk	Open Eve Thurs 11 Oct 6-8.30pm. Open Morn Tours Mon 15-Fri 19 Oct - booking essential.
Rye College	The Grove, Rye, TN31 7NQ	01797 222 545	www.ryecollege.co.uk	Open Eve Thurs 27 Sept 6pm.
Seaford Head School	Arundel Road, Seaford, BN25 4LX	01323 891 623	www.seafordhead.org	Provisional Dates - Open Eve Thur 4 Oct 5.30-8.30pm. Open Morn Tues 9 & Wed 10 Oct 9.15-10.45am.
Seahaven Academy	Southdown Road, Newhaven, BN9 9JL	01273 517 601	www.seahavenacademy.org.uk	Open Eve Thur 20 Sept.
St Andrew's Prep	Meads Street, Eastbourne, BN20 7RP	01323 733 203	www.standrewsprepnursery.co.uk	Open Morns Fri 28-Sat 29 Sept & Fri 8-Sat 9 Feb 9.30am-12noon. Online booking essential.
St Catherine's College	Priory Road, Eastbourne, BN27 4BL	01323 465 400	www.stcatherines.college	Open Eve Tues 18 Sept from 5.45pm, Head's talk 6 & 7.30pm. 'Open Month' Mon 24 Sept-Fri 19 Oct, booking essential.
St Leonards Academy, The	Edinburgh Road, St Leonards, TN38 8HH	01424 448 740	www.thesteleonardsacademy.org.uk	Open Morns 20, 25 & 27 Sept 9.15am. Open Eve Tues 2 Oct 6pm.
St Richard's Catholic College	Ashdown Road, Bexhill, TN40 1SE	01424 731 070	www.strichardsc.com	No available information - see school website for details
Uckfield College	Downsview Crescent, Uckfield, TN22 3DJ	01825 764 844	www.uckfield.college	Open Eve Wed 19 Sept 4.30-8.30pm. Open Morn Tours Mon 24 Sept-Fri 5 Oct 9.10am & 11.30am.
Uplands Community College	Lower High Street, Wadhurst, TN5 6AZ	01892 782 135	www.uplandsc.com	Open Eve Wed 3 Oct 5.30-8pm.
Willingdon Community School	Broad Road, Eastbourne, BN20 9QX	01323 485 254	www.willingdonschool.org.uk	Open Eve Wed 3 Oct 5.30-8.30pm. Open Morns 10, 11 & 15 Oct 9am.

**Dates correct at time of going to press. Contact the school to confirm details**

# Choosing your New School with

**primary  
times**

The definitive guide  
to open days for that  
all important decision.

A Pull Out  
and Keep  
Feature



# Choosing your New School

Starting to look at secondary schools? We give you the lowdown on what to do.

Choosing a secondary school is one of the most important decisions you are going to make because it's likely to have a huge impact on your child's future, way beyond the school gates. There's some essential 'homework' to be done before you make that all important choice and you must make sure you know the deadlines for applying via your local authority.

For some, it won't be an issue, as catchment area rules determine your first or other choices, decided by postcode or feeder school. However, for those of you who can choose, the task can seem a daunting one. To help you through the process, follow our tips for some forward planning and get the most out of a school open day.

## Make a Shortlist of Schools

Firstly, make a shortlist of the schools that your child could attend by looking at nearby local authority's websites or visit [www.education.gov.uk](http://www.education.gov.uk). Make sure you check their admission rules carefully to ensure your child is eligible for a place. You also need to be happy that your child can travel to school easily and that siblings, if relevant, could go to the same school. After that, it's time to take a look at the facts and figures to make a comparison on paper.

## Do Your Homework

It will help if you do some online research of your own. All schools have to have a website. Among other things, this has to include details of the curriculum, admission criteria, behaviour policy, special educational needs policy, disability policy, links to Ofsted reports, links to performance data, the school's latest key stage attainment and progress measures. But the other things on the website may be at least as important. Does the school feel an exciting place to be? Yes schools can be exciting; maybe they've changed a bit since our time. Is there a regular newsletter and is there lots going on? Does whoever writes the website sound enthusiastic about the school? If they're not, you may not be either.

## Head to the Open Day

Once you're satisfied with your shortlist and you've done your homework, it's time to do the most important thing of all and visit the schools. Nothing beats going to see the school for yourself, so get the most out of your visit with our tips and ideas.

## The grand tour

Most open days will feature a pupil-led tour. Ask lots of questions and you'll hear all sorts of interesting things from your friendly guide that don't feature in the prospectus. Talk to as many pupils and parents as you can manage on the tour for maximum feedback. Don't forget to take in the atmosphere and environment of the school, to get a feel for whether your child would be happy in these surroundings.

## Students in action

As you're on the school tour, observe the children in school, as they will often be a great indicator of a school's ethos. You'll get to see how children treat each other and how they interact within the classroom and corridors. Are they happy? Do they seem confident and animated? Are teachers welcoming and friendly, and are you getting the feeling of a warm, open attitude?



## The Head teacher's talk

Don't miss out on the Head teacher's talk, usually given at specified times on open days/evenings. You'll find out what priorities and emphasis the Head gives to various aspects of their school, and will be able to see if these aspirations match your family's own. The Head should come across as genuine, inspiring and bursting with pride for both school and pupils, as well as being very clear about the school's achievements and goals.

## Expectations for behaviour

Make sure you query the levels of discipline that are imposed, such as the consequences for late/absent work, unruly behaviour and the uniform code. Feel free to raise serious disciplinary matters such as bullying and how it is handled. The responses should give you a good indication of what is tolerated at the school.

## Equal opportunities for all

School should bring out the best in every child. If yours requires additional help in any areas of learning, ask about the support available to enable them to reach their potential. Query how students are monitored to ensure their learning stays on track and they don't 'slip under the radar' and fall behind their peers. Ask about communication systems that are in place to ensure teachers and parents can work together to be a constant support to your child.

## Life outside the classroom

Essential learning doesn't just happen in the classroom. Look out for interesting extra-curricular activity posters on the noticeboards. If your child likes sports but isn't an 'A' team candidate, will they still get to participate? If there are after school clubs, check what they are and when they take place.

## Peace of mind

The switch to secondary school is a big one and communication will be key. It is important to know how to contact staff if you have a problem or concern. Find out how contact details such as teacher names and emails are provided, and whether the first point of contact should be via telephone or email. It's important to see how easy it is to contact school staff in case of an emergency. Information about good pastoral care should be plentiful as it's an essential ingredient for a happy school life.

## It's an open day, so keep an open mind

Remember this is about your child, not you. Try not to be influenced by your own educational experience as it may not be relevant. Find out what your child really thinks and don't hesitate to take advice from trusted teachers who you feel know your child best – you may be surprised by what they tell you. In the end, trust your instincts, find the right environment for them to be happy, then sit back and watch them flourish.

The school also celebrates an outstanding curriculum that provides students with extensive opportunities regardless of ability. They have a holistic view of education and their extra-curricular offer allows students to explore many avenues.



Downlands would love to show you around the school. Go along to their Open Evening to meet the students and the staff that make Downlands so special. For more information, please visit [www.downlands.w-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.downlands.w-sussex.sch.uk).

## BOHUNT SCHOOL WORTHING

enjoy | respect | achieve



Open Evening: Thursday 27th September 2018,  
6.00 – 9.00pm

Open Mornings: Monday 1st – Thursday 4th October,  
to book a place please go to

[www.bohuntworthing.com/open-mornings](http://www.bohuntworthing.com/open-mornings)

T: 01903 601361 E: [info@bohuntworthing.com](mailto:info@bohuntworthing.com)

65A Broadwater Road, Worthing, BN14 8AH

## Bohunt School, Worthing

Bohunt School, Worthing, is a purpose built, modern and innovative school which opened in September 2015. Their busy and vibrant school is built on the firm foundations of high expectations for all with a creative and personalised curriculum that extends learning both in the classroom and through a wide range of enriching experiences and environments. Their students are at the heart of all that they do. Bohunt are committed to raising aspiration and dedicated to supporting all students in developing the confidence, self-belief and well-being vital for success. They would love to share their future plans with you at their upcoming Open Evening on 27 September from 6-9pm. Because they did not have Year 11 they were unable to release teachers for Year 5 taster events



during the summer term so the school hopes to see you at one of their invaluable Open Mornings on 1 - 4 October starting at 9am. For more information about Bohunt School, please visit [www.bohuntworthing.com](http://www.bohuntworthing.com).

## Downlands Community School

Downlands is a traditional school with traditional values. Their aim is to educate young people to become caring, active, responsible and successful citizens able to make a social, environmental and economic contribution to society.

GCSE outcomes at Downlands have been consistently outstanding over many years. Last year, 82% of students achieved a level four in both English and Mathematics and 79% of students achieved the equivalent of five A\*-Cs including English and Mathematics. Achievement is outstanding and every year students make significantly better progress than students nationally.

## Downlands Community School

Dale Avenue, Hassocks, BN6 8LP

## An Outstanding School!



**Open Evening**  
**Thursday 4 October 2018**  
**6-8.30pm**

Ofsted January 2017

Parent to Ofsted: "I would not hesitate to recommend Downlands - the teaching is excellent, the staff really care, and my children are developing into lovely young adults."

Downlands Community School, Dale Avenue,  
Hassocks BN6 8LP  
Call 01273 845892 for more information  
or visit [www.downlands.w-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.downlands.w-sussex.sch.uk)

## 'Failing is Good' - Burgess Hill Girls School

Failing is good - one of the powerful mantras girls should adapt to achieve their dreams.

A vital part of the curriculum at Burgess Hill Girls is their speakers programme. Most recently, Olympic champion Lizzy Yarnold was the guest of honour at the Junior School sports day. Winning consecutive Olympic gold medals in 2014 and 2018, Lizzy is the most successful British Winter Olympian and the most successful Olympic Skeleton athlete of all time from any nation. She stayed for the whole day, chatting with girls, answering their questions and cheering them on.

She also gave a powerful speech about the challenges she has faced in her sporting career. At age 18 she realised she wasn't going to make it as a heptathlete and began to explore other events to succeed in her dream of becoming an Olympian.



Through UK Sport's Girls4Gold talent identification programme, she was identified as having potential in skeleton. Seven years later she was World Champion.

There are three lessons children can take from Lizzy's story. Firstly to aim high, secondly to adapt. The third lesson? In Lizzy's own words, 'failing is good, you don't win much in life, so it is very important to deal with losing and to see it as a positive.'

'Failing is good' fits very closely with the philosophy at Burgess Hill Girls. Their empowering community gives girls the freedom to take risks, to challenge themselves, and, most importantly, to make and learn from mistakes - a true driver in developing the necessary character and skills to succeed in the long term. You might even see a Burgess Hill Girl on the podium sometime soon. For more information, please visit [www.burgesshillgirls.com](http://www.burgesshillgirls.com).

## Chailey School

Chailey School is a thriving community of approximately 700 students from 11 to 16 years of age. The school believes in traditional values which underpin day-to-day life for pupils. Staff know students as individuals, their characters and personalities, and have high expectations both in terms of their work and their behaviour. Results are how schools tend to be measured and Chailey's record over many years for the attainment and progress of its students is excellent. The school's pastoral care is widely recognised as outstanding - from the transition arrangements for new students



through to individualised care throughout their life at school. Whilst Chailey School are naturally proud of their achievements, the true measure of their success is seeing a school full of happy, confident and independent young people, fully engaged in their characters and personalities.

Staff understand that a rounded school life is not just about the classroom, and students benefit hugely from a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Chailey's are the first secondary school in East Sussex to be awarded a National Learning Outside the Classroom Mark (Silver) and the first secondary school in the UK to have a dedicated Peace Field as part of the Great War commemorations in partnership with the Children's Football Alliance.

If you would like to see the school in action, call 01273 890 407 to arrange a visit or go along to the Open Evening on Tuesday 18 September and Open Mornings from Monday 24 to Thursday 27 September. Find out more at [www.chaileyschool.org](http://www.chaileyschool.org).

## Bourne Community College

Bourne Community College aspire, innovate and motivate to ensure all students develop their gifts and talents to the full. The college would like to welcome you to their unique school, located between the historic city of Chichester and the surrounding villages of West Sussex.

Their inspirational team of staff work hard to ensure that all Bourne's students make outstanding progress academically and personally, to build on their self-confidence and self-belief. The college wants them to mature into responsible, confident young citizens, equipped to thrive and contribute to the world beyond the classroom.

The school is delighted to have recently been awarded Gold Rights Respecting School status by UNICEF UK. The Gold Award is the highest accolade given to schools that demonstrate a deep commitment to promoting and realising children's rights at all levels of school life.

Bourne Community College delivers a varied curriculum with learning opportunities both in and outside of the classroom. They are also pleased to be able to offer an exciting Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) programme to their students.

The college are very proud of the students and their successes and welcome visits so you can see for yourself what a unique school they really are. For more information, please visit [www.bourne.org.uk](http://www.bourne.org.uk).



## WELCOME TO CHAILEY SCHOOL

*"Every adult and every young person in our school achieving more than they ever thought possible"*



### Open Evening

6.30pm Tuesday 18th September 2018

### Open Mornings

9.00-11.00am

Monday 24th to Thursday 27th September 2018

No appointment is necessary. The students, staff and governors look forward to welcoming you.



If you would like to see the school in action, please do call to arrange a visit:

**01273 890407**

[www.chaileyschool.org](http://www.chaileyschool.org)



Headteacher: Mrs Helen Key  
Chailey School, Mill Lane,  
South Chailey BN8 4PU



## Our Lady of Sion School

Exciting changes to the Nursery at Our Lady of Sion have just been announced. From September, the School will be offering its nurturing, quality nursery provision 52 weeks of the year, with sessions available from 7.30am to 6pm, and Early Years funding is accepted. Headmaster, Dr

Simon Orchard, told Primary Times, "we have listened to our parents and we realise that there is a real need for quality nursery provision all year round for working parents. Our Early Years building (for Nursery and Reception) is the perfect environment for our youngest children to take their first education steps and has the

benefit of being a setting where Nursery can, at times, join forces with Reception to enhance their learning. Our Nursery is just the first step on a Sion journey."

Our Lady of Sion School boasts an enviable location, just five minutes' walk from Worthing beach. With this in mind, the Junior School has now become an accredited Beach School and Beach School now forms a part of the wider 'Outdoor Curriculum' throughout the Junior School from Nursery to Year 6.

Dr Orchard added, "Whilst we enjoy the many benefits of being a town centre school, having the opportunity to experience the 'big skies' and wide open spaces which the beach provides opens another dimension to our pedagogy. Time on the beach is not always about the Beach School curriculum per se, sometimes it is an opportunity to embrace and contemplate all that the environment can provide in other subjects, such as English, Art and Science." For more information about Our Lady of Sion School, please visit [www.sionschool.org.uk](http://www.sionschool.org.uk).



**Bourne**  
Community College



"Aspiration, Innovation and Motivation"



Staff and students will be delighted to welcome you to their

## Open Evening

Thursday 4th October 2018 - 5.00 - 8.00 p.m.

## Open Mornings 2018

Tuesday 25th September - 9.00 a.m.

Thursday 27th September - 9.00 a.m.

Tuesday 9th October - 9.00 a.m.

Tuesday 16th October - 9.00 a.m.

Park Road, Southbourne, Emsworth, Hants PO10 8PJ

Telephone: 01243 375691 • email: [office@bourne.org.uk](mailto:office@bourne.org.uk)

Headteacher: Yvonne Watkins BA (Hons)

[www.bourne.org.uk](http://www.bourne.org.uk)

## OPEN EVENING

Thursday 27th September



OUR LADY OF  
**SION**  
SCHOOL

CONSIDERATION ALWAYS

Small classes with  
nurturing pastoral care  
Inspiring, affordable education  
Nursery, Junior, Senior & Sixth Form  
Central Worthing  
Boys & girls  
Minibus routes

For a visit at any time, please contact our Admissions Registrar  
Mrs Eley on 01903 228638 or email [admissions@sionschool.org.uk](mailto:admissions@sionschool.org.uk)

[www.sionschool.org.uk](http://www.sionschool.org.uk)

## Christ's Hospital School

Christ's Hospital is an independent co-educational boarding and day school of 900 pupils with an equal mix of boys and girls aged 11-18. The school is located in West Sussex in the south east of England. It is situated in stunning countryside between London and Brighton, 20 miles south of London Gatwick. The school is fortunate in having its own mainline railway station with regular trains to London and the South Coast. Christ's Hospital is unique for a UK independent school in that it offers more bursary places than other schools. This stems from its founding charter as a charitable school. School fees are paid on a means-tested basis, with substantial subsidies paid by the school, so that pupils from all corners of society are able to have



a high quality, independent boarding school education that would otherwise be beyond their means.

Kate, a former parent told Primary Times, "Whilst other school fee assistance schemes have come and gone, Christ's Hospital has stuck to its charitable aims since it was founded in 1552, educating the financially, socially and otherwise needy for free, or at a reduced rate, in a caring boarding environment. Today these pupils sit happily alongside the full

fee payers and the school's pupil profile is one of which its royal founder, Edward VI, would have been proud."

For more information, visit [www.christs-hospital.org.uk](http://www.christs-hospital.org.uk).

### Timetable for Choosing your New School

**September/October** Attend school open days to choose which ones to apply to.

**31 October** Final deadline for submitting application forms.

**1 March (Offer Day)** Your child's offer will be available on your council's website. They will then be posted out.



Schools - Don't miss out on advertising your open days in our October Half Term issue

If you would like to advertise in it please contact:  
**01273 916210** or email [catherine@primarytimes.biz](mailto:catherine@primarytimes.biz)

## Anything Nose in Schools Next March

- Red Nose Day is back for 2019, and Comic Relief is calling on all teachers to clear their school's diary on Friday 15 March to take part in the epic fundraising extravaganza.
- Red Nose Day is a time in the school year that students remember for a lifetime - donning a nose, dressing up and coming up with all kinds of wacky ways to raise funds for a good cause.
- It isn't just an exciting opportunity to take part in a fantastic day of fundraising. Red Nose Day also gives students a great chance to learn more about the world around them and how Comic Relief is working to support vulnerable people both at home in the UK and around the globe.
- To help schools get red-y for a day of fundraising and events, teachers can now pre-order a free fundraising pack tailored specifically for primary schools. The packs are bursting with ideas - fundraising guides, posters, stickers and balloons - to help ensure schools will have an unforgettable time. Comic Relief also offers school curriculum materials and videos that teachers can use to help raise awareness of the world around them and those living incredibly tough lives.
- To have these tips, tools and classroom ideas land in your school's post box this January, pre-order your pack now - just head to [www.rednoseday.com/primarytimes](http://www.rednoseday.com/primarytimes).
- Comic Relief is a registered UK charity that aims to create a just world, free from poverty - where everyone is safe, healthy, educated and empowered. Since 1985, Comic



Relief has raised over £1 billion. That money has helped, and is helping, people both here at home in the UK and across the world.

For more information about Comic Relief and the work it carries out, please visit [www.comicrelief.com](http://www.comicrelief.com).





An independent boarding and day school for boys and girls aged 11-18

Christ's Hospital provides more financially supported places than any other school in the independent boarding sector and has done for over 460 years.

Christ's Hospital, Horsham, West Sussex RH13 0LJ

[www.christs-hospital.org.uk](http://www.christs-hospital.org.uk) | 01403 246555 | [hello@christs-hospital.org.uk](mailto:hello@christs-hospital.org.uk)



**CHRIST'S HOSPITAL**

A SCHOOL LIKE NO OTHER

Registered Charity No. 1120090

## Worthing High School

Worthing High School is a mixed secondary school for students aged 11-16 and is part of the South Downs Education Trust. Their ethos is based on the strong fundamental principle that education for each student is of equal value. Their shared vision is to challenge students at every opportunity to be curious, independent, resilient, kind and most importantly academically inspired.



The school build their curriculum and extra-curricular activities around their Worthing Way core values of Community, Resilience, Integrity, Respect and Excellence. The school continues to gain an excellent reputation

for the achievements of students whether academic, sporting or cultural.

Worthing High School is valued by the community and is a popular choice for prospective students and their parents. They have a caring family ethos which enables students to settle quickly, and as a school they set high standards and target outcomes for their students. Their brand new STEM suite opened in May 2017 and earlier this year, their new Dance Studio and separate Fitness Suite also opened.

Prospective parents/carers and students are welcome to visit the school at any time. Please call reception on 01903 237 864 to arrange a visit, or for more information, please visit [www.worthinghigh.net](http://www.worthinghigh.net).

## Bishop Luffa School

Bishop Luffa School, with 1480 pupils aged 11-18, is regularly amongst the top 10% performing mixed comprehensive schools in the country. They aspire to be a confident outward-looking Christian community in which every member enjoys creative, dynamic and reflective learning, is supported, challenged and equipped for the future, values and takes responsibility for themselves and others and relies on and builds supportive and lasting relationships. Pupils, parents and teachers together play a vital role in realising their vision - always their best because everyone matters.

Bishop Luffa focus on pupils' progress from wherever they start and want them to achieve their best, irrespective of their ability or background. Their pupils have a rich and diverse experience of a broad, balanced, relevant and increasingly personalized curriculum. In class, 'can do' thinking strategies help stretch pupils' aptitude in creative and independent thinking. Beyond the classroom, this is enriched by Exploration Days, work experience, field trips and theatre visits as well as Health and Enterprise days.

The Creative Arts pulsate through the school, inspiring, enlivening and building confidence. Pupils play a wide range of sports, both team and individual.

One Sixth Former recently gave her thoughts on her time at Luffa, "Thank you for having faith in me for the last seven years. When I joined Luffa I had no confidence in myself. But because you noticed, I am able to reach my full potential."

You can join the school at their Open Evening on Wednesday 3 October. Please visit [www.bishopluffa.org.uk](http://www.bishopluffa.org.uk) for details.



### WORTHING HIGH SCHOOL

## OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 26 September  
5.00pm to 8.00pm

## OPEN MORNING TOURS

Monday 1 to Thursday 4 October  
at 9.15am



Headteacher: Pan Panayiotou  
South Farm Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN14 7AR  
Tel: 01903 237864 - Email: [office@worthinghigh.net](mailto:office@worthinghigh.net)  
[www.worthinghigh.net](http://www.worthinghigh.net)

[@worthinghigh](https://twitter.com/worthinghigh)

A South Downs Education Trust School.



## Bishop Luffa School

Always our best because everyone matters



Pupils and staff are delighted to welcome you to their

## OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 3 October 6.00pm—8.30pm

## OPEN MORNINGS

Tuesday 9 October 9.15am—11.00am

Wednesday 10 October 9.15am—11.00am

Booking is required for the Open Mornings

Please contact Mrs Gill Cooper, Admissions Secretary on 01243 832702

*In the top 10% of non-selective schools nationally for student attainment at KS4*

Schools, Students and Teachers Network (SSAT)

For more information about the school please visit our website

[www.bishopluffa.org.uk](http://www.bishopluffa.org.uk)

Bishop Luffa School, Westgate  
Chichester, West Sussex PO19 3HP  
Telephone: 01243 787741



## The Littlehampton Academy

The Littlehampton Academy (TLA) is an 11-18 Academy that is brimming with potential and creativity. The extremely committed teachers work hard to improve the educational experiences of the young people in the Littlehampton community. Their keen and enthusiastic students are determined to succeed. Parents and carers are eager to support their children and the academy in ensuring that they get the very best from each and every student. Littlehampton sets high standards for their young people.



All students are set challenging academic targets personalised to each child. They expect their students to make them proud with their personal conduct. They are excellent ambassadors for the community and have been rightly praised for their courtesy and consideration of others. TLA is a Christian designated academy and they are proud to be part of the Woodard Academies Trust. They aim to provide a rich and diverse educational environment that welcomes people of all faiths and none, and where every child is 'known and nurtured'.

You can visit their wonderful modern building at the Open Evening on Thursday 4 October where you will be

warmly invited to tour the Academy. You will have the opportunity to meet their friendly staff and students and ask questions. The Principal will also be presenting a welcome address to families. TLA will also be running an Open Morning on Monday 8 October, where they will show you around the school. No appointment is necessary. Alternatively, arrange an appointment to see them on a different day by emailing [office@tla.woodard.co.uk](mailto:office@tla.woodard.co.uk). For more information, please visit [www.tla.woodard.co.uk](http://www.tla.woodard.co.uk).

## The Sir Robert Woodard Academy

The Sir Robert Woodard Academy is a dynamic and popular 11-18 academy located between Worthing and Brighton, serving the students of Lancing, Sompting and Shoreham. Every student at the academy is known and nurtured and is provided with teaching and learning experiences that allow them to fulfil their potential. Their medium size and exceptional pastoral care create a calm and purposeful atmosphere that brings out the best in students.

The Academy's STEM offering is outstanding thanks to their strong industry partnerships which allow students to experience and take part in real life projects and research. Performing Arts are a fundamental part of the Academy's heritage and their tradition in this area is firmly embedded in the academy's curricular and extra-curricular timetables.

Students and staff at SRWA are lucky enough to benefit from a purpose-built school with outstanding facilities including a brand new 3G all-weather pitch, running track and MUGA (Multi Use Games Area). As well as their academic and creative strengths they also excel in basketball and are home to the Sussex Bears Basketball Academy which brings superb sporting expertise and attracts attention from all over the region and beyond. SRWA looks forward to welcoming you to their Open Evening on Thursday 4 October. Please visit [www.srwa.woodard.co.uk](http://www.srwa.woodard.co.uk) for further details.



### Inspire Growth; Reap Success



#### Open Evening – Thursday 4 October 2018

You are warmly invited to tour the Academy and meet staff and students from 6pm until 8pm. The Principal, Mr Thomas, will present a welcome address to families in the Main Hall at 6.45pm.

#### Open Morning – Monday 8 October 2018

Join us for a tour at 9.15am, 10.15am or 11.30am. No appointment necessary. Tours will last an hour. Parking is available via our Fitzalan Road entrance. If this date is not convenient, you are most welcome to contact us to arrange an appointment to see us at work on a different day of your choice.

The Littlehampton Academy, Fitzalan Road, Littlehampton, BN17 6FE  
 Tel: 01903 711120 • Email: [office@tla.woodard.co.uk](mailto:office@tla.woodard.co.uk)  
 Website: [www.tla.woodard.co.uk](http://www.tla.woodard.co.uk)  
 Facebook: [thelittlehamptonacademy-official](https://www.facebook.com/thelittlehamptonacademy-official)  
 Twitter: [LittlehamptonAcademy@TLA\\_NewsUpdates](https://twitter.com/LittlehamptonAcademy@TLA_NewsUpdates)



Sir Robert Woodard  
Academy



Students and staff are delighted to welcome you to our

### Open Evening 2018

Thursday 4th October  
6.00pm - 8.30pm

#### Open Mornings by appointment

9th, 10th, 11th October  
9.30am and 11.15am

To book a place please call 01903 767434  
[www.srwa.woodard.co.uk](http://www.srwa.woodard.co.uk)

Bring hope to a hungry child with

# PORRIDGE SMILES

..... this October! .....



This October, Mary's Meals is inviting you to reach out to children living in poverty by supporting the #PorridgeSmiles campaign

To request your free Porridge Smiles fundraising pack, please visit [www.worldporridgeday.com](http://www.worldporridgeday.com)



#PorridgeSmiles



## Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals are asking you to bring hope to a hungry child with this World Porridge Day. Children all over the world are preparing for the new term, including more than 1.2 million learners who receive a daily meal from Mary's Meals. The charity works with some of the world's poorest communities to set up school feeding programmes that encourage children to attend class, learn, and work towards a better future.

World Porridge Day, 10 October, celebrates the huge difference that a daily mug of porridge from Mary's Meals makes in the lives of chronically hungry children. This October, schools across the UK will be joining in with the Porridge Smiles fundraising campaign to send a real message of hope to children living in poverty.

Mary's Meals is inviting you to host a porridge party fundraiser at school, any time in October. It's a great

way to bring staff, pupils and parents together and everyone will have fun creating a smiley face in their bowl of porridge using tasty toppings.

To request your free Porridge Smiles fundraising pack – which includes tips for setting up your party and a poster to publicise your event – visit [www.worldporridgeday.com](http://www.worldporridgeday.com) and complete the online form. You'll also be able to see some of the best Porridge Smiles from last year in their 2017 Hall of Fame.

It costs just 7p to provide one meal, so your school's fundraising will make a huge difference to children receiving Mary's Meals. The charity is committed to spending at least 93p of every £1 donated directly on charitable activities.



Name	Address
Academy Selsey, The	School Lane, Selsey, PO20 9EH
Angmering School, The	Station Road, Angmering, BN16 4HH
Ardingly College	College Road, Ardingly, RH17 6SQ
Bishop Luffa C of E School	Westgate, Chichester, PO19 3HP
Bohunt School	Broadwater Road, Worthing, BN14 8AH
Bourne Community College	Park Road, Southbourne, PO10 8PJ
Burgess Hill Academy, The	Station Road, Burgess Hill, RH15 9EA
Burgess Hill Girls	Keymer Road, Burgess Hill, RH15 0EG
Chatsmore Catholic High School	Goring Street, Worthing, BN12 5AF
Chichester Free School	Hunston Road, Chichester, PO20 1NP
Chichester High School	Kingsham Road, Chichester, PO19 8EB
Christ's Hospital	Horsham, RH13 0LJ
College of Richard Collyer, The	Hurst Road, Horsham, RH12 2EJ
Davison CE High School for Girls	Selbourne Road, Worthing, BN11 2JX
Downlands Community School	Dale Avenue, Hassocks, BN6 8LP
Durrington High School	The Boulevard, Worthing, BN13 1JX
Felpham Community College	Felpham Way, Bognor Regis, PO22 8EL
Forest School, The	Comptons Lane, Horsham, RH13 5NT
Gatwick School, The	Gatwick Road, Crawley, RH10 9TP
Hazelwick School	Three Bridges, Crawley, RH10 1SX
Holy Trinity CE Secondary School, The	Buckswood Drive, Crawley, RH11 8JE
Ifield Community College	Crawley Avenue, Ifield, RH11 0DB
Imberhorne School	Imberhorne Lane, East Grinstead, RH19 1QJ
Littlehampton Academy, The	Fitzalan Road, Littlehampton, BN17 6FE
Midhurst Rother College	North Street, Midhurst, GU29 9DT
Millais School	Depot Road, Horsham, RH13 5HR
Oathall Community College	Appledore Gardens, Haywards Heath, RH16 1JL
Oriel High School	Maidenbower Lane, Maidenbower, RH10 7XJ
Ormiston Six Villages Academy	Lime Avenue, Westergate, PO20 3UE
Our Lady of Sion School	Gratwicke Road, Worthing, BN11 4BL
Regis School, The	Westloats Lane, Bognor Regis, PO21 5LH
Sackville School	Lewes Road, East Grinstead, RH19 3TY
Sir Robert Woodard Academy, The	Upper Boundstone Lane, Sompting, BN15 9QJ
St Andrew's CE High School for Boys	Sackville Road, Worthing, BN14 8BG
St Paul's Catholic College	Jane Murray Way, Burgess Hill, RH15 8GA
St Philip Howard Catholic School	Elm Grove South, Barnham, PO22 0EN
St Wilfrid's Catholic School	St Wilfrid's Way, Crawley, RH11 8PG
Steyping Grammar School	Shooting Field, Steyping, BN44 3RX
Tanbridge House School	Farthings Hill, Guildford Rd, Horsham, RH12 1JL
Towers School, The	The Towers, Upper Beeding, Steyping, BN44 3RX
Thomas Bennett Community College	Ashdown Drive, Tilgate, RH10 5AD
Warden Park Secondary Academy	Broad Street, Cuckfield, RH17 5DP
Weald School, The	Station Road, Billingshurst, RH14 9RY
Worthing High School	South Farm Road, Worthing, BN14 7AR

## West Sussex Open Days

	Tel	Website	Date/Time of Open Days
	01243 602 558	www.theacademyselsey-tkat.org	No available information - see school website for details
	01903 772 351	www.angmeringschool.co.uk	Open Eve Wed 3 Oct 4-7pm. Open Morn Tours Thurs 4, Fri 5, Mon 8 & Tue 9 Oct 9.10am and 12 noon.
	01444 893 000	www.ardingly.com	Open Morn Sat 6 Oct. Book online.
	01243 832 702	www.bishopluffa.org.uk	Open Eve Wed 3 Oct 6-8.30pm. Open Morn (parents only) Tues 9 & Wed 10 Oct, contact school for details.
	01903 601 361	www.bohuntingworth.com	Open Eve Thurs 27 Sept 6-9pm. Open Morn Mon 1 - Thurs 4 Oct - book via www.bohuntingworth.com/open-mornings
	01243 375 691	www.bourne.org.uk	Open Eve Thurs 4 Oct 5-8pm. Open Morn Tues 25, Thurs 27 Sept and Tues 9 & 16 Oct 9am.
	01444 241 691	www.theburgesshillacademy.org.uk	Open Eve Thurs 27 Sept 6-9pm.
	01444 241050	www.burgesshillgirls.com	Open Day Sat 6 Oct. Phone school to book place.
	01903 241 368	www.chathigh.co.uk	Open Eve Tues 9 Oct.
	01243 792690	www.chichesterfreeschool.org.uk	Open Eve Wed 10 Oct at 7pm. Open Morn Mon 15 & Tues 16 Oct. Email admissions@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk to book.
	01243 787 014	www.chs-tkat.org	Open Eve Thurs 27 Sept 5.30-8pm. Open Morns Thurs 4 & Tues 9 Oct 9.30-11.20am.
	01403 247 424	www.christs-hospital.org.uk	Open Morn Sat 8 Sept.
	01403 210 822	www.collyers.ac.uk	No available information - see school website for details
	01903 233 835	www.davison.w-sussex.sch.uk	Open Eve Tue 2 Oct 5.30-8pm. Open Morns Wed 19-Tues 25 Sept 9am.
	01273 845 892	www.downlands.w-sussex.sch.uk	Open Eve Thurs 4 Oct 6-8.30pm.
	01903 244 957	www.durrintonhigh.w-sussex.sch.uk	Open Eve Thurs 4 Oct 6-8pm. Open Morns w/c 8 Oct.
	01243 826 511	www.felpham.com	Open Eve Tues 25 Sept 6-8.30pm. Open Morn Thurs 27-Fri 28 Sept & Mon 1-Tues 2 Oct 9-10.30am.
	01403 261 086	www.theforestschool.com	Open Eve Thurs 4 Oct.
	08452 577 175	www.thegatwickschool.org.uk	No available information - see school website for details
	01293 403 344	www.hazelwick.org	Open Eve Tues 18 Sept from 6pm.
	01293 423 690	www.holytrinity.w-sussex.sch.uk	Open Eve Thurs 27 Sept 5-9pm, Head's talk 5.15pm & 7pm.
	01293 420 500	www.ifieldcc.w-sussex.sch.uk	Open Eve Thurs 20 Sept 6-8pm.
	01342 323 562	www.imberhorne.w-sussex.sch.uk	Open Eve Thurs 27 Sept 5-8pm.
	01903 711 120	www.tla.woodard.co.uk	Open Eve Thurs 4 Oct 6-8pm. Open Morn Mon 8 Oct. Tours 9.15, 10.15 & 11.30am.
	01730 812 451	www.mrc-academy.org	Open Eve Thurs 27 Sept. Drop-in Morns 9 & 17 Oct 9.30-11.30am.
	01403 254 932	www.millais.org.uk	Open Eve Tues 2 Oct 5.30-8.30pm.
2AQ	01444 414 001	www.oathall.org	Open Eve Thurs 20 Sept 4.30-8pm.
W	01293 880 350	www.oriel.w-sussex.sch.uk	Open Eve Wed 19 Sept 6-8.30pm. Open Morn 21, 25, 27 Sept and 2, 4, 9, 11, 16 & 18 Oct, phone school to book.
	01243 546 800	www.ormistonsixvillagesacademy.co.uk	Open Eve Wed 29 Sept 6-8pm, Head's talk 6.15pm & 7.15pm.
	01903 228 638	www.sionschool.org.uk	Open Eve Thurs 27 Sept.
	01243 871 010	www.theregisschool.co.uk	No available information - see school website for details
	01342 410 140	www.sackville.w-sussex.sch.uk	No available information - see school website for details
QZ	01903 767 434	www.srwa.woodard.co.uk	Open Eve Thurs 4 Oct 6-8.30pm. Open Morn Tues 9, Wed 10, Thurs 11 Oct 9.30am & 11.15am. Book a place via school.
	01903 820 676	www.st-andrews-boys.org.uk	Open Morn Wed 19-Tues 25 Sept 9-11am. Open Eve Tues 2 Oct, contact school for details.
	01444 873 898	www.stpaulscatholiccollege.co.uk	Open Eve Thurs 13 Sept 6-8pm.
	01243 552 055	www.st-philiphoward.w-sussex.sch.uk	Open Eve Thurs 20 Sept. School Tours various date Mon 24 Sept-Fri 19 Oct, contact school for details.
	01293 421 421	www.stwilfrids.com	Open Day Thurs 4 Oct.
	01903 814 555	www.sgs.uk.net	Open Morn (Church St) Wed 26 & Thurs 27 Sept, Open Eve Thurs 27 Sept. Open Morn (Rock Rd) Wed 3 & Thurs 4 Oct, Open Eve Thurs 4 Oct.
ISR	01403 263 628	www.tanbridge-house-sch.co.uk	Open Eve Wed 26 Sept.
3TF	01903 812 185	www.thetowersconventschoo.org	Open Eve Thurs 20 Sept. Book online.
	01293 526 255	www.thomasbennett-tkat.org	No available information - see school website for details
	01444 457 881	www.wardenpark.co.uk	Open Morns selected dates Mon 17 Sept-Fri 19 Oct. Contact school for details.
	01403 787 200	www.theweald.org.uk	Open Eve Thurs 27 Sept.
	01903 237 864	www.worthinghigh.net	Open Eve Wed 26 Sept 5-8pm. Open Morn Mon 1 Oct-Thurs 4 Oct from 9.15am.

**Dates correct at time of going to press. Contact the school to confirm details**