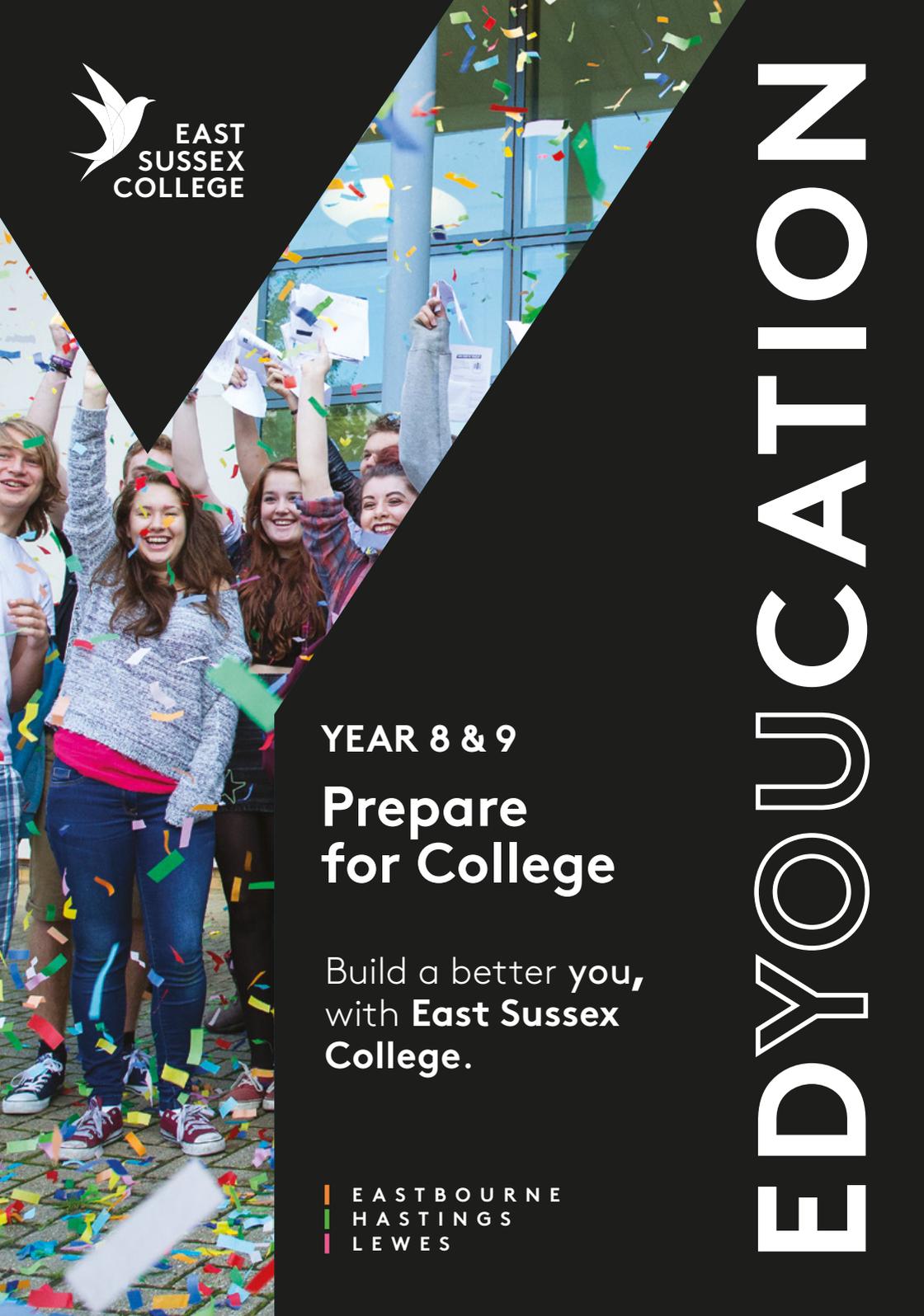




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YEAR 8 & 9

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I CAME TO THE OPEN EVENING AND REALLY LIKED THE SOUND OF ALL THE DIFFERENT TRIPS AND WORK EXPERIENCE THAT I COULD GET INVOLVED WITH.

LAURA POOLE | PUBLIC SERVICES STUDENT

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We've put this helpful little booklet together to give you an idea of the possibilities available at East Sussex College once you've finished school. Finishing secondary school may seem like a long way off yet, but there is no harm in planning ahead, right?

Once you start looking, you will find there are lots of options at college, but they don't need to be confusing. Generally, students choose one of three pathways to go down. You can choose a Sixth Form/ A-Level route, a Vocational & Professional pathway, or choose to start an Apprenticeship:

Our A-Level route

is focussed around academic study programmes and are ideal for you if you want to study more than one subject and prefer a traditional classroom-based learning experience. This pathway stretches and tests your knowledge through coursework assignments and end-of-year exams. You will also take part in work experience as part of your course.

Our Vocational & Professional courses

are perfect if you enjoy a more hands-on approach to learning. You'll study one subject area by doing lots of tasks and have the opportunity to put these skills into practise during work experience and employability skills workshops.

Apprenticeships

are on-the-job training qualifications that allow you to learn about your chosen industry while doing the job and being paid.

Our brand new T-Level courses

also fall into the vocational category. We have been chosen by the government to be one of the first colleges in the country to offer T-Level subjects. These new pathways give you the equivalent grades to A-Levels, meaning you can go to university afterwards, but you also get three months of work experience built into the course.

We are East Sussex College!

Our campuses

We have purpose-built campuses in Eastbourne, Hastings, and Lewes to make sure you get the best out of college when you join us. We have some of the latest equipment, resources and technology to make sure you're learning isn't limited in anyway.

Learn in real-life working environments

Our classrooms and workshops are laid out just like real-life working environments. So you'll notice that our mechanics garages, music studios, and catering kitchens are just like the ones you'll find in the industry.





Industry experience

When you join us, you'll be able to take part in real, meaningful work experience during our industry placement programme. We have contacts with thousands of businesses and universities which means it is easy for us to invite guest speakers in to talk to you, take you out into the industry for educational trips and visits, and even help you to secure interviews for jobs once you finish college.

Expert tutors

We have some of the finest teachers in East Sussex teaching our students - they even win national awards! They have years and years of teaching experience and many of them have worked as industry professionals before coming into teaching - perfect for passing on all their knowledge and experience.

You may have heard about A-Levels, T-Levels and Vocational courses, but what are they?

For more information, visit our website www.escg.ac.uk.

Scan for more information about A-Level and Vocational/ Professional courses



Scan for more information about Apprenticeships



Scan for more information about T-Levels



A-Levels

- A-Levels are two-year academic courses at Level 3 (a pass/grade 4 at GCSE will give you a Level 2 qualification).
- Grades are based on end-of-course exams, with a few subjects requiring coursework assessments.
- Students generally choose to study three A-Level subjects.
- Three A-Levels are the normal requirement for entry to university (Higher Education).
- A-Level students typically progress to university, others go on to higher apprenticeships and employment.



THE TUTORS AND FACILITIES ARE AMAZING AND THEY HAVE HELPED ME TO SECURE PLACES AT TWO DRAMA SCHOOLS, SO NOW I HAVE A DECISION TO MAKE.

KATY PURSEGLOVE | PERFORMING ARTS STUDENT

Vocational & Professional Courses

- Vocational and Professional courses at East Sussex College range from Entry Level to Level 3.
- Vocational subjects remain a popular choice in various fields, including Hair & Beauty, Construction, Sport, Art & Design and Performing Arts.
- Grades are usually based on coursework, exams and practical assessments (dependent on course).
- Students can achieve a Level 3 qualification over 2-3 years, depending on the level of study you start on.
- Students can progress onto apprenticeships, employment and university (Higher Education).

Apprenticeships

- Apprenticeships are on-the-job training programmes that usually last between 12-24 months.
- Students usually start an apprenticeship between Level 1 and Level 3 depending on previous qualifications and the subject being studied.
- Students spend roughly four days per week working and one day training (this can be at work or at college).
- Students get paid for their work.
- Students often progress onto higher apprenticeships. These can go up to Level 7 – the same as getting a degree.

T-Levels

- T-Levels are two-year courses at Level 3.
- Final grades could be the equivalent of gaining three A-Levels.
- Grades are usually based on coursework, exams and practical assessments (dependent on course).
- There will be a work placement lasting a minimum of 315 hours, which is roughly 45 working days built into your course.
- T-Level students will be able to progress to university to study the subject in more detail, start an apprenticeship or perhaps secure a full-time job with the business you did your work experience with.



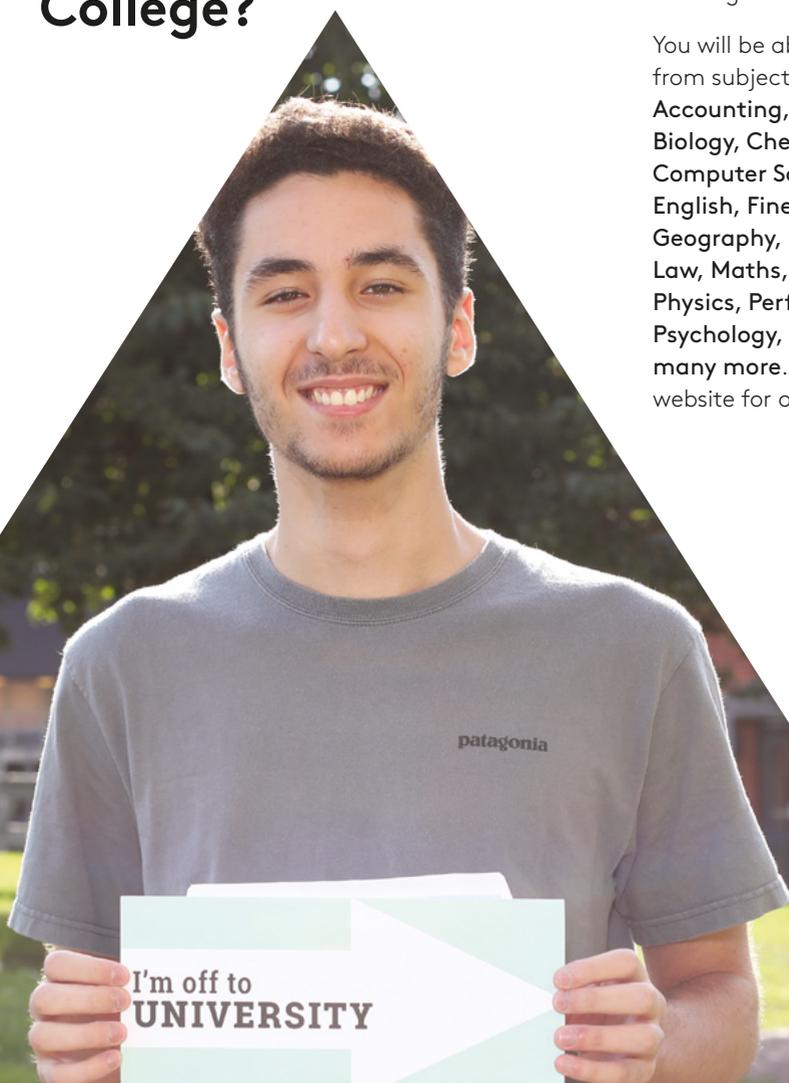
Now you know the course type, what subjects can you study at East Sussex College?

A-Levels

We offer one of the widest, if not the widest, range of A-Levels in East Sussex at our Sixth Form.

You can study A-Levels at each of our three campuses in Eastbourne, Hastings and Lewes.

You will be able to choose from subjects including **Accounting, Business, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, English, Fine Art, French, Geography, History, Law, Maths, Music, Physics, Performing Arts, Psychology, Spanish, and many more.** Search our website for our full list.



Vocational & Professional Courses

We've grouped our vocation subjects into **career families** to help you gain all the essential knowledge, skills, and behaviours you need for a successful career:

Business & Service Industries- Business & Marketing, Hair & Beauty, Hospitality & Catering and Travel & Tourism.

Construction, Engineering & Motor Vehicle- Brickwork, Carpentry, Electrical, Painting and Decorating, Plumbing, Construction, Engineering and Motor Vehicle.

Creative, Design, Digital & Music- Art & Design, Media, Computing & Digital Technologies and Music.

Health, Care, Sport & Public Services- Care Services, Education & Early Years, Sports & Fitness and Public Services. You will be able to learn core skills that are transferable across the whole career family – no matter the specialism you choose.

Apprenticeships

Earn while you learn!

There are hundreds of Apprenticeships out there in a whole range of industries.

You could find jobs in **agriculture, business and administration, care services, catering and hospitality, construction, creative and design, digital, education and childcare, engineering and manufacturing, hair and beauty, health and science, legal and finance, protective services, sales and marketing, and transport and logistics.**

T-Levels

We are one of the first colleges in the country to offer these brand new courses.

Launching in September 2020 will be:

- **Design, Surveying & Planning**
- **Digital Production**
- **Education & Childcare**

In September 2021 we will increase our T-Level offer by adding three more courses in the **Construction, Digital, and Health and Science** sectors.



THE QUALITY OF TEACHING IS REALLY GOOD. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT MY TUTOR PUTS IN TO HELP ME UNDERSTAND THE TOPIC. WHEN I FIRST STARTED, I THOUGHT THAT FURTHER MATHS WAS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT NOW I UNDERSTAND IT, SO THAT JUST GOES TO SHOW THE AMOUNT OF WORK MY TUTOR'S PUT IN.

ABDULLA MOHAMMAD | A-LEVEL MATH STUDENT

What GCSE grades do I need, to get a place on a East Sussex College course?

Still not sure about what subject choices you want to take in Year 10?

Turn the pages for some top-tips!

A-Level

- To study three A-Level subjects, you must achieve at least five GCSE's grade A*/9 - C/4 in five different subjects, including English Language and Maths to at least grade C/4.
- In addition to the above, subject specific entry criteria may also apply, you can find this on our website by searching specific A-Level courses. In exceptional circumstances you may be able to study four A-Levels. For this you must achieve at least six GCSE's grade A*/9 - A/7 in five or more different subjects, with English Language and Maths to at least grade B/6.



THIS COLLEGE HAS A GREAT ATMOSPHERE AND ALL OF THE TEACHERS ARE VERY ENTHUSIASTIC. MY ADVICE, IF YOU ARE UNSURE ABOUT WHAT TO STUDY, DON'T BE AFRAID TO TALK TO THE TEACHERS ABOUT YOUR OPTIONS. THEY ARE ALL VERY NICE AND WILL DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO HELP YOU.

HOLLY PURDIE | FRENCH, BIOLOGY & ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDENT

Vocational & Professional Courses

- Some courses require students to start at Level 1 where no prior experience has been undertaken.
- However most students start these courses at Level 2 and need at least four GCSE's grade D/3 or above in different subjects, including English Language and/ or Maths at least D/3, or an equivalent Level 1 vocational qualification.
- To start a Level 3 course you must achieve at least five GCSE's grade A*/9 - C/4 in different subjects, including English Language and/or Maths to at least grade C/4, or an equivalent Level 2 vocational qualification. And you must have sufficient prior experience in your industry.
- In addition to the above, subject specific entry criteria may also apply, you can find this on our website by searching specific courses.

Apprenticeships

- Entry requirements for Intermediate Apprenticeship (Level 2) vary, with some employers asking for two or more GCSEs, although you may not need any formal qualifications. If you don't have GCSEs in English and Maths, you are required to take qualifications in these subjects as part of the Apprenticeship.
- Advanced Apprenticeships (Level 3) entry requirements vary, but you will usually need at least five GCSEs with grades 9 to 4/A* to C, including English and Maths. These apprenticeships are considered to be the same level as two A-Level passes.

T-Levels

- To study a T-Level you must achieve at least five GCSE's grade A*/9 - C/4 in five different subjects, including English Language and Maths to at least grade C/4.

Once you are in Year 10, you'll see a lot more of us...



Open Events

Each year we host our Open Events in Autumn and Spring to give you the opportunity to come and take a look around our campuses. During our Spring open events you'll have the chance to sign up for our Year 10 Taster Days, which run in June and July.



Year 10 Taster Days

Just before you break up for the summer holidays you'll have the chance to come and try college for the day, taking part in four lessons of your choice. Our students always tell us that their Taster Days were really helpful in making up their minds about which courses they wanted to study, and also the location they wanted to study at. You will be able to explore our campuses, speak to our tutors, find out about specific courses and see what college is all about.



Student Support & Wellbeing

When you start college you will be completely supported by a team of caring tutors, who you can talk to about any worries or concerns you may have. We also have a team of Wellbeing Mentors who are available to offer practical support and advice for more challenging issues. They may offer a number of one-to-one meetings with you or signpost you to a specialist service who can help. If you have any worries before starting college, feel free to speak to our team and ask any questions you may have when applying for your course.

Still deciding which GCSEs to take?

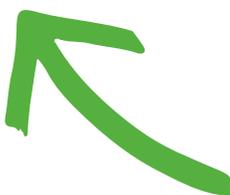
You may have already chosen your GCSE subjects, but for some, choosing your options can be tricky. If you're having trouble then why not consider our tried and tested guide to choosing GCSE subjects:

- 1. Decide which subjects you are good at** – some of the best advice we've ever heard is choose subjects that you enjoy and that you're good at. That way, you'll enjoy studying them for the full two years.
- 2. Think about your career** - If you know what you would like to do as a career find out what courses you'll need to study at college and/or university to help you get there. Once you know this, you can then work backwards to find out which GCSEs you need to take to meet the entry criteria.
- 3. Choose the subject, not the teacher** – you may really like the teacher who teaches Art, but if you don't like art or you don't see yourself working in that industry then it may not be the right subject for you at GCSE.
- 4. Let the choices be yours and don't be influenced by others** – listening to advice from teachers, family and friends is very helpful, but when it comes to deciding, you'll need to be the one making the decision. You will be the one studying the subject for two years, so make sure they are right for you.
- 5. Don't pick what your friends are doing** – having your friends in your class could be really great, however, not all of your friends will have the same interests as you and they may have different strengths as well. Don't choose GCSE PE if you're not sporty or have a keen interest in the human body, as you probably won't achieve the best grade you could get. Choose to your strengths.



THE FACILITIES
HERE ARE GREAT!

ARJUNA DIANTO | IT STUDENT



countdown to college

Don't miss out!



Year 10

Spring Open Events

Come and see what college is all about. We like to help you see beyond textbooks and classrooms and show you how exciting college can be.

Taster Days

Sign up for our Year 10 Taster Day. Choose four subjects and become an East Sussex College student for the day.

Year 11

Autumn Open Events

Come and chat to our subject tutors, find out more about our application process, what grades you need, and finalise which subjects you want to study.



Apply!

November, December & January

Once you decide on your subjects, it's time to apply. Fill out an application form online and submit it to our Admissions Team.

You will be able to submit more than one application so don't feel pressured to apply to just one campus or college!

Our deadline is 31st December.

Come to an interview

February - April
After Christmas we'll invite you along to a college interview. You'll be able to tell us more about yourself, about why you want to study with us and give us an idea of what you'd like to do after college.

fancy a college tour?

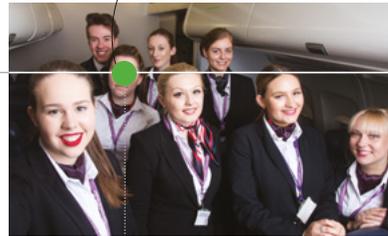
Take a look around our campuses, and talk to our tutors on a private tour. Get in touch and book today.



MiniFest

Celebrate the end of exams and the end of school with our FREE smash-hit summer festivals.

We can't wait to meet you!



Accept your place

If all goes to plan at your interview, we'll write to you to offer you a place on your chosen course. If you have applied to more than one of our campuses we'll ask you to select which one you'd like to study at.

GCSE time good luck!

May-June

Your revision will soon pay off as you sit your GCSEs exams in May and June.

Have a great summer

We'll be in touch over the summer to let you know about your enrolment appointment.

Enrol at college

August

College enrolment opens on GCSE results day. We will have been in touch over the summer to give you a time slot to come in and enrol. Hopefully everything goes to plan with your GCSE grades, but don't panic if they don't. Get in touch with us so we can help you and chat to you about what to do next.

Welcome to ESC

September

Once you've enrolled you'll be ready to start your college journey!



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