

TRANSITION TO COLLEGE

GETTING READY...

We are really looking forward to seeing you in college in September! We know this is an exciting time and that there may also be a few things that you are nervous or unsure about. This leaflet will give you key information about college life, what to expect, the support that is available, and how you can get ready.

BEFORE YOU START	 <h3>CHECK YOUR EMAIL</h3> <p>Email is how the college will keep in contact with you. Over the summer, key information about your course and starting college will be sent to your email address. If you only have a school email address, now is the time to set up a personal email (for example a Gmail or Hotmail account). Make sure that the college has the correct email address for you and that you check it regularly.</p>
	 <h3>ORGANISE TRAVEL</h3> <p>How will you be travelling to college? What time will you need to get up to be there on time? How much will it cost to get to college? Make sure that you have an answer to these questions before you start college life. Put a plan in place to make sure that you are not late on your first day! For those students needing support with the cost of travel to college, means tested assistance may be available. Applications for a Learner Support Grant open on 1st August 2021. Make sure you complete your application as soon as possible. Apply online at: https://bit.ly/3tZ9k9f</p>
WHAT TO EXPECT	 <h3>FORMALITIES</h3> <p>The adults in college go by their first names. You don't need to call them 'Miss' or 'Sir'! You can also ditch your school uniform and wear your own choice of clothes!</p>
	 <h3>YOUR COURSE</h3> <p>You will be on a full-time course but that doesn't mean that you will have timetabled classes all day every day. Your timetable may show some free mornings or afternoons or even whole days where you are not required to attend. The move to college involves a lot more individual responsibility and self-directed study. You are expected to use your free time to work independently, complete assignments, or to revise. You will be responsible for making sure that you meet deadlines, manage your learning, and stay on track with your studies!</p>
	 <h3>SETTLING IN</h3> <p>Your teachers, tutors and other members of staff at college are friendly and approachable. If you get lost or need assistance, ask any member of staff and they will point you in the right direction!</p>
STUDENT SERVICES	 <h3>STUDENT TUTORS</h3> <p>Every student aged 16-19 will be assigned a student tutor, who you will meet with regularly. Through one-to-one discussions, tutors will monitor your progress, set targets, track your achievement and support you to ensure your attendance. We place a real importance on student tutoring as we strongly believe it plays a vital role in helping our students to succeed.</p>
	 <h3>CAREERS AND PROGRESSION ADVICE</h3> <p>The college has a department called Progression+. The Progression+ team includes experts in careers, higher education, work experience and apprenticeships. They can help with all aspects of careers and progression, including applying for courses, interview tips, CV writing, application forms, job and apprenticeship searches, and gap year opportunities. You can book appointments to talk to a friendly adviser at any point during or after your course.</p>
	 <h3>ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT</h3> <p>If you have a learning difficulty such as dyslexia, need a little extra help with English or maths, have a physical disability, or need additional tuition because English is not your first language, our specialist staff will support you throughout your studies.</p>

SAFEGUARDING

WELLBEING

If you need support to help keep yourself or someone else safe, assistance is always available from the college safeguarding team.

Chichester & Brinsbury Safeguarding Team:

You can contact us by email at staysafe@chichester.ac.uk or by telephone from 9am to 5pm on 01243 786321 extension: 5555

Worthing Safeguarding Team:

You can contact us by email at staysafe@worthing.ac.uk or by telephone from 8.30am-5pm on 01903 275755 extension: 678

The college also offers a free and confidential counselling service to help with personal, wellbeing and mental health concerns.



STUDENT UNION

The Student Union is run **by students for students**. It is really easy to **get involved** in and make your voice heard. There are loads of **opportunities** to enjoy days out and **trips abroad**, plus a huge range of **activities** to take part in and **clubs** to join.



STUDENT EXECUTIVE

The Student Executive represents the **student body** in key **college decisions**. They meet once a week to discuss issues that are important to students and to run the student union. They represent all learners and vote on day-to-day **decisions** that affect students. They assist in running **fundraisers**, fun **activities and events**, and in guiding guests and potential students at open days. They regularly meet with the **principal** and governors of the college to make sure that **student voices are heard**. The student executive is directly **elected**; make sure that you use your vote to elect your preferred candidate. If you would like to get involved in **student politics**, you can run to become a member of the student executive or even the **student union president!**



COURSE REPRESENTATIVES

Each course at college **elects** a course **representative**. Course reps are responsible for collecting the **opinions and feedback** of their classmates and giving this feedback to the student union. Course representatives are the **voice of their course!** They attend three student **conferences** over the academic year to discuss everything from the food available in the college cafeteria to teaching methods. Course reps also meet with the relevant **curriculum leader** once a term. As a student, you can have your **ideas** and **opinions** heard by college leadership; as a course rep, you hold a **position of responsibility** helping to ensure the **continuous improvement** of college services.

Remember, being at college is not just about lessons, it's about gaining a range of new skills, trying new things, meeting new people, and growing as a person.

Make sure to join in, get involved, and make the most of the opportunities available!

STUDENT LIFE

USEFUL WEBSITES

Brinsbury
College

www.brinsbury.ac.uk

Student Union:

Facebook.com/BrinsburySU
Twitter: @BrinsburySU

Progression+

Twitter: @ProPlusChiBrins

Chichester
College

www.chichester.ac.uk

Student Union:

Facebook.com/ChichesterSU
Twitter: @ChiSUOfficial1

Progression+

Twitter: @ProPlusChiBrins

Worthing
College

www.worthing.ac.uk

Student Union:

Facebook.com/WorthingSU
Twitter: @SUWorthing

Progression+

Twitter: @ProPlusWorthing

SLN Connect is funded by the **Office for Students** and works in partnership with the **Chichester College Group** to provide **free and impartial information, advice and guidance on progression pathways** (including college and university study and apprenticeships).



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