



VARNDEAN COLLEGE

Superb range of courses and great support for international students - located in lovely Brighton!

Varndean College is a dedicated Sixth Form college located in the lively and cosmopolitan city of Brighton, on an attractive campus surrounded by playing fields and with views of the sea.

The college offers a variety of academic and vocational courses including the increasingly popular International Baccalaureate Diploma and has an excellent reputation for exam results. The 2019 pass rate was 98% for A Levels and an incredible 100% for vocational courses. Students progress to university and employment - with many former students now prominent in public life.

Support for students at Varndean is excellent, whether from personal tutors or using important services such as welfare, careers guidance and additional support for learning, including language support.

A dedicated International Team work to ensure that all exchange students settle in with ease and can reach their full potential. Students at Varndean can shape the curriculum and their chosen activities to match their interests, which invariably leads them to make lots of like-minded friends.



Where is Brighton?

- 1 hour from London
- Population: 300,000
- The perfect base for easy access to the capital and for discovering the south coast of England

16-18

AGE RANGE

P

PUBLIC SCHOOL

EU

STUDENTS

EU STUDENTS ACCEPTED

NON EU

STUDENTS

NON-EU STUDENTS ACCEPTED

TERM

3-4 MONTHS

TERM

SEMESTER

5-6 MONTHS

SEMESTER

AYP

ACADEMIC YEAR

SP

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

LGW

ARRIVAL AIRPORT: LONDON GATWICK



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SCHOOL TYPE

Independent	
State (Public)	●
Private Day	
Private Boarding	

QUALIFICATIONS AVAILABLE

A Level (1 YEAR INTENSE)	
A Level (2 YEAR)	●
GCSE	●
T Levels	
BTEC	●
Extended Project Qualification	●
University Foundation	
IB (for non-EU MYP students only)	●
Other	

TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED

1,800

IELTS LEVEL REQUIRED

5.5

TEACHER : STUDENT RATIO

1:22

AVERAGE NUMBER OF DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES

14

FAMOUS ALUMNI

Natasha Kaplinsky- BBC Newsreader
Tommy Fraser - Professional Footballer

TOTAL NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ENROLLED

100

UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

The University of Oxford
The University of Cambridge
University College London
The University of Sheffield
King's College London
The University of Sussex
The University of Edinburgh
Central St. Martins

SCHOOL ACCREDITATIONS

2017 Department for Education 2nd place in '16-18 Colleges Performance Table'

Ranked in the top 9% of all A Level providers in the UK

A* - C GRADES

86%

SCHOOL UNIFORM?

No





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SCIENCES	
Biology	●
Chemistry	●
Agricultural Science	
Environmental Sciences	●
Geology	
Applied Science	●
Physics	●

CORE SUBJECTS	
Maths	●
English Language	●
English Literature	●

LANGUAGES	
French	●
Spanish	●
Japanese	
Mandarin	●
Italian	
Russian	
German	●
Latin	

TECHNOLOGY	
Media Studies	●
Computer Science	●
Textiles	●
Graphic Design	●

MUSIC AND ARTS	
Music Technology	●
Art and Design	●
Drama	●
Photography & Film	●
Dance	●

SOCIAL SCIENCES	
Psychology	●
Business Studies	●
Criminology	●
Sociology	●
History	●
Politics	●
Law	●
Classical Civilisation	●
Geography	●
Economics	●
Philosophy	●

VOCATIONAL / BTEC	
Travel and Tourism	●
Health and Social Care	●
Engineering	●
Computer Games Development	●
Nutrition & Health	●
Business	●
Creative Media Production	●
Sport	●

BRIGHTON

Brighton is one of the UK's most popular destinations for international high school students, and it's easy to see why! Bohemian, colourful and always buzzing with activity, Brighton is a place that has it all and offers a unique blend of laid-back beach living and the hustle and bustle of life in a cosmopolitan city.

International high school students who choose to live in Brighton will never be bored. The city is bursting with attractions- a Royal Palace, interesting museums, a network of quirky shopping streets, a beautiful beach, and of course the iconic neon-lit Brighton Pier where people flock all year round to enjoy the amusements, rides and breathtaking ocean views. The city is also a great base for getting to London and discovering the nearby South Downs National Park, home to the dramatic Seven Sisters cliffs and some of southern England's most charming villages.



BRAND NEW STEM CENTRE



Spring 2020 saw the opening of Varndean College's much-awaited new £2.9 million STEM Centre. The newly-constructed 2-storey building houses 4 science labs, 6 teaching rooms and prep rooms as well as a fabulous main foyer and atrium. Through its teaching of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) courses, Varndean trains and encourages students to move on to higher level STEM courses. Specialist support is also given to students applying to Oxford and Cambridge Universities as well as Medical, Veterinary and Dental courses.

SPORTS & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- African Caribbean Society
- Chess Club
- Art & Design
- Christian Union
- Chemistry
- Climate & Environment Action Group
- Creative Writing
- Environmental Committee
- Feminist Society
- Life Drawing
- Mandarin for Beginners
- Music
- Oxbridge Support
- Philosophy Society
- LGBTQ+ Rainbow Alliance
- Politics Society
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Football
- Rugby
- Tennis
- Yoga
- Table Tennis
- Netball
- Storytelling Society
- Student Union
- Drama
- Philosophy Society

WHY CHOOSE VARNDEAN COLLEGE?



OUTSTANDING SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Varndean College has a dedicated International Team and a dedicated Welfare Team who support international students throughout their stay at the college, organising an orientation week and ongoing social events.

OXBRIDGE AND MEDICAL PREPARATION

The college runs a programme of activities and support for students interested in progressing in the highly competitive fields of Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science. Students receive practise interviews with university admissions tutors. Students wishing to apply to Oxford or Cambridge are given extensive assistance with their application form and interview preparation.

TOP SPORTS PROGRAMMES

Students at Varndean College have the opportunity to join a development programme for Basketball, Football, Netball, Rugby or Tennis and receive professional coaching in their selected sport alongside their academic studies. The programmes typically involve regular matches and training and also allow students to engage with the sport outside college, thanks to connections with local and national teams and clubs.



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- IELTS score minimum 5.5
- Completed application form, returned to Educatius
- Academic reports from the previous 3 years
- Teacher recommendation
- Full immunisation history and medical declaration
- Skype interview with Educatius representative & Varndean College
- Assessment tests

