



ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Varndean College is a community where students become academically accomplished and flourish as a part of a welcoming, inspirational and close-knit family. The school inspires academic excellence, high expectations and a thirst for knowledge, developing a curiosity and passion for lifelong learning in its students. The school offers over 50 A Levels, and vocational courses, and the internationally recognized International Baccalaureate Diploma. The school is in the top 10% of UK schools and sixth-forms for value-added, meaning students achieve much higher than expected outcomes. Its international students say how friendly and professional Varndean College is, and how they feel valued as individuals.

VARNDEAN COLLEGE

Brighton, United Kingdom

QUICK FACTS:

of Students: 2,000
Age Range: 16-19
A-Levels Offered: Yes
IB Diploma Offered: Yes

Teacher:Student Ratio: 1:20
Temperature: -2°C - 23°C
Closest Airports: London Gatwick (LGW) (30 min), London Heathrow (LHR) (90 min)
Population: 622,000

FACILITIES

Varndean College was founded in 1884 and is located in the beautiful city of Brighton, in East Sussex, United Kingdom. It is a wonderful place in which to study, being work uniquely set on a spacious, green campus with stunning views of Brighton and the sea. Facilities include art and music rooms, computer and science labs, gymnasium, library and cafeteria, sports fields and the new STEM Center.



CURRICULUM

L3 A-Level Courses:



- 3D Design, Art, Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry



- Classical Civilization
- Computer Science, Drama & Theater Studies, Economics
- English Language, English Literature, English Language & Literature
- Environmental Science, Film Studies
- French, Geography, German, Graphic Design, History – Early Modern, History – Modern



- History of Art, Law, Mathematics, Media Studies, Music Technology
- Philosophy, Photography, Physical Education, Physics, Politics



- Psychology, Sociology
- Spanish, Textiles

BTEC Courses:



- Biology (Applied Human Biology) (Single), Business (Single)
- Computer Games Development
- Craft & Design T-level (Textile & Fashion maker) Two Year Course Only
- Creative Media Production, Dance, Education & Childcare T-level (Early years) Two Year Course Only, Criminology Educas L3 Diploma (Single)
- Education & Childcare T-level (Early years) Two Year Course Only
- Engineering, Forensic Science, Criminal Investigation (Double), Health & Social Care, Information Technology, Law (Applied), Performing Arts, Protective Services, Psychology (Applied)
- Sport (Double), Sport & Exercise Science
- Travel & Tourism



ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Varndean offers a wide range of Enrichment activities:

- Active – a choice of 8 activities including basketball, Duke of Edinburgh, football
- Creative – a choice of 20 activities including Art, crochet, creative writing, funk band
- Community – a choice of 11 activities including environmental, politics, Pride
- Personal Development – a choice of 4 activities including well-being, meditation, journaling
- Progress – a choice of 16 activities including Young Enterprise, Medicine/Vet/Dentistry, career skills

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE SUBJECTS

- Group 1: English Literature
- Group 2: French/German/Spanish
- Group 3: History/Global Politics/Psychology
- Group 4: Biology/Physics, Environmental Systems and Societies (ESS is available at standard level only)
- Group 5: Mathematics – Analysis & Approaches, Mathematics – Applications & Interpretations
- Group 6: Chemistry/Economics/Philosophy/Visual Arts

ENROLLMENT RESTRICTIONS

- Age: Students must be ages 16-19
- Accommodation Type: Homestay
- Minimum IELTS Score: 5.5 for A-levels and vocational courses and 6.5 for IB diploma
- Already Graduated Students: No

Please note that fact sheets are created out of season and information is subject to change. We do our best to update information, but please reach out to headquarters to verify the availability of clubs, sports and classes yearly.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Brighton is a seaside city in the county of East Sussex, England located 47 miles south of London. Brighton's location has made it a popular destination for tourists, renowned for its diverse communities, shopping areas, large and vibrant culture, as well as its music and art scenes. The city has a long and fascinating history that can be traced all the way back to the Bronze Age! Its Victorian influence can be seen throughout the city but none more so than in its beloved Royal Pavilion. Brighton truly stands in a class all its own as a city with a big heart – and everything to offer!

