

# WELCOME TO YOUR STUDENT UNION

## WELCOME PACK

### 25-26



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# WELCOME MESSAGE

The Students' Union plays a vital role in making sure your voice is heard. It's led by a Student President, supported by a Vice President, both elected by students. They work alongside SU Officers and a team of Student Executives at each college.



## Welcome to College!

Recognised as one of the strongest Further Education Student Unions in the country, we're here to support you to have an amazing time at college. We pride ourselves on offering a complete learner experience!

Once you're enrolled, you automatically become a member of the Students' Union. This gives you access to all SU-led activities, events, and opportunities to shape your college experience.



These Student Executives are selected from the first Student Conference in October, which brings together Student Representatives from every course. If you're passionate about making a difference, you can:

- Become a Student Rep
- Join the Student Executive
- Help out with charity and social events

For every college decision, policy or process that affects students, the SU is consulted. Make sure your voice is part of the conversation!

## Events & Engagement

We run a variety of events throughout the year, including:

- Charity fundraisers
- Diversity Days
- Volunteering opportunities
- College-wide celebrations

We've raised over £4000 for charity last year, and historically over £100,000 to build a school for underprivileged children in Kenya.

Reach out to your Student Experience Team to get involved!



## Get in Touch

Visit your Student Experience Team office or email us at [STEX@chigroup.ac.uk](mailto:STEX@chigroup.ac.uk)

Scan the QR code below to connect with your SU online. Whether you want to get involved or just ask a question, we're here for you!



## Get Ready for Something XTRA!

As a student, you'll have access to our #GetSomeXtra programme – a packed calendar of clubs, sports, trips, and experiences designed to make your time at college unforgettable.

### Trips & Travel

We offer exciting trips both locally and abroad:

- Theme park days (e.g., Thorpe Park)
- International adventures to India, Bali, and the USA
- Volunteering abroad – this year marks our 16th trip to Kenya



### Clubs & Sports

There's something happening every day of the week! Whether you're into sports, creative arts, gaming, or wellness, there's a club for you.

### Don't Miss Freshers' Fair!

The best way to discover everything on offer is to attend Freshers' Fair. Meet club leaders, sign up for activities, and grab some freebies while you're at it!



### Stay Connected

To keep up-to-date with everything happening, follow your college's social media pages (details in the following pages).



# STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Every course at your college has a Student Representative and it is a great role to take on, helping to ensure that you and the students you study with have the best possible experience while at college.

## HOW DO YOU BECOME A STUDENT REP?

Student Reps are elected within their class during week 3 of the academic year

## WHAT DO STUDENT REPS HAVE TO GIVE?

- **Time & commitment** - by attending cross college student conferences and curriculum- specific meetings once a term.
- **'Your Voice'** - sharing your peers opinions and suggestions on any issue that they wish to highlight.
- **Ideas** - These can be your own suggestions or ideas that have come from peers or friends. You can bring anything forward for consideration.

## WHAT DO STUDENT REPS GET?

- Feedback from every meeting you attend.
- A dedicated team available to answer your questions.
- Lunch! Our way of saying 'Thank You' for attending conference and supporting student voice.
- Connections with students from outside your course group, widening your social circle.
- New skills to enhance your CV.

**HELP TO RUN YOUR STUDENT UNION BY GETTING INVOLVED & SUPPORTING THE EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS!**



# STUDENT EXECUTIVES

Any Student Rep can put themselves forward to be a member of the Student Executive. Sign up at the first Student Conference.

## WHAT DO STUDENT EXECS HAVE TO GIVE?

- **Time & commitment** - by attending fortnightly Student Executive meetings, Student Committees once a term with College Governors and cross college student conferences once a term.
- **Opinions** - Not necessarily your own as you are there to represent the whole student body. You will be required to go out and collect views via surveys etc.
- **Get involved** - You will be leading on engagement with Student Union and Xtra activities and trips.

## WHAT DO STUDENT EXECS GET?

- A **free hoodie** to help identify you as one of the Student Executives at events and activities throughout the year.
- Connections with new people from across college and the wider CCG group are made through the opportunities created by your involvement in the Student Union.
- CV enhancement by gaining skills, certificated training and experience in this unique voluntary role.
- Extra support in your college journey through the student experience team.
- So many amazing opportunities to get your voice heard locally, nationally and internationally.
- An End of Year Celebration Event!



# WHAT HAPPENS IN THE SU?

Your Student Common Rooms are a fun, safe and chilled area for all students to use outside of your lessons. We welcome all to enjoy the space, get involved and hang out with your friends.



There is lots to do and get involved with in the Student Union's. You can grab a game of pool with your friends, meet new people, get involved in our events, play table top games and lots more...



Make sure you visit your Student Experience Team to find out what is on offer at your college!



# MEET YOUR PRESIDENTS!



**BRIGHTON MET COLLEGE – MEGAN COULL**



**NORTHBROOK COLLEGE – LAYLA BROOKER**



**BRINSBURY COLLEGE – CAYLEIGH ANCELL FAULKNER**



**CRAWLEY COLLEGE – KIERAN GLADMAN**



**CHICHESTER COLLEGE – SIMON KOZIOL**



**WORTHING COLLEGE – ALEXANDRA SPASOVA**



**HAYWARDS HEATH COLLEGE – JAMES GRAY**

**SU**  
Your  
college  
Your  
voice



# MEET YOUR OFFICERS!



**BRIGHTON MET COLLEGE**  
**HARLEY WHEELDON**  
**VICE PRESIDENT**



**BRIGHTON MET COLLEGE**  
**MATTEO NUNES**  
**SECRETARY**



**BRINSBURY COLLEGE –**  
**JENIFER SALISBURY**  
**VICE PRESIDENT**



**BRINSBURY COLLEGE –**  
**CAIN APPLEBY**  
**SECRETARY**



**CHICHESTER COLLEGE**  
**BIANCA GONZALES**  
**VICE PRESIDENT**



**CHICHESTER COLLEGE**  
**JAZMYN-SOFIA FRIBBENS**  
**SECRETARY**



**CRAWLEY COLLEGE**  
**SKY CARMAN**  
**VICE PRESIDENT**



**CRAWLEY COLLEGE**  
**OLLIE TONKS**  
**SECRETARY**



**HAYWARDS HEATH COLLEGE**  
**CAITLIN JOHNSON**  
**VICE PRESIDENT**

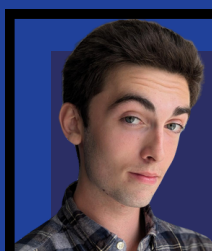


**HAYWARDS HEATH COLLEGE**  
**BEATRICE WHITE**  
**SECRETARY**



**NORTHBROOK COLLEGE**  
**YUURI CHIFFINS**  
**VICE PRESIDENT**

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**WORTHING COLLEGE**  
**MILES BRADLEY**  
**VICE PRESIDENT**



**WORTHING COLLEGE**  
**JAKE CADMAN**  
**SECRETARY**

# MEET YOUR STUDENT EXPERIENCE TEAM!



**LISA HUMPHRIES**  
**ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL**  
**STUDENTS/CUSTOMERS**



**BETH HUTCHINSON**  
**STUDENT EXPERIENCE**  
**TEAM LEADER**



**NICK MERCADO**  
**DIRECTOR OF STUDENT**  
**EXPERIENCE**



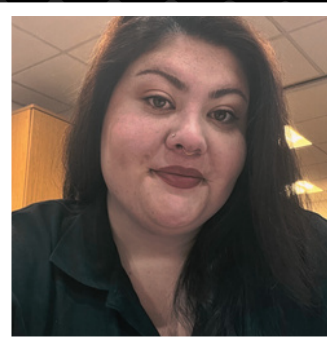
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**STUDENT EXPERIENCE**  
**CO-ORDINATOR**



**ALEX FINDLAY**  
**STUDENT EXPERIENCE**  
**CO-ORDINATOR**



**RIA VOICE**  
**STUDENT EXPERIENCE**  
**CO-ORDINATOR**



**LIZZIE STANIFORTH**  
**STUDENT EXPERIENCE**  
**CO-ORDINATOR**



**RUPERT GASKELL**  
**STUDENT EXPERIENCE**  
**CO-ORDINATOR**



# LOCAL TRIPS AND EVENTS!

Your social life is an important part of your student experience and to support this, the Student Experience Team run a number of trips to local attractions and have an extensive enrichment programme.

## WHERE WILL WE BE GOING THIS YEAR?

- Thorpe Park Fright Night
- Harry Potter Studios
- Go Karting
- Laser Quest

And much more...



## WE ALSO OFFER :

- Freshers' Fayre
- Charity fundraising events
- Enrichment programme including clubs and sports
- PLUS much more

## HOW DO I SIGN UP?

- Visit your Student Experience Team at the Freshers' event for details on what we are offering and how you can get involved.
- Follow your Student Union on social media.



# #GETSOMEXTRA!

**XTRA**   
Your experience  
Your future





Here are the trips in development for 25/26



Your Student  
Experience Team  
are planning  
some BIG TRIPS  
for you!



**INDIA**

**BALI**

**TENERIFE**

**KENYA**

**USA**



Speak to your Student Experience Coordinator in  
September for more info!

**#GETSOMEXTRA!**

**XTRA** Your experience  
Your future

# TRAVEL THE WORLD



## HERE IS WHAT SOME OF OUR STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY!

### INDIA

"I've learnt so much and I've seen some of the biggest challenges that are faced within the communities we have visited. I loved meeting the OSCAR Foundation team and playing football with the children, whose enthusiasm and energy was contagious. Thank you CCG for organising such a meaningful journey and for all the support throughout the trip, it will certainly be one I remember!"

- Leah



### BALI

"Being on this trip has given me more confidence to do things out of my comfort zone. It has helped me to see how charities and businesses are run, which will benefit my future plans of working with charities. My advice to anyone coming here is that you make the best memories when you push yourself out of your comfort zone. Make sure you ask questions and learn as much as you can"

-Olivia



### KENYA

"This journey allowed me to make a positive impact and opened my eyes to the beauty and resilience of the Kenyan people. Running a sports day brought joy to the children. The bonds I formed with them and the community were special, and I learned much about their culture and way of life. It was humbling to see what we could achieve together. I returned home with renewed purpose and a deeper appreciation for the world."

- Mollie





# FOLLOW US ON SOCIALS!



@studentunionccg



**SU** Chichester  
Student  
Union

@chixtraofficial



**SU** Brighton  
Metropolitan  
Student  
Union

@brightonmetsu



**SU** Haywards  
Heath  
Student  
Union

@haywardsheathsu



**SU** Brinsbury  
Student  
Union

@brinsburysu



**SU** Crawley  
Student  
Union

@crawleysu



**SU** Worthing  
Student  
Union

@worthingcollegesu



**SU** Northbrook  
Student  
Union

@sunorthbrook





# GET MORE BANG FOR YOUR BUCK



**UNiDAYS**

***StudentBeans***  
STUDENT DISCOUNTS. SORTED.

**Here are some apps that give  
student discounts, deals on  
shopping, food and much more!!**

**Make sure to read online, as some  
independent businesses have discounts on  
products or services!**

**Download the app, create an account and get shopping!**

In order to receive deals, you will need to use your student email to create a account. You will receive your student email after enrolment.



