

# HIGHER EDUCATION WELCOME PACK

## 24-25



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Your voice  
**HIGHER EDUCATION**

**XTRA** Your experience  
Your future

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# WELCOME MESSAGE

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

Once you are enrolled on your course, you become an automatic member of the Students' Union, providing you with access to all trips, events and clubs. Opportunities include days out to places like Thorpe Park and even trips abroad to exciting destinations like India, Tenerife and New York. We can even give you the opportunity to volunteer abroad; this year our students are volunteering in Kenya for their 16th trip.



Last year we raised nearly £6000 for charity! In addition to this, we have historically raised over £100,000 to build a school for underprivileged children in Kenya. There are a huge variety of activities for you to get involved in every day of the week, which are all part of our #GetSomeXtra program

We also run lots of events which any student can take part in, including our charity events, Diversity Days, volunteering in the community and college wide events - contact your Student Experience Team to find out how to get involved! .

The Students' Union is not just about the social side of life, it also plays a significant role in ensuring that all students are given the opportunity to feedback on their experiences and see services improve as a result.



The Students' Union is led by a Student President, who is supported by their Vice President. They are elected by the student body. The SU Officers lead a group of Student Executives who are selected from the first Student Conference in October.

Student Conference is made up of student representatives from every course. We are always looking for students who want to get more involved, whether it's by being a Student Representative, a Student Executive or by helping out with charity and social events. If you want to be involved then make sure you are elected as a rep for your course or pop in to see your Student Experience Team. For every decision, policy or process that affects students, the Students' Union and its students are consulted – make sure your voice is heard!



We hope you will get involved with the huge range of activities and services we have to offer and that you have an outstanding student experience with us. We've included a range of materials to help you make the most of your time with us. There is so much to check out, so don't miss out.

To keep up-to-date with SU life, follow the social media pages for your campus as detailed in the following pages. We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and we look forward to seeing you in September!



# STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Every course 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 the first few weeks of the Autumn Semester.

## WHAT DO STUDENT REPS HAVE TO GIVE?

- **Time & commitment** - by attending cross curriculum 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 weekly Student Executive meetings, Student Committees once a term with Governors and cross curriculum 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 journey through the student experience team.
- So many amazing opportunities to get your voice heard locally, nationally and internationally.





# WHAT HAPPENS IN THE SU?

Your Students' Union spaces 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 Students' Union. 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 campus!



# MEET YOUR PRESIDENTS!



**BRIGHTON MET COLLEGE –  
MEGAN COULL**



**NORTHBROOK COLLEGE –  
GEORGE MILES**



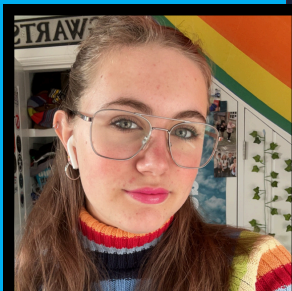
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ELLY CLARIDGE**



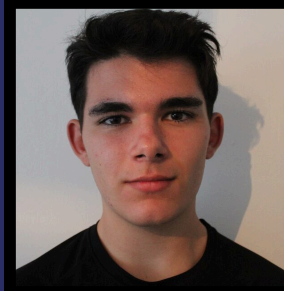
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SOPHIE BEEDEN**

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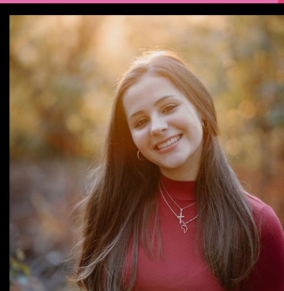
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CHLOE PESKETT**



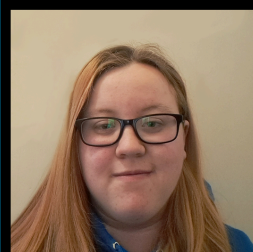
**WORTHING COLLEGE –  
BRADLEY ROWATT**



**HAYWARDS HEATH COLLEGE –  
CAITLIN HEYDENRYCH**



# MEET YOUR VICE PRESIDENTS & SECRETARIES



**CHICHESTER COLLEGE –  
OLIVIA STONE  
VICE PRESIDENT**



**BRINSBURY COLLEGE –  
LIAM CHATWIN  
VICE PRESIDENT**



**CRAWLEY COLLEGE –  
LACEY HUGHES  
VICE PRESIDENT**



**CHICHESTER COLLEGE –  
AIDEN HOWIE  
SECRETARY**



**CRAWLEY COLLEGE –  
CHARLOTTE BOUGLAS  
SECRETARY**

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**HAYWARDS HEATH COLLEGE –  
LENA SWIDKIEWICZ  
VICE PRESIDENT**



**WORTHING COLLEGE –  
EVAN WOOD  
VICE PRESIDENT**



**HAYWARDS HEATH COLLEGE –  
MIA WENDT  
SECRETARY**



**WORTHING COLLEGE –  
LUCCA KIRKBY BOTT  
SECRETARY**

# MEET YOUR STUDENT EXPERIENCE TEAM!



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



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

**SU**



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

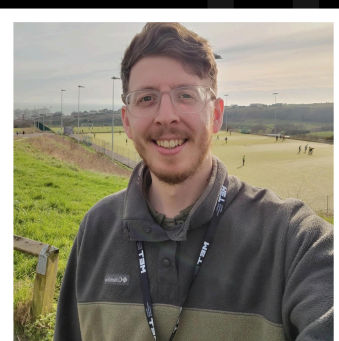
**XTRA**



**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
- Harry Potter Studios
- Kenya
- India
- New York
- Tenerife
- and so much more

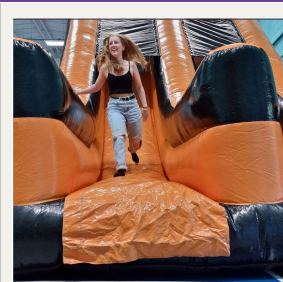
## HOW DO I SIGN UP?

- 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!

## WE ALSO OFFER :

- Freshers' Fair
- Charity fundraising events
- Enrichment program including clubs and sports
- PLUS much more



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**KENYA**

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

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



**BALI**

**Here are the trips in development for 24/25**

**TENERIFE**



**INDIA**



**NEW YORK**



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# TRAVEL THE WORLD!



HERE IS WHAT SOME OF OUR STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY!

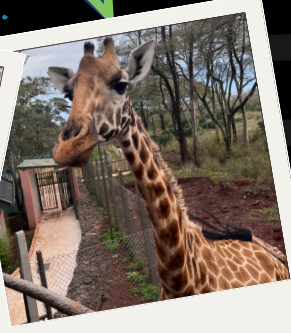
## KENYA!

An experience we will never forget! The Walk Centre is a special place. the children, the teachers, the community who have nothing yet are the happiest people I have ever met. Visiting their homes and communities, teaching English, playing with the children, making them smile and laugh. I really feel I made a difference over there, a place always in my heart.



## INDIA!

I was very fortunate to be able to go on this once in a lifetime trip, and it truly was. Seeing the children play football with smiles on their faces was amazing. Visiting the slums gave me a whole new perspective on life because as heart-breaking as it was for me to see they knew no difference and still had giant smiles on their faces. This trip will be one I never forget, and will carry with me for the rest of my life.



## NEW YORK CITY!

This trip really was a once in a lifetime experience. We got to see all the best sites of the Big Apple and be real tourists. The trip was extra special because we got to do it with our friends but also make new friends that I still see. I really would take every opportunity thrown at you here in the Chichester College Group!

## TENERIFE!

I have loved pretty much the whole trip but I think my favourite part has been the amount of activity's and ideas that can actually happen. I loved the dog walking, horse riding and the whale and dolphin boats the most because it made me feel I have a purpose!!



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# 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



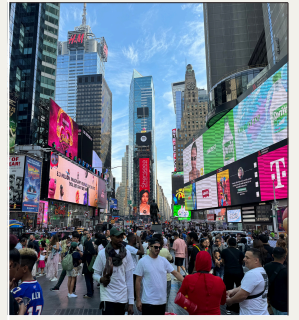
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***StudentBeans***  
STUDENT DISCOUNTS. SORTED.

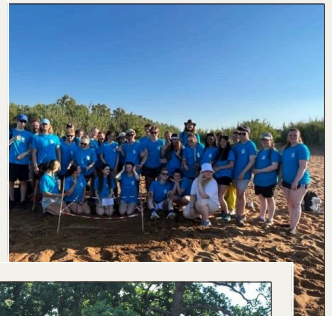
**Here are some apps that give  
student discounts, deals on  
shopping, food and much more!!**

**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.



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