

VARNDEAN COLLEGE

BRIGHTON, UK



Age Range
16-18



Public
School



EU Students
accepted



NON-EU
Students
accepted



TERM
3-4 Months
September
only



SEMESTER
5-6 Months
January
only



Academic
Year



Special
Programmes



London
Gatwick
Airport



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 2022 pass rate was 97% 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 the Varndean College?



Facts about Brighton

- Population: 300,000
- 1 hour from London
- Closest airport: London Gatwick Airport
- The perfect base for discovering the south coast of England



SCHOOL TYPE

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	●
Other (iGCSE)	



Total Number of Students Enrolled

1,800

IELTS level required

5.5

Teacher : Students Ratio:

1:18

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

OFSTED RATING: GOOD

School Uniform

No
uniform required

A*- C Grades

75%

CORE SUBJECTS	
Maths	●
English Language	●
English Literature	●

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

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

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

VOCATIONAL/BTEC	
Travel & Tourism	●
Health and Social Care	●
Engineering & Electronics	●
Hospitality & Catering	
Hair & Beauty	
Childcare and Early Years	●
Textiles	●
Sport	●



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



TECHNOLOGY	
Media Studies	●
Computer science/IT	●
Fashion/Textiles	
Graphic Design	●



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

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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- IELTS score 5.5 - test required for UK Visa requiring students only
- Completed application form, returned to Educatius
- Academic reports from the previous 3 years
- Teacher recommendation
- Full immunisation history and medical declaration
- Virtual interview with Educatius representative & Varndean's
- Assessment tests



WHY CHOOSE VARNDEN 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.