

Please select 3 choices from the list of tasters below.	<p style="text-align: center;">EASTBOURNE SUSSEX DOWNS COLLEGE YR 10 TASTERS PROGRAMME Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th July 2011</p>	
Art and Design Tasters	Taster session overview	<i>Applying to College</i>
Big Draw	Like drawing? Come and produce a piece of drawing larger than yourself. Materials provided; physically demanding and great fun! you must wear old clothing for this activity.	<i>When applying to college there are options to study at A Level or a vocational course.</i>
Digital Photography	Photography plays a massive part in most art and design subjects. This taster introduces you to taking, manipulating and printing, using state of the art inkjet technology. You can manipulate and print an image of your own if you want; bring it on a memory stick.	<i>All vocational art & design students do extensive photography within their course. It is also available at GCSE and A Level.</i>
Fine Art	This is an opportunity to find out what you can do with contemporary fine art. There will be practical sessions working with a range of materials, exploring ideas and aiming to bring out your personal expressive qualities.	<i>When applying to college there are options to study at A Level or a vocational course.</i>
Graphic Design	A chance to use a combination of text, image and your design sense to produce a layout design for a magazine front cover. You will be using a combination of programmes including Photoshop and adobe in-design in specially equipped studios.	<i>When applying to college there are options to study at A Level or a vocational course.</i>
Photography	'Working with light in the dark', Come and experience making black & white photographic images in traditional ways in our fully equipped darkrooms. We will be running practical, hands on workshops where all materials and resources will be provided.	<i>When applying to college there are options to study at A Level or a vocational course.</i>
Stop –Frame Animation	A chance to work in small groups to produce and shoot a short animated movie using digital photography and a Mac. You should bring a memory stick if you want to take your work away with you.	<i>When applying to college there are options to study at A Level or a vocational course.</i>
Textile Printing	An opportunity to experiment with heat transfer printing in the textiles area; bring a design with you to work on, or work from visual resources in the department.	<i>This is studied within the Art and Design BTEC and Diploma courses.</i>

Beauty Therapy and Hairdressing Tasters	<p style="text-align: center;">Taster session overview</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please note: you can choose either Beauty Therapy or Hairdressing but not both for your first and second choices.</i></p>	<i>Applying to College</i>
Beauty Therapy	<p>Beauty Therapy Workshop An opportunity to explore the career paths available in Beauty Therapy and try out some of the skills involved in this industry. Please would you wear closed in, low heeled shoes and clothes which are suitable for working in a professional environment, e.g. comfortable/smart/covering the torso.</p>	<i>This is a vocational full time course.</i>
Hairdressing	<p>Hairdressing Workshop Learn about the many and varied career paths open to you in this area. You will also get to learn some basic hands-on practical skills. Please would you wear closed in, low heeled shoes and clothes which are suitable for working in a professional environment, e.g. comfortable/smart/covering the torso.</p>	<i>This can be studied at college as a full time course. You can also take an apprenticeship course if you have a job.</i>
Business, Retail and Travel Tasters	<p>Taster session overview</p>	<i>Applying to College</i>
Administration	<p>A rough guide to Secretarial courses. Have you ever considered a well-paid career as a PA/Secretary? Do you enjoy working with computers? Are you a born organiser – and have a natural flair for communicating? If so, then this is the Taster session for you!</p>	<i>As part of this course you will also be studying shorthand and speedkeying.</i>
Accounting	<p>This course is designed for those looking to pursue a career in the exciting (and well paid) world of accounting, business, management and finance. Today's accountants are anything but grey and this course is definitely not for shrinking violets. You will need to have strong numeracy and literacy skills as there is so much more to Accounting than merely processing numbers. At the taster session you will be given the opportunity to assess the financial and social performance of a real business in a fun (yet purposeful) environment.</p>	<i>This subject is available to study at A Level.</i>
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<p>Business - Vocational</p>	<p>Business - Vocational and Diploma The business world is always changing and over the last 18 months we have seen many businesses disappear from our high streets because of financial problems, selling an out of date product or not understanding what customers want. If you want to find out why this has happened and you think you could do better then studying a vocational business course will give you knowledge as well as hands on experience of what it is like in the "Business World".</p>	<p><i>When applying to college there are options to study at A Level or a vocational course.</i></p>
<p>Business - A Level</p>	<p>Business Studies – A Level Any business exists to satisfy customers in order to make a profit for its owners. On this popular course you will learn about the planning, operating and financial reporting done by businesses, small and large. Each unit uses a series of case studies in which students have to assess the nature of problems and recommend solutions. Each unit does include some Maths, as part of the financial topics, so Grade C or better in GCSE Maths is required.</p>	<p><i>This course is available to study at A Level.</i></p>
<p>Economics</p>	<p>Economics is concerned with making choices about the best use of scarce resources. Any society, rich or poor, only has so much land, labour and capital. Usually we let the market forces of supply and demand guide producers, but sometimes we have bad outcomes such as pollution or poverty. This is where Economists can be useful by guiding Governments to deal with these problems while maintaining general prosperity. This course covers individual markets and also the national economy. In the second year we look at international trade and issues surrounding increasing "globalisation". Some Maths is needed in the first year, and we do use a lot of graphs as models of the real economy.</p>	<p><i>This subject is available to study at A Level.</i></p>
<p>Retailing</p>	<p>Retailing Diploma Interested in Retailing? Retailing is a fascinating place to consider a career with a variety of different roles including handling customers, selling, creating displays or visual merchandising, stock control and buying. Get a feel for these areas by considering 'what is retailing?' Come and design a shop window using skills taught on the day and there will be a prize for the best one!</p>	<p><i>When applying to college there are options to study an additional A Level or vocational course.</i></p>
<p>Travel & Tourism</p>	<p>The fastest growing industry in the world! Find out more with this taster with - An introduction to Spanish; Marketing a new visitor attraction (poster design); Working as a resort rep.</p>	<p><i>This is studied within the Travel and Tourism BTEC and Diploma courses.</i></p>

Catering Taster	Taster session overview	<i>Applying to College</i>
Pasta Workshop	<p>Why not come and learn how to produce delicious pasta the professional way? This is a 'hands on' practical workshop where you can work with professional chefs.</p> <p>Flat covered shoes are essential due to the use of hot fluids.</p>	<p><i>When applying to college there are options to study a variety of catering courses. You can also take an apprenticeship course if you have a job.</i></p>

Caring Tasters	Taster session overview	<i>Applying to College</i>
HSC A Level/ Early Years - Voc	<p>Health and Social Care (A Level)/Early Years (Vocational) This is a combined taster covering both of the subjects below.</p> <p>A level Health and Social Care (Applied). Students will be provided with practical small group activities that are related to the AS syllabus and given the chance to reflect on their interests in the subject area.</p> <p>Early Years - An Introduction (Vocational). For people of all ages who are interested in working in all childcare settings. You will be given an overview of all course contents and the qualifications required to gain entry to each level. A chance to take part in a practical activity to demonstrate awareness of the type of attitude needed to be an effective childcare practitioner. Time for questions related to career progress once you have completed your chosen course.</p>	<p><i>The A level course would usually form part of a general A Level programme but can also be chosen as an option when studying some vocational courses.</i></p> <p><i>When applying to college there are options to study numerous vocational childcare courses at level 1, 2 or 3 and you will attend placement as part of the course to help develop your skills.</i></p>
HSC - Vocational	<p>Health and Social Care (Vocational) Are you interested in the Health and Social Care sectors with a career working in nursing, midwifery, healthcare assistant, social work or other caring professions?</p> <p>Would you like to study subjects such as Diversity and Rights, Communicating with individuals, Anatomy and Physiology, Diet and Nutrition and investigating careers in the health and social care services - looking at how to help people lead a healthier lifestyle and issues relating to adult social care?</p> <p>Would you like to study a course which can help you work towards a rewarding career working with vulnerable people - then Health and Social Care may be the course for you!</p>	<p><i>At level 2 you will complete six units including Individual rights, communication and creative activities.</i></p> <p><i>At level three you will complete a range of specialist units which focus on both health and social care.</i></p> <p><i>There will be opportunities for you during the course to look at the careers available to you in the care sector such a physiotherapy, social work, hospital porter, nursing assistant to name a few.</i></p> <p><i>You will need a CRB check.</i></p>

Construction Tasters	Taster session overview Please specify which craft(s) you wish to try- each will count as one choice	Applying to College
	<p>These tasters will give you a chance to see skilled trades which make up the modern construction industry, and to talk to tutors about the opportunities for employment for qualified crafts people. You will be based in the specialist workshops of your chosen trade and will have a chance to try some basic practical work for yourself. Girls are especially welcome to try these tasters.</p> <p>For all construction trades you must wear OLD CLOTHES. Also, please bring any protective clothing you may have, e.g. Overalls, Steel toecap boots, workshop gloves, goggles. If you do not have steel toecap boots, please wear sturdy footwear (no trainers etc.)</p>	<p><i>Most construction trades can be studied as full time courses or as an apprenticeship if you have a suitable employer.</i></p>
Brickwork		
Carpentry & Joinery		
Painting & Decorating		
Plumbing		
Architecture	<p>Architecture – Construction and the Built Environment Interpret a simple design brief for a new building, produce a quick series of sketches for it, and then, using Google, sketch up to produce a 3D CAD model of your design.</p>	<p><i>If you are interested in this activity you may want to consider the Construction and Built Environment Diploma.</i></p>
Electrical	<p>Electrical Installation If you like practical tasks and have an interest in Maths and Science, electrical installation could be for you. This course will give you a taste of the practical side of the work a professional electrician.</p>	<p><i>Electrical courses can be studied as full time options or as part of an Apprenticeship.</i></p>
Engineering Taster	Taster session overview	Applying to College
Engineering	<p>Engineering brings together technical and theoretical knowledge with practical skills. If you like Maths and Science, and also have an interest in problem-solving and design, Engineering could be for you.</p> <p>This short taster is a great opportunity to develop some practical skills in a real engineering environment and produce a useful tool.</p> <p>GIRLS ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME ON ALL OUR COURSES. The girls on our full time courses do just as well as the boys and tell us they enjoy their time in the department.</p> <p>You must wear old clothes. Please bring any protective clothing you may have, e.g. overalls, steel toecap boots, workshop gloves, goggles. If you do not have steel toecap boots, please wear sturdy footwear (no trainers).</p>	<p><i>Engineering courses give you a progression route to university or jobs with good prospects and further training.</i></p>

Earth Studies Taster	Taster session overview	<i>Applying to College</i>
<p>Earth Studies</p>	<p>The three subjects in this section allow you to explore and learn about the way our planet works physically and how humans interact with it. You can choose any one subject or more than one to study at A Level. The Earth Studies taster session covers all of the subjects below:-</p> <p>Geography looks at how human populations relate to each other over the planet and to the physical environment. Study why floods happen, why population is rising, how coasts are managed, whether we are running out of energy or have endless amounts of renewable power, why global wars happen, where and why volcanoes and earthquakes happen, why the tropical rainforest is important but threatened, whether we can eliminate world poverty and so on. Outside fieldwork and coursework are important parts of Geography.</p> <p>Geology is the science that explains the structure, evolution and dynamics of the earth. Find out when and how rocks form, how we exploit rock and energy resources, how tectonic plates move and volcanoes and earthquakes happen. Fieldwork is an essential part of this subject.</p> <p>World Development study why inequalities and poverty exist on earth, what development is and whether poverty can ever be eliminated, whether we can develop and not damage the planet. There is an opportunity to travel to Uganda on this course.</p>	<p><i>These subjects are available to study at A Level.</i></p>
English Taster	Taster session overview	<i>Applying to College</i>
<p>English</p>	<p>How do words work? What do they do? Why have they been chosen by writers to convey certain meanings? What would studying English at this level be like? Come along and find out the answers in this session. You will work in groups and pairs in activities designed to allow students of all abilities to explore the fascinating aspects of language and literature.</p>	<p><i>Two English A Level courses are on offer At Park: English Language and English Literature. These are separate qualifications. It can also be studied at GCSE level within the Explorer programmes.</i></p>

Humanities and Social Sciences Tasters	Taster session overview	<i>Applying to College</i>
Humanities	<p>History/Sociology/Politics/Classical Civilisation</p> <p>This taster is designed to introduce these subjects which provide different insights into various aspects of the world we live in – past and present. During the session you will work on tasks that relate to all the subjects. The session would be useful for students wishing to choose any of these subjects at AS level. It would be an ideal opportunity to find out about subjects that you might already study at school as well as subjects that are new to you.</p> <p>No prior knowledge is required to study any of these subjects at Park College.</p>	<i>These subjects are available to study at A Level.</i>
Law	<p>Are you interested to know more about how judges make decisions in important cases? Do you want to know more about the role of a barrister and solicitor?</p> <p>This taster day is designed to give you an idea of the kind of tough issues the law has to deal with everyday and how judges attempt to use legal rules to arrive at fair judgements both for defendants, victims and wider society.</p> <p>Ideal for students looking to study law at university and those with an inquiring mind keen to develop their critical thinking skills.</p>	<i>This subject is available to study at A Level.</i>
Philosophy/RS	<p>Philosophy/Religious Studies</p> <p>This taster is designed to give students an insight into what it is like studying these two subjects at A Level.</p> <p>Philosophy focuses on the benefits of thinking and questioning without expecting definite answers. It exercises our intellectual and imaginative abilities.</p> <p>Religious Studies at A Level gives students the opportunity to explore the following kinds of questions: If God exists why does he allow evil? If God can perform miracles then why doesn't he save starving people instead of making statues weep? If God created the world for us, why did he create dinosaurs? Do we even need God now science can explain everything?</p> <p>No prior knowledge is required to study these subjects at Park College.</p>	<i>This subject is available to study at A Level.</i>

ICT Tasters	Taster session overview	Applying to College
Computer Games	<p>Computer Games from Board to Binary Introduction to how computer games are designed and developed, including working through strategies, basic coding, and how to develop a basic game sequence. Also information about computing courses and qualifications that are needed to work in the Games Industry.</p>	<p><i>ICT and Computing can be taken as a vocational course or as an A level option.</i> <i>Both A Levels and vocational courses can take you into higher education or well paid jobs.</i></p>
Computing/ICT	<p>Computing and Information Technology This will be an entirely practical session where we will use some simple programming to create animations. You do not need any particular skill with computers, just able to use a mouse and a keyboard and have a good imagination! We will also give you some information about the range of ICT and Computing courses on offer at Park.</p>	<p><i>A vocational course usually forms your whole programme whilst for A Levels you will choose a number of subjects of which ICT and Computing could be one.</i> <i>Vocational courses in ICT are usually assessed by means of assignments and continuous assessment.</i></p>
Web Wannabees	<p>Wanna be a web designer? Find out how to quickly and professionally design a really good website – what you need to consider, what works and what doesn't, what people want, how to get your site seen. You will try out web editors, html code and java script. This taster is offered by EVOC and lets you sample the style of work of some of our vocational courses. GIRLS ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME ON ALL OUR COURSES. The girls on our full time courses do just as well as the boys and enjoy their time in the department.</p>	<p><i>A Levels in ICT and Computing are assessed through project work and examination.</i></p>
Languages Taster	Taster session overview	Applying to College
Languages	<p>Modern Languages Are you interested in communication? Do you want to learn about other cultures and give your career prospects a boost at the same time? Learning a language at any level will give you an insight into other cultures and a wider view of the world.</p> <p>This session is designed to give you a flavour of language learning at Park College, whether you are interested in continuing your language study with A Levels in French or Spanish or starting Spanish, French, Chinese or Japanese from scratch. We will also give you information on careers in languages and introduce you to the basics of Chinese/Japanese! Please indicate which language you are interested in and whether you have studied it before.</p>	<p><i>You can study French and Spanish at A Level. There is also the possibility of studying another language from scratch - NVQ Spanish, French and Chinese or GCSE Spanish.</i></p>

Mathematics Taster	Taster session overview	<i>Applying to College</i>
Mathematics	This taster will show you that Maths is a challenging subject that will keep your mind sharp and stimulate your imagination. You will be developing your problem solving skills.	<i>This subject is available to study at GCSE (within the explorer programmes) or A Level.</i>
Media and Music Tasters	Taster session overview	<i>Applying to College</i>
Midi Music	Midi Music Production A short introduction to manipulating musical midi files using this powerful digital tool; a chance to work with the new technology to experiment with sounds and elements of composition and manipulation	<i>When applying to college there are options to study this within the music BTEC courses.</i>
Media and Film	Media and Film Studies Interested in knowing how filmmakers create meaning? This taster is designed to introduce students to the language and form of the moving image. During the session you will work in teams analysing and discussing film clips. Ideal for students wishing to pursue Film or Media Studies at Advanced Level.	<i>When applying to college there are options to study Film at GCSE (as part of the Explorer programmes) and A Level. Media can be studied as an A Level or in a variety of vocational courses.</i>
Radio	Radio Broadcasting A chance to see for yourself and participate in the workings of a radio station. Working in a small team to compile a show consisting of music, interview and live material. Please bring a blank CD or memory stick if you want to take your programme home with you.	<i>When applying to college there are options to study this subject within the Creative and Media Diplomas.</i>
TV Production	Ever wondered how a live television studio works? This workshop gives aspiring broadcasters a chance to prepare scripts, conduct interviews, operate lights, sound and TV camera equipment as well as basic production and directing (numbers limited).	<i>When applying to college there are options to study this subject within the Creative and Media Diplomas.</i>

Motor Vehicle Tasters	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please note that you can choose either Motor Vehicle Body Repair and Refinishing OR Motor Vehicle Mechanics BUT NOT BOTH</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Applying to College</i></p>
MV - Body Repair	<p>Motor Vehicle - Body Repair and Refinishing An opportunity to try your hand at some of the practical activities involved with this part of the motor vehicle trade and find out more about the options.</p> <p>GIRLS ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME ON ALL OUR COURSES. The girls on our full time courses do just as well as the boys and tell us that they enjoy their time in the department.</p> <p>You must wear old clothes. Please bring any protective clothing you may have, e.g. overalls, steel toecap boots. If you do not have steel toecap boots, please wear sturdy footwear (no trainers).</p>	<p><i>This can be studied at college as a full time course. You can also take an apprenticeship course if you have a job.</i></p>
MV - Mechanics	<p>Motor Vehicle - Mechanics Would you like a career in the motor industry? Come and try your hand at some of the practical activities in our workshop and find out more about the options available to you.</p> <p>GIRLS ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME ON ALL OUR COURSES. The girls on our full time courses do just as well as the boys and tell us that enjoy their time in the department. You must wear old clothes.</p> <p>Please bring any protective clothing you may have, e.g. overalls, steel toecap boots. If you do not have steel toecap boots, please wear sturdy footwear (no trainers).</p>	<p><i>This can be studied at college as a full time course. You can also take an apprenticeship course if you have a job.</i></p>

Performing Arts Tasters	Taster session overview	<i>Applying to College</i>
Dance	<p>Dance AS, A2 <i>This session is practical (so wear suitable clothing which allows you to move freely – not mini-skirts and high heels! You may also need a pen and paper), and will allow you to see how we approach each course. It is expected when you sign up to attend the sessions that you are prepared to involve yourself fully in all activities.</i></p>	<p><i>When applying to college there are options to study a variety of Performing Arts courses covering A Level and BTEC courses. There are no limits on how many Performing Arts courses you take.</i></p>
Drama and Theatre	<p>Drama and Theatre Studies AS <i>This session is practical (so wear suitable clothing which allows you to move freely. You may also need a pen and paper), and will allow you to see how we approach each course. It is expected when you sign up to attend the sessions that you are prepared to involve yourself fully in all activities. This will involve a number of different acting activities and skills.</i></p>	<p><i>When applying to college there are options to study a variety of Performing Arts courses covering A Level and BTEC courses There are no limits on how many Performing Arts courses you take.</i></p>
Acting	<p>Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Performing Arts (Acting) <i>This session is practical (so wear suitable clothing which allows you to move freely) and will allow you to see how we approach each course. It is expected when you sign up to attend the sessions that you are prepared to involve yourself fully in all activities. This may involve acting, voice and movement.</i></p>	<p><i>When applying to college there are options to study a variety of Performing Arts courses covering A Level and BTEC courses. There are no limits on how many Performing Arts courses you take.</i></p>
Musical Theatre	<p>Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma Performing Arts (Musical Theatre) <i>All the sessions are practical (so wear suitable clothing. You may also need a pen and paper), and will allow you to see how we approach each course. It is expected when you sign up to attend the sessions that you are prepared to involve yourself fully in all activities. This may involve acting, singing and dancing.</i></p>	<p><i>When applying to college there are options to study a variety of Performing Arts courses covering A Level and BTEC courses. There are no limits on how many Performing Arts courses you take.</i></p>
Stage Management	<p>Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma Performing Arts (Stage Management) <i>This session will involve a short talk about how the course works; focusing on the need to be highly motivated and organised to succeed. You will also be given a tour of the theatre and technical equipment we use and an explanation of your role backstage.</i></p>	<p><i>When applying to college there are options to study a variety of Performing Arts courses covering A Level and BTEC courses. There are no limits on how many Performing Arts courses you take.</i></p>

Public Services Tasters	Taster session overview	<i>Applying to College</i>
Public Services	An introduction to the Public Services. You will be introduced to the course, experience a typical scenario of dealing with an incident, be challenged with some problem solving and teamwork task, finishing with command tasks outside. Please bring your PE kit.	<i>When applying to college there are options to study this course at various levels.</i>
Science Tasters	Taster session overview	<i>Applying to College</i>
Sciences 1	<p>Sciences 1 – Chemistry & Physics</p> <p>For those already studying GCSE separate Sciences, or Additional Units in Double Science, this taster will give you an insight into what Chemistry and Physics are all about at Park College. During the session you will undertake some practical work and discover whether or not your skills are suited to studying these sciences. This taster will highlight the differences between these two science options making clear what each is about. Anyone who might be interested in chemistry or physics based careers should attend this taster or those with a genuine interest but unsure what topics are covered.</p>	<i>When applying to college there are options to study Biology, Physics Chemistry and Psychology at A Level. We also have some GCSE (as part of an Explorer programme) and vocational science courses available.</i>
Sciences 2	<p>Sciences 2 – Biology & Psychology</p> <p>Are you interested in understanding why people behave or think the way they do? Are you interested in studying this in a <i>scientific</i> way? If you are, then this is the taster for you. Designed for students wishing to study Psychology at A level, students need to be aware Psychology is a Science and is taught as such. A good level of numeracy and literacy skills are required. In Biology, we will consider the biological basis for this behaviour and how it can be measured. For those already studying GCSE separate Sciences, or Additional Units in Double Science, this taster will give you an insight into what Biology is like at Park College. During the session you will undertake some practical work and discover whether or not your skills are suited to studying Biology and / or Psychology.</p>	<i>When applying to college there are options to study Biology, Physics Chemistry and Psychology at A Level. We also have some GCSE (as part of an Explorer programme) and vocational science courses available.</i>

Sport Taster	Taster session overview	Applying to College
<p>Sports - CSLA/Squads</p>	<p>Sports – Leadership Award (CSLA) and Development Squads This is a combined taster covering both of the subjects below. Leadership Award (CSLA). This course is designed for those who want to develop a number of personal qualities, including organisation, administration, communication and confidence. It is designed to suit a range of students, not just those wishing to focus on sport but also careers in medicine, teaching, public services, customer service and business. Development Squads – Basketball, Football, Netball and Rugby. During this session one of the Team coaches will explain to you the Development Programme at Sussex Downs College, which is an exciting opportunity for enthusiastic players to improve their skills. The session will outline what the Development Squad programme includes, what qualifications can be achieved, expectations of players and time commitments.</p>	<p><i>This course is available to study at college and can lead on to the HSLA.</i></p> <p><i>Sussex Downs College have a variety of Sports Development courses available to study alongside your main qualification.</i></p>