



State School

Varndean College Brighton

"My absolute favorite thing was the people here, including both my teachers and my friends. The teachers were amazing! I have one more year of high school in Norway, after that I want to go to University in England as this year really has shown me how much I like it here."

Viktoria from Norway

State school in the south of England overlooking the city of Brighton, offering academic and vocational programmes for students aged 16–18. The college delivers strong exam outcomes, including a 97% A Level pass rate and a 100% pass rate for vocational courses.



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STEM



SPORTS



ARTS



PROGRAM

Quick Facts

Founded: 1975

Ofsted/ISI rating: Good

Accepting students: Years 11-12

Climate: Cool winters / Warm summers

High School Population: 1,700

Boarding offered: No

Visa information:

- **Term/Semester:** ETA or Visitor Visa (nationality dependent)
 - **Academic Year:** Student Visa required
- English as Second Language (ESL) support:**
Yes, EAL available

Academic Excellence

Varndean College offers a broad range of academic and vocational subjects, including the **International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme**. Students achieve strong outcomes, with a **97% A Level pass rate and a 100% pass rate in vocational courses**.

The curriculum spans sciences, humanities, business, technology and creative arts, allowing students to tailor their studies to future goals. A dedicated International Team supports exchange students academically and personally. Specialist guidance is available for students applying to competitive pathways, including Oxbridge and medical, veterinary and dental courses.

Student Accomplishments

- 97% A Level pass rate
- 100% pass rate for vocational courses
- Successful progression to university and employment
- Participation in leadership, enrichment and student-led societies

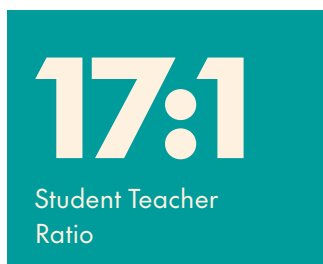
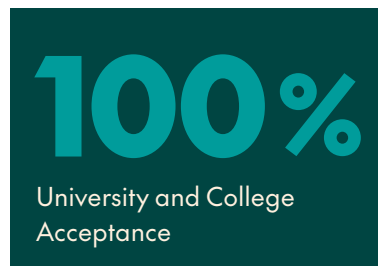
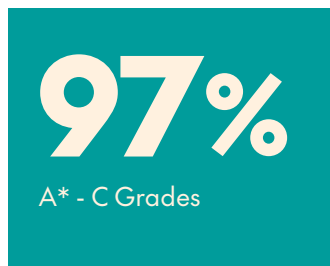


Recent University Acceptances

- 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



Stats



Campus Facilities

The college is set on an attractive campus overlooking Brighton, with modern buildings surrounded by playing fields and views of the sea. Facilities include **a £2.9 million STEM Centre with science laboratories, teaching rooms and preparation areas, alongside specialist classrooms for technology and creative subjects.** Students also benefit from access to sports facilities, social spaces and study areas. The campus is a short train journey from London, supporting both academic and cultural opportunities.

Life with local host families

International students live with local host families arranged through Educatius. Accommodation includes **single or shared rooms, meals and supervision.** Host families support students with daily routines and help them integrate into local life. Students typically commute to college using public transport and benefit from living in a safe residential environment close to Brighton's city centre. Family First placement is available for eligible students.

Athletics and Arts

Students can take part in a range of team and individual sports as part of weekly enrichment activities, with access to gym facilities and organised sessions. Opportunities are available for both recreational participation and regular fitness training.

Creative subjects are supported through specialist facilities for visual arts, media, performance and music. Students can develop practical skills and take part in clubs, productions and creative societies throughout the year.



Highlights

Sports: Badminton, Basketball, Football, Netball, Rugby, Table Tennis, Tennis, Yoga

Arts: Art, Film, Graphic Design, Media Production, Performing Arts, Photography, Studio Art – 3D Design, Textile, Theater, Video Game Design, Visual Arts

A Levels subjects:

English Language, English Literature, Media Studies, Business, Economics, Law, Mathematics, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science, Psychology, Philosophy, Classical Studies, Geography, History, Political Science, Sociology, Computer Science, Information Technology, Engineering, Criminology, Sports, Exercise and Health Science, Travel, Health and Social Care, French, German, Spanish

IB: International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme available

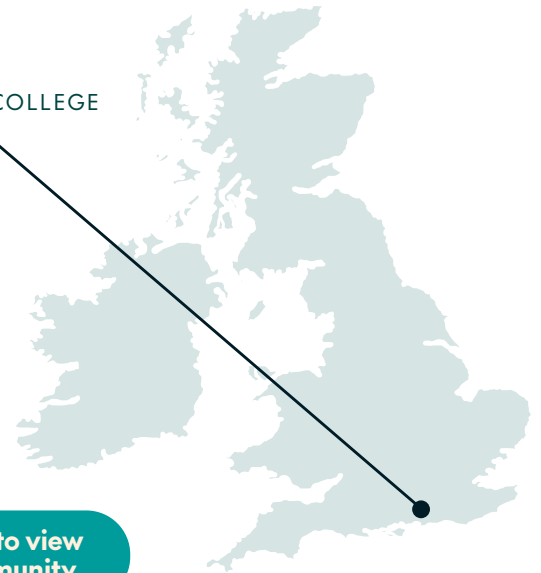
Community

Varndean College is located in Brighton, a lively coastal city in the South of England known for its seaside, cultural scene and creative industries. Students enjoy access to **cafés, shops, music venues and beaches, alongside green spaces and sports facilities**. London is easily reached by train, offering additional academic and cultural opportunities.

Climate

Mild southern climate with cool winters and warm summers. Average temperatures range from 3°C in January to 21°C in July, with moderate rainfall throughout the year.

VARNDEAN COLLEGE



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"I chose Varndean College because it's one of the best colleges offering the IB in the UK, not only academically but also for the support it gives to students. At Varndean I got guidance throughout the entire university application process and I now feel ready to study architecture in Milan which holds one of the best unis in the world."

V. Arsuffi

"Being at Varndean gave me the opportunities and skills to prepare for and apply to university, where I received offers from all 5 of the universities to which I applied"

A. Kennedy

Video

Learn more about the school

