# Manor Green College

'Opportunity and Success For All'



Dear all,

Happy Easter holidays. We are really proud of how well students have returned to the college. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Please see the adjusted drop off and pick up times for both the College and Primary School after we return from the Easter Holidays.

## Morning:

Parents: 8.30 am - 8.45am Transport: 8.45am - 9.25am

## Afternoon:

Parents: 2.45pm - 3.00pm Transport: 3.00pm - 3.40pm

We would like to wish Karen Munns all the best as she leaves to pursue new opportunities. Thank you Karen for your contribution over the last seven years.

Have a lovely restful break. Best wishes

Tom

**Reminder:** Can we please ask that you do not park in the Doctor's Surgery car park - this is for patients only

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Thursday 1st April 2021
Democracy Awards
WSCC Council Chambers
Chichester

Monday 19th April 2021
Summer Term 1 Commences





DofE Silver Expedition
Practice Walks
21st / 22nd / 23rd April 2021





DofE Silver Expedition
Qualifying Walks
5th / 6th / 7th May 2021

Friday 30th April 2021 School Photos

Monday 3rd May 2021 May Bank Holiday

Friday 28th May 2021
Term Ends

Monday 7th June 2021
Summer Term 2 Commences

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# Therapies In Schools (TIS)

# Would you like to better understand your child's sensory needs?

Many children experience difficulties processing sensory information, which impacts on their ability to achieve their goals. To support parents, the therapy team has produced an online training on sensory processing and associated strategies. If you would like to view this training, please send an email to the following address sctr.tis@nhs.net detailing your child's name and DOB and we will send the training to you, to be completed in your own time





# West Sussex Youth Choirs Online

rehearsals via Zoom on Saturdays as part of our Virtual Music Centre

West Sussex Young Voices - 11-11.45am (Y5-Y8) West Sussex Youth Choir - 1-2pm (Y9-Y13)

West Sussex Youth Choirs are for the most talented young singers across the county. For more information and to apply contact Musical Director, Sarah Forbes:

sarah forbes@westsussexmusic.co.uk

# RED NOSE DAY

We had a great day celebrating Red Nose Day. The students looked brilliant in their bright colours and super hero outfits and took part in some fun activities.

Thank you so much for your donations on the day.

# We raised £169.00







Red Nose Day Quiz

We held a Red Nose Day quiz online for students who were isolating. We had a lot of fun answering red and nose based questions. Mr Harrington even dressed as Batman!



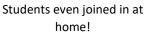












# **Key Stage 4 Talent Show**

To celebrate Odd Socks Day for Downs Syndrome, students in 4HH and 4KZ organised and ran a talent show. Performances included stand-up comedy, singing and a recital on the keyboard. The show finished off with a Newsies score from the Performing Arts Group.



Rhys caused a flap with his penguin jokes.



Lia loves singing and dancing.



Bradley wowed the audience with Beyonce's Telephone!



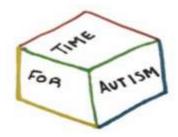
Tyler P told eggstra funny Easter jokes.



Davida supporting Odd Socks Day



Kirsty playing the keyboard



# **COULD YOU HELP FUTURE DOCTORS** LEARN ABOUT AUTISM?

We are looking for families in Brighton and Hove and across Sussex to take part in a new education programme designed to teach medical students about autism.

Each family will be paired with two students from Brighton and Sussex Medical School who will visit them at home three or four times over the course of a year.

This is an exciting opportunity for children and young people on the autism spectrum and their families to share experiences and expertise with medical students, to help them provide better care in the future.

If you would like to know more, please contact: Alison Smith, Time for Autism Development Manager T: 07717 450954 / 01273 877896 E: sc-tr.timeforautism@nhs.net www.bsms.ac.uk/time-for-autism







Year 4 students at The Brighton and Sussex Medical School, who will progress on to becoming our next generation of GPs, are being given such a brilliant opportunity to learn about Autism by being assigned to local families to truly understand the complexities of the condition and how it isn't a 'one size fits all' diagnosis. They need 90 families across Sussex to take part who are caring for someone with Autism under the age of 18.

I cannot emphasise enough how important it is for these young people to gain this knowledge now, which will shape their future career. I know from experience with both Mum and charity hats on that there are too many GPs out there who think they know all about Autism, but actually know nothing. This is the perfect opportunity to give these people the right tools and correct information by listening and observing our lived experiences so they can become even better GPs.

Anyone interested to learn more needs to contact Alison Smith at Time for Autism directly. You may remember we had David Burns as a guest speaker at one of our evening meetings at MGC. He is a trustee of this project and is so passionate, like myself, to shift the change in attitudes.

# Welcome to the Time for Autism programme



Thank you for your interest in Time for Autism (TfA). This is a new education programme at Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS) that aims to teach medical students about autism with the help of children and young people on the autism spectrum and their families.

After a year's delay due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the programme will now start in September 2021. Video calls using Microsoft Teams will replace face-to-face contact until it is safe to meet in person.

The programme is for fourth year medical students who will learn about autism both in the classroom and by visiting families with a child or young person on the autism spectrum. If you would like to take part, a pair of students will be assigned to your family and they will visit you (in person or by video call) three times over the course of the academic year.

During the face-to-face visits or video calls, students will have a unique opportunity to talk to you and your family about autism and the impact it has on day-to-day life. Getting to know you will help them to learn how to improve the care they give to autistic people in their future careers as doctors.

# What happens next?

Alison Smith (TfA Development Manager) will arrange a video call with you to discuss the programme in more detail and answer any questions you might have. If you would like to take part in the programme, Alison will take some details about your family and complete a consent form with you. Over the summer you will receive the details of your students, who will then contact you early in the autumn term to arrange their first visit with you. We will tell you more about the visits nearer the time.

# For more information, please have a look at our website:

https://www.bsms.ac.uk/research/neuroscience/cds/time-for-autism/time-forautism.aspx

We also have a short film about the programme: https://youtu.be/ dIDPYB9Ugk

If you have any questions about Time for Autism please do not hesitate to contact Alison by phone or email: 07717 450954 / sc-tr.timeforautism@nhs.net

Or you can leave a message with Linda Bennett, TfA Administrator, on 01273 877896.







# High Needs Group



A few pictures to showcase what we have been up to since we've returned to college. Our students are back doing most of the things they like and it is such a joyous feeling that we can see them visibly having a great time at school.

We are going through such a difficult time and more so for our students, the changes in routines must have had a massive impact on how they relate to the world around them. We are therefore taking this time to engage them with the familiar so they feel safe.

We are looking forward to coming back after Easter and with the gradual easing of government guidelines, we shall be doing more community inclusive activities with our students.

Have a wonderful Easter break and everyone stay safe.

From all of us in the HNG





# LOCKDOWN REPORT

Lockdown didn't stop students in 4HH and 4KZ from learning! Students (and Parents / Carers!) quickly mastered the art of using Zoom and joined in with their lessons from home. Cooking was very popular but students also zoomed in for Science, English, Maths and craft lessons.



Annie doing a science experiment and counting coins in maths.



Matty with his jellies!



Harry spent some time litter picking around his local area. Well Done Harry!





home!



Tyler with his Valentines craftwork.

# **Kirsty hits a High Note!**

During lockdown, Kirsty Bradford (4HH) was busy preparing for her Trinity College Piano Exam. Kirsty had to practice 3 pieces of music as well as some scales and mini exercises. When she was ready the whole performance was recorded and submitted to the examiners.

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March Kirsty received her result. She passed - with distinction!





4IP have been working very hard this term. They were unfortunately asked to isolate again after just one week of being back! The whole class took this news well and went on to participate in all the online classes and meetings that Izabela, along with other teachers, organized for them. All students attended English, Maths, Science, Art, Drama and PE.

They were just brilliant.



## **NEWS Art & Music**

# Art Gallery Manor Green College Website

Check out the new Manor Green College **Gallery** on our website and Youtube channel. You will start to see some amazing work that our students have been creating, such as these KS3 Portraits:









## Creative Crawley: Right Here Festival 2021

Creative Crawley is a new charity set-up to encourage and facilitate more creativity for everyone that lives, works or visits Crawley. Their first festival happened 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> January and our very own Winter Lights 'Celebration' video was one of the featured events. It has had 340 views on the Creative Crawley Youtube and we would like to say how proud we are of our two Year 8 students Jacob and Alfie for presenting the film – you both spoke so well, well done! We have had some lovely comments including this one, passed on from Creative Crawley:

"I thoroughly enjoyed the events I watched. I almost accidentally learned about the Festival and found there was an immediacy which I have missed in life over these last months. The Manor Green film was joyous and showed creativity in so many ways; I particularly appreciated their prom finale. I've lacked creativity myself - but realise how much I enjoy others' performances, creations etc. I look forward to more events. Thank everyone concerned for bringing back hope to an old resident.



P.S. Our 'Celebration' film on our Youtube channel has had over 2000 views!

# Virtual Art Club

During this second lockdown we had an Art Club for all ages and abilities, happening virtually every Monday.

"It was so lovely to see so many students joining in with a fun art activity, either during the session or afterwards. I absolutely loved the colour portraits some of our students made. We particularly enjoyed decorating our birds and we hope to install a flock of them in College. Watch this space!" Vanessa, Head of Art









# Manor Green Community Choir

# Manor Green



We were invited by West Sussex Music to take part in their first ever 'Virtual Sings Live!' which took place via Zoom on Wednesday 3 March 2021. Some of our choir students joined Pupils from Burgess Hill Academy, Oathall Community College, Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee School and St Paul's Catholic College. We came together to sing with Sarah Forbes, Director for Youth Choirs in Sussex, and to hear other schools' performances. We were really proud of our Year 9 student Olivia Wragg

who volunteered to sing a few lines in front of everyone. At this event we premiered our latest Community Choir Video of us singing and signing to 'Lean on Me' by Bill Withers. It's now available to watch at Manor Green TV. It's never too late to join us. We come together on Mondays at 4pm on Zoom [meeting number: 89314 329451 password: singsign]. Our latest song is 'Three little birds' one of Mr Smith's favourites! You can see a video of Sandra and Fiona signing it on Manor Green TV.

Lean on Me video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5GtwdwkKJM&t=2s



# Music - 'Take one Piece' project with West Sussex Music

The FE Creative Groups have had the opportunity to take part in a project that has been offered by West Sussex Music funded by a Youth Music grant to develop inclusive music making. Other SEN schools in West Sussex have also taken part and we had a celebratory session on Monday with all the schools coming together on Zoom to share the work we have been doing. We have focused on compositions using pattern and body percussion and have been joining a weekly Zoom session with Anna Ryder. We are hoping to carry on with this project next term and we will create a performance video to share with you all.

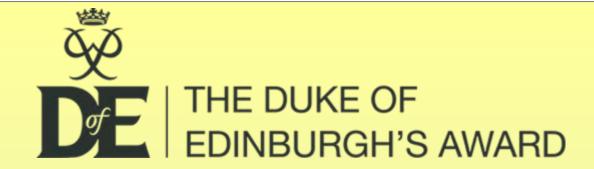


# Student Voice

Last year, we took part in the West Sussex Youth Cabinet and the national UK Youth Parliament elections. Students had the opportunity to vote for candidates to represent them at these two different assemblies. For our efforts, and especially thanks to our teachers for helping our students take part, we received a Bronze award and super glass trophy. Here are two of our student council representatives from FE, Filip and Bess, receiving the awards with teacher Vanessa Dell, Student Voice Leader. Our student council will be getting together in the summer term and we will update you all in the next newsletter.







# **Bronze Group 2021**

This year we have 30 youngsters working on their Bronze Award.

The walks will take place on the South Downs between Washington and Amberley



# Silver Group 2021

We have 6 students working on their Silver Award.





They will be exploring the Ashdown Forest,
The Knepp Estate and walking along
Balcombe Mill, River Ouse











# Drama Group's play get Hollywood Review



In November last year some of the KS4 Drama group took part in the world's first performance of the new play 'Play Virtual, Live Real'

written by our very own Mr Harrington.

The play is aimed to help students understand the dangers of online safety and is based on the true story of Breck Bednar a 14 year old boy who was groomed and murdered by an 18 year old man who he met online.



The students hard work has been seen and reviewed by none other than Dame Judi Dench. Dame Judi how has starred in the new Bond film series is an Oscar, Bafta and Tony Award winning actress.

In her review she congratulated the group for 'creating a powerful piece of drama' and that the work they had put in to raise awareness of online safety is commendable.'

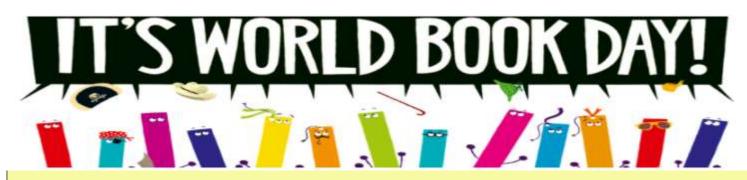
We would like to congratulate this group of talented young people on their hard work.

First stop Manor Green College - next stop Hollywood? Lets wait and see!





The Breck Foundation campaigns for a safer internet for all children and young people – whether they are gaming, communicating on social media, using apps or taking part in any other internet-based activity.



# **World Book Day Online Bonanza!**

World Book Day was a bit different this year as only a few students were in school, but what a wonderful day we had online!

Our Masked Reader competition took place on YouTube and we had lots of correct guesses as to who might be reading behind the mask. Well done to 4HH who won £50 of book tokens for getting all the answers right. We can't wait to see which books you choose as a team.

Lots of students attended our online sessions and accessed the YouTube channel that featured some of our wonderful staff members sharing their favourite stories and creative ideas. We had some students who attended every single workshop! Many of them went on to write their own stories and mini-books, inspired by what they had experienced.

Our students did some amazing story and book related work at home and in school. We've had stories, reading, worksheets and storytelling. Joseph (3DP) and Annie (4HH) both wrote, drew and participated brilliantly and were awarded our World Book Day participation awards, winning £10 of book tokens to spend when the shops re-open.

Some students were in school for World Book Day and had a great time with their staff members exploring books and enjoying stories.

What a brilliant day!

















# Cross Subject Learning in 3DP — Spring 2021

We were all very pleased to return to school at the beginning of March after the lockdown. Learning took on a cross-curricular flavour:

We started with the

'Myth of Persephone'

**ENGLISH** 

Our theme was 'Myths and Legends' with a focus on myths from **Ancient Greece** 



This linked in with our Maths lessons, as Persephone ate 6 pomegranate seeds and she had to spend half of the year in the Underworld



This helped us realise that numbers are important!

3DP didn't know what pomegranate seeds tasted or looked like so Mrs Patel brought a pomegranate in as a snack. Mrs Patel told us that pomegranates are a 'Superfood' and part of healthy eating.



Nilash, Mrs Patel and Dani were the only ones who enjoyed eating the pomegranate seeds. Everybody else thought they were a bit sour and would rather eat a banana!



**CRAFTS** - We made some daffodils from egg boxes



With Jenny's help in Gardening we have planted tomato seeds and we also plan to plant potatoes. We will measure the height of the plants as they grow!

Heloise asked us to think about the difference between fruit and vegetables and Mrs Patel took us on a Spring Scavenger Hunt. We visited two parks during our Life Skills mornings.



In Worth park there is a tree trail with 22 special trees to look for. Here is #17 the 'Swamp Cypress'



We walked through the parks observing nature coming back to life. We even spotted a bird's nest





# YOGA AND MINDFULNESS

3DP take part in Yoga and Mindfulness. They particularly enjoy these sessions at the end of a busy day.

We close our eyes and breathe slowly — This is especially nice when sitting on the floor — we just have to remember to keep our backs straight!



# Personal Development - Annabelle Hutchinson - 3SU

Over the Autumn term Annabelle was quite quiet within the class. Whilst she would answer simple questions with a yes or a no, she would only occasionally make a comment about something. Whilst this increased towards the end the Autumn term, such comments were still not very frequent. This half term there has been a huge increase in the amount that Annabelle has used her words and she is now frequently making short comments on things around her including what is happening, what things look like, what she and other people are doing. Whilst at Forest School, Annabelle also used her words to make a request for help and rather than just saying 'help' she said what she wanted help with and then gave some additional information about what needed to be done.

It has been brilliant to see Anabelle beginning to verbally communicate a little more, so a massive congratulations

Well Done Annabelle!

# Consistent Good Work and Behaviour - Peyton Clark-Wood

Peyton has worked extremely well since coming back to the College, as he did during lockdown where he also put a lot of effort into his work. He is also doing really well at keeping going when work gets a bit tricky and is beginning to believe that new things can be tricky, but as you practice them they get easier. Peyton works very hard across all subject areas, but he has been working particularly hard with his reading and his Maths and is doing well in these areas. Peyton is always polite and friendly to everyone around him and has a great sense of humour. Well done Peyton on all your hard work. It is a pleasure to have you in class.

# Most Improvement in Learning - Damian Jencip - 3SU

Damian has loved our most recent topic, The Normans. Every lesson he has managed to retain the key facts about the period and use them in some of his work. Damian really loved learning about the Battle of Hastings and was able to talk about the secret retreat from the battle tactic that William the Conquer famously did.

Big Well Done Damian and keep up the enthusiasm and hard work!

# KS3 - Year 8 and 9

# <u>Personal Development</u> - Joseph Denton - 3DP

Joseph has produced lots of good work and made lots of progress over lockdown. His understanding and enjoyment of the Greek Myths stories we have covered in English is astonishing. He is able to recall names of main characters, locations where events took place and the key attributes linked to these personalities. He has been the classroom expert!

During a trip out Joseph responded well to a friendly greeting for a dog - this is amazing as last year Joseph was very scared of dogs.

Well done Joseph!

# Consistent Good Work and Behaviour - Shyaal Elangovan - 3GA

Shyaal is always polite, helpful and hard working. He did lots of work throughout the Lockdown and is getting more confident overall and is a pleasure to teach.

Well done Shyaal!

# Most Improvement in Learning - Joshua Baskar - 3GA

Joshua has come back to college ready to learn. We have noticed how well he is listening and that his understanding has improved. He comes in and settles down to monitoring work and is making good progress in all lessons. He is friendly and polite and always tries his best.

Well done Joshua!

# Personal Development - Callum Baker - 4PF

Callum has settled into KS4 very well. He has made a really positive effort and has coped well with his new class routine. He has become much more confident and joins in our different class activities with growing enthusiasm. He is using his words much more and communicating much better. Callum has a lovely sense of humour and is a good friend to his peers within the class. We are all very proud of him.

Well done Callum!

# Consistent Good Work & Behaviour - James Newton - 4IP

Our well deserving student of the half term is James. James has consistently completed online homework, all work was delivered by post or hand as well as participating in various challenges that have been set in lockdown. All work was finished to a good standard with enthusiasm. He joined all our online lessons with a big smile on his face.

Well done James, you've done a great job, keep it going!

# Most Improvement in Learning - Bradley Doherty - 4HH

Bradley has shown big improvements in his confidence in lessons and is approaching his work with more of a 'can do' attitude. This has had a knock-on effect on his learning across the timetable. We were all impressed with Bradley's commitment to remote learning at the beginning of term. All of these things put together will serve Bradley well as he prepares for transition to FE in September. Well done Bradley!

## KS5

# Personal Development - Faye Merle - 5JG

Faye has been an inspiration in FE. We are really proud how much more confident Faye is and managing situations better. Faye is discovering what is important to her and has made huge efforts to communicate her feelings and emotions to help her deal with challenges. Faye is a very caring person and enjoys sharing her love of Zumba. Faye raised money for charity doing a sponsored Zumbathon and continued to keep everyone in FE healthy and happy during lockdown with weekly remote Zumba sessions. This is amazing!

Well done Faye!

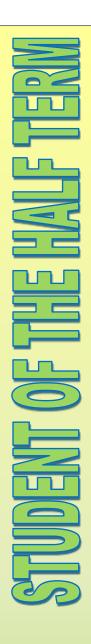
# **Consistent Good Work and Behaviour** - Abdullah Din - 5GC

We are really proud of Abdullah and his attitude and effort towards his work in FE, this term. Abdullah has been shielding at home, but has consistently engaged in all the remote sessions and sent in work that he has completed. His communication with staff and his friends, using Teams, is fantastic and we are really loking forward to Abdullah re-joining us all in April. Well done Abdullah!

# Most Improvement in Learning - Brandon Lover — 5JG

This half term has seen Brandon make lots of progress with his learning and we are really happy with his work. Brandon has enjoyed working as independently as possible. With some support at home Brandon has completed lots of work including all the tasks set while in lockdown. There is a marked improvement in his confidence to be able to complete work more independently and have a go before asking for help. We hope to see his confidence continue to develop and explore work experience opportunities.

Well done Brandon!



# **High Needs**

# Personal Development - Josh Colvill - 5SM

Since coming back, Joshua's communication has greatly improved. It does help that Joshua is in a class by himself, he has started using symbols to communicate his needs and wants. He will now ask to go to the toilet which is a very big achievement as he is being toilet trained! Joshua will also ask for his snack using symbols. He has been taking part in most lessons remotely, this has given him an opportunity to be part of the class, seeing his peers throughout the day which he really enjoys.... Just not in close proximity.

We are all very proud of Joshua and look forward to more achievements throughout the course of the vear.

Well done Josh!

# Consistent Good Work & Behaviour - Alan Camacho - 3AC

Through Lockdown Alan really engaged with Home Learning. This is a huge improvement for him as previously he has found it very difficult to accept doing school activities at home. Alan's mum sent in some lovely photos of the Challenges he had done - self-portrait, clouds, yellow objects and IT equipment. He also did some lovely drawings, for example a sloth, Sonic the Hedgehog and the new bike he got for his birthday. He filled in the sheet about Things I can Control and watched the Mindfulness video. Alan also did lots of cooking activities and made some yummy food like pizza. Well done Alan!

# Most Improvement in Learning - Zoya Bobkowska - 3KC

Zoya has settled back into school incredibly well she is showing massive signs of tolerance and maturity in her work. She is initiating communication with adults and peers and responding well to intensive interaction. She is a pleasure to have in the class .

Well done Zoya!

# Headteacher's Award

Charlie Rose Hartnett-Cutts - 3GB

Charlie has returned to the college with an excellent attitude towards her learning, making great progress with her reading which is having a positive effect on her learning in many lessons. Charlie-Rose is remembering more content from lessons and is managing to apply it more frequently in lessons.

Congratulations!

# HOUSEKEEPING

# We would like to encourage you to:

- Make any necessary payments through School Gateway. If you need assistance with this please do ask the office staff and they will be able to help.
- Medical appointments should be made out of school hours whenever possible. If this is unavoidable please notify us in advance of the date through the Home School Diary.
   Please let us have a copy of the appointment letter for our records.
- If you need to change the arrangements for your young person at the end of the day, e.g. someone else is collecting them, please let the class teacher know through the home school diary.
- Cars parked in the drop off zone during drop off and collection times must have their engines switched off.
- Please can Parents / Carers notify the school of any changes to their child's medication, consent to administer medication or medical needs as soon as possible.
- We would appreciate payment for cooking if you have not done so yet.
- Please do not park in the Doctor's Surgery car park this is for patients only

Many thanks for your help



# Offsite Visits



Just a reminder that if your child is going off site for a school visit they will be required to wear a face mask for travelling on the minibus if they are happy to wear one.

Please can you send one in with your child.

If you have any queries please contact the college.



# Welcome to the Manor Green College at Home Page

Please see the link below for Videos and activities made by your Teachers and Staff.

Manor Green College TV

<a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC16Kp4sEluOmliTzdIFzSRg">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC16Kp4sEluOmliTzdIFzSRg</a>

Please subscribe so you never miss new content.

# Here are some other helpful links

https://pages.sumdog.com/

Manor Green College, Education City login

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Purple Mash, Manor Green College login https://www.purplemash.com/sch/manorgreen

# **Science activities**

https://wowscience.co.uk/

This is a fantastic website aimed at Primary Science topics and themes. There are numerous games, activities, videos & experiments to try at home, and links to other websites.

https://fun-science.org.uk/top-5-science-activities-home/
This details 'kitchen cupboard' experiments with common household items.

https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-8917-science-experiments-at-home?sign\_in=1

# **Art Activities**

https://theartyteacher.com/mark-making-with-coffee/ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= 38bvR6fWNw



# West Sussex Children & Young People's Service

North Teenz: Community Based Group

This community-based group for young people aged 14-17 years provides access to a range of activities which focus on empowering to build confidence, self-esteem and become more independent, all while making new friends and having fun!



Day: Thursdays, Bi Weekly, All year round

Time: 6-8pm

Cost: £7.50 per session + cost of activities

Drop off/Pick up Location: Crawley Train Station

NB. Some activities may require the young person to be dropped straight at the venue

Referrals can come from a parent/carer or a professional involved with the child or young person.

rollowing receipt of a referral, a needs assessment will be completed before support is agreed

For more information, please contact our West Sussex Children's Services on 01243 214120 or email childrenreferrals@aspens.org.uk





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