



BRIGHTON COLLEGE
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BRIGHTON COLLEGE SOCIETY PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2019-2020



Celebrating our parent community

“We all miss the contact with other parents as our children grow into their teens and become so independent. The Brighton College Society offers lovely opportunities to meet and connect with other Brighton College parents.”

Hayley
Fourth Form parent

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Welcome

Welcome to the Brighton College Society, our exciting programme of events for the Brighton College parent community.

Throughout the year the Society hosts a hand-picked selection of unique opportunities for parents to get together, have fun and learn something new. Members of the Common Room attend many of the events too, either as guests or as experts and guides in their specialist areas of interest.

The year ahead sees a variety of fascinating and entertaining events on offer, including a preview show of the RSC's new heart-warming musical *The Boy in the Dress*, Spanish lessons, an afternoon of natural navigation and our annual Burns Night supper and ceilidh. We do hope that you enjoy everything the Brighton College Society has to offer, and help us to continue to make it a vibrant addition to the experience of being a Brighton College parent.



Richard J Cairns

Richard Cairns
Head Master

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What our parents have to say

“I wanted to say how much I enjoyed the guided walk on Friday. It was so interesting and something I would not have done independently had you not organised it!”

Rebecca
Fourth Form parent

“What a most enjoyable and entertaining evening. We not only learned about and tasted some super sparkling wines, but also made some new friends!”

Elma
Lower Sixth parent

“We really enjoyed the lecture and also the getting together for drinks afterwards. We look forward to attending more Brighton College Society events.”

Marten
Upper Fifth parent

“I’ve really enjoyed the Mandarin lessons. They provided a real insight into a language that was beforehand something of a mystery.”

Sarah
Fourth Form parent



Calendar of events

2019–2020

Michaelmas Term 2019

Brighton College Hong Kong Dinner

An excellent opportunity to get together with parents, pupils and alumni living in Hong Kong. This event will be held at The Hong Kong Jockey Club.

Coffee Tasting Workshop at Red Roaster

Taste different blends of ethically-sourced, hand-roasted coffee and learn more about this fascinating subject at Kemptown's beautiful and tranquil café.

Lower School Sussex Downs Walk

Meet other parents and teachers as we take a stroll over the Downs.

The Royal Pavilion Basement and Tunnel Tour

Join us for a behind-the-scenes glimpse of the basement at Brighton's Royal Pavilion.

Brighton College Legal Professionals' Networking Drinks

An evening of professional networking for parents and alumni working in Law.

London Philharmonic Orchestra at Brighton Dome

Film music maestro Anthony Weeden introduces a century of great British film scores.

***The Boy in the Dress*, Stratford-Upon-Avon**

A preview performance of David Walliams' heart-warming comedy, including an exclusive Q&A with songwriter Guy Chambers.

Lucian Freud Exhibition at the Royal Academy

Visit this much-anticipated exhibition with the executive producer of *Exhibition On Screen*, Phil Grabsky.

Boarding Parents' Drinks Reception at the National Theatre

Join members of the Common Room for our annual boarding parents' drinks reception.

Hilary Term 2020

School House and Fenwick House London Drinks

An opportunity to mingle with other parents and teachers from School House and Fenwick House.

Burns Night Supper and Ceilidh

Haggis! Bagpipes! Dancing! Join us for our annual traditional Burns Night celebrations.

Spanish Lessons at Brighton College

Join Brighton College teacher of Spanish Marta De Julian for a short course of beginners Spanish lessons.

***In Search of Beethoven*, a Phil Grabsky film**

A private film screening of this multi-award-winning look at the true story of Beethoven. This will be held at Brighton College, followed by a Q&A with the film's director.

Bloomsbury Women, a Guided Walking Tour

Celebrate the upcoming International Women's Day with tour guide Rachel Kolsky on this fascinating walking tour.

Revolutionary Paris, a Guided Weekend

A three-day excursion through the streets and museums of Paris led by teacher of History Joe Skeaping, unlocking the mysteries of this fascinating period in French history.

***The Marriage of Figaro*, English National Opera**

A pre-show tour of the London Coliseum, accompanied by ENO Chief Executive Stuart Murphy; followed by the opening night performance of Mozart's comic opera.

“We are very lucky to be offered ‘behind-the-scenes’ access to some incredible places; it's one of the things that makes the Brighton College Society so special.”

Scott Sheridan

Director of Development and Engagement

Trinity Term 2020

Brighton College Financial Professionals' Networking Drinks

An evening of professional networking for parents and alumni working in Finance.

New House and Head's House London Drinks

An opportunity to mingle with other parents and teachers from New House and Head's House.

***Walk The Line*, an Outdoor Art Experience**

Discover London's first dedicated art walk with one of the founders, Megan Piper.

Alexander House and Abraham House London Drinks

An opportunity to mingle with other parents and teachers from Alexander House and Abraham House.

A Tour of the Palace of Westminster

A private tour of Westminster, with refreshments served in a private committee room.

***The Age of Innocence*: A Brighton College Lecture**

In the year of the hundredth anniversary of the Age of Innocence, Brighton College's Head of English, Paloma Alisse, presents a lecture on Edith Wharton, and the arguably unlikely influence that the Romantic poet Walt Whitman had on her work.

A Vineyard Experience at the Wiston Estate

A private tour and wine-tasting event at West Sussex's beautiful Wiston Estate.

An Afternoon with the Natural Navigator

A Sussex Downs ramble, guided by author and natural navigator Tristan Gooley.

For the latest information and bookings, please visit our website: brightoncollegesociety.co.uk



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