HASTINGS OPPORTUNITY AREA

PARENTS UPDATE SEPT 2019

+ Guide to Free Autumn Activities

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INTRODUCTION

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The Hastings Opportunity Area is a three year programme funded by the Department for Education and delivered by a local team, to support a wide range of projects to improve social mobility for children & young people in Hastings and St Leonards.

Following our busiest summer ever with over 2000 children and young people taking part in hundreds of hours of free activities, we're delighted to be back with more free activities after school and on weekends for the 2019/20 academic year. We are continuing to run a wide and diverse range of programmes in our priority areas; Maths, Literacy, Mental Health, Enrichment, Careers, and Attendance.

This booklet provides an overview to the work we're doing in your community, services available to parents, carers, children and young people, and of course listings for some of the free activities your children can take part in this term.

The HOA's Work In Hastings

MATHS
LITERACY
MENTAL HEALTH
ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES
CAREERS
ATTENDANCE
SECONDARY SUPPORT

Some activities are weekly sessions, others are one offs and some are week-long courses. There are some activities that must be booked in advance, and others which you can just turn up to. So please make sure to check the activity website, this booklet or social media in advance. To find out the latest news about other activities and services the HOA is providing, make sure to follow us on our website and social media.

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10th Hastings Girl Guides

PROVIDED BY: 10TH HASTINGS GIRL GUIDES

A varied and interesting programme teaching girls new skills, building confidence and being part of a team. The sessions are diverse with activities based on the guiding programme, including 'Know Myself', 'Home Adventures', 'Take Action', 'Skills for my Future', 'Be Well' and 'Express Myself'. The Guides provides a safe space for girls to be themselves, make friends and to have a great time.

Who: GIRLS 10 - 14

Contact:

tenthhastingsguides@gmail.com
www.girlguiding.org.uk

GAP Project

PROVIDED BY: GAP

These arts, craft and design workshops include 'Making with wood', 'Rebuild a bicycle', 'Ceramics and plaster taster', 'Singing and song-writing' and 'Build a Drum & Create a Beat'. The GAP Project is about 'little hands' getting a chance to learn skills for life, with the aim to sow the seed and grow young entrepreneurs in the future. Parent / Carers are welcome to attend sessions. Limited places.

Who: 8 - 14

When/Where:

Saturdays until 14th December
Our workshops require a joining process, its not a one session project, its about commitment to a sequence of sessions to learn from a master in the workshop.

Contact:

GAPcoordinator@gmx.com
07886 225110

Note:

Limited to families living in certain areas. For more information contact above.

Gizmo Art & Performance

PROVIDED BY: GIZMO

Gizmo is an inclusive space for all ages where we run all manner of informal performance & arts workshops. Performing includes singing, dancing and acting with frequent performances at local events such as the Old Town Week Carnival.

Our arts workshops include drawing, painting and making things, such as our float for carnival. We have a wide age range and our group are like a family, with the older members leading on some of the sessions themselves. If you'd like to know more, please do get in touch.

Who: 5 - 18

When/Where:

Gizmo Gaffe, 29 Western Rd, Saint Leonards-on-sea TN37 6DJ

Every week from now until Christmas

Thursdays 6pm - 8pm
Performance, singing, dancing, activities

Fridays 6pm - 8pm
Youth Club with food, drinks, socialising, games and volunteering opportunities

Saturdays 12pm - 3pm
Art & Performance, with craft, painting, making things, games and activities

Contact:

Pat: 07709 098 299

Note: JUST TURN UP

Hofesh Shechter Dance Workshops

PROVIDED BY: HOFESH SHECHTER

Following on from last spring's successful dance workshops and performance showcase event at The Hastings Academy, the internationally renowned dance company is back to lead an exciting new programme from November onwards. Last year, the company's modern and unique dance vision appealed to both girls and boys, who participated in equal numbers. The extra curricula workshops are for 13 – 18 year olds attending Hastings secondary

Who:

13 - 18 year olds at Ark Alexandra, Hastings Academy or St Leonards Academy

Incubate Visual Arts

PROVIDED BY: EGGTOOTH

A series of high quality art workshops for secondary school students, led by leading local visual artists. Attendees will have the opportunity to experiment with a wide range of different art forms and also attend masterclasses, before displaying their works at an exhibition in June 2020. The programme has an emphasis on positive teamwork, as well focusing on encouraging students to persevere with their projects to completion, enabling all of the group to celebrate their creativity, realise their achievements and understand personal gain from hard work.

Who: 11 - 16

When/Where:

Tuesdays 4 - 6pm

East Sussex College Hastings
Station Plaza, Hastings, T34 1BA
(Transport provided from Central St Leonards)

YEAR 10 and 11 - Course One
Tuesday 5th November 2019 – Tuesday 11th December
(6 Sessions)

YEAR 10 and 11 - Course Two
Tuesday 7th January 2020 – Tuesday 11th February 2020)

YEAR 7, 8 & 9 - Course One
Tuesday 25th February 2020 – Tuesday 31st March 2020

YEAR 7, 8 & 9 - Course Two
Tuesday 21st April 2020 – Tuesday 19th May 2020

*Exhibition of all work in June 2020 date and venue TBC

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Note:

LIMITED PLACES, MUST BOOK IN ADVANCE

Kicks Free Football

PROVIDED BY: ALBION IN THE COMMUNITY

Hosted by Premier League team Brighton and Hove Albion's 'Albion in the Community', these hugely popular free sessions include a mixture of expert coaching and matches for 7 - 19 year olds.

Sessions are held either indoors, held on a 3G pitch, or on sand-based Astro Turf. It is advisable to wear trainers indoors and on the sand-based Astro Turf. Trainers or moulded boots can be worn on the 3G pitch.

Who: 11 - 19

When/Where:

11-19 (INDOORS)
Tuesday 5-6pm
Hastings YMCA, St Paul's Rd, St Leonards TN37 6RS

GIRLS ONLY (INDOORS)
Tuesday 6-7pm
Hastings YMCA, St Paul's Rd, St Leonards TN37 6RS

12-19 (3G)
Wednesday 5-6pm
HASLA, Rye Road, Hastings TN35 5DN

12-19 (SAND BASED ASTRO)
Wednesday 6-7pm
The Firs, Elphinstone Road, Hastings TN34 2AX

12-19 (INDOORS)
Friday 5-6pm
Hollington Youth Centre, Wishing Tree Road North TN38 9LL

12-19 (3G)
Friday 6-7pm
HASLA, Rye Road, Hastings TN35 5DN

Contact:

Richard: 01273 878277
premierleaguekicks@albioninthecommunity.org.uk

Note:

No pre booking required, just turn up with a completed consent form and play.

Motivate Youth Club

PROVIDED BY: OPTIVO / FRESH VISIONS

A safe place for young people to meet existing friends, make new friends and just hang out.

There will be the opportunity to get involved in fun activities such as sports, arts and crafts and to learn different skills – but only if the young person wants to! Free refreshments provided too.

Run by experienced and qualified Youth Workers.

Who: 10 - 16

When/Where:

Every Thursday, starting Thursday 19th September. 6-7pm

Tilebarn Community Centre, Hollington

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ROAR Rock and Role

PROVIDED BY: PROACT / EGGTOOTH

You walk into a room with fancy dress costumes, masks, music and games. What do you do? We all have different personalities and different brains. Deep down we can all feel nervous, anxious and under-confident. Nothing lights up the brain like play.

Proact bring fun and hilarity into learning about our own brains; strengths, preferences, personalities and communication styles. We all have something to say and we all need to be heard. The Rock and Role project provides exciting ways of telling the world about your ideas. Actors, musicians, film makers and wacky brain scientists create workshops where everybody learns to ROAR.

These workshops are for ALL young people. Shy and quiet personalities discover the confidence to speak out. Jokers and shouters discover focus and creative ways to let rip.

The project involves drama, film and music but no previous skills are needed because we are all capable of play and we all have something to say.

Who:

12 - 16 year olds at Ark Alexandra, Hastings Academy or St Leonards Academy

When/Where:

Time & Dates TBC - Contact below for more information

Nov 2019 – Dec 2019
10 after school sessions
@ St Leonard's Academy

6 Jan 2020 – 13 Feb 2020
10 after-school sessions
@ Hastings Academy

24 Feb – 3 April
10 after-school sessions
@ Hastings Academy

Contact:

sue@proact.org.uk
07712712463
www.proact.org.uk
www.eggtooth.org.uk

Note:

Must book in advance. Taster sessions will take place in schools for young people to sign up to the programme.

Source BMX

PROVIDED BY: SOURCE PARK

Hastings BMX company Source are globally famous, and following a hugely popular summer series with the HOA, they're back. Later in the Autumn term, they will be bringing their pop up BMX ramps around Hastings for free try outs at a number of locations, complete with BMX bikes, helmets and pads and top pro coaches.

They will also be inviting kids to come and try out their world famous Source Park for free, and are laying on a coach picking up from different parts of Hastings.

Who: All Ages

When/Where:

Times, Dates & Locations TBC -

Please contact below for more information

Contact:

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rich@sourcebmx.com

Note: JUST TURN UP

Street Bite

PROVIDED BY: ACTIVE HASTINGS

Free drop in sessions for Year 7 to 11s to try out loads of new activities including dodgeball, cake making, multi-sports, street art, archery, photography, fitness and much more! The group help to plan the termly activities depending on what they want to do.

Free snacks are provided at every session!

Who: 11-16

When/Where:

Street Bite

Mondays
4pm to 5pm
The Y Centre, St Pauls Road

Tuesdays
4.30pm to 5.30pm
Christ Church Hall,
Old London Road

Wednesdays
4pm to 5pm
Robsack Centre, Bodiam Driv

Contact:

01424 451 051
activehastings.org.uk/sport_play
activehastings@hastings.gov.uk

Note: JUST TURN UP

Street Sports

PROVIDED BY: ACTIVE HASTINGS

Free multi-sport activities with the Active Hastings team after schools.

Who: 8+

When/Where:

Street Sports

Tuesdays
6pm-7pm
Farley Bank Multi-Use Games Area

Wednesdays
6.30 to 8pm
Linley Drive

Contact:

01424 451 051
activehastings.org.uk/sport_play
activehastings@hastings.gov.uk

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Teams4Life

PROVIDED BY: EDUCATION FUTURES TRUST

Come and join the exciting sports sessions at The Firs. Learn new skills at the outdoor sports facilities which include the multi-games area and the green spaces such as the football pitch.

Each after-school course will run on a Wednesday evening from 3.45pm to 5.00pm. Courses last for 5 weeks. Have fun playing uni-hoc, dodgeball, tennis and table tennis, whilst also trying different team games such as baseball, softball, stoolball, rounders and volleyball.

Round off each session with a quick game of football after the excitement of trying different sports.

Who: 7-14

When/Where:

Wednesdays
The Firs, Elphinstone Road,
Hastings TN34 2AX

18th Sept – 16th Oct 2019
15.45 – 17.00

13th Nov – 11th Dec 2019
15.45 – 17.00

15th Jan – 12th Feb 2020
15.45 – 17.00

4th Mar – 1st Apr 2020
15.45 – 17.00

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Facebook: @EFTHastings
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Note:

Book in advance or turn up at first session with a parent/carer who can sign the consent form.

WHAT ELSE IS THE HOA DOING?

Winners from the July Hastings Sumdog Challenge celebrating with pizza

MATHS

We want teachers in Hastings to be experts in teaching Maths to help improve results for young people.

Teacher Training

Find out more here

We are funding an intensive programme improving how Maths is taught across 12 schools and the college.

Hastings Maths Challenges

Find out more here

A range of fun activities, workshops and challenges for all schools. This includes the Hastings Sumdog Challenge, where 831 pupils from 7 schools answered 276,720 questions in summer 2019 to win a class pizza party! There are lots more maths challenges taking place over the 2019/20 academic year.

Find out more about the HOA's Maths work here.

Radio One DJs Greg James & Chris Smith with 600 primary school children

LITERACY

We want all children to love reading and have the skills they need to succeed in school and beyond.

Get Hastings Reading

Find out more here

A town wide campaign spearheading a range of initiatives to promote literacy in the community, including bringing Radio One DJs Greg James & Chris Smith to unveil their new book in Hastings. There are lots more workshops & events taking place across the town in 2019 / 20.

Early Years

Find out more here

Providing mentoring & training for 25 early years settings in Hastings to support children's literacy and communication.

Aged 3 - 6

Find out more here

Specialist training for 14 primary schools to improve language and literacy skills for children aged 3 - 6.

School Led Literacy Projects

Find out more here

We're funding projects led by schools to improve literacy across primary and secondary.

Find out more about the HOA's Literacy work here.

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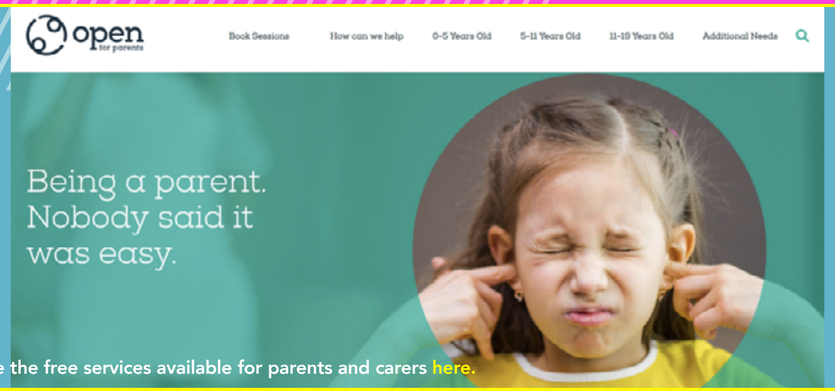
WHAT ELSE IS THE HOA DOING?



See the free services available for parents and carers here.

MENTAL HEALTH

We want children, young people & families to have easy and free access to Well Being Services.

Extending i-Rock

Find out more here

We are funding the award winning drop in centre for 14 - 25 year olds, i-Rock, to extend its opening hours to five days per week, and to deliver short term interventions for young people.

9 - 14 Year Olds

Find out more here

A new key worker service in schools for 9 - 14 year olds showing signs of needing support.

Open for Parents

Find out more here

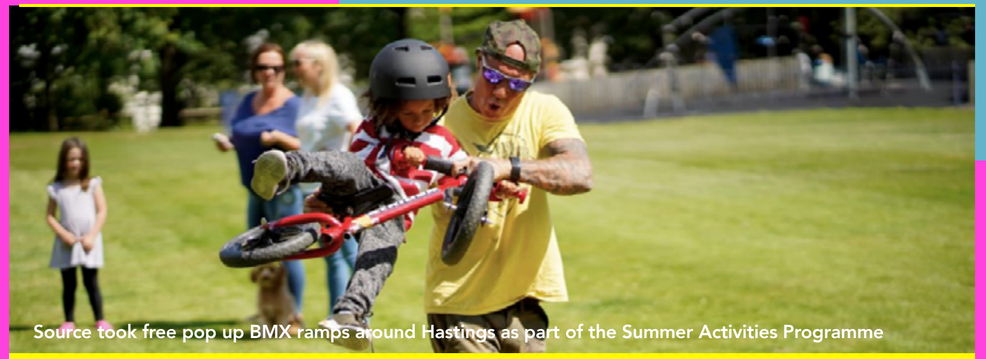
We are funding 'Open for Parents' to extend their wide range of free support services for all parents and carers in Hastings & St Leonards.

Training for Schools

Find out more here

We're funding and providing a wide range of free mental health training to all teachers and school staff.

Find out more about the HOA's Mental Health work here.



Source took free pop up BMX ramps around Hastings as part of the Summer Activities Programme

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

We believe all children and young people should have access to free sports, arts and outdoor activities to have fun, promote high aspirations and develop core life skills.

Activities in the Community

Find out more here

We've funded thousands of hours of free community activities after school, on weekends and in the holidays. The 2019 Summer Activities Programme alone hosted over 2000 children and young people.

Activities in Schools

Find out more here

We've also funded schools to run their own free activities. In the last year alone, over 8000 new activity places were taken up by over 4000 children and young people.

Badge Bonanza

From October 2019, year sixes will be able to use our new online activity hub 'Badge Bonanza', where they are rewarded with badges and prizes in return for completing activities and tasks around Hastings & St Leonards.

Young Ambassadors

Find out more here

The Young Ambassadors are a group of 12 - 18 year olds who we consult with on a number of HOA initiatives. They are also leading a programme to distribute funding where young people can submit their own ideas for activities and events.

Find out more about the HOA's free activities here.

WHAT ELSE IS THE HOA DOING?

The emergency services workshop at last year's Career Opportunity Day

CAREERS

We want all young people to encounter a broad range of careers and have aspirations to follow their dreams.

Hastings Career Opportunity Day

Find out more here

On 25th October, we are running a careers day where over 50 work settings around Hastings will open their doors to year 10 & 11s in Hastings and St Leonards. At last year's event, over 400 young people took place in a hands on workshop and met a whole host of professionals to learn about different routes into careers.

Year 9 Canary Wharf Trip

We took over 120 year 9 students to Canary Wharf to take part in workshops delivered by employees from some of the world's biggest banks.

Primary Trip to Kidzania

In June more than 600 pupils from 10 primary schools took a trip to London where they visited Kidzania, trying out a range of jobs at this award winning careers based theme park.

Find out more about the HOA's Careers work here.

The Attendance fund is paying for the driver of this mini bus at Christchurch Primary Academy

ATTENDANCE

We are working with all schools and a wide range of partners to improve attendance in Hastings.

Hastings Attendance Charter

Find out more here

We launched the Hastings Attendance Charter in June 2019, with all schools and colleges agreeing to a shared set of rules and values to improve attendance.

Funded Projects

Find out more here

We are funding 10 projects led by schools in Hastings to improve attendance.

Find out more about the HOA's attendance work here.

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WHAT ELSE IS THE HOA DOING?

SECONDARY IMPROVEMENT

We are funding and supporting secondary schools to improve teaching and reduce exclusions.

Ark Alexandra

We are funding the 'Expert Teachers' training programme focusing on English, Maths & Science.

Hastings Academy & St Leonards Academy

We are funding the 'teacher effectiveness enhancement' training programme.

Exclusions

We are working with and funding principals from all secondaries to create a shared approach to preventing exclusions and develop approaches to help those at risk.

For up to date information on all of our projects, funds and latest news please visit our website, follow our social media and sign up to our newsletter.

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