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¹ Please note the information on the colleges included in this annex relates to the point at which the review was undertaken. No updates have been made to reflect subsequent developments or appointments since the completion of the review

Bexhill Sixth Form College

Type: Sixth-form college

Location: The college is based in the town of Bexhill and opened at the present site in 2004

Local Enterprise Partnership: South East LEP

Principal: Karen Hucker

Corporation Chair: Sue Taylor

Main offer includes:

The International Baccalaureate, A Level, BTEC and level 2 programmes for 16 to 18 year olds

Adult & Nursery provision

Provision for international students

Higher Education – Teacher Training

[Details about the college offer](#) can be reviewed on the Bexhill College website

Specialisms:

The college offers a wide range of A levels

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency.](#)

[Skills Funding Agency.](#)

[Higher Education Funding Council.](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £9,173,000

Ofsted inspections:

The [college was inspected in October 2015](#) and was assessed as grade 2: good

Brighton, Hove & Sussex Sixth Form College

Type: Sixth-form college

Location: The college estate is located in the centre of Brighton

Local Enterprise Partnership: Coast to Capital LEP

Principal: Chris Thomson

Corporation Chair: Peter Freeman

Main offer includes:

98% of the college's curriculum offer is A level and 92% of students are in full-time provision

[Details about the college offer](#) can be reviewed on the Brighton, Hove and Sussex Sixth Form College website

Specialisms:

The college offers a wide range of A levels

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency.](#)

[Skills Funding Agency.](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £11,363,000

Ofsted inspections:

The [college was inspected in October 2012](#) and was assessed as grade 1: outstanding

Central Sussex College

Type: College of general and further education

Location: The college's main campus estate is located in Crawley, West Sussex. The college also has campuses in Horsham, East Grinstead and Haywards Heath, but in April 2016 announced plans to close the Haywards Heath and East Grinstead campuses and not to recruit new students there for 2016

Local Enterprise Partnership: Coast to Capital LEP

Principal: Sarah Wright

Corporation Chair: Chris Maidment

Main offer includes:

Provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults across a range of subject sector areas

Apprenticeships

Employer-led learning

Higher Education

[Details about the college offer](#) can be reviewed on the Central Sussex College website

Specialisms:

The college offers specialist courses in environmental technologies, building services and engineering

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency.](#)

[Skills Funding Agency.](#)

[Higher Education Funding Council.](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £27,396,000

Ofsted inspections:

The [college was inspected in October 2014](#) and was assessed as grade 3: requires Improvement

Notice of concern:

The [college is subject to a notice of concern](#) for financial health issued by the Skills Funding Agency

Chichester College

Type: College of general and further education

Location: The main campus of the college is located in Chichester, with a further site at Brinsbury, focused on land-based provision

Local Enterprise Partnership: Coast to Capital LEP

Principal: Shelagh Legrave

Corporation Chair: Sir Paul Haddacks

Main offer includes:

Provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults across a range of subject sector areas

Apprenticeships

Employer-led learning

Higher Education

[Details about the college offer](#) can be reviewed on the Chichester College website

Specialisms:

The college considers the following areas as areas of specialism:

construction; furniture and engineering; land based provision; motor cycle; blacksmithing and farriery; access to HE; business and management ladder of learning; HND in jazz; town planning; provision for students with learning difficulties; performing arts; STEM; public services provision; care and childhood studies

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency.](#)

[Skills Funding Agency.](#)

[Higher Education Funding Council.](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £53,861,000

Ofsted inspections:

The [college was inspected in March 2014](#) and was assessed as grade 1: outstanding

City College Brighton & Hove

Type: College of general and further education

Location: The college estate is located in central and Eastern Brighton

Local Enterprise Partnership: Coast to Capital LEP

Chief Executive: Nick Juba

Corporation Chair: Julie Nerney

Main offer includes:

Provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults across a range of subject sector areas

Apprenticeships

Employer-led learning

Higher Education

[Details about the college offer](#) can be reviewed on the Brighton and Hove City College website

Specialisms:

The college offers courses in a wide range of areas, but specialises in creative and digital

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency.](#)

[Skills Funding Agency.](#)

[Higher Education Funding Council.](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £19,900,000

Ofsted inspections:

The [college was inspected in June 2011](#) and was assessed as grade 2: good

Notice of Concern:

The [college is subject to a notice of concern](#) for financial health issued by the Skills Funding Agency

Northbrook College

Type: College of general and further education

Location: The college is based on 3 campuses. The first to the north of Worthing town centre, in Broadwater, the second in the West Durrington area of the town and the third, smaller base is at Shoreham Airport

Local Enterprise Partnership: Coast to Capital LEP

Principal: Sue Dare

Corporation Chair: Ian Lowrie

Main offer includes:

Provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults across a range of subject sector areas

Apprenticeships

Employer-led learning

Higher Education

[Details about the college offer](#) can be reviewed on the Northbrook College website

Specialisms:

Areas the college consider as specialisms include: early years; access to health; creative industries, especially performing arts; games; motorsport; engineering and technology; health and social care; workforce development; and AAT. 90% of HE programmes are in creative and digital

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency.](#)

[Skills Funding Agency.](#)

[Higher Education Funding Council.](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £23,862,000

Ofsted inspections:

The [college was inspected in October 2013](#) and was assessed as grade 2: good

Plumpton College

Type: Specialist land based college

Location: The college estate is located in Plumpton, near Lewes, East Sussex

Local Enterprise Partnership: Coast to Capital LEP

Principal: Jeremy Kerswell

Corporation Chair: Stan Stanier

Main offer includes:

Study programmes and short courses encompassing the following primary technical education areas:

Agriculture, countryside management, agriculture mechanisation, metalsmithing, animal management, equine, forestry and arboriculture, floristry, fisheries, horticulture, veterinary nursing, sport and outdoor education and foundation learning and supported internships

[Details about the college offer](#) can be reviewed on Plumpton College website

Specialisms:

Land based provision and businesses

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency.](#)

[Skills Funding Agency.](#)

[Higher Education Funding Council.](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £15,946,000

Ofsted inspections:

The [college was inspected in November 2011](#) and was assessed as grade 2: good. The college was re-inspected in May 2016 and was assessed as grade 3: requires improvement.

Sussex Coast College

Type: College of general and further education

Location: The college main campus is located in Hastings, with a further site in Ore

Local Enterprise Partnership: South East LEP

Principal: Clive Cooke

Corporation Chair: Tony Campbell OBE, KSG FRSA

Main offer includes:

Provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults across a range of subject sector areas

Apprenticeships

Employer-led learning

Higher Education

[Details about the college offer](#) can be reviewed on the Sussex Coast College website

Specialisms:

Construction and engineering, digital media and hospitality and catering

Partnerships:

The college is working with the University of Brighton to establish a university centre at the college in Hastings

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency.](#)

[Skills Funding Agency.](#)

[Higher Education Funding Council.](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £23,421,000

Ofsted inspections:

The [college was inspected in January 2014](#) and was assessed as grade 2: good

Sussex Downs College

Type: College of general and further education

Location: The college estate is located on 3 campuses in Eastbourne, Lewes and Newhaven

Local Enterprise Partnership: South East LEP

Principal: Mike Hopkins

Corporation Chair: Henry Ball

Main offer includes:

Provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults across a range of subject sector areas

Apprenticeships

Employer-led learning

Higher Education

[Details about college offer](#) can be reviewed on the Sussex Downs College website

Specialisms:

The college offers provision in the following sectors to meet LEP needs: advanced manufacturing and engineering; creative digital and IT (CDIT); financial and business services; health and life sciences; and environmental technologies; and the South East LEP priorities: advanced manufacturing; creative cultural and media; life sciences and medical technology; transport and logistics; visitor economy and low carbon and environmental goods

Partnerships:

The college is a co-sponsor of Eastbourne Academy for 11 to 16 years olds alongside East Sussex County Council

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency.](#)

[Skills Funding Agency.](#)

[Higher Education Funding Council.](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £36,881,000

Ofsted inspections:

The [college was inspected in November 2015](#) and was assessed as grade 3: requires improvement

Varndean College

Type: Sixth-form college

Location: The college estate is located in Brighton

Local Enterprise Partnership: Coast to Capital LEP

Principal: Philip Harlan

Corporation Chair: Janice Robinson

Main offer includes:

Over 40 A Level subjects and 47 AS level along with 25 BTEC courses and the International Baccalaureate programme

[Details about the college offer](#) can be reviewed on the Varndean College website

Specialisms:

The largest sector subject area is arts, media and publishing

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency.](#)

[Skills Funding Agency.](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £8,188,000

Ofsted inspections:

The [college was inspected in September 2012](#) and was assessed as grade 2: good

Worthing College

Type: College of general and further education

Location: The college estate is located in Worthing, West Sussex

Local Enterprise Partnership: Coast to Capital LEP

Principal: Peter Corrigan

Corporation Chair: Paul Amoo

Main offer includes:

Provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults across a range of subject sector areas, mainly at level 3

Apprenticeships

ESOL

[Details about the college offer](#) can be reviewed on the Worthing College website

Specialisms:

The college offers a wide range of A level and BTEC pathways

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency.](#)

[Skills Funding Agency.](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £8,163,000

Ofsted inspections:

The [college was inspected in February 2016](#) and was assessed as grade 2: good



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