

VSK WEEKLY UPDATE

5 November 2025

Open Days at East Kent Colleges Group

Open Days are your chance to learn about life at College and the fantastic range of courses available.

When you visit an Open Day at one of our Colleges, you can:

- Meet our friendly tutors and current students
- Explore our industry-standard facilities
- Discover student life and our Students' Union
- Take advantage of our careers advice service
- Get support completing your application
- Get advice on student finance

📍 Our Open Days

EKC Ashford College

Elwick Road
Ashford, TN23 1NN

Visit us:

- Wednesday 12 November 2025
- Thursday 5 February 2026
- Wednesday 13 May 2026

Pre-register:

ashfordcollege.ac.uk

EKC Broadstairs College

Ramsgate Road
Broadstairs, CT10 1PN

Visit us:

- Tuesday 25 November 2025
- Tuesday 3 February 2026
- Tuesday 12 May 2026

Pre-register:

broadstairscollege.ac.uk

EKC Canterbury College

New Dover Road
Canterbury, CT1 3AJ

Visit us:

- Wednesday 19 November 2025
- Thursday 27 November 2025
- Tuesday 27 January 2026
- Wednesday 6 May 2026

Pre-register:

canterburycollege.ac.uk

EKC Dover College

Maison Dieu Road
Dover, CT16 1DH

Visit us:

- Monday 24 November 2025
- Thursday 29 January 2026
- Tuesday 5 May 2026

Pre-register:

dovercollege.ac.uk

EKC Folkestone College

Shorncliffe Road
Folkestone, CT20 2TZ

Visit us:

- Thursday 20 November 2025
- Wednesday 4 February 2026
- Thursday 14 May 2026

Pre-register:

folkestonecollege.ac.uk

EKC Sheppey College

Bridge Road
Sheerness, ME12 1HL

Visit us:

- Tuesday 18 November 2025
- Wednesday 28 January 2026
- Thursday 7 May 2026

Pre-register:

sheppeycollege.ac.uk

ekcgroup.ac.uk





Opening Doors Webinars For Foster Carers and Supporters: Insight into higher education for care-experienced learners,

November-December 2025

Free training opportunity for carers and supporters of care-experienced young people.

Opening Doors Webinars for Foster Carers and Supporters is a programme of workshops that provides the tools needed to empower care-experienced young people to make the right choices for them on their educational journey

The series is open to carers of young people of all ages, not just those who may be leaving sixth form or college over the next couple of years.

[Opening Doors Webinars For Foster Carers and Supporters: Insight into higher education for care-experienced learners, November-December 2025 – University of Kent Outreach](#)



Many thanks to Shauna O'Brien, Targeted Outreach Manager Kent University, and her Team, for the excellent CPD Session:

Supporting Care Experienced Students In to University, held on the 14th October.

Shauna is always keen to work with Schools, raising aspirations amongst our Young People, and offers Bespoke Visits to Kent University, University of the Creative Arts, and Christ Church University.

We'd love to hear from you!



How have VSK supported you or your team recently? Please take a moment to let us know by clicking the link below:

[Feedback Form: Share how VSK supported you](#)



The Bell Foundation:

Helping EAL Learners Succeed - The Latest Evidence



This free webinar will unpack the University of Oxford's latest data and analysis about EAL learners in English schools. Many of these learners, especially those who are joining school in a new language, will need tailored support to help them develop their English skills, access the curriculum, and achieve their full potential.

26th November 2025, 4pm

Please use the link below to register for the webinar:

[Helping EAL learners succeed: The latest evidence \(Webinar\) - The Bell Foundation](#)

Alongside this webinar, we have 20 places up for grabs for the exciting online course that can be offered to school staff that support EAL students happening on 13th January through to 14th February consisting of 3 modules of learning.

Here is the link to the course information page, in case you want to use it to find out more details or for promoting it to your staff: [Supporting New Arrivals Who Are New to English \(Online Course\) - The Bell Foundation](#)

Please contact Michelle.Olden@kent.gov.uk should you wish to be allocated some places for your school staff.

Have you seen the updated [Guidance on Pupil Premium?](#)



Margate Festive Teenage Market - The Teenage Market

Saturday 29th November 2025

We just wanted to follow up and remind you that our **5th Teenage Market** will be taking place at **The Centre, Margate** on **Saturday 29th November, 11.00 am – 4.00 pm**. After the fantastic success of our Broadstairs market in September 2025, which saw 58 young people take part as stallholders and performers, we'd love to make sure as many of your students as possible have the chance to get involved in this exciting opportunity!

There are **only 6 stall spaces and 3 performance slots** still available, so we encourage students to apply soon.

Ways to Get Involved:

- **Run a stall** to sell handmade goods, art, crafts, or other creative products – the stall is free, and students keep all their profits.
- **Perform on stage** – singers, bands, and other performers are welcome. Each act will receive a £25 cash payment on the day.

Apply here: [Margate Festive Teenage Market Application](#)



Free lunchtime webinar:

[Growing up in adoptive and special guardianship families](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11.11.25	West Kent Designated Teacher Update 13:30pm @ Cornwallis BOOK HERE
25.11.25	East Kent Designated Teacher Update 13:30pm @ Riverside
03.12.25	North Kent Designated Teacher Update 13:30pm @ TBC
09.12.25	South Kent Designated Teacher Update 13:30 @ Smile Centre Whitfield Primary
21.01.26	Designated Teacher Update 15:45 online
22.01.26	Designated Teacher Update 8am & 12pm online
11.03.26	North Kent Designated Teacher Update 8am, 12pm, 15:30 online
12.03.26	West Kent Designated Teacher Update 1pm @ TBC
24.04.26	East Kent Designated Teacher Forum 13:30
12.05.26	Designated Teacher Update 12:30 & 15:45 online
13.05.26	Designated Teacher Update 8:00 online
TBC	South Kent Designated Teacher Update 13:30 @ Smile Centre Whitfield Primary
30.06.26	East Kent Designated Teacher Forum 13:30
01.07.26	North Kent Designated Teacher Induction 13:30 @ TBC
02.07.26	West Kent Designated Teacher Induction 13:00 @ TBC
07.07.26	South Kent Designated Teacher Induction 13:30 @ Smile Centre Whitfield Primary

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