

Re.: "Transition buddies" application – *a follow on from the recent Y7 university visit*

Dear Parent / Guardian,

As part of our commitment to getting more students aware of further education, we are committed to the **COMPACT PLUS scheme run by the University of Brighton**. Ifield Community College lies in an area "*where fewer than average people go to university*". As such *many of our students are eligible* for this **FREE scheme**.

COMPACT PLUS offers **FREE university visits and workshops** (for all subjects) throughout the year, as well as **help and guidance with applying for university** (courses and entry requirements, lifestyle and financial issues, etc.), for example. Students who enrol on the scheme whilst here at ICC would also then be eligible to work as a paid ambassador for the scheme once at university. The University of Brighton and COMPACT PLUS also has close links with many other universities, including Cambridge University, which run similar schemes.

As part of this scheme, COMPACT PLUS will be coming in to train selected Year 7 students as "transition buddies". "Transition buddies" will help with the school's transition projects, welcome and support new children to our school and help them settle in over their first few weeks. Their first task will be to escort the Year 6's in the transition day here at ICC on Wednesday July 6th. Interested students must complete an application letter (attached) and return to Miss Pritchard / Mr Rowe by Wednesday 27th April, 2016.

For further details of the scheme, may I please guide you to their website:

<https://www.brighton.ac.uk/studying-here/applying-to-brighton/schools-teachers/compact-brighton/the-plus-programme/index.aspx>

Please find attached a COMPACT PLUS application form which outlines further the scheme and helps determine your child's eligibility; this only requires completing once. Completing and returning this form DOES NOT commit you to any further events; however should you chose to, this would considerably speed up each individual event application process in the future and allow you to enroll on these courses directly.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me here at ICC at dec@ifieldcc.co.uk or 01293420500, or contact the *University of Brighton* directly on 01273 641043 or email compactplus@brighton.ac.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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