



City of  
Portsmouth  
College

# **Taster Day 2026 'Sign up' Assembly**

# What We Will Cover Today:

- **What is a Taster Day**
- **What you need to know before signing up**
- **How to choose the right subjects and campus for you**
- **What happens next (and how to secure your place)**
- **Sign up form**





# What is a Taster Day?

**A chance to experience college before you apply**

**Mini lessons in subjects you're interested in**

**A different kind of learning experience**

**Meet lecturers and current students**

**Explore the campus and facilities**



# WHAT TO EXPECT

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## Meet New People

Students from other schools just like you

## A Real Taste Of College Life

See what your future could look like

## Support From Staff

You won't be on your own - help will always be available

## Free Goodies

A little bonus for taking part

## Shorter Day

Get a feel for college without the full-day commitment

## Break Time

Time to relax, recharge, and chat over free snacks and water

## Hands-on

Hands-on activities  
Learn by doing - not just sitting and listening

## Try Subjects YOU'VE Chosen

Explore what you're actually interested in

# PLAN OF THE DAY

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## Before the Day!

You will receive your timetable approximately 1 week before your TD

Choose your subjects using the sign-up form

Pick what interests you most

**⚠ REMEMBER:**  
You can only choose **ONE** campus

## Arriving at College!

Please arrive on time, as we follow school procedures.

Your school will inform you about transport arrangements and what to wear on the day (uniform/non uniform)

You'll receive a lanyard and a personalised timetable

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## Get Started!

Have fun, be open-minded, and ask questions - this is your chance to explore!

Staff will be around to help if you're unsure

## Support Throughout the Day!

We've got you covered

There is a quiet space available if you need a break

Extra support available at any time

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## A. North Harbour Campus



**A specialist campus for construction and building services training, designed to prepare you for careers in the trades.**

**Taster Day: You can choose 2 subjects**

## B. Highbury Campus



**A hub for vocational, technical, and higher education, offering a wide range of career-focused courses.**

**Taster Day: You can choose 2 subjects**

## C. Sixth Form Campus



**Known as our centre of excellence, with a strong focus on A Levels and vocational pathways in a supportive academic environment.**

**Taster Day: You can choose 4 subjects**





# North Harbour Campus

Pick **TWO** different subjects

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## SUBJECTS

- **Bricklaying**
- **Carpentry**
- **Electrical Installation**
- **Painting & Decorating**
- **Plastering**
- **Plumbing & Gas**

# What to Wear (North Harbour Campus)

- **If attending North Harbour Campus, you'll be in practical workshops - you will get messy!**
- **Clothing requirements:**
- **Must wear trousers – no shorts!**
- **Must wear trainers or steel-capped boots (if you have them).**
- **No flip-flops allowed.**
- **Important: If you are not wearing the appropriate clothing, you won't be able to take part.**
- **All clothing must meet our Health & Safety regulations!**





# Highbury Campus

Pick **TWO** different subjects

- Admin & Marketing
- Animal Care
- Art & Design
- Automotive
- Beauty Specialist
- Business Management
- Catering
- Digital Support Services
- Education & Childcare
- Engineering
- Hairdressing
- Health, Nursing & Social Care
- IT
- Sport (Outdoor)
- Sport (Multisport)
- Travel & Tourism

# Sixth Form Campus

SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4	KEY
Elite Basketball Elite Football Gym Instructor Sport (Practical) Uniformed Protective Services	Elite Basketball Elite Football Gym Instructor Sport (Practical) Uniformed Protective Services	Elite Basketball Elite Football Gym Instructor Sport (Practical) Uniformed Protective Services	Elite Basketball Elite Football Gym Instructor Sport (Practical) Uniformed Protective Services	Must take a double session (1 & 2 or 3 & 4)
Architecture/3D Design Art (Fine Art) Film Studies Media Studies	Graphics Film Making & Animation Photography	Architecture/3D Design Film Making & Animation Photography	Art (Fine Art) Graphics Film Studies Media Studies	Art & Design
Biology Chemistry Engineering Mathematics	Medical Science Physics Mathematics Biology	Biology Physics Statistics Computer Science	Chemistry Engineering Medical Science Further Maths	Science & Maths
Music Technology	Drama Music Performance	Music Technology Performing Arts	Dance Music Performance	Performing Arts & Music
Geography History (Early Modern History: Power, belief & revolution.) Law Philosophy, Religion & Ethics	Classical Civilisation History (Modern History: Conflict, ideology & the modern world) Politics Law	History (Modern History: Conflict, ideology & the modern world) Law Philosophy, Religion & Ethics	Geography Politics Philosophy, Religion & Ethics	Humanities
English Spanish Journalism	English French	English German Journalism	English	English and Languages
Digital Media (Games Development)	Computer Science Esports IT & Cyber Security	Digital Media (Games)	Esports IT & Cyber Security	Computing & IT
Criminology Health & Social Care Sociology	Psychology	Criminology Health & Social Care	Psychology Sociology	Social Sciences & Health
Marketing Economics	Economics	Business Marketing	Business	Business, Marketing and Economics

- You may only choose each subject once. The only exception is for designated double sessions, where the same subject can appear in consecutive sessions (as shown in light green on the top row).
- Any repetition outside of these double sessions is not permitted and will result in lessons being assigned by us.



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# TASTER DAY BOOKING FORM

# Sign Up Form

## Pick ONE campus

**If you don't see your subject, you might be looking at the wrong campus.  
Only courses at your chosen campus will show.**

## Choose your subjects

**Pick ONE subject per lesson (unless it's a double).  
If the same subject is chosen twice, we'll assign lessons for you.**

## First come, first served

**Choose your subjects carefully - if a session is full, please pick another.**

## Check with staff BEFORE submitting

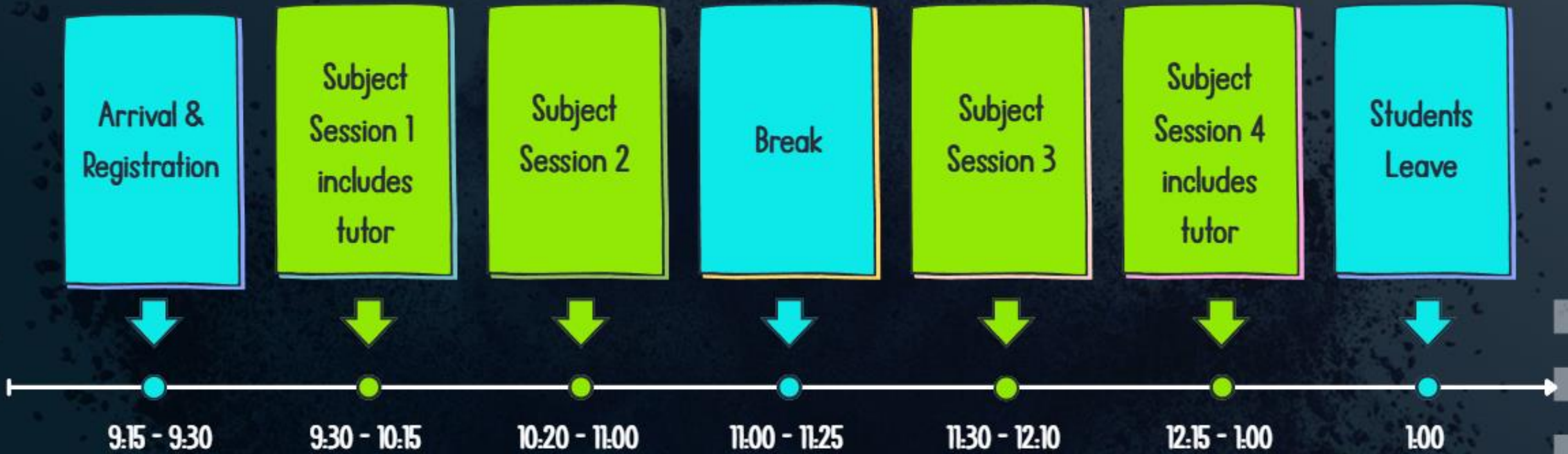
**Make sure everything looks right before you submit it.**

## Receive your timetable

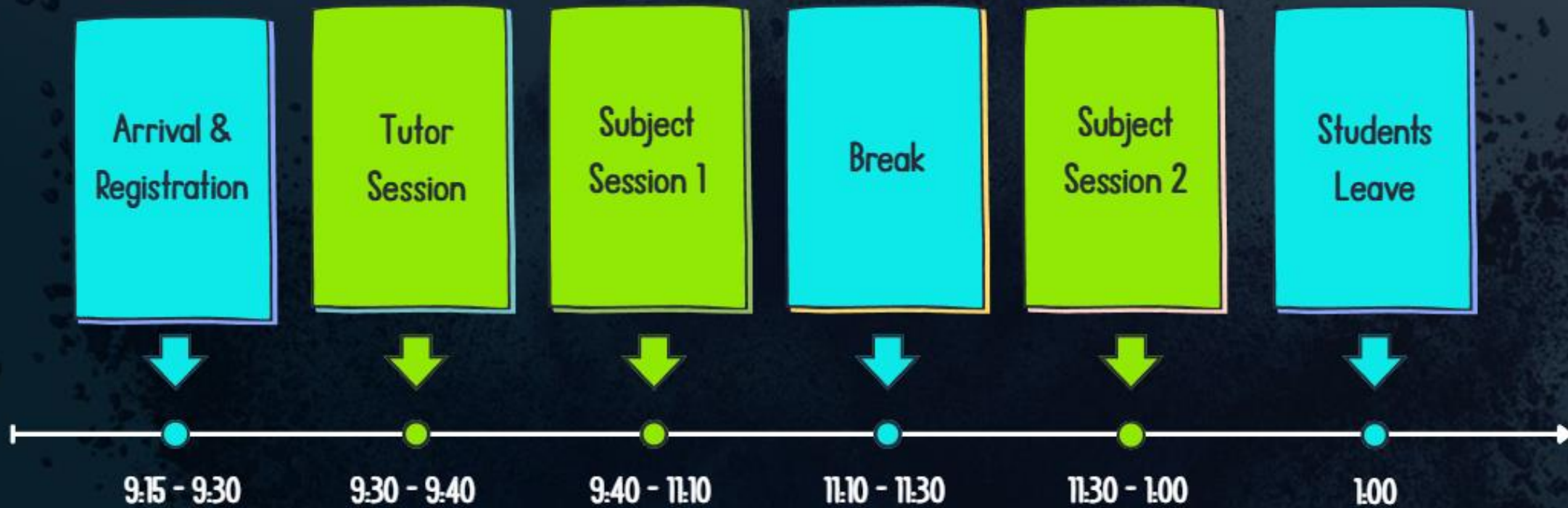
**You'll get a copy before your Taster Day so you know exactly what to do.**



# SIXTH FORM CAMPUS TIMETABLE:



# HIGHBURY AND NORTH HARBOUR TIMETABLE:



# Key Reminders!

- **If you submit the form by accident, we must release the blocks and delete your initial application. Make sure you're completely happy with your choices before submitting to avoid disappointment.**
- **Your confirmed subjects will be sent a week before your Taster Day.**
- **The submitted form may not be the final choice due to capacity.**
- **However, 95% of students gain their first choice**



# To Summarise:

- **You should have everything you need to sign up for your Taster Day.**
- **Your school will receive and share the QR codes and sign-up link with you.**
- **The form opens from 27th April at 9am to 18th May at 5pm.**
- **After this, the form closes and you won't be able to choose a subject before the day.**



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**THANK YOU AND  
SEE YOU SOON!**



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