



Benenden School Directions 2026

Discovery Summer, Benenden School,
Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 4AA, UK
Phone: +44 7500 432 854 (from 8 July)

Students

If you plan to bring your child to the school, please let us know in advance. You should arrive between 10:00h-12:00h or 14:00h-16:00h.

Travelling from the airport:

If your transport is **NOT** being organised by Discovery Summer, please follow the instructions below. See <https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/> and <https://www.thetrainline.com/>

London Gatwick Airport

By car: Approx 1 hour 10 mins

By taxi: Book a taxi in advance <https://www.addisonlee.com/>

By train:

- Take a train from **London Gatwick Airport** to **London Bridge** (approx. 30 mins).
- Take a train from **London Bridge** to **Staplehurst Station** (approx. 50 mins).
- Take a taxi (see below) from **Staplehurst Station** to **Benenden School** (approx. 25 mins).

London Heathrow Airport

By car: Approx 1 hour 45 mins

By taxi: Book a taxi in advance <https://www.addisonlee.com/>

By train:

- Take the Elizabeth Line from **London Heathrow Airport** to **Farringdon** (approx. 35 mins)
- Take a train from **Farringdon** to **London Bridge** (approx. 10 mins)
- Take a train from **London Bridge** to **Staplehurst Station** (approx. 50 mins).
- Take a taxi (see below) from **Staplehurst Station** to **Benenden School** (approx. 25 mins)

Taking a taxi from Staplehurst Station

- Please note you **must reserve this in advance** with a local taxi firm.
- **MTC Cars:** +44 1580 890 003 (approx. £30 for a single journey, or £60 for a return)
- **United Cars:** <https://united-cars.co.uk/book-online/> (approx. £45 for a single journey – we recommend booking your return journey for 1.5 hours later)
- **what3words for Benenden School:** hook.piglets.baking

Travelling from other locations:

By train:

From London:

We recommend that you travel from either London Charing Cross or London Bridge stations

- Take a train from **London Charing Cross or London Bridge** to **Staplehurst Station** (approx. 50-55 mins).
- Take a taxi (see page 1) from **Staplehurst Station** to **Benenden School** (approx. 25 mins).

From Ashford:

- Take a train from **Ashford International** to **Staplehurst Station** (approx. 20 mins).
- Take a taxi (see page 1) from **Staplehurst Station** to **Benenden School** (approx. 25 mins).

By car:

Benenden School is in Kent, approximately 40 miles from central London. The journey is approximately 2-2.5 hours drive from central London.

SAT NAV: Please enter the postcode **TN17 4AA**.

From Central London

- Follow signs to Folkestone A20.
- Follow A20 through south London to interchange A20/B2173/M20/M25.
- Branch left (signposted Gatwick Airport), and at roundabout take 4th exit to join M25 South (direction Gatwick Airport) and continue to Junction 5.
- Follow signs to Hastings A21. Please see below for directions from M25 Junction 5, A21.

From West London

- Follow signs A3 (direction Guildford).
- Continue on A3 then take left turn to A243 (direction Chessington World of Adventures).
- Follow A243 to interchange A243/A244/A24/M25 (Junction 9) and take M25 East (direction Gatwick Airport/Reigate) to Junction 5.
- Follow signs to Hastings A21. Please see below for directions from M25 Junction 5, A21.

From M25 Junction 5, A21 to Hastings

- Continue on A21 for approximately 18 miles.
- After 18 miles, at the Lamberhurst roundabout, take the first exit onto A262 heading to Goudhurst/Horsmonden/B2162.
- Go through Goudhurst village.
- After two miles turn right at the B2085/Glassenbury Road (in front of the Peacock Inn).
- After two miles, at the end of this road, turn left on the A229 Hartley Road.
- Take the first right onto B2086/Swattenden Lane.
- After three miles enter Benenden village. The School is situated on the left, by the gate house, as you enter the village.