



PERFORMING ARTS

2016/17

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‘Enriching lives through inspiring experiences’

Our vision includes the belief that:

- A broad and balanced curricular and extra-curricular program will unlock and support the artistic potential of all our students.
- Outstanding exam results will be achieved with a commitment to every child, not just our talented performers
- The performing arts will encourage each individual to work in a creative, cooperative and collaborative manner while promoting personal, learning and thinking skills.
- Students learn best in a participative and creative environment placed within a firm framework of high standards in teaching and learning.
- Students need an understanding of, and access to, developing technologies in order to encourage participation and leadership in a technologically developing society.
- We have a responsibility to our local community through productions and performances.

Performing Arts Musical

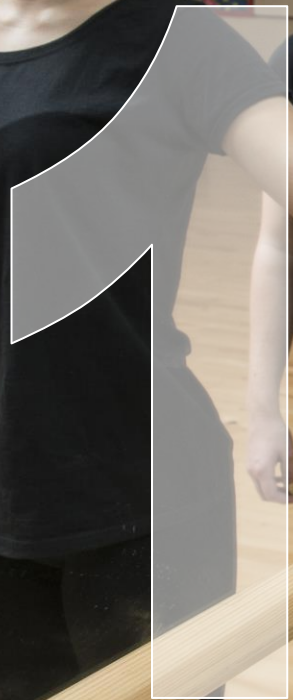
Oliver!

March 2017

This year our school production will be Oliver! Rehearsals are already happening in preparation for the musical to be performed in March 2017. Please see our web-site for information.



Dance



Dance Rehearsal Schedule

Day	Time	Rehearsal
Everyday	Late Lunch	Dance Drop-in
Monday	3.30-4.30	Contemporary with Cat
Tuesday	3.30-4.30	Senior Dance Company
Wednesday	3.30-4.30	Junior Dance Company
Thursday	3.30-5.00	School Production Rehearsal
Friday	3.30-4.30	Classical Ballet with Miss Jilly

The Dance Department prides itself on the standard and range of opportunities available for all year groups in the form of regular Dance Evenings and involvement in school productions for public audiences. Small groups of KS3 students have the opportunity to take part in the Ratton Dance Outreach programme to local Primary schools. Visits to see live professional Dance performances and theatre visits are arranged whenever possible together with Days of Dance for KS4 students at conservatoires e.g. Laban, Royal Academy of Dance.

Music & Dance Concert

May 2017

An informal evening concert, involving dance and music items. The concert is open to all students and is an opportunity for young performers to experience being part of a concert at Ratton.



Year 10 Dance Showcase

November 2016

Our new GCSE students' first opportunity to present their work to family and friends.



Year 11 GCSE Dance Showcase March 2017

A GCSE moderation practice evening for our exam candidates to present their final pieces in a performance to family and friends.



Music



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Music Rehearsal

Day	Time	Rehearsal
Monday	Late Lunch	Choir
Tuesday	Late Lunch	Chamber Choir
Tuesday	3.30-5.00	Ratton Players
Tuesday	5.00-6.00	The Minor Details
Wednesday	3.15-4.00	Boys Harmony
Thursday	3.30-5.00	School Show
Thursday	5.00-6.00	The Minor Details
Friday	3.30-5.00	Jazz Club

Facilities

In the Music department there are two fully equipped classrooms with keyboards, glockenspiels, xylophones and ukuleles. We now have, new for 2016, a purpose build Apple Mac Suite running a range of software including Garageband and iMovie as well as professional software including Logic Pro X and Sibelius. We also have a class set of iPads which are used for informal composition and performance practise. Within the department we also have four practice rooms, guitars, drum kits, an electric drum kit and recording facilities. Practice rooms can be booked out at lunch for students to rehearse.



Gala Festival

July 2017

Ratton's Gala Festival, will replace our traditional Gala Concert during refurbishments at the Congress Theatre. The annual show has proved to be one of the highlights of the school year, showcasing talent from all the performing arts disciplines at the school. This year will be our 29th annual Gala. It will feature performances from The Ratton Players, School Choir, The Minor Details, The Chamber Choir, Jazz Club, soloists and dancers who will work hard to ensure that the day will be both enjoyable and inspiring.



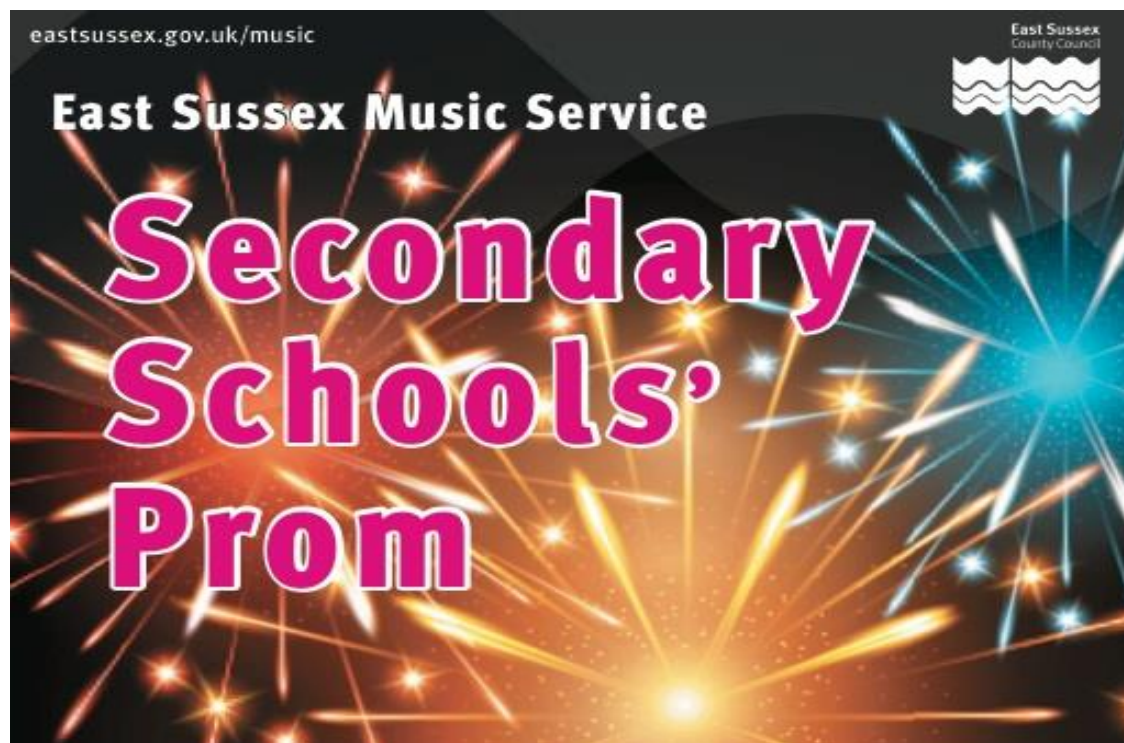
The Minor Details 2016-2017

The Minor Details are a mixed-voice auditioned choir which performs a varied repertoire, from Britten to the Beach Boys. The choir rehearses intensively after school and performs at a wide variety of venues across the county as well as entering national competitions. We audition on a yearly basis in September. When auditioning, we are looking for students who have a natural singing ability as well as the potential to develop their skills in part singing and sight singing in a range of styles.



Secondary School Prom Concert Nov 2016

The Secondary Schools' Prom Concert is an annual concert which brings together a large number of schools in East Sussex to perform and share in making music. This year, the Chamber Choir will be representing Ratton School.



Christmas Concert

This Christmas Concert is a mixture of musical groups at Ratton performing Christmas pieces for one hour and thirty minutes.

Usually over 100 students perform from Jazz ensemble, Ratton Players Choirs and ensemble groups.

The event is usually sold out. There is also a condensed version for community assemblies.



Christmas Carol Singing

December 2017

The Minor Details visit various locations in Eastbourne to perform Christmas Carols during the festive season. As well as visiting Nursing homes such as Palm Court and Ingelwood, the choir also perform in the town centre and at the Redoubt.



Tree of Light

December 2016

A December concert at the Congress Theatre to remember loved ones at Christmas. The Chamber Choir sing in three-part harmony.

This concert is for the people of Eastbourne.



Live Lounge – 2016-2017



During the year, there are various informal evening concerts with performances of songs from the charts. These evenings involve students from all year groups, many of whom have never performed in public before. The first of these is in November and is a charity event organized by the Globe community.



Transition Concert

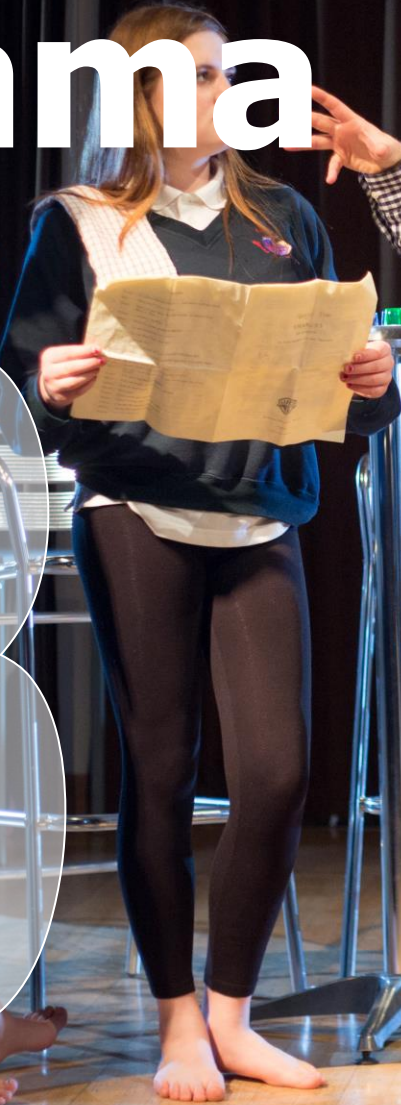
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The Transition concert gives students who are coming to Ratton the following year the opportunity to experience first-hand what is on offer in the Ratton Music Department. The format of the day is in a 'Concert in a day' where students arrive in the morning and choose an activity to take part in (such as choir, ukulele, instrumental ensembles) and by the end of the day will have rehearsed and be ready to perform a concert for parents at 3pm. It is hoped that the concert will aid students' transition to Ratton as they will be able to meet their new peers, current students and teachers and also become familiar with the school.



Drama

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Studio 216



Year 10 and Year 11 students have the opportunity to extend their acting range in challenging and exciting scripted and devised work.

Those that are part of this exciting process often produce work of A* standard.

At Ratton, extra-curricular work can also count towards coursework.

Last year's productions included Harold Pinter's 'The Birthday Party' and 'Girls Like That', a modern text by Evan Placey.

The group are currently rehearsing 'Romeo and Juliet' to be performed in January.

Irish Night

March 2017

An evening of Irish music and dancing to celebrate St Patrick's Day. Traditional Irish set dances, ballads, recitals and live music, as well as some audience participation in a group Ceili Dance!

This year it will be held at the Winter Gardens.



Rinceoiri Ratton

Irish Dance group has been running for 6 years. The beginner class runs during Monday, an intermediate session on Tuesday lunchtime break and an advanced session running on Tuesday evenings.

As well as regular performances at school and community events, the students also compete in national competitions and lead workshops at local primary schools.



Professional Theatre Company Workshops

Workshops led by visiting practitioners from internationally renowned theatre companies help to stretch and challenge our KS4 Drama students.

Most recently we hosted a visit from Steve Kirkham from 'Frantic Assembly' the company responsible for the movement in 'The Curious Incident of The Dog in The Night Time' and channel 4's 'Humans'.



Theatre Trips

As an enrichment of the Drama course, the Drama department seeks to offer pupils a variety of activities to enhance and develop their experience of the subject.

Most recently, KS4 students have seen 'Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time' in the West End and 'Our Country's Good' at the National Theatre.



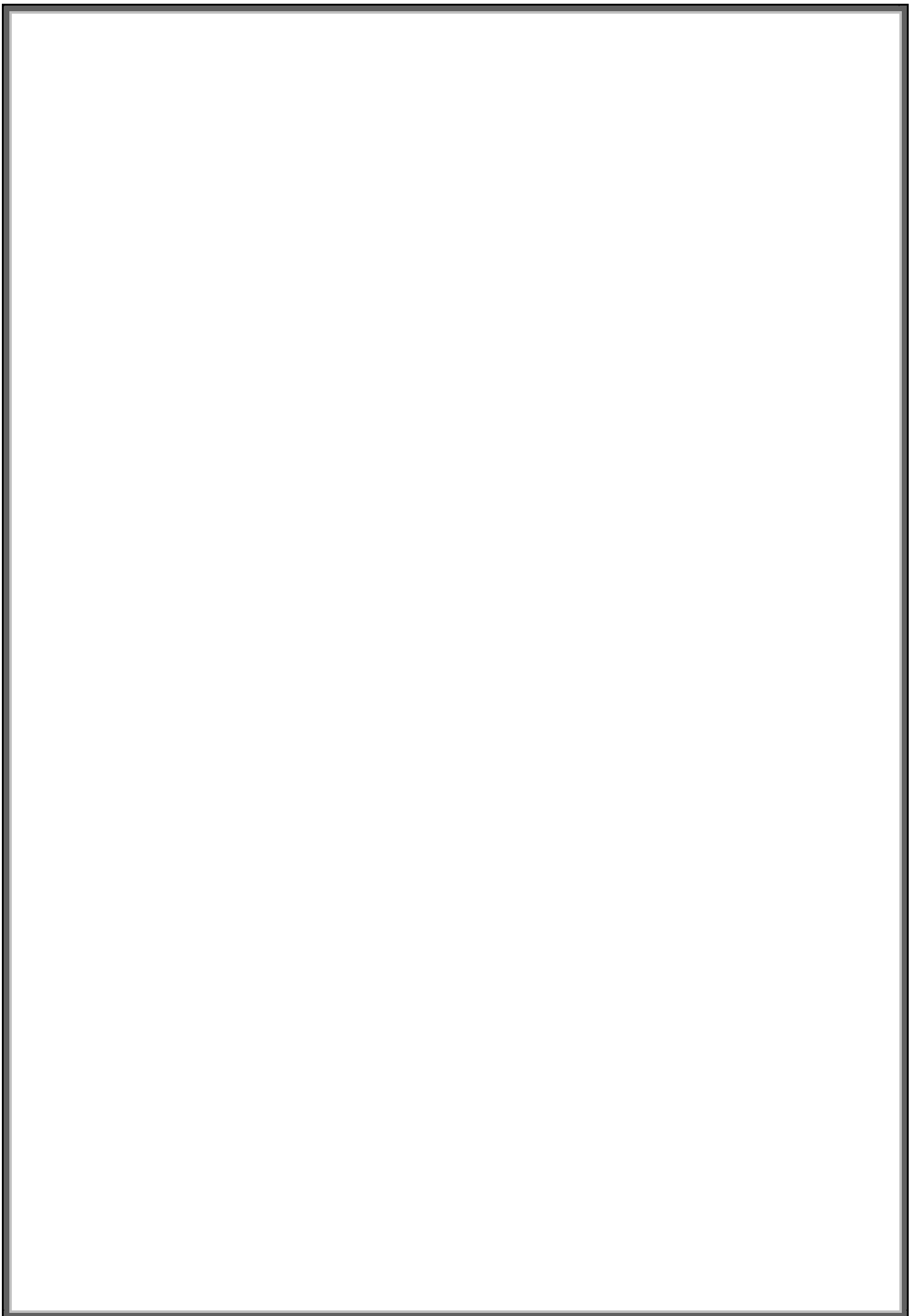
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Singing classes

Glee club

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