

## DIARY DATES

Tuesday 15th September  
Neighbourhood Panel Meeting  
4pm

Thursday 17th September  
Succeeding in Year 11 Evening  
5.30-7pm

Tuesday 22nd September  
Full Governors Meeting  
5pm

Thursday 24th September  
Succeeding in Year 8 Evening  
5.30- 7pm

Friday 25th September  
European Day of Languages (Y7)

## BEST EVER GCSE RESULTS!

Welcome back and we hope you have had an enjoyable summer. We are extremely proud of our Year 11 students who achieved our best ever 'gold standard' GCSE results for 5 A\*-C including English and Maths of 64%. We were also able to celebrate that Year 11 achieved well above national average figures for their progress between Year 7 and 11. Their success will have a very positive impact on their choices and the next stage of their education - we wish them the best of luck for the future.

I enjoyed speaking to all communities in assemblies about the good start to the term with students in correct uniform, on time and properly equipped for learning. I also spoke about striving to achieve excellence in the year ahead in all aspects of life. We have lots of talented students who achieve excellence both in and out of school and we want to make sure they continue to aim high.

We are able to provide a wide range of extra-curricular clubs and activities in school from 8.00am through to 4.30pm and beyond. We would like to encourage all students to get involved in clubs and activities and try something new this year.

Our Year 7 Success Evening was well attended and will be followed by the other evenings for Year 8 to 11 over the rest of this term. These evenings will provide the opportunity for us to share how we plan to support our students to make good, or better, progress over the year.

A fond farewell to Gold Friday and welcome to Ratton News!

*Mr Knox-Macaulay, Headteacher*

## SUCCESS EVENINGS

Thank you to all those who attended and enjoyed yesterday's Year 7 Success Evening. The evening was from 5.00-6.30pm. However, for all future success evenings, which are designed to maximise academic success, we have chosen to revise the times to **5.30-7.00pm**.

All parents/carers and students are encouraged to attend the forthcoming evenings which will provide important key information for the upcoming year with specific input from Maths, English and Science.

You should have received an invitation letter but please make a note of the dates:

<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Thursday 24th September</b>
<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Thursday 1st October</b>
<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Thursday 15th October</b>
<b>Year 11</b>	<b>Thursday 17th September</b>

We look forward to seeing you at your child's Success Evening



We would love as many parents/ carers as possible to help at school events whether it's frequently or only occasionally. If you would like more info about volunteering, can commit to helping at one or more events per year or would be happy to provide raffle prizes please contact Jayne Harley via [l.barrow@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:l.barrow@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk)

# OPEN EVENING THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER

4.45pm-8.15pm

**Headteacher's Speech at  
5.30pm, 6.15pm & 7.00pm  
Tours from 4.45pm-7.45pm**

**After our Open Evening there will be additional opportunities to visit the school—please see our website for scheduled times. If you would like to visit the school at another time please call Mrs Clarke on 01323 504011 ext 201 for an appointment.**

## INTERACTORS

**support inspiring young people**

On Saturday 5th September a group of ER Interactors set off to Lodge Hill to join 50 disabled children and young adults on a packed day of activities. ER Interactors tried tunnelling and zip wire and had the opportunity to help people in wheelchairs go down the zip wire!

The Interactors were welcomed with smiles and generosity and they would like to thank both SASBAH and Rotary AM for inviting them on this amazing adventure.

*By Fletcher Burton Y10*

## HEAD BOYS & HEAD GIRLS 2015-16

<b>Adelphi</b>	<b>Lyceum</b>
Harry Colbran	Harvey Warren
Biddy Whittaker	Davina Andrews
<b>Apollo</b>	<b>Lyric</b>
Jordan Goff	Asia Pescatore
Drew Lawrence	Louis Harrild
<b>Globe</b>	
Louis Perrott	
Emilia Donoghue	

## Ratton School Fantasy Football is Back!

Do you think you could manage your finances and select a winning team this season? It's now time to pick your favourite Premier League players in your ultimate 'Dream Team' and take on other pupils, teachers, staff and parents... everyone is welcome!!!

Simply create your team at [www.schoolsfl.com](http://www.schoolsfl.com) and join the 'Ratton School League' by using the pin: **6698174**



## TENNIS COURSE WITH JENNY HUGHES (Club Coach & Great Britain Player)

We are working in partnership with Hampden Park Tennis Club and are very fortunate to be able to offer a unique opportunity for students to be taught by Jenny Hughes who played for Britain in the World Championships recently. The course which is open to all ages and abilities will take place on September 29th, October 6th, October 13<sup>th</sup>, October 20th, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Please note the sessions will take place at Hampden Park Tennis Club in order for the students to experience playing on a top quality astro tennis facility. The students will meet the Year 11 Student Leaders outside reception each week to be registered and then they will walk to the tennis club. **Your child will need to make their own way home or be collected at the end of each session.**

The cost for the six sessions is £18 which needs to be **paid in full in advance** and returned with the reply slip (available from reception) in a named envelope to the School Finance Office.

If you have any questions concerning this course please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Upton at [j.upton@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:j.upton@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk)

## Ronnie to represent Sussex!



Year 11 student, **Ronnie Doorey-Palmer**, has been hand-picked to represent Sussex for the Sussex Merlins Rugby League team in a squad of only 20 of the best players in the South Rugby League. He will represent the South in the RFL London Origins matches over the next month and plays his first game for them tomorrow.

We wish him all the luck in his 3 match series!

## Brighton & Hove Albion Football Academy at Ratton School

After last year's success, Ratton School will once again be working alongside Brighton & Hove Albion Football Club to offer students in Years 7-9, boys and girls, the opportunity to attend 12 weeks of professional football coaching sessions at an after school club. Coaches from the 'Seagulls' award-winning Albion in the Community (AITC) will deliver these fully structured and age-related sessions, designed to encourage students to develop their individual skills with the possibility of representing the school team in competitive fixtures during the Autumn term.

If your child is interested in taking on this opportunity, then please speak to your PE Teacher or collect a letter from reception ASAP.



# PE DEPARTMENT



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# LUNCH & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Late Lunch (1.40-2.10)	Year 10 Indoor Football (GKI)	Year 11 Indoor Football (WBR) GCSE Intervention (DDE)	Girls Indoor Football (JUP)	Girls Benchball (SLO)	KS3 Boys & Girls Basketball (JBU)
After School (3.15-4.30)	Year 7 Boys & Girls Football Academy (BHAFc)	Year 8 & 9 Boys & Girls Football Academy (BHAFc) Year 10 & 11 Girls Netball (SLO) Gymnastics (HMU)	Year 7, 8 & 9 Netball (DDE/JUP)	Boys Rugby Academy (WBR/GKI/JBU)	Staff Sport

## TERM 1



## You could be saving about £10 per week. That's around £390 over the school year and nearly £2,000 over 5 years!!

At Ratton, we are committed to working with students and their families to ensure that they are fully supported in their learning. We recognise that this extends beyond the classroom and we want to make sure that the health, well-being and opportunities for learning for all of our students is the best that it can be. One of the ways that we can do this is to make sure that everyone who is eligible for free school meals completes an application form.

The more people who complete the form, the more money the school will receive from the government. This money can be used to support our breakfast clubs and extracurricular activities.

Since becoming an Academy the process to apply for Free School meals is very simple. If you meet the eligibility criteria below please contact Julie Plummer on 01323 504011 ext 119 or email on [j.plummer@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:j.plummer@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk) for an application form.

Once the form has been completed and handed back to the school with proof of benefit your child can have Free School Meals straight away.

Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance

Income Support

Child Tax Credit- providing your annual income does not exceed £16,960 **but not receiving Working Tax Credit**

Support under part VI of the Immigration Asylum Act 1999

Guarantee element of state pension credit

Please note that if you are entitled to free meals, then you may also be entitled to free school transport, provided you live outside a 3 mile radius of the school. You can collect a form from the school or contact the Local Education Authority.

### **Let's keep our children safe**

Please help us to keep all our children safe by not parking on the yellow zig zag lines outside school.

If you do need to drop or collect your child at any time during the day please arrange a meeting point outside the school grounds to prevent unnecessary traffic in the school drive.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

AGE Concern Eastbourne is excited to announce that through funding from 'Devonshire West Big Local' and Mrs A Lacey Tate Trust they are offering a new 6 week introductory course to the Ukulele, giving you the basic skills to start your uke journey and will be taught by Bruce Knapp who has toured the world with the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain as well as being a professional musician for over 30 years.

And it's not just fun for the kids, adults are welcome to bring out the Bowie, Harrison and Kate Bush in you!

Course begins Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September

At the William and Patricia Venton Centre on Junction Road

5pm-6pm - under 16s

6.15pm-7.15pm - over 16s

£2.50 per week

Ukuleles available to borrow during lessons

Contact Lisa Gillette on 01323 638474 or

[lisa.gillette@ageconcerneastbourne.co.uk](mailto:lisa.gillette@ageconcerneastbourne.co.uk) to book your place