

## DIARY DATES

Monday 28th September  
PFA AGM  
6.30pm

Wednesday 30th September  
Year 11 Careers Day

Thursday 1st October  
Year 8 Girls HPV Vaccinations

Year 9 Success Evening  
5.30-7.00pm

Tuesday 6th October  
Governors Policy Meeting  
4.00pm

Thursday 8th October  
Open Evening  
4.45-8.15pm  
(school day will finish at 1.40pm)

## ALL GOOD THINGS COME IN 3'S

They say that good things come in threes! The first part of our 'three things' is the new school website. We are certain that both the look and simpler structure will make it easier to use for learning and as a reliable source of information about Ratton. Please make sure that you have a look on [www.ratton.co.uk](http://www.ratton.co.uk), which will be on line during the week beginning the 28<sup>th</sup> September. As with all websites, there will be things that need developing so please don't hesitate to pass on feedback.

The second part of the 'three things' was our celebration of European Day of Languages. As an award winning International School we want to make sure that our students can be true global citizens. It was a wonderful day where students experienced food, music, language and customs from a range of different countries and were also able to raise money for charity.

The third and final part links to our Open Evening on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October and Open Days from 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> October. These events are an opportunity for the whole school community to show what life at Ratton is all about. I would like to thank, in advance, all the students who are taking part. I know our visitors will be impressed with their politeness, confidence and knowledge - they will be great hosts!

Please enjoy this edition of Ratton - The Newsletter.

À bientôt

Mr Knox-Macaulay, Headteacher

## Congratulations

Many congratulations to our highest achieving students whose hard work and commitment we are proud to recognise.

These students are identified for having received the highest number of rewards allocated by all staff for the relevant week and are awarded for various contributions - such as outstanding work on a longer project, good effort in class, effort in tutor time and participation in an extra-

curricular activity to name but a few!

### Week ended 11th September

Suwi Simfukwe, Tadiwa Musarurwa, Abigail Proctor, Tallulah Roberts, Sacha Mansbridge, Aisling Nevill, Jose-Carlos Valero and Joseph Wallis

### Week ended 18th September

Abbie Vine, George Ebdy, George Doust, Ethan Russell, Amelia Jones, Kayleigh Murphy, James Hennock and Marie Hunnisett



It is with great pleasure we can announce the release of our new fully responsive website.

The site will be on-line from next week and the student focused pages not only allow a great insight into life at Ratton, but allow students, parents and carers to interact with the school.

[www.ratton.co.uk](http://www.ratton.co.uk)

## Southampton Boat Show Raises Aspirations

The University of Sussex run a First Generation Scholars Scheme that starts with Yr9 students. The scheme gives young people support to fulfil their potential and make well-informed choices. It is aimed at students whose parents did not go to university.

The university came into school last week and held assemblies with our Yr9 students. Following these assemblies our Yr9 First Generation Scholars cohort took part in a workshop. During this workshop students heard about the Scheme and the activities they will be taking part in during 2015/16. These will include a Falmer campus tour and being part of their Making Choices programme which includes STEM which is science based and Social Sciences including Law, Politics and Sociology.

We still have 8 spaces left on this scheme and if you have received an application form and would like your child to be a part of it, please return the form to Mrs Peters by 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

On 16<sup>th</sup> September a group of Y9 students were the lucky recipients of a random draw which enabled them to visit Southampton Boat Show. The purpose was to open up a world of possibilities with sailing, engineering and seamanship and help students understand the career opportunities in the marine world.

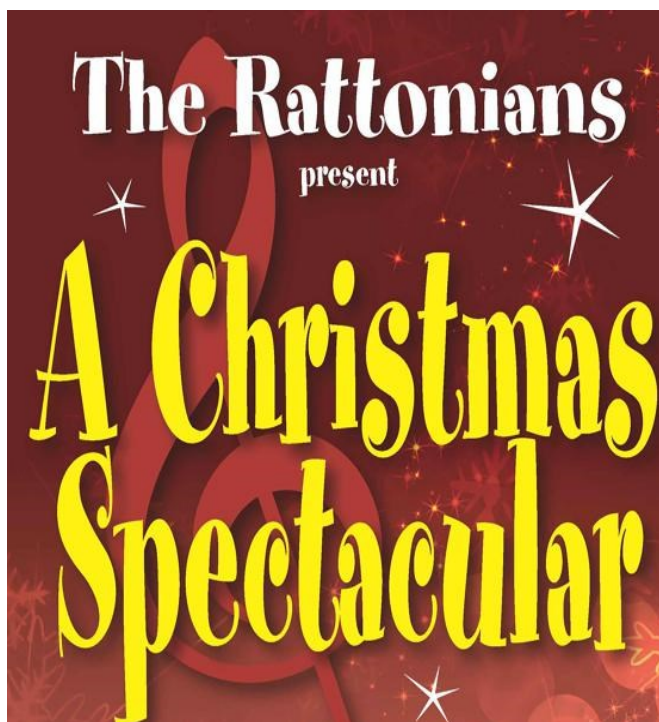
A long day began at 7.15 for the drive to Southampton. Once there we were able to see and board some of the most luxurious yachts and cruisers that are available. Students spoke to those involved in sailing, crewing and owning such luxury vessels. As well as the luxury we saw the old sailing ships now used for training. Several students took the opportunity to go out on the water on a paddle board and test their skills at staying afloat! Great fun was had. Wandering the myriad of stalls and shops the students were able to get a real sense of the sailing and cruising environment, learning about the tackle and technology that drives the industry today.

We engaged in a small competition, how many freebies could we collect... caps, mugs, pens, badges, leaflets were all collected, even given away in smart canvas bags!

Thanks to Mr Taylor, Miss Agnew, Mrs Weller and Mr French for staffing and driving!



## YOUR CHANCE TO PERFORM ON THE CONGRESS THEATRE STAGE!



The Rattonians are staging their biannual Christmas spectacular, for four performances, from **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. The first half of the show will consist of numbers and extracts from well-known musicals, with the second half having a Christmas theme.

If you can sing and dance and would like to be involved please come along to the first meeting on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am**. The meeting - which is not an audition but you will be expected to learn a routine - will be in the hall and finishes at 1.00pm. The company will consist of both students and adults, with an age range from 7 years old upwards so everyone is welcome!

*Come into school using the back entrance, via Park Lane, as the front of the school will be closed.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, SEE MR ADAMS IN SCHOOL OR EMAIL [info@rattonacademy.com](mailto:info@rattonacademy.com)

## India from Capital to Coast

India Brown, Year 7 student at Ratton School, once again completed the legendary 54 mile London to Brighton Bike Ride recently to support the British Heart Foundation. Amazingly, India first did the ride aged 4 years and 10 months!

It was a great day with the weather forecast spot on, happy lovely people, even a parrot and some baby llamas!

Kudos India!



## TENNIS COURSE WITH JENNY HUGHES

Just a reminder that 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 in a named envelope to the School Finance Office.

Letters in reception – course starts next Tuesday so reserve your place now!



# PE DEPARTMENT



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# LUNCH & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

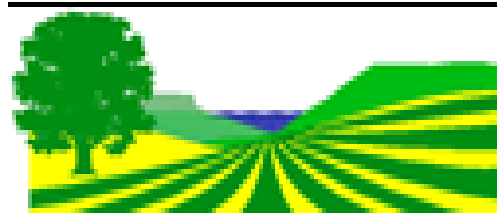
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Late Lunch (1.40-2.10)	Year 10 Indoor Football (GKI)	Year 11 Indoor Football (WBR) GCSE Intervention (DDE)	Girls Indoor Football (JUP)	Girls Benchball (SLO)	KS3 Boys & Girls Basketball (JBU)
After School (3.15-4.30)	Year 7 Boys & Girls Football Academy (BHAFC)	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

# PLUMPTON COLLEGE

A Landbased College of Further and Higher Education

[www.plumpton.ac.uk](http://www.plumpton.ac.uk) Tel: 01273 890454



## Information Morning for Courses and Careers

**Saturday 10th October 2015 9.00am - 12.30pm**

This is a very popular event. No booking needed. It is an informal occasion for discussing careers and course options. Prospective students will be able to meet tutors and staff to plan the next step on a career ladder in the wide range of courses that the land-based sector offers. Campus and Departmental Tours of the facilities will be available.

The College is situated in the centre of a 900 hectare countryside estate, close to Brighton, Lewes and London. There are excellent practical and demonstration facilities for students in their chosen area of study. Student residential accommodation is available, both on-campus along with a range of local lodgings. The tuition is of a high standard both academically and vocationally, with a very high rate of either employment or progression to Higher Education.

The college has a range of bursaries to support students at all levels with the cost of attending college and being a student.

DIRECTIONS TO THE COLLEGE AVAILABLE AT

<http://www.plumpton.ac.uk/page/contact-us/how-to-find-us-directions/45>

COLLEGE BURSARY & GRANTS (Replacement for EMA) INFO AVAILABLE AT

<http://www.plumpton.ac.uk/page/study-here/finances-and-fees/54>

### **Moira House Sixth Form Open Evening**

Moira House are having their Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday 29th September from 6-8pm along with the opportunity to find out more about their Sixth Form Scholarship and Exhibition Assessments.

If you are interested in attending please book your place by contacting the Admissions Team on 01323 644144 or [admissions@moirahouse.co.uk](mailto:admissions@moirahouse.co.uk)

### **PARENTS & FRIENDS**



The PFA extends a warm welcome to any parents, grandparents or friends who would like to join them - please contact Mrs Barrow on [l.barrow@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:l.barrow@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk) or 01323 514314 if you are interested or would like to find out more.

25th September 2015



### **FREE! Introduction to Skate Hockey for girls**

Free sessions for girls  
in years 6,7 & 8  
Fridays 6:30 - 7:30pm  
at Cavendish School  
October 2nd to December 11th.

**Eastbourne Edge**

For more details contact  
[geoffbrown2005@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:geoffbrown2005@tiscali.co.uk)

### **Eastbourne Edge Skate Hockey Club**

**Mixed sex regular training sessions take place at Cavendish school sports centre.**

**U8's & New Beginners Saturdays 08:50 - 10:00**  
**U12s and U14s Saturdays 10:00 - 11:50**  
**15+ Sundays 17:25 - 18:55**  
**16+ Tuesdays 21:30 - 22:30**

**New players always welcome**  
**First 4 session FREE!**

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