

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 28th June

Gala Concert 7.30pm

Thursday 30th June

New Intake Evening 5pm

Friday 1st July

Inset day

Y11 Prom 7pm

Monday 4th July

Sports Day

Tuesday 5th July

Y10 Taster Day at Sussex Downs

Y6 Taster Day

Neighbourhood Panel 4pm

Govs Resources 5pm

Friday 8th July

Y8 Careers Day

Saturday 9th July

Community Fayre 11am-5pm

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 10th June

Millie Springett, Billy Brooks, Ellie Carter-Aldridge, Kieron Deadmna, Courtney Gillard, Ruby Wright, Harrison Prater, Jemima Hadland and Maggie Rayner

Week ended 17th June

Hannah Rickard, Honour Tyrrell-Martin, Olivia Prentice, Bethany Lenihan, Shaima Chbib, Daisy Dibbens and Zuzanna Biegun

OLD IDEAS ARE SOMETIMES GREAT IDEAS

The Greek philosopher, Aristotle, developed the idea of *eudaimonia* - living and doing well. He saw it as an essential part of happiness and success and the well-being of all human beings. This is also part of what we call 'character', with the idea of following a set of virtues encourages good character. The sort of virtues that promote good character can include effort, respect and compassion which are all similar to our current school values.

The final few days of Year 11 GCSE exams are happening and it is good to see Year 10 stepping up into being the most senior students in school. They are already starting to engage with the challenge for the year ahead with a very impressive Science Controlled Assessment Day, practice exams in a range of subjects and planning their future through attending Taster Days in colleges. We know that they are equal to the challenge!

We are in the final few days before our last Gala Event at the Congress Theatre on Tuesday 28th at 7.30pm before it closes for refurbishment. There will be tickets available on the door so we do hope you will join us to celebrate the wealth of student and staff talent on show. We know that it promises to be a tremendous evening!

Mr Knox-Macaulay, Headteacher

Ratton Students at Oxford University



On Tuesday 14th June a group of Year 10 girls attended a health themed Looking Forward event at Oxford University. The girls attended lectures and workshops which focussed on how mathematical modelling can help scientists work together to solve problems and find solutions in the

medical world. The girls also did a personality test which helped them to think about possible future careers.

The takeaway message was for them to think about Maths as an important facilitating subject to take at A level and they all had a most interesting and constructive day.

Year 8 Excellent Learners attend Parliament

On the 13th June 30 excellent learners from year 8 travelled up to London to visit the Houses of Parliament. The students were led on a sightseeing tour of London, taking in sights including Buckingham Palace, Whitehall, St Pauls Cathedral and Downing Street to name just a few. The students then had an opportunity to observe debate both in the House of Commons and the House of Lords before participating in a workshop in which they learned more about how laws are made in Britain today.

The final part of the day saw the students questioning their local Member of Parliament, Caroline Ansell. Miss Hughes and Mr Morris were very impressed with the students' questions which included topics such as the European referendum and the duties of an MP. All students showed a high level of engagement and enthusiasm throughout the day, not even moaning when caught in some rather wet weather!



Year 8 students visit amazing Hindu Temple



Year 8 students enjoyed a day of sunshine at a stunning Hindu temple last week. The BAPS *Shri Swaminarayan Mandir* was hand carved in India and took over two years to assemble in Neasden, South London.

Ratton students were privileged to watch an Arti Ceremony, which is a light ceremony to wake the Gods as well as looking for familiar faces from the epic Hindu tale of love, the Ramayana, in the temple. Reece Harrington, year 8 said: "It was magnificent, the temple was really beautiful & the ceremony was fascinating."

GO TEAM ENGLAND!

Becky Hover Y10, Hannah Rickard Y9 and Owen Pennington Y7, are set to leave the UK tomorrow with their dance squad 'Zoe Pennington Dance Studio' and head to Jersey to represent England in the Dance World Cup.

Becky will be competing in 5 dances, Hannah 3 and Owen 2 after automatically gaining their place on the England squad after getting Gold in Romania last year.

Team England are going all out to see if they can remain top of the world in dance for the 4th year running.

Best of luck!



Geography in Action!

Year 8 students recently had an opportunity to take a trip to Eastbourne beach to put into practise what we have been learning in our geography lessons. Firstly, we practised our physical geography techniques to see if longshore drift was happening and discussed how this was being managed. We then visited the redoubt museum for break.

After stopping for an ice-cream at lunchtime, we walked along to Holywell in the afternoon conducting an environmental impact survey as we went. Then we listened to a ghost story from Mr Morris to finish a great day out.

(Katie Saint, McKenzie McAndrew)



Year 7 Cricket



Well done to the Year 7 Boys' Cricket team for winning their first 2 games against Willingdon and Peacehaven.

In both games the bowling and fielding performance from the whole team was excellent and was the main reason for achieving comfortable victories.

Ratton beat Willingdon by 22 runs.

Ratton beat Peacehaven by 37 runs.

Keep up the good work!



UPDATE FROM INDYA-JAYNE

Hi, I'm writing to keep you informed about the work the Youth Cabinet and I do and have done for Ratton and our county. An example of our work was the democracy awards several months ago when I travelled to Parliament with other Youth Cabinet members for the award ceremony. I collected the silver Democracy Award for Ratton which was won for taking part in the Big Vote to elect the Youth Cabinet and I also got to meet Eastbourne's MP Caroline Ansell. It was a fantastic event and a great experience but also beneficial for Ratton in its future of supporting other students interested in politics.

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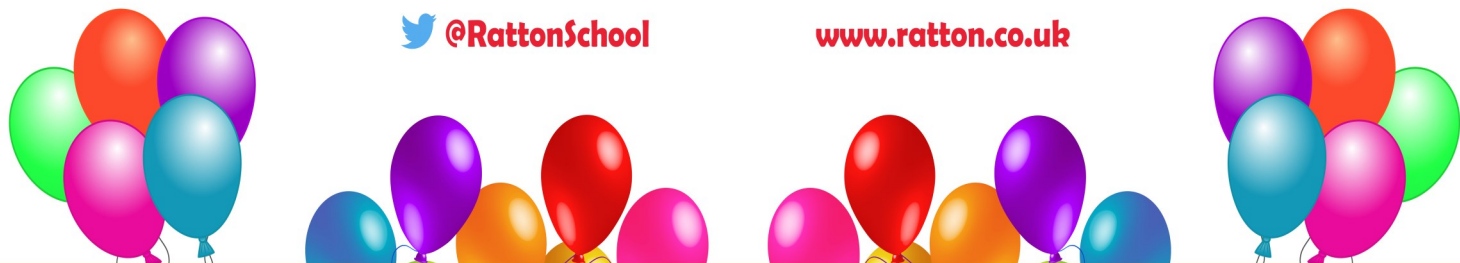


NERISSA WINS REGIONAL COMPETITION



Year 8 student, Nerissa Stonham, represented the South East Regional Trampolining Team in Birmingham recently and performed brilliantly gaining first place.

What a fantastic achievement - well done Nerissa!



Ratton Community Fayre

Food Zone
Entertainment Arena
Workshops
Rides
Local Ales
Battle of the Bands

SATURDAY

July 9th 2016

11:00 - 5:00

Eco Zone
Community Zone
Spirit Zone
History Zone
Market Place
Demonstrations



Ratton School, Park Avenue, BN212XR



Celebrating Stage and Screen

Gala Concert

Tuesday 28th June 2016 7.30pm

The Congress Theatre, Eastbourne
Tickets available from the Eastbourne Theatres Box Office
Prices: Adults £8 / Conc. £6 / Students £5

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