

DIARY DATES

Sunday 17th–Thursday 21st July

Year 7 Trip to Boppard

Monday 18th–Thursday 21st July

Year 8 Camp

Wednesday 20th July

Whole School Sponsored Walk

Thursday 21st July

Activities Morning/Last day of Term 6

Friday 22nd July

Inset Day

Monday 5th September

Inset Day

Tuesday 6th September

Y7 & Y11 students only in school

Wednesday 7th September

All students return to school

Congratulations

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

Week ended 24th June

Charlotte Loats, Sky April, Kai Bishop, Charlie Barnard, Archie Culbert, Dondy Sukoco, Saffie Kingham, Libby Thomas, Bartosz Kuchta

Week ended 1st July

Leonie Hurtado, Aaron Burrows, Kira Smithson, Nicola Kozusko, Helen Hearn, Tineeki Trott, Grace Beeney

Week ended 8th July

Cerys Hartley, Charles Sear, Jarvis Chater, Ryan Penfold, Joshua Bashford, Edward Smith, George Dixon, Michael Potter, Tom Bevis, Emily Barber, Jack Edwards

Week ended 15th July

Connor Flaherty, Vincenzo Fiorese-Resende, Jessica Cavaliere, Levi Woolf, James De Savigny, Matthew Field, Aaron Clarke

A VERY BUSY TIME!

The last few weeks have seen a fantastic range of events at Ratton. Our **Gala Evening** brought together a large number of talented students and staff performing to an audience of 1000 people at the Congress Theatre. The range and quality of performances was inspiring and it was wonderful to see the choir from Ocklynge joining our students on stage.

The **Community Awards** assemblies celebrated the achievements of all students over the course of the year and provided the perfect opportunity to recognise those students who had completed the Ratton Diploma. With a 95% success rate and everyone aspiring to achieve the extra 5%, it is the right way to reward all those students 'in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing'.

Our **Sports Day** at the Eastbourne Sports Park was an example of participation in action. Our congratulations go to students in Adelphi who won the most points but there was plenty of spirited competition right across all communities - even down to the staff relay!

Our **Awards Evening** is one of the highlights of the school year and this year was no different. It gave us the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of students in all year groups with a particular focus on excellence. The awards covered all subject areas and aspects of school were mixed in with performances from our Gala Evening. It was also an opportunity to celebrate the hard work of all our staff with 'Oscar' style nominations and prize giving.

We set off on our **Sponsored Walk** along Eastbourne seafront with students and staff enjoying a strong sense of community and the opportunity to raise money for charity. The first half of the walk took place in cool grey conditions but it was lovely to see the sunshine and rest tired feet at the Sovereign Centre as we arrived at the end of the walk - a tremendous effort by everybody.

As this is the last Ratton Newsletter of the year, I would like to thank the whole school community for a great year and wish you a happy and safe summer. We look forward to an even more successful 2016-17.

Mr Knox-Macaulay, Headteacher

DON'T BLINK!

On Sunday 19th June, **Connie Wallis** Y8 ran the 10km at Eastbourne's Race for Life, coming 1st in an impressive time of 47 minutes!



Connie trains at the University of Brighton with BODYWORKS three times each week.

Connie also represented Ratton at the Sussex Schools athletics meeting in Crawley last month, running the 1500 metres. She ran a personal best time of 5.37!

Ratton Students compete in National Event with Theo Paphitis

On 29th June Katy Allingham, Charlie Fenwick, Harrison Miller, Anesu Musarurwa and Tallulah Roberts (Year 9 students from Lyric Community) competed against young people from across the country in front of some of the biggest names in business at Doncaster Racecourse for the Grand Finals of the Ryman National Enterprise Challenge supported by Kingswood.



The 2016 Challenge saw the students tasked with creating the ultimate school-based business, inspired by current ambassador Theo Paphitis and his first taste of business - running his school's tuckshop.

Over 34,000 pupils from across the UK have taken part in the challenge this year, and the Grand Finals were an exciting culmination where approximately 1000 students competed for the coveted winning team award.

'*Plan.it*' the team from Ratton School, presented their idea of an app to replace the need for a paper diary saving 75% of the costs to schools. The judges commended them on their efforts and how professional their presentation was. Though they didn't make it to the final for their category they had an amazing experience.

The Grand Finals were hosted by Dick & Dom, popular youth television personalities, with a key note address from Eddie 'the Eagle' Edwards plus a Q and A session with Theo Paphitis.

Lucky students enjoy exciting, interactive engineering and science event

On Wednesday 29th June, we were lucky enough for the third year running to be allocated 45 students places at the Big Bang Science Fair at the South of England showground.

The event hosts over 8000 students and teachers from across the region and is the biggest event of its kind in the South East. It is run by STEM Sussex - an organisation who works with schools to raise the profile of careers in Science, Technology, Maths and Engineering subjects. On the day, despite the miserable British summer weather, we visited well over a hundred stands and exhibitions showing the roles that STEM subjects play in a range of diverse careers such as farming and agriculture, aviation and the RAF, medicine and surgery, oceanography, engineering with magnets and robotics, communications, computing, F1 racing and animal care.

The day was rounded off by seeing "The Most Disgusting Show in the World" run by the Science Museum which brought to life the route of our food through our digestive system, and definitely wasn't for the faint-hearted!

All of our students behaved brilliantly and were excellent ambassadors for Ratton School - a great day was had by all!

Ms Tennant, Curriculum Leader Science

8th/22nd July 2016

Ratton's Sussex Stars shine at national competitions



Chloe Bird, Hollie Bird and Ella Ashley have been competing with their cheerleading group Sussex Stars at competitions this summer term. Firstly at the BCA Guildford competition where they came 4th and recently in the national Future Cheer competition where their level one, large group routine achieved 7th out of 13, beating some of the big London clubs and achieving a score with zero deductions for a flawless routine. The stunt group achieved 5th out of 20 which was an awesome result.

Well done Sussex Stars!!

The Sussex Stars next big adventure is to compete internationally at Future Cheer in Disneyland Paris and they are fundraising in the hopes they can reach the target to send the team to Paris in March. They are looking for business sponsorship for their kit and have fundraising events planned. Please see the Sussex Stars Facebook or Twitter page for details.

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Awards Evening 2016

The Annual Ratton School Awards Evening was held in the Floral Room at the Winter Garden on Thursday 14th July

A 700 strong crowd assembled to celebrate the achievements of our subject and platinum award winners from all years, as well as the presentation of the cups and trophies for 2016.

Our Master of Ceremonies, Mr Adams, commenced the evening by welcoming the Mayor, Cllr Pat Hearn, and our other invited guests to the ceremony. The Chair of Governors, Mr Lindsey, then gave a welcome, followed by a striking vocal performance from Year 11 student Davina Andrews.



Our Headteacher, Mr Knox-Macaulay, then gave an address to the gathered students, teachers and parents. This was followed by a captivating dance performance from Isabella Davy, Niamh Mungavin and Kate Perry. It was then onto the awards proper, commencing with Year 7 and 8 Subject and Platinum Awards. Students ascended the stairs to the stage to be warmly greeted by the Mayor and receive their

prize. The audience was then entertained by a highly energetic dance performance from Alfie Pedleham in Year 7. On to the year 9 and 10 subject and platinum awards, before the Minor Details performed a Lion King Medley that had everyone tapping their feet. Presentation of the Subject Awards for the Year 11's capped off a successful year for our recent leavers. Mrs Fitzpatrick then announced the Cups and Trophies winners for 2016, with each winner taking to the stage to well-deserved applause.



Last awards for the evening were the staff awards. Winner of 'Teacher New to the Teaching Profession' was Mr Bunn from PE. 'Associate Colleague of the Year' went to Mrs Clarke from reception. 'Teacher of the Year' went to Mrs Claire Williams. 'Associate Team of the Year' was awarded to joint winners - the Care and Welfare Team accepted by Mrs Jones and Mrs Pierce, and the Finance Team accepted by Mr Britt. The 'Teaching Team of the Year' went to the Maths Team, with the award accepted by Mr Hatton on behalf of his team. Mr Knox-Macaulay then surprised our Master of Ceremonies for the evening, Mr

Adams, with a special award acknowledging his 40 years of service at Ratton!

The evening finished on a high note with the rousing "Cry of the Celts" by the Rinceoiri Ratton Irish Dancers. Well done to all our prize winners on the evening. Students who were absent on the evening can collect their awards from the Finance Office at the school.



28TH ANNUAL GALA CONCERT!

The end of June saw our 28th Annual Gala Concert at the Congress Theatre...



For the very first time, this year's event had a theme with all performances linking to 'Stage and Screen'.

The audience of nearly 1000 people were treated to a variety of acts, from contemporary and Irish dance to orchestral medleys and stunning solo performances.

The evening started off with Ratton Players performing a large medley of music by John Williams which was arranged by Ryan Kearsey and featured music from the latest Star Wars movie, as well as classics such as Indiana Jones and Jurassic Park. Later they were joined by Emilia Donoghue

for a moving rendition of Skyfall. Soloists Tallulah Roberts, Rebecca Marshall-McCleave, Ebony Grant and Libby Rudolph introduced the audience to some lesser known masterpieces, whilst Davina Andrews and Alex Dry took on classics from Grease and Les Miserables respectively.

Ocklynge Primary School pupils once again performed in this year's Gala Concert with an excellent performance of 'When I Grow Up' from Matilda alongside Open Choir.



The rest of the programme featured choral arrangements of West Side Story and The Lion King from Chamber Choir and The Minor Details, Wicked from Open Choir, and items from our bands included Pinball Wizard and Summertime.

The evening was brought to a conclusion with all participants of this year's concert taking part in a performance of 'Consider Yourself' from Oliver! which will also be the next musical production from Ratton School.

Due to refurbishment, we will not be returning to the Congress Theatre next year, but we are already planning an alternative event which we hope will push Performing Arts productions to a new level. Watch this space!

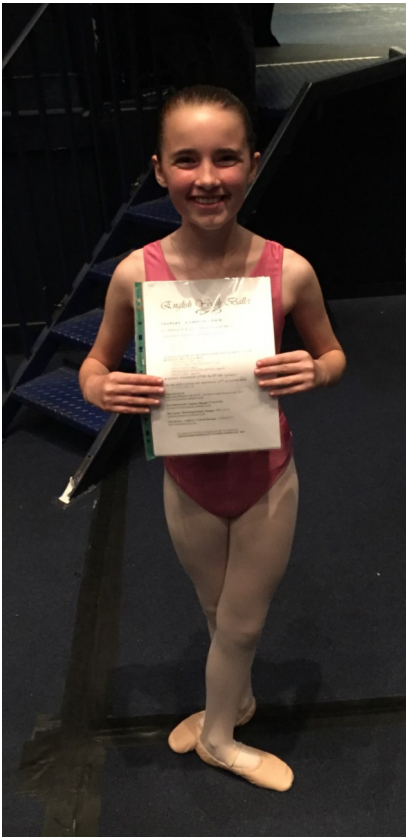
Thank you to all those who supported this year's event and we hope you will continue to join us for our productions next year.



Katie to perform with the English National Ballet

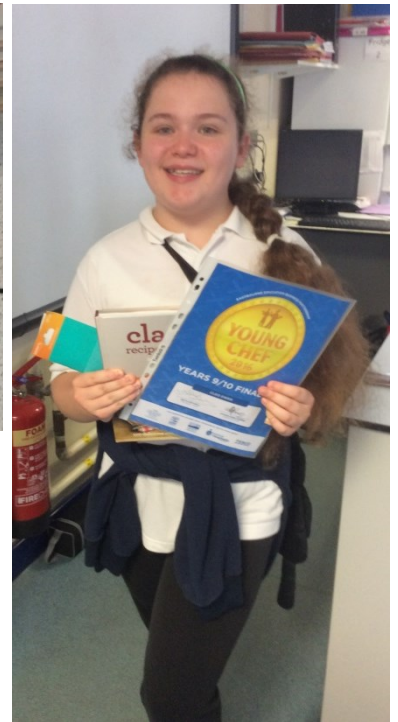
Katie Laing in 7CWs performed really well at her recent audition and has been awarded a place in the English National Ballet to perform Swan Lake with them in November!

What a fantastic achievement - well done Katie!



Young Chef of the Year

We're delighted to let you know that Cleo Ewen in 9CPn came third in this year's competition. It was a very close contest with some excellent results from everyone that entered. The judges were very impressed with the high standard of food and presentation.



Cleo has picked up some good tips and would like to enter again next year. She received a certificate, a £25 gift voucher and a Classics Dish Cookery book.

Congratulations Cleo!

DANCE WORLD CUP CHAMPIONS!



Following a successful week in Jersey at the Dance World Cup our congratulations go to **Becky Hover** Y10 who did 5 dances and gained 2 Silver and 3 Bronze medals (pictured), **Hannah Rickard** Y9 who gained 2 Silver and 1

Bronze medals and **Owen Pennington** Y7 who gained a Bronze medal - all of which contributed to England's success in Winning the Dance World Cup and being **World Champions for the 4th Year running.**

We are proud of them all and their fabulous achievements!

Y9 Maths Competition

We took two teams to St Andrews High School for Boys in Worthing. There were four rounds of very challenging tasks.

Ratton 2 went straight into 2nd place and sustained that right up to the last round where they had a bit of a wobble!

The final positions were 4th and 7th place. **We were the first placed East Sussex team!**

The students should be congratulated for their team work, resilience and sense of pride in representing the school at such a high level event.

Ratton 1

Eloise Cresswell, Byron Groom,
Jake Wheatley, Jane Scholes

Ratton 2

Jamie Townsend, David Hayden,
Kat Chiu, Megan Hobbs



**COMMUNITY FAYRE!
SATURDAY 9TH JULY**





U13 Girls' Cricket East Sussex Champions



On Monday 27th June the U13 Girls Cricket Team took part in the East Sussex 8-a-side Cricket Tournament in Brighton.

They convincingly won the first game 65-20 against Hove Park 'B' Team and then played Hove Park 'A' Team and Sir Robert Woodward Academy winning both games.

Throughout the games the team bowled consistently accurately and tight fielding meant that they prevented a number of boundaries and achieved more than four run-outs. Both **Leah Upton** and **Connie Wallis** were forced to retire having hit a number of boundaries and over 20 runs each.

Ratton went on to win the final in a nail biting finish by a margin of only 8 runs and will now go on to represent East Sussex in the South East Championships next Thursday 14th July. Good luck girls!



Sports Day 2016

Community	Points	Final position
Globe	1536	2 nd
Apollo	1470	3 rd
Adelphi	1588	1 st
Lyric	1360	5 th
Lyceum	1373	4 th

Is your child entitled to free school meals?

If you meet the eligibility criteria below please contact Mrs Plummer by email jplummer@ratton.co.uk for an application form.

- ⇒ 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

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