

## DIARY DATES

### October break

26th-30th October

### Monday 2nd November

First day of Term 2

### Thursday 5th November

Globe Evening of Music in aid of  
Children with Cancer Fund 7pm

### Monday 9th November

Secondary Schools Prom at the  
Winter Garden featuring the  
Ratton Chamber Choir 7pm

### Tuesday 10th November

Governors Wellbeing  
Committee 5pm

### Thursday 12th November

Adelphi Talent Show in aid of  
Chestnut Tree Hospice 6.30pm

## ASPIRATION AND INSPIRATION

The last 8 weeks have passed very quickly and it has been a busy and successful term. Going into classrooms this week, it has been inspiring to see students focussed on making good or better progress in all areas right up to the end of this term. I am sure they are looking forward to a well-deserved break although we do have some coming in during the holiday to 'go the extra mile'.

Our Open Mornings have been very busy with almost 300 visitors walking around the school over 2 weeks. We have had lots of positive feedback from the visitors and we look forward to welcoming a new group of Year 7 students in September 2016.

I watched an inspiring set of assemblies last week where we re-launched our new Student Parliament. As with any parliament, the Student Parliament is made up of representatives from 14 different groups ranging from Sports Captains to Student Ambassadors and Peer Tutors to the Green Team. We are looking forward to their contribution over the course of the rest of the year.

Please enjoy this sport filled newsletter and have an enjoyable break.

*Mr Knox-Macaulay, Headteacher*

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## 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 9th October

Bayley Clinton, Tadiwa Musarurwa, Sarah Murphy, Natalie Plummer, Klaudia Wosik, Jacob Gunter, Zuzanna Kleka, Anais Martin Torres, Teegan Wolski and Lily Dixon

### Week ended 16th October

Tallulah Roberts, Marie Hunnisett, Helen Hearn, Heather Read-Riseley, Aryana Mozaffari, Laura-Beth Freslov, Douglas Potter and Hannah Rickard

## PASSPORT TO YEAR 11

At the end of the summer term following the Year 10 exams our current Year 11s were set a challenge to ensure that if there were any "holes" in their learning that needed to be filled they were to complete personalised tasks over the summer holidays and start of Year 11 to ensure they give themselves the best start to their final year at Ratton School. All students were encouraged to complete their "Passport to Year 11" and as a reward we held a random draw of all those who rose to the challenge. Two well deserving year 11s each received an iPad Air.

Congratulations to Louis and James who were the winners in the draw.



## RATTON 10'S AND 11'S SWIM SQUAD BRING HOME THE GOLD!!

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, Harriet Farrington, Sarah Quinn, Jake Worrell, Pedro Sousa, Lauren Goldsmith and Jas Hasib competed in the South Schools Sports Coastal Alliance Annual Swimming gala at Lewes Wave Leisure Centre.

A brilliant display by all 6 swimmers, with Harriet, Sarah, Lauren and Jas all coming first in their event and Jake and Pedro coming second in their races. Despite a few injuries across some of the Ratton swimmers, times recorded were close to PB's and regional times.

Ratton also stormed to first place in both the 4 x Medley and 4 x Freestyle relays to secure a team Gold overall with 69 points, over 15 points above Priory who were placed second.



## Young Enterprise Competition Launch Event 2015 - 2016

Last week a group of 25 Year 10 Business Studies students attended the launch for this year's Eastbourne and Wealden Young Enterprise competition at Bishop Bell School.



The event had a keynote address from The Worshipful the Mayor of Eastbourne, Janet Coles, who shared her own experiences of setting up and running businesses in the town. This was then followed by the advice and support from last year's winning Young Enterprise Company who related well to the students. Tech Resort a local company also presented to the students offering their support to this year's teams.

The final part of the evening was a business competition between the new companies setting up for this year's competition. For this task Ratton School students were split into smaller teams and then set the task of becoming a mini production company. They had to buy stock and equipment from a supplier in order to produce a product. This product was then sold to a customer at a profit. Teams from Ratton School returned the most profit and in so doing took first, second and third place!

Our congratulations go to

**Lewis Chapman, Aaron Clarke, Chris Jeffreys and Bailey Wright (first place)**

**Elliot Lister, Zach Simpson, Ellie Stanbridge and Charlotte Worthington (second place)**

**Jordan Belgrave, Taylor Briley, Nathan Hobbs, Imogen Stone and Wiktoria Skowronek (third place)**

## Year 7 Rugby Squad Remain Undefeated

The Year 7 Boys Rugby team travelled to Bishop Bell for their first ever games - with many of the squad having never played Rugby before. The first game against Hailsham showed promising moments and finished 5-5 with **Tom Lester** scoring the try.

The second game saw great improvement with excellent ball carrying, support and rucking resulting in a 5-0 victory thanks to another try from Tom Lester. Both games were great performances by the whole team who show real potential for the future.

### Squad Names:

**Tom Perry, Kai Stallard, Chris Saunders, Callum Flaherty, Tom Lester, Harry Smith, Owen Pennington, Caleb Scott, Alex Tear Giovanni Obertelli, Jude Deedigan, Milan Rohmer, Isaac Eames, Josh Dedenyer, Tom Tyrwhitt-Walker**



## ART TEXTILES STUDENTS VISIT SEALIFE CENTRE

Pupils in Year 10 currently studying the Art Textiles visited the Sealife Centre in Brighton on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015. They produced some excellent drawings and took lots of photographs for reference based on the creatures/exhibits. We were impressed not only by the very high standard of work created, but for their dedication and motivation towards their own and others' learning.

One student wrote: *"I really enjoyed the experience; as there were many different varieties of sea creatures that surrounded us. The staff were very friendly and gave us complementary paper masks and medals to wear. The Sealife Centre is the world's oldest operating aquarium. I couldn't believe it because everything looked so well maintained and I felt privileged to have the chance to go there."*



## FIRST GENERATION SCHOLARS

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University of Sussex

Our Yr9 University of Sussex First Generation Scholars cohort visited their Falmer Campus. It was a very enjoyable trip with the students finding out about university life from the university Student Ambassadors.

The Ambassadors took our students on a tour of the campus which included the library, student accommodation and all the facilities that a campus university has. This was followed by lunch in the campus restaurant. The students then took part in a workshop and found out about the financial side of going to university.

## RATTON IN THE JUNGLE

The Jungle migrant camp in Calais is currently home to almost 6,000 men, women and children. They live amongst the sand dunes on a narrow strip of land between the main coast road and the sea. It is a place of deprivation; a cross between the last days of a Glastonbury Festival camp site and an African style shanty town. It has its shops, cafes, mosques and churches, made from builders' pallets, plastic and corrugated metals and there are tents in their thousands disappearing to the horizon. Surprisingly, considering its disparate nature - 12 different nationalities and counting - it has a pervading sense of calm. This has not been arrived at by accident. Its residents, some with complicated histories, have worked hard to ensure that national rivalries are laid to rest. "After all," one Sudanese gentleman told me, "we have come from death and persecution, if this place is nothing else; it has to be a place of peace."

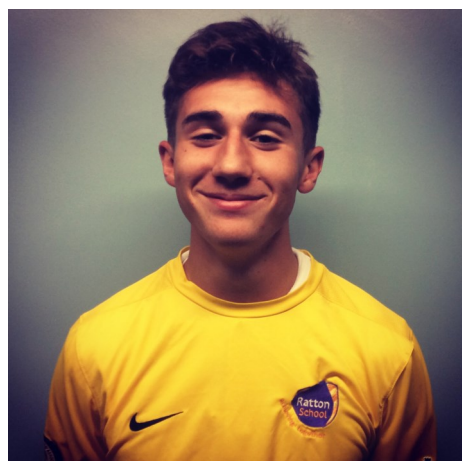


Nevertheless, life is hard. 30 toilets and 5 water outlets serve a camp of 6,000 people. The weather is closing in, people are wet, ill and many are suffering psychologically. So, when students from an English comprehensive school decide to reach out to these people, it matters. The same Sudanese gentleman told me that most of the time he feels his humanity is slipping away, but such acts of kindness from complete strangers restore his sense of dignity.

On behalf of Ratton Interactors, who organised the response, and the migrants of Calais, I would like to thank all students and parents for their kind contributions to the hygiene packs. We collected 120 full packs in all and sent out 12 boxes to the camp. Donations that arrived after the deadline have been collected and will be donated to Matthew 25 Mission for their work with the homeless and vulnerable groups in Eastbourne.

Mr Morris, Teacher of Geography

# More Sussex Success in Football!



Following two trials, of about 80 selected players, Alex Plummer (year 11) has been chosen for the Sussex County FA Under 16 side. They represent Sussex FA in the South East Counties Youth U16 Championship, playing London FA, Middlesex FA, Kent FA and Amateur Football Alliance.



Harry Hughes (year 10) has also been called up to the Under 15 South East Sussex School squad after a recent successful trial. An exciting time for Harry follows as he will team up with other players from across the county to and play matches against other local areas.

We wish them both the best of luck and hope to have more updates of their success very soon!

## U14 GIRLS CUP GAME V HOLY TRINITY (CRAWLEY)

Last Monday the Ratton Girls U14's played a fantastic game against Holy Trinity; however, they sadly lost 3-2. We started off 1-0 up with a great goal within the first 3 minutes from **Laila Lansdowne** but by half time Holy Trinity had brought it back to 1-1. The girls then went back on to let in 2 un-saveable goals. In the final minutes **Beth Lenihan** gave her utmost and didn't let any of the Crawley players through, giving a chance for Laila to cross in a fantastic ball to **Rachel Davis** leading to Rachel putting the ball in the back of the oppositions' net. When the final whistle blew all the girls were red faced from their incredible efforts.

The Captains named Hope Kelly, Molly Richardson and Katie Young as players of the match.

Well done for all your efforts girls - great game!

*Report by Rachel Davis Y9*



# PE DEPARTMENT 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 Basketball (JUP)	Year 7 Indoor Football (JBU)	Girls Benchball (SLO) Boys Basketball (JCY)
After School (3.15-4.30)	Year 7 Boys & Girls Football Academy (BHAFC)	Year 8 & 9 Boys & Girls Football Academy (BHAFC) All Years Girls Netball (SLO/JUP) Gymnastics (DDE/HMU)	All Years Table Tennis (JBU/GKI)	Years 7, 8 & 9 Basketball (Eastbourne Lions)	Staff Sport



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# TERM 2



## WE NEED YOUR RAFFLE PRIZES

The PFA would be delighted to hear from anyone who can offer help regularly, just very occasionally or even just on one-off occasions.

If you would like to support the PFA but cannot volunteer maybe you would be happy to contribute raffle prizes?

Please send your name and contact details to Mrs Barrow at [l.barrow@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:l.barrow@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk) and she will be pleased to arrange for a member of the PFA to contact you.

### Taster Courses at Plumpton College for Years 9, 10 & 11 Autumn Half Term Monday 26<sup>th</sup> -Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Spend a day experiencing the subject of your choice. These are **free** taster courses for secondary pupils. This is an ideal step in helping students with their career choices. This experience is supported by dedicated staff, well qualified in their vocational areas, all within a friendly College environment.

Download the taster courses booklet: See Plumpton website.

<http://www.plumpton.ac.uk/Upload/Documents/what-we-offer/taster-courses/Plumpton-Taster-Courses.pdf>

## DANCE NEWS

Congratulations on excellent GCSE results to Year 11 students who left in the summer - they were a great group of students from the outset and managed to exceed our high expectations! The AQA Moderator commented on the interesting choreography and sensitive communication through dance movement.

Our dance companies (Senior on Tuesday with Mrs Duncan and Junior with Ms Papagna on Wednesday) are rehearsing weekly to create pieces for the variety show on 26 November and our extra-curricular lessons in Contemporary and Classical dance are very well attended. Each day at lunchtime students from all years 'drop-in' to try out ideas and to dance with friends - **Molly Browning** of Year 8 is one such student whose views on Dance can be read below.

*"I started dancing when I was 7 at Little Gems Dance Academy and have taken many exams in Freestyle, Rock n roll, Ballet, Tap, Modern and Theatre Craft. Each time I pass an exam I receive a medal and now I have a big collection! I always look forward to dance lessons because although they are sometimes hard they are always fun and I absolutely LOVE dancing! Taking part in the Eastbourne Music and Arts Festival at the Winter Gardens is something I have done now on three occasions and although some people feel nervous about performing to a big audience I just enjoy it and feel happy to be up on stage! I love dance lessons at school and go up to the Dance studios most days at lunchtime too. Future plans include taking part in school shows and doing GCSE Dance when I am older".*

Year 10 will visit the Royal Opera House in November to see the Royal Ballet perform a triple bill of ballets from different historical periods (to include Carlos Acosta's acclaimed 'Carmen') at a special schools matinee performance. We are lucky to be allocated tickets and looking forward very much to the experience.

Next term Ratton dancers will be involved in a workshop with Wayne Sleep and also with Rambert Dance company, both taking place in Eastbourne in November.

Recently a former Ratton dancer graduated from Chichester with a first class honours degree in DANCE - **Amy Toner** has been volunteering in the Dance department creating some interesting work with our senior dance company using the sense of smell as a stimulus. At the moment she is in Amsterdam working in collaboration with an Art gallery to produce a Dance toolkit - earlier in the autumn Amy created dances inspired by paintings at the Towner art gallery which were performed at the Club night.

If you should have any queries concerning any aspect of Dance at school please contact your child's Dance teacher Mrs Duncan or Ms Papagna

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## Year 7 Football County Cup vs Oriel High

On Monday 19th the Year 7 Boys Football team welcomed Oriel High for a County Cup game.

Starting nervously Ratton went 1-0 down before **Max Lawrence-Mele** went on a mazy run before finding the top corner with a long ranged effort to make it 1-1. Oriel then started to take control and scored 2 quick goals to make it 3-1 at half-time. The half-time team-talk had a positive effect and saw Ratton get straight back in the game to 3-3 with Max scoring 2 more cracking goals to complete his hat-trick.

The game was then up for grabs for either team and was only settled with 5 minutes to go when Oriel went 4-3 up. Oriel then scored 2 more goals in the last minute as Ratton pushed for an equaliser, with a final result of 6-3. Despite the loss, the boys showed great potential and with the same effort and attitude their chances in the league look promising.



### Squad Names:

Tom Perry, Kai Stallard, Harry Smith, Owen Pennington, Caleb Scott, Alex Tear, Jacob Kelly, Wes Greenley, Louie Harris, Max Lawrence-Mele, Richard Labbett, Rhys Parrott

### TRAMPOLINING CLUB

Will start after Christmas, until Easter and is available for both boys and girls. If you are interested can you please get a letter from the PE department after half term. This is so we can find out the level of interest for the after school club and accommodate as many students as possible. In this club you will have the opportunity to compete against others local schools and receive a BRITISH GYMNASTIC proficiency award (certificate and badge). For more information make sure you get a letter or please talk to Miss Mullen or Mrs Deller.

### TRAMPOLINING COACHES

If you feel you are able to be a Trampoline coach and support the teachers or would like to learn and can commit to attending every session once a week after school please speak to Miss Mullen or Mrs Deller.



## South of England Rugby

### Ronnie Doorey-Palmer's Rugby Success

Ronnie (Year 11 Adelphi) has been picked to play for the prestigious South of England Rugby team. They won the third and final match winning all three so it's been a great series. Ronnie played phenomenal tackle after tackle - it was a great game even though he got studded on the back of his head and split it open but was bandaged up and straight back on to play. Well done Ronnie!



The next day Ronnie went on to play for his local club Eastbourne in the match against Jersey, unfortunately he took a high tackle from behind falling onto his shoulder and as a result he has fractured it. We send our congratulations to Ronnie for his sporting success and hope his shoulder heals well.