

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 12th January

PFA 6.30pm

Thursday 14th January

Y10 DTP/MenC Vaccinations

Monday 18th January

Y11 Mock Interviews

Thursday 21st January

Y9 Parents' Evening 4.15-
7.15pm

Welcome back to a New Year

We, like a large percentage of the world, use the 365 day Gregorian calendar, so our New Year starts on the 1st of January. There have been a number of different calendars in use over the last 2000 years, with different countries or cultures establishing different dates for their New Year celebrations. An example of this is the Chinese New Year which will be held on the 8th February this year. This seems relatively close to our New Year, but there are even some communities that celebrate New Year in June.

Whatever date people use to celebrate New Year there is always that sense of a fresh start and an opportunity to plan for an even more successful future. I am sure that we have all made New Year resolutions but it is important not to forget to continue doing all those things that were going well in 2015. Looking at school life, these basics include excellent attendance and punctuality, smart uniform and high standards of behaviour and achievement.

We know that Year 9 are getting more and more focussed on the future and the next Parents/Carers Evening on Thursday 21st January will be an opportunity to discuss what is going well in their learning and their targets for improvement. We look forward to excellent attendance at this important event.

Please enjoy this first Ratton Newsletter of 2016.

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 December

Zuzanna Kleka, Dylan Addison, Bayley Clinton, Chloe Bird, Orinta Capkauskyte, Laura-Beth Freslov and Fletcher Burton

Week ended 18th December

Rory Davis, Samantha McDonald, Lois Drinkwater, Molly Richardson and Alfie South

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

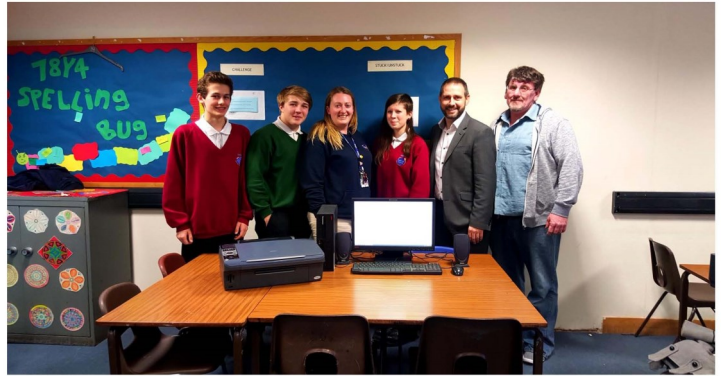
Anais Martin-Torres (Year 8)

"I decided to cut my hair as I wanted to do a good deed especially at this time of year. The money raised is going to cancer charities and the hair will be used to make wigs for people undergoing treatment who have lost their own hair. I raised nearly £80 and I am very proud that I did it."



THANK YOU TO TUBBS COMPUTER SUPPLIES

At the end of last term we had the privilege of being able to provide three well deserving Year 11 students with some refurbished computers for their homes. Tubbs Computer Supplies have kindly donated the computers and printers free of charge. All computers have been made up into complete sets from different parts of donated computers when companies or members of the public upgrade or their computers break beyond economical repair. If your family would benefit from a computer to help with your homework etc please get in touch with Miss Agnew or through Tubbs Computer Supplies on Facebook.



We would also like to thank Tony Freebody, the local Ratton Councillor, for his involvement and help.

Young Enterprise Team get off to a flying start!

Initium have had a successful December making their first sales. Firstly they sold out of sweets in the last week of term with a stall outside Refresh and mobile sales around the playground. They capitalised on this initial success with a stall at the Eastbourne Rabbit Rescue Christmas Fayre at St Andrews Church Hall in Seaside making more sales. You may even have seen some of their Christmas products appearing on 'Eastbourne buy sell swap'.



Moving from strength to strength they are now organising a Talent Show to take place in February so look out for the posters, come and perform or come and watch your fellow students on this amazing night...

@Ratton_ICT

Ratton School students in Year 11 prepared for the GCSE Art and Textiles exam by visiting the Tate Modern in London on 6th January 2016

We were impressed not only by the very high standard of research and photography, but for our students' dedication and motivation towards their own and others' learning.

Thanks to Mr Miles, Miss Hulstrom and Mrs Welsh for organising the trip.



Ratton vs Bishop Bell 30-20

A massive well done to the Year 7 Boys Basketball team for continuing their winning run this year by beating Bishop Bell 30-20 on Wednesday 16th December.

It was the toughest game they have had so far and they had to work hard for the whole game to complete the win. Special mention to **Elijas Sidabra** and **Scott Shearing** for scoring the baskets that won the game. The whole team shows great potential - keep it up!

Squad:

Elijas Sidabra, Scott Shearing, Tom Perry, Tom Lester, Max Lawrence -Mele, Alex Tear, Jack Trubshaw, Liam Matthews.



PE DEPARTMENT LUNCH & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Late Lunch (1.40-2.10)	Year 10 Indoor Football (GKI)	Year 7 Indoor Football (WBR) GCSE Intervention (DDE)	KS3 Girls Basketball (JUP) KS3 Table Tennis (JCY)	Inter-Community Sports KS3 Boys (JBU)	Inter-Community Sports KS3 Girls (JBU/SLO)
After School (3.15-4.30)	Years 7, 8 & 9 Basketball Academy (Eastbourne Lions)	Trampolining Academy (JUP/HMU) Gymnastics (DDE)	All Years Table Tennis (JBU/GKI) All Years Girls Netball (SLO)	Boys Rugby Club (WBR/GKI/JBU)	Fixtures



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SHOWTIME

Performers from Ocklynge and Ratton Schools will be coming together in a Variety show to be staged at Ocklynge School on Sunday 24th January at 2.30pm and 5.30pm.

Tickets priced at £3 for adults and £2 for concessions with a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) for £8 can be obtained from Reception at Ocklynge School.

Hope to see you there!

8th January 2016

EASTBOURNE EDGE SKATE HOCKEY CLUB

For girls in years 6, 7 and 8 on Fridays 6.30pm-7.30pm from January 15th to March 18th at Cavendish Sports Centre, Eldon Road, Eastbourne.

Funded by Sportivate.

Email geoffbrown2005@tiscali.co.uk to register or for further information.

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PLUMPTON COLLEGE



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Information Morning for Courses and Careers

(At Plumpton College BN7 3AE)

Saturday 9th January 2016
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. **Subsidised transport across Sussex.**

DIRECTIONS TO THE COLLEGE

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

COLLEGE BURSARY & GRANTS (Replacement for EMA)

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

COPIES OF KEY POLICIES CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE INCLUDING OUR
CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING POLICY