

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS!

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

### Week ended 27th February

Nicola Kozusko, Ben Andrews,  
Rebecca Marshall-McCleave, Lewis  
King, Manuel Cantone and Kelsey  
Wallace

### Week ended 10th February

Jasmine Young, Amelia Jones, Milo  
Barry, Aisha Barrie and Bluebell  
Mackenzie

## “BOOKS ARE A UNIQUELY PORTABLE MAGIC”

World Book Day was a fantastic celebration of literacy with a wide range of exciting activities. These included a story running through every lesson of the day and students and staff dressing up as book characters. We know that it is very important to celebrate and encourage reading, so we look forward to this happening over the rest of this year with ‘Drop Everything and Read’ and our Year 9 peer readers.

As we come to the end of the second set of PPE's (mock exams), we have been impressed with the effort that Year 11 have put in over the last 2 weeks. They have worked hard to prepare themselves carefully for the exams and make the most of their knowledge and understanding. We are looking forward to celebrating their results at a special PPE results assembly on Wednesday 15th March.

Year 9 have an incredibly important few weeks coming up with the Pathway process. This involves all our Year 9 students using advice, guidance and research to choose the right combination of GCSE courses. With just over two years left at Ratton, we know that they are going to take advantage of every opportunity to succeed.

Please enjoy this book filled newsletter!

*Mr Knox-Macaulay  
Headteacher*

## Y11's VISIT TATE MODERN

Year 11 artists visited the Tate Modern on 3<sup>rd</sup> February and it was a wonderful opportunity for them to experience different styles and varieties of art up close – including works by Picasso, Francis Bacon, Monet, Andy Warhol and Fahrelnissa Zeid - to inspire them with ideas for their projects.

All this whilst being able to enjoy the 360° views of the London skyline from the viewing level high above the River Thames!



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STUDENTS' SAFETY, AND  
CONSIDERATION TO OUR  
NEIGHBOURS, PLEASE CAN WE ASK  
YOU NOT TO PARK ACROSS  
DRIVEWAYS OR AREAS WHERE  
PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED WHEN  
COLLECTING OR DROPPING OFF YOUR  
CHILDREN. THANK YOU!

## IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

### Tuesday 7th March:

Governors TLA Meeting  
5.00pm

### Monday 13th—Friday 17th March

Get On Board Week

### Thursday 16th March

Y11 Parents Evening 2  
4.15-7.15pm

### Monday 20th—Saturday 25th March

Music/Drama Production of Oliver!

The Local Authority is currently responsible for setting school term and holiday dates for all Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools. In the case of Foundation, Voluntary Aided Schools and Academies, Governing Bodies are responsible for setting their own term dates.

East Sussex County Council is consulting on three options for school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2018/19.

The consultation commences on Friday 24 February. The council is inviting schools, parents/carers and other interested parties to tell us their preferred option. We hope that as many people as possible will respond. The consultation will run for two weeks and can be accessed online from Friday 24 February by using the following link

<https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/>

**Special mentions for w/ending 3rd February for excellent work and participation:**

Betty Cooper, Lisa Feldmesser, Kai Bishop, Katerina Kullai, Emily Sivers, Chloe Stiles and Madison Giffard

**Special mentions for w/ending 20th January for outstanding effort and participation:**

Che Driver, Charlie Priest, Harry Hacker, Vinny Quicke, Ella Harris and Kieron Deadman

## Millennium+ Sweep The Board With Young Enterprise Success At The Eastbourne Arndale Trade Fair!

Thank you to all those who supported Millennium+ in the Arndale Centre on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> February. They had a fantastic day and not only won the **Best Trade Stand** but also won the **Best Mystery Shopper** with 100% in all categories.



On the day they set up their trade stand in the morning and had a successful day selling to everyone in The Arndale Centre. Checkout their twitter page [https://twitter.com/millennium\\_plus](https://twitter.com/millennium_plus) to see how the day progressed. They were also interviewed by Eastbourne Buzz and appeared in their video of the day - <https://goo.gl/MimNFX>

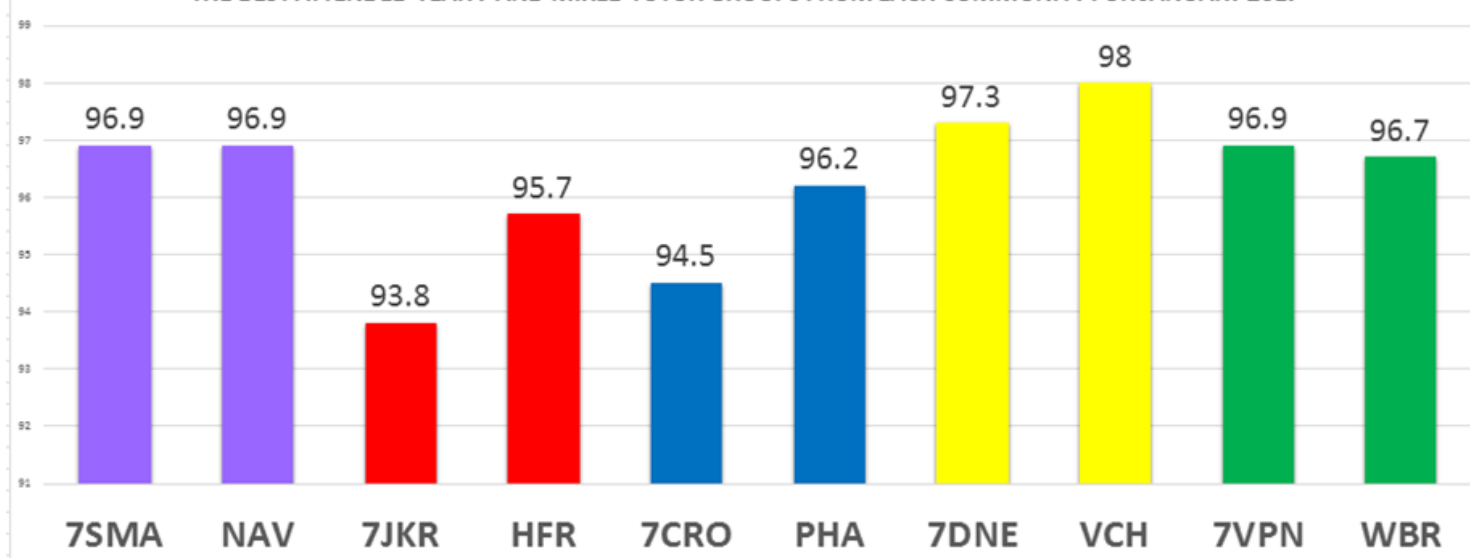


Then, after the event, they were notified that they had won the

Mystery Shopper award which was conducted formally by Shopper Anonymous (@ShopperAnonUK) so no one, not even the organisers, knew who the mystery shopper was.

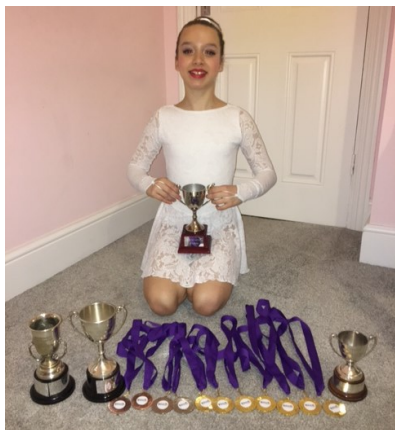
At the end of the day they were presented with their awards by Caroline Ansell and even appeared in her weekly newsletter.

THE BEST ATTENDED YEAR 7 AND MIXED TUTOR GROUPS FROM EACH COMMUNITY FOR JANUARY 2017



## SUMMER YOUNG'S AMAZING MID-TERM BREAK!

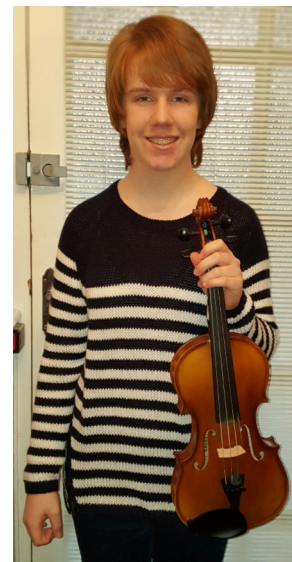
Summer competed in the Eastbourne Music and Arts Festival. She was awarded 7 X 1st places, 2 X 2nd places and 2 X 3rd places. She won 4 trophies, two for highest aggregate mark in 6 solos in both the local and open part of the festival, one for highest aggregate mark for under 12 years for Ballet, National and Character dances and another trophy for the 'most potential in ballet.'



We would also like to congratulate all the Ratton dancers - including **Katie Baker, Eadie Cole, Shannon Dell, Anna Jeffery, Caitlin Hover, Rebecca Hover, Krystal Howard, Millie Jupp, Jessica Long, Katie Laing, Holly Malyon, Hannah Mitchell-Mounce, Olivia Prentice, Arlie Gurney, Michalina Guzicka and Hannah Rickard** - who took part and competed in this and other local festivals in a variety of dance styles including Ballet, Greek, Modern, Tap, Jazz as well as in the Song and Dance category. They performed solos and took part in group dances all choreographed by dancing teachers from local private dancing schools. We're very proud of

## AIMEE BEAUMONT SECURES A COVETED PLACE IN THE EAST SUSSEX STRING CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Aimee has been playing the violin since Year 1 and has been a member of the Eastbourne String Orchestra for some time now always showing great skill and determination during her violin lessons with the East Sussex Music Service.



All this hard work and practice has now paid off as earlier this year Aimee auditioned for the East Sussex String Chamber Orchestra Combining and has now secured a place in this prestigious Orchestra. She is really looking forward to being part of the String Festival which will take place at the Winter Garden on 11<sup>th</sup> March.

Aimee has to practice most days but this is not a chore because she loves playing the violin and hopes to take her Grade 6 exam in the autumn.

## HMD 2017: 'HOW CAN LIFE GO ON?'

On 8th February a small group of Ratton's Excellent Learners went to the University of Sussex for their Holocaust Memorial Day event. First, they had a lecture from Professor Mary Fulbrook. This was followed by a film about survivor Freddie Knoller, followed by an interview with him in person. This was the highlight of the day for many, who found Freddie's optimism in the face of adversity inspiring. Lastly they watched a series of animated documentaries telling survivors' stories. This was followed by a Q and A with producer Kath Shackleton, to which Luke Barden and Amber Gunter contributed well.



All the students were given much to think about and represented Ratton well.



Book lovers at Ratton celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World Book Day with a variety of events aimed at promoting the love of reading. Pupils and teachers dressed as their favourite characters and prizes were awarded for the best costumes. Amongst the prize winners were characters such as Katniss Everdeen, The Boy in the Dress, James Bond, a werewolf, Matilda, Cat in the Hat and Gangsta Granny.

Tutor groups also took part in a World Book Day quiz with prizes awarded for each community. Throughout the day, teachers read a section of a short story by Roald Dahl, which built up great suspense as pupils had to wait until lesson 5 for the twist in the tale.

Pupils were also given some World Book Day tokens which can be taken to your local bookshop and swapped for one of the ten exclusive, new and completely free £1 World Book Day books. Or, if they'd prefer, they can use the book token to get £1 off any full price book or audio book instead. The book token redemption period is from Monday February 27 - Sunday March 26.

Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. In fact, there's evidence to suggest that reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.



*Miss Trunchbull reads to Y7 students*



*The Maths Dept do the Wizard of Oz!*

Abibliophobia:

*uh-bib-li-uh-fo-bee-uh*

The fear of running out of reading material.



## Lovely Geography Diploma Volcanoes!!

As part of the Ratton School Diploma, Year 7 Geography students were given a task to create a poster or model of a volcano. The students made some amazing models and beautifully illustrated posters. We had models made from clay and papier-mâché. Some had special "potions" that represented the lava. We went outside and enjoyed watching their volcanoes erupt!



We also had several volcano cakes, where a variety of delicious ingredients were used to represent features of a volcano. The students enjoyed tasting these examples! One student, **Isabella Spezzano**, went to great lengths and created a crocheted volcano. It really was a work of art.

Well done to all the Year 7 students who demonstrated what they have been learning about in Geography so creatively.

## Maths Feast - yummy!

**Oscar, Kiah, Millie and Jake** continued Ratton's success in team maths competitions, taking part in the Year 10 Maths Feast at St Richards College in Bexhill. They completed a variety of activity including a True/False round, a mathematical relay, "Countdown" rounds and problem solving tasks.

Taking on 6 other teams, they finished in a commendable second place, losing out by just 1 point to the eventual victors.

Congratulations to the team.



## Charlie's in charge!

Charlie Rogers completed both table tennis leader and umpire awards recently and now becomes the highest qualified in the school.

Well done Charlie on your hard work!!!



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