

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS!

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

### Week ended 24th February

**Klaudia Wosik, Sebila Smith, Sophie Warren-Field, Katie White and Tyrice Whiteoak**

### Week ended 3rd March

**Aoife McDonagh, Poppy Oates, Amber Gunter, Abbie Thomas, Sophie Smith, Jack Trubshaw, Daisy Dibbens, Alexandra Warner and Rebecca Marshall-McCleave**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday 13th March - Friday 17th March**  
Get On Board Week (focus on attendance and punctuality)

**Thursday 16th March**  
Y11 Parents Evening 2  
4.15-7.15pm

## FAB LIVE LOUNGE!

Last Thursday night saw another Live Lounge and this time students were celebrating the music of the 80s and 90s!

Live lounges are informal concerts aimed at providing students with the opportunity to try out performing for the first time or just hone their performance skills without the pressure of a large audience. We had performances ranging from a 90s and Disney medleys to a rendition of Gangsters Paradise on a loop station.

Well done to all the students who took part and we look forward to welcoming you to a series of events in the summer for our Performing Arts Season.

## GET ON BOARD!

'Get On Board Week' is one of our regular attempts to make sure that we are all focussed on the importance of attendance and punctuality. This term we are also using it as an opportunity to remind everyone about the importance of being organised and prepared for learning with PPRD (pens, pencils, rulers and diary) and also being in full school uniform. It is always a positive experience to drop into lessons and see so many well organised and motivated students.

The final Year 11 parents/carers evening is on Thursday 16th of March between 4.15 and 7.15pm We know that this will be a great opportunity for families to have individual conversations about the final push towards a successful set of results this summer. We are looking forward to an excellent attendance on the evening and will also be running a crèche to support families with younger children.

Following on from the letter that was sent by all Headteachers in East Sussex, I would encourage you to continue share any concerns about school funding with local and national politicians. You can also link up with the campaign on Twitter [#FlatCashEd](https://twitter.com/FlatCashEd) or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Flat-Cash-Ed-1755379894777407/>

Please enjoy this newsletter.

*Mr Knox-Macaulay, Headteacher*

## YOUNG ENTERPRISE SUCCESS BEST TRADE STAND (outside of area)

Millennium+ (Ratton's Young Enterprise company) sent a team consisting of **Kat Chiu, Milly Jones, Anesu Musarurwa, Dom Olah, Teagan Wallage** and **Jake Wheatley** to the Hastings Trade Fair on Saturday. They did an amazing job with a fantastic stall and fantastic customer service. It was a long day from 8 am till 5 pm that was rewarded by them winning Best Trade Stand (outside of area). Congratulations guys!



## GREAT WEEK FOR DANCE!

On the new GCSE Dance specification are six professional Dance works that must be studied, including a piece entitled 'Within her Eyes' choreographed by James Cousins. Miss Papagna's Year 10 students had the pleasure and privilege of an all day workshop this week, created and delivered by James and one of his company dancers Chi. The entire piece is a contact duet and the girls approached the workshop with some trepidation as it is so physically demanding.



They produced the highest standard of Dance throughout the day and were pushed to their physical limits by a fantastic teacher in James. The girls will find this experience invaluable as they develop their own choreography.

On Wednesday evening their Dance education was further expanded by a trip to the Brighton Dome to watch Danza Contemporanea de Cuba. It was a visually striking evening of Dance with three performances, highlighting a range of ideas, costumes and styles. The group love going to see a variety of productions and have thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in the world of Dance this week!

### Special mentions for w/ending 24th February for excellent work and knowledge

Olivia Cooper, Danita Goncalves, Georgia O'Connor, Siarra April, Mercedes Valero, Alicia Durnin, Courtney Gillard, Jess Button and Jamie Payn

### Special mentions for w/ending 3rd March for excellent work and attitude:

Kiara Atkins, Leo Cavaliere, Ruby Emanuel, Joey Hallowell, Alicia Drinkwater, Elliot Lister, Zara Raouf, T'sha Wells, Abbie Coxhead, Hollie Field, Dominik Olah and Joe Clayson

## EXAM ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

Our Year 11 students recently sat a round of Pre-Public Exams (previously known as mock exams) in preparation for their final GCSEs.

The Special Educational Needs and Learning Support department assist with each round of exams at Ratton by organising and facilitating access arrangements.

Access Arrangements are pre-examination adjustments for candidates based on evidence of need and normal ways of working. They allow candidates/learners with special educational needs, disabilities or temporary injuries to access an assessment without changing the demands of the assessment.

Access Arrangements can include:

- Extra time
- A reader
- A scribe
- Using a computer instead of handwriting
- Exam papers printed on a coloured paper for visual dyslexic learners
- Use of a separate room

More information about exam access arrangements can be found on the Joint Council for Qualifications website at: [www.jcq.org.uk](http://www.jcq.org.uk)

Or alternatively, for more specific information regarding the provisions delivered at Ratton, please contact Michelle Veale (Assistant SENCO and Specialist Assessor) on [mveale@ratton.co.uk](mailto:mveale@ratton.co.uk)

## STUDENT LEADER TRAINING DAY

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March the new Ratton School Leaders embarked on their training day. The University of Brighton hosted and led the training. The day started with a session on the outreach work that the University run, a programme called Football for Peace. Through this the Ratton virtues were explored and discussed. An enlightening tour of the campus took place before the group entered the University gym and engaged in an imaginative variety of trust and problem solving tasks.



During the afternoon session the students gained a deeper understanding of the role of a leader and how they could develop this at Ratton. Discussions took place that enabled them to break the role down into five parts, such as promoting the school ethos and formulating ways to develop these in the future.

A stimulating, productive and useful day.



## MILLENNIUM+ FORMALLY RECEIVE THEIR MYSTERY SHOPPER AWARD

Millennium+ recently welcomed Mr Knox-Macaulay (Headteacher) and Gordon Piggott (Chairman of Eastbourne and Wealden Young Enterprise Board) to one of their weekly board meetings. As usual they held a productive meeting covering preparations for the forthcoming Hastings Trade Fair, the finalisation of their TV advert and planning ahead for the finals in April.

Whilst at the meeting Gordon Piggott formally presented the trophy for the Best Mystery Shopper at the Eastbourne Trade fair. Millennium+ had a phenomenal 100% rating on all areas in the competition and are rightly proud of their achievement.



## RATTON COMES 4TH IN THE UKMT TEAM CHALLENGE!

Ratton School sent a team of year 8's and 9's to the annual UKMT Team challenge in Robertsbridge on Wednesday. The team consisted of Levi Woolf, Janey Hooper, Holly Lovegrove and Olivia Prentice. We were competing against some of the best schools in the region including many Independent schools. **After a whole day of various maths challenges the team finished a very respectable 4<sup>th</sup> place out of a total of 14 teams.** Given that this was a new experience for 3 of the 4 team members they did extremely well and all thoroughly enjoyed it...except for getting slightly lost on the way there!!!!



# Y7/8 COMIC BOOK WORKSHOP

30 lucky Year7 and 8 students were chosen by their teachers to attend a Comic Book workshop on the 7th March. The Little Green Pig company worked with the students for 2 hours on a range of fun activities which included blind paired drawing, creating a four panel comic with a real cartoonist drawing their ideas right in front of them and the students finishing their session by creating their own comics. Everybody had a great time and we evidently have some budding cartoon artists studying at Ratton. Keep your eyes peeled for their future work!



## FREE TENNIS COACHING SESSION WITH JENNY HUGHES (ENGLAND PLAYER) HERE AT RATTON SCHOOL

Jenny Hughes is offering a free introductory coaching session on Tuesday 25th April (second Tuesday after Easter hols) 3.15 - 4.15 at Ratton School.

She will then be offering a subsidised tennis course every Tuesday throughout the summer term at Ratton or at Hampden Park tennis club. Letters are available from reception or PE department if you would like to sign up to the course.

Just turn up after school on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April in PE kit. We will provide any necessary equipment if you don't have your own racket.

Ratton is committed to developing links with local sports clubs and have offered generous subsidies to support this new initiative.

### East Sussex Foster Carers – In a class of their own



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