

CELEBRATING SUCCESS!

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

Week ended 21st April

Catalina Valero, Henri Compton, Joseph Greenan and Khadijah Uddin

Week ended 28th April

Katie Laing, Anais Deedigan, Tineeki Trott, Grace Beeney, Charlotte Appleyard, Sophie Devile, Trinity Baker and Jacob Packer

NEW BOILERS AND ROOFS ARE ON THE WAY!

We are coming to the end of a major windows replacement project and decided to make a bid for new boilers and roofs. I appreciate that these are not the most exciting part of the school but are incredibly important, particularly if we have to spend our shrinking budget on repairs. I am pleased to announce that we were successful and will receive over £800,000 for replacement work. This means that we have received almost £1.7m to improve the school buildings over the last 2 years.

Year 7 parents and carers evening was very well attended and it was a pleasure to see the many smiling faces of students and families after hearing about their progress since they started at Ratton. It was good hearing about all their strengths as well as what they need to do to improve. We are always looking for ways to improve our parents/carers events so please pass any feedback or comments to my PA, Mrs Barrow, at lbarrow@ratton.co.uk

Like all Year 11 students, Ratton Year 11 students will be experiencing the new 9-1 grade GCSE's in English and Maths this summer. Staff and students alike have been working hard to make sure that nothing is left to chance in the run up to the new exams. Our current Year 10 will experience virtually all new 9-1 GCSE exams in summer 2018 and are rising to the challenges of the new courses.

The consultation process for Ratton forming a multi-academy trust and sponsoring Ocklynge Junior School ends on the 12th May 2017. Please don't hesitate to send though your views to consultation@ratton.co.uk or in writing to our Chair of Governors, Peter Lindsey, care of Ratton School.

Mr Knox-Macaulay, Headteacher



IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

18th April—12th May

MAT consultation period

w/b 8th May

Y9/10 exam week

Tuesday 9th May

Governors MAT Group meeting
Governors Strategy Group meeting

Thursday 11th May

Live Lounge 3 6pm

Thursday 18th May

Lyric Charity Live Lounge 7pm

YE Eastbourne and Wealden Finals

Millennium+ our Young Enterprise Company had an amazing night at the Eastbourne and Wealden Young Enterprise Finals on 26th April with a remarkable haul of awards.

They won:-

- Best Trade Stand
- Best Presentation
- Best Branding
- Best Governance
- Young Achiever for Kat Chiu
- Runner up for Best Company (a close second)



This is the culmination of a year of hard work running their company, where they have honed their skills and brought it all together at the end. The team on the night comprised of Kat Chiu, Milly Jones, Anesu Musarurwa, Dom Olah, Molly Richardson, Teagan Wallage, Jake Wheatley and Jasmine Young.

Irish Night Sell-Out at the Winter Garden!



Our Irish dance troupe Rinceoiri Ratton presented their 6th Annual Irish Night on Thursday 30th March at the Winter Garden and sold out the Winter Garden for the first time in 2 years!

The evening featured a total of 14 mesmerizing

Irish dance routines as well as Ratton students performing traditional Irish ballads and songs from modern Irish artists.

Also performing were groups from Langney and Ocklynge primary schools, who were taught routines through Rinceoiri's outreach programme, learning the steps in just one day!



The Mayor, speaking at the event, said that the performance was "Better than Riverdance" and was "Blown away" by the amount of talent on stage. A huge well done to all involved!

The dancers now have a very busy few weeks ahead of them - Below are a few of the upcoming performances:

7th May - Joel Calver Fundraising Fete Sunday at 1pm

10th May - Bexhill College Dance Show

27th May - Eastbourne Carnival

24th and 25th June - Eastbourne Festival, Princes Park



Reviews from our Facebook page:

"My mum and I attended the Irish Night at the Winter Garden on Thursday. We were in awe of the talent on the stage...From the dancers to the singers, from the musicians to



Oliver Message singing 'Paddy's sick note' (Hilarious!). The show was truly fabulous. Well done to everyone involved. How wonderful that we have teachers in Eastbourne who encourage and engage the local students so

much. We can't wait for next year's show!" - Alice Bell

"We were blown away with the amount of talent on stage on Thursday night - The atmosphere was electric! We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves" - Kerry Summers

"Irish Night 2017 was amazing. So much talent in Eastbourne. The dancing was fabulous, the singing; the solos, duets and Minor Details were beautiful and the 'Sick Note' made me



cry with laughter! A feel good night out. Can't wait for next year!" - Claire Jeffrey

"What a brilliant show last week at the Irish Night! Fabulous performances all night with amazing dancing and beautiful



singing. A great atmosphere and we thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Well done to all involved." - Gaye Nethercot

"My daughter absolutely



loved the workshop held at Langney Primary and performing on stage with you tonight. She now dances from room to room at home!" - Michaela Greening



SEN AND LEARNING SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our team of Teaching Assistants attended a variety of training sessions at the last Ratton INSET day.

One session was about 'Metacognition and Executive Functioning' which was designed to support personal development and to be used to help students with their learning. Delivered by Dr Judith Lemkin from East Sussex Educational Psychology Service, the session explained that 'metacognition' is the process of thinking about thinking, in which we can understand how tasks are performed. The information about 'executive function' focused on how our brains work to remember information, filter distractions and sustain attention. There was a specific section of training directed at metacognition and learners with special educational needs which the team found particularly helpful, and particular advice given about applying and promoting metacognitive awareness within the classroom – this included the practical application of 'concept maps'. Interestingly, the strategies that were outlined would be useful to staff and students in terms of their 'lifelong learning' and developing a personal development mind-set beyond the school environment.

Another session, delivered by facilitators from Self-Harm UK, provided a basic introduction to self-harm amongst young people. Topics included 'Who self-harms?', 'Definitions of self-harm', and 'Myths around self-harm.' Participants were provided with a resource pack of useful information. Feedback on this session was particularly positive. More information can be found at www.selfharm.co.uk

The team also spent some time focusing on how our own mental health within the workplace can be managed.

ADELPHI STUDENT LEADERS VISIT NEW CHARITY AT PESTALOZZI VILLAGE

Pestalozzi is a locally-based charity that work with nine countries across the globe to provide a quality education to students from those countries once they reach the age of 16. It relies solely on fundraising and donations and we felt it was a worthy charity to fundraise for over the course of the year.

On Monday 24th the Adelphi community leaders were lucky enough to go to the Pestalozzi village itself and see first hand the incredible work Pestalozzi does. We were introduced to a number of students (all first years at Sussex Coast College) from countries such as: Uganda, Zimbabwe, Nepal, India, and Tibet. They were all eager to share with us their love for the education Pestalozzi has enabled them to have and, as they toured the Adelphi team around the grounds, it became clear that they were all so thankful for the opportunity they'd been given.

Each student partakes in a number of extra-curriculum activities - activities including Mandarin, Spanish, Guitar lessons - and was keen to tell us about their home village and the application process for Pestalozzi. After spending an evening with such passionate young adults it became very clear that choosing Pestalozzi as a charity was an incredibly good decision, and we hope to raise as much money as possible to help these teens achieve their dreams and give as many people as possible the quality education they are entitled to.



6 Reasons to Put Your Phone Away

by @Inner_Drive
www.innerdrive.co.uk



Lowers Concentration

Having your phone out while doing homework or revision has been shown to reduce performance by 20%.



Warps Your View of Reality

Nobody is as happy as they seem on Facebook or as wise as they appear on Twitter.



Increases FOMO

Fear of Missing Out (FOMO), or the compulsive need to know what others are doing leads to worse moods and increased anxiety.



Reduces Memory

Instant messages are distracting, which often leads to forgetfulness



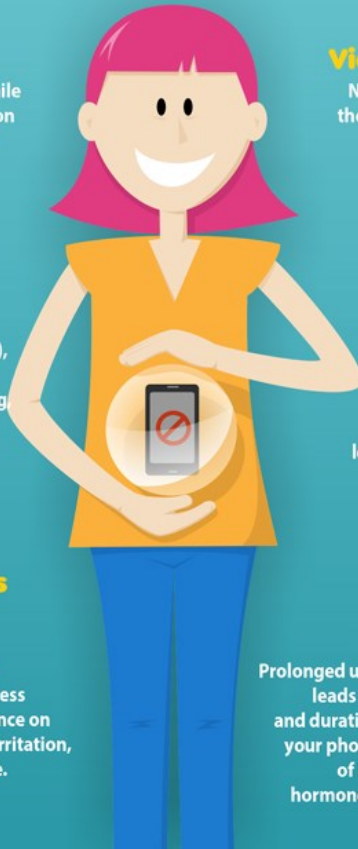
Increases Stress and Anxiety

Over use of mobile phones leads to increased anxiety, feelings of loneliness and low self-esteem. Reliance on mobile phones can cause irritation, frustration and impatience.



Makes You Sleep Worse

Prolonged use of a mobile phone leads to poor sleep quality and duration. The backlight on your phone delays the release of Melatonin, which is a hormone important for sleep.



Special mentions for w/ending 28th April

Chris Allum, Morgen Carter, Georgia Gates, Madison Giffard, Chantel Whitethread, James Neville, Jessica Cavaliere, Sophie Robertson-Smith, Indi Moyo and Brandon Mills

IS IT YOUR BIRTHDAY SOON?

Did you know that birthday parties can be booked for either lunch service and the birthday student has a decorated table with balloons and banners.



Prices include a personalised cake and lunch for the birthday student: 5 students £7.50, 6-12 students £10, over 12 students £12.50.

Brilliant value and good fun!

RATTON COMMUNITY ARTS FESTIVAL

Saturday 8th July 2017

12 – 5pm

Featuring:

Festival Stage + acoustic stage + performance space + community zone + spirit zone + fun zone + market zone + food zone + beer tent

Ratton School, Park Avenue, Eastbourne BN21 2XR

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CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING POLICY