

CELEBRATING SUCCESS!

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

Week ended 5th May

Teagan Wallage, Jake Wheatley, Olivia Hindle, Sam Fisher, Desy Turganti, Amelia Jones, Jemima Hadland, Anesu Musarurwa, Benny Norris, Billy Smith and Kat Chiu

Week ended 12th May

Holly Field, Trinity Baker, William Harris-Moss, Katie Laing and Olivia Prentice

“Helping others isn’t a chore; it is one of the greatest gifts there is”

There are times in life when we need to stop and reflect. The recent tragedy in Manchester has affected many people and our thoughts go out to all those people and families that we remembered in the silence held this week.

I have been impressed with the way that all our students have supported Year 11’s since their GCSE exams have started by being positive and calm around the site. We are certain that all that their efforts will translate into success this summer and their move into post 16 education.

We are coming up to the time of the year where we have a wide range of events celebrating the talents and abilities of our students and combining our six virtues in different ways. These include, *Oliver!* on Wednesday 21st June to Friday 23rd June, Sports Day on Monday 10th July and Awards Evening at 7pm on Thursday 13th July. We will continue to update you as we get closer to each event.

We wish you a good mid-term break.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd

June

Mid-term break

Monday 5th June

First day of Term 6

Young Writers’ Busta Rhyme competition

Congratulations to students whose poems were selected for publication in the upcoming *Busta Rhyme* anthology. There were over 6000 entries this year, so our pupils beat off stiff competition.

Michael Morehen, Shanae Hodges, Jasmine Price, Joe Whitmore, Oliver Hover, Kurdi Ahmed, Sophie Cosham, Dylan Green, Charlotte Taylor, Gorazd Stojanski, George Bradshaw, Lily Vater and Ernest Connolly.



Katie Laing at Chatham Dance Festival

Katie recently competed in the 5 day festival and won 8 Medals in various disciplines including Song and Dance and Tap and on the final day was awarded the trophy for the highest marks in Classical Solos.

Fantastic — well done Katie!

Visiting Lambs at Ratton

On Thursday the school was visited by five bottle fed lambs, brought by Chef Fisher Hing from a local sheep farm, and housed for the afternoon in the school's beautiful and continually developing Outdoor Learning Environment. The lambs, all between 1 and 5 weeks old, were orphaned shortly after birth and have been being fed by hand ever since. This makes them very friendly and ideal for use in education.



Teachers from Food Technology, Maths, History, Geography, and English all brought students out to meet the lambs and enhance their curricula. Mrs Chalmers even weighed some lambs and used the data for her students to plot their growth on graphs back in the classroom. The students learned about each lamb's specific history, their different breeds and traits, and their lives and futures on the farm. Most students agreed that though the lambs were cute, in a year's time when fully grown they would also be delicious!

Many of the students (and staff!) had the chance to handle the lambs safely, and a lucky few even got to feed them – and saw just how greedy they were at milk time. Chef Fisher Hing gave the students an insight into the care and husbandry involved in farming sheep and the various tasks undertaken by shepherds throughout the year, such as the need and expense of shearing, dagging out and trimming feet, and the luxurious lives lived by the farm's three rams.

At lunch and afterschool, many staff, students, and some parents came to visit the lambs and have their fingers nibbled before waving goodbye – and washing their hands.

Ratton School would like to thank Clare and Christian Maherloughnan of Milwards Farm, Laughton for the lending of the lambs, the school site team who built a wonderful pen to house them in for the afternoon, and Chef Fisher Hing for organising the event, and driving lambs around in the car.



Year 9 Students Celebrate Graduating from Uni of Sussex Wednesday 3rd May



On arrival at the Jubilee Building, the students were welcomed by the University 'Ambassadors' and drinks and a buffet were served. There was a display of the students' work that they had worked hard to produce over the course of the programme together with the University's racing car which brought back memories of the students' visit to the Sussex Racing building!

We were then ushered into the Jubilee lecture theatre where we were all welcomed by the Making Choices team. Parents were then taken on a tour of the campus and they also attended an information, advice and guidance talk. Then it was time for the 'Graduation' so students donned their graduation gowns and mortarboards ready for the occasion. Our students looked very smart as they were presented with a certificate of attendance and we were all very proud of them!

Well done to all our Making Choices students who have been a credit to Ratton throughout the programme.



George Ebdy Y9 Globe

You may be aware that George is a member of 3rd Eastbourne Boys' Brigade Company (Victoria Baptist Church). Last Saturday the awards / display evening took place and George received badges for 11 years' service, creative work, recreation. Additionally he was awarded the Esprit-De-Corps cup for epitomising all Boys' Brigade stand for, across all his involvement in the Company. This includes leading and training some of the younger sections. The cup is the highest the Company presents.

In recognition of George's effort and contribution he was promoted to Lance Corporal.

George is also working hard for his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and we are incredibly proud of him!



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Saturday, 20 May 17
1-3 pm

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Special mentions for

w/ending 5th May

Nicole Booker, Rebecca Chisnell, Jack Harding, Beth Vallance, Amy Bleach, Christina Butt, Jazzie Douglas, Luke Ellis and Cydney Woodhams

Special mentions for

w/ending 12th May

Milo Eames, Taylor Briley, Josh Bashford, Aimee O'Neill and Dexter Emanuel

Is your child entitled to free school meals?

If you meet the eligibility criteria below please contact Mrs Plummer by email at jpplummer@ratton.co.uk for an application form.

- ⇒ Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- ⇒ Income Support
- ⇒ Child Tax Credit- providing your annual income does not exceed £16,960 **but not receiving Working Tax Credit**
- ⇒ Support under part VI of the Immigration Asylum Act 1999
- ⇒ Guarantee element of state pension credit

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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