

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS!

### Week ended 26th May

Lara Vaney, Eadie Cole, Ella Harris,  
Natalie Plummer, Dylan Green,  
Matthew Jay and Amelia Bartlett

### Week ended 16th June

Cameron Thomson, Lauren  
McConnell, Jacob Packer, Cat  
McPherson, Marshall Grant, Orinta  
Capkauskyte, Menza Kassouri, Mollie  
Simpson, Angel Ackland and  
Erin McKeown

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Friday 30th June

Inset day  
Y11 Prom

### Monday 3rd July

Tuesday 4th July  
Y10 College Taster Day (Hastings)  
Y6 Taster Day

### Wednesday 5th July

Dance Evening 6pm

### Saturday 8th July

Ratton Community Arts Fair 12-5pm

### Monday 10th July

Y7-9 Sports Day  
Y10 College Taster (Sx Downs E/B)

### Thursday 13th July

Y7 Careers Day  
Awards Evening 7pm

### Friday 14th July

Y8 Careers Day  
Y10 College Taster (Sx Downs Lewes)

### Wednesday 19th July

Whole school sponsored walk

### Thursday 20th July

Activities morning and early school  
closure at 1.15pm

### Friday 21st July

Inset day—school closed for students

## EMBRACING CHANGE

After considering the outcomes from a rigorous review and consultation process, the Governors of Ratton School have voted unanimously to form a multi-academy trust and sponsor Ocklynge School. This important decision is the starting point for a range of work across both schools to form the multi-academy trust and secure a successful future. Our vision for our multi-academy trust is that it enables both schools to deliver outstanding outcomes for all our learners. We will keep you updated with future developments.

It was a privilege to be in the audience for our fantastic school musical – Oliver! There were many great performances and so much talent spread across all year groups. It was a testament to the teamwork and effort of all students and staff involved and their focus on 'achieving excellence'. Please note we have another important event, the Ratton Community Arts Festival, on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of July from 12 to 5pm.

Year 11 have finally finished their exams! We are looking forward to hearing about their success this summer and getting a sense of the results from the new (9-1) GCSE qualifications in English and Maths. We have worked with schools locally and across the country to make sure that we have the best possible understanding about the new courses. Please see a link to a government website explaining a bit more about the new qualifications:

<https://newgcse.campaign.gov.uk/>

Please enjoy this newsletter.

*Mr Knox-Macaulay, Headteacher*



**Now it's silver!**

**Cameron Jones has added more medals for trampolining to his collection after competing in Cardiff in the National League.**

**Great effort Cameron!**





# RATTON COMMUNITY ARTS FESTIVAL

**Boot Fair**  
**2 Music Stages**  
**Food Zone**  
**Entertainment Arena**  
**Workshops**  
**Local Ales**

**SATURDAY**  
**July 8th 2017**  
**12:00 - 5:00**

**Eco Zone**  
**Community Zone**  
**Mini Beasts**  
**History Zone**  
**Market Place**  
**Demonstrations**



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In preparation for next year, forty year 10s were taken to see a production of 'Romeo and Juliet' at the Devonshire Park Theatre recently. It was a surprise for many to see that there were only five cast members, who with clever costume changes and quick switches of accents, managed to play ten roles between them! Juliet was the clear star of the show and managed to bring some humour as well as tragedy to the feisty portrayal.

Shout outs go to Mrs Sukoco for being picked on by Benvolio, Charlie for entering the spirit of the show and answering the questions the Nurse asked him and for Mitchell for being climbed over by the cast!

Let's hope that it gives them a helping hand when they study the play next year!



## Students take part in Cook and Count Cookery Lesson



Five of our students with type 1 diabetes took part in two 'Cook and Count' sessions with Sarah Bushell, NHS Consultant Dietitian for paediatric diabetes. The students took over the Food Tech room for a couple of hours and learnt how to cook meals with a healthier twist and to carb count them. People with type 1 diabetes have to manage their blood sugar levels by calculating the amount of carbohydrates in food and applying a ratio to determine the right insulin dose. The first session involved preparing and cooking chicken wraps and for the second session, the students learnt how to make healthier blueberry muffins. The students found the sessions useful and they particularly enjoyed sampling their healthy cooking! Our thanks to Sarah Bushell for running the sessions, to the Diabetes Nurses who assisted her and to the Ratton Food Tech team!

## YOUNG CHEF OF THE YEAR

Toby Howe (Year 7) and Ben Hinchliffe (Year 9) recently represented Ratton in The Young Chef of the Year Competition.

The theme was 'Summer' so Toby chose to make BBQ chicken thighs, paprika wedges and a sweet chilli mayonnaise dip. Ben made marinated chicken kebabs, ginger potatoes, satay dip and coleslaw. Both boys were runners up in the competition and really enjoyed the experience.

Sounds delicious—well done boys!



## IS IT YOUR BIRTHDAY SOON?

Did you know that birthday parties can be booked for either lunch service in Refresh 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!

**Birthday Parties!**



## Outstanding Success at the Young Enterprise Regional Finals!

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June two members of Millennium+ (Ratton School's Young Enterprise company this year) travelled to the Young Enterprise Regional Finals at Dorking Halls. This event was heralded as 'the culmination of a year in business for more than 1,700 young people aged 15 to 19 who have taken part in the Young Enterprise Programme in the 2016/17 academic year across South East England – Kent, Surrey, Sussex and The Channel Islands'.



Both **Amelia Jones** and **Jake Wheatley** had been nominated for the Journey Award and shortlisted to the last 4. The award is open to every one of the 1,700 participants and is recognition of the impact that the Company Programme has had on the individuals and how they have developed over the year. So it is a truly amazing feat to get to the final 4!

In the competition Jake did fantastically well coming runner up, he was pipped to the post by Amelia who won the Award outright and is now to be considered for the National Award to be held at the British Film Institute in July.



There to present the award was Luke Liddiard, the 2014 National Winner of the Journey Award, an inspiration to us all as he has

turned his life around from being homeless at 16 to setting up a successful company of his own.

## TEACHING ASSISTANT COMPLETES ORAL LANGUAGE MODIFICATION ASSESSMENT

Lisa Weller, one of our Teaching Assistants, has recently successfully completed her assessment to be an Oral Language Modifier (OLM).



The OLM role is complex and training is essential. Lisa is now accredited to support learners who have language difficulties which includes learners who are hearing-impaired or who have other disabilities affecting comprehension, including dyslexia and autistic spectrum disorders. This means that Lisa will be permitted to modify the language in various examinations, in order to support learners to overcome any disadvantage inherent in their learning difficulty. It will enable her to support candidates appropriately without either advantaging or disadvantaging them, and to ensure that the language is clear for the specific needs of the user without conferring advantage related to subject and technical knowledge. She will also be able to support school departments on a day-to-day basis in the language demands of text-books and other resources used in lessons.

The Learning Support Department congratulates Lisa on gaining this accreditation.

# History/Geography Trip Pett Level Beach, Hastings

On the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 10 Ratton students were offered an amazing opportunity to appear in a Channel 4 programme called Britain at Low Tide, which explores archaeology along the British coastline.



Lara and Stephanie, two Archaeologists from CitiZan (the Coastal and Intertidal Zone Archaeological Network), the presenter Tori, and our students were filmed by the crew from Tern Production. In two teams they explored the remains of a submerged forest which is approximately 6,000 years old and is still visible on the shore at low tide for people to explore today. Students chatted on camera with Lara and Stephanie, and the presenter Tori and asked questions about what they found.

Pett Level Beach is a wonderful site to visit if you are keen to also find fossils and want to see dinosaur footprints!

The students were a real credit to Ratton School and we look forward to spotting them on television in November.

**Well done to the following students: Rheya Ansell, Taegan Byroo, Ollie Dagostar, Ella Harris, Gini Harvey, Bukhosi Msipha, Mollie Simpson, Tyriece Whiteoak, Joe Whitmore and Lara Vaney.**



Here is an account by Ella Harris in Year 7:

## Perfect Pett Level!

It was not so long ago that I attended the intriguing archaeological-based trip on the sunny Pett Level, and it was not at all what one might expect.

I walked through the remains of a once thriving forest and I felt so small. Everywhere I looked I saw fascinating gnarled roots and fossilised creatures looking almost shocked in their sort-of new, stony homes.

What was also mind blowing was that archaeologists had found a cave, possibly supporting human life due to some flint tools found there.

As we were being filmed for the Channel 4 Britain at Low Tide if we found something we had to 'find' it again on camera and you had to move back into the space you were in previously.



We discovered a wide variety of trees (after a briefing from the archaeologists Lara and Stephanie) and once looked at and assessed we stuck a numbered piece of paper onto the tree to mark that it had been looked at, co-ordinates had been placed and tree sketched.

We all had to work against the clock due to the risk of the tide coming in and the much needed sunlight for filming.

As our time came to a close at this wonderful trip, we did one last scene with the presenter named Tori.

## U15 GIRLS IN COUNTY CRICKET FINALS

The U15 girls represented Ratton at the 8-a-side County Cricket Finals on Wednesday 21st June, having been shortlisted from the previous tournament rounds held earlier this term. They were the only Eastbourne school in the final and played: Cardinal Newman, Millais, Shoreham Academy & Warden Park. Last year many of this team won the county final so they were defending their title against some top Brighton schools.



The girls were not put off by the heat and consistently demonstrated excellent bowling and batting skills. Indeed the team hit a large number of 4's and 6's which resulted in very high scores in all of their games. Special mention should go to Katie Cooper, Connie Wallis and captain Leah Upton all who consistently hit retirement scores of 20. Indeed in 3 out of 4 games the team scored over 90 runs off 7 overs. Ratton was the highest scoring team in the tournament but luck was not on their side as they were beaten by Warden Park by only one run, preventing them from going through to the National finals.

They should all be congratulated for their excellence, team spirit and sportsmanship attitude throughout. Maddy Lewis even continued to play with her foot in a support cast

having inflamed a serious ankle injury the week before. They were a credit to the school!

**Team line up: Leah Upton ( captain), Rachel Davis ( vice- captain), Katie Cooper, Connie Wallis, Maddy Lewis, Jess Blake, Jess Hasib, Beth Ienihan, Rebecca Marshall McCleave, Munise Hussane.**

Well done girls and you were so unlucky not to get through!!!



East Sussex School Health Service lead and deliver the Healthy Child Programme for 5-19 year olds, working predominately with children, young people and families. School Health staff are highly trained and skilled to deliver health advice to both primary and secondary school aged children, young people and families. This includes healthy eating & lifestyle, emotional health and risk taking behaviours ie smoking. Qualified nurses from the service also support school staff in developing health care plans to enable children with medical conditions to access education.



# ChatHealth

The service runs drop in services in secondary schools in which young people can speak to a registered nurse on any aspect of health with no appointment necessary. The service has recently introduced a new way young people can contact the team. ChatHealth is a secure texting service, monitored by trained nurses from the team. No message goes unanswered, with automated texts signposting alternative sources of help out-of-hours. It is a service used by other school health teams across the country and has proved to be effective, giving young people choice in how they access services and enabling a greater number to have contact with health services.

Young people and parents can also contact the Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford School Health Team directly by phone or by email : Team Email: [kcht.SH-EHS@nhs.net](mailto:kcht.SH-EHS@nhs.net); Office: 01323 446983

# Sports Camps 2017

@Eastbourne Sports Park

## Tekkers Camp

Wednesday 9th August  
9:00 - 15:00 7 - 12 yrs £15.00

## All Sports Camp

2nd & 3rd August  
9:00 - 15:00 7 - 12 yrs £15

## Girls Active Camp

7th - 8th August  
9:00 - 15:00 7 - 12 yrs £15.00

## Summer Athletics programme

14th - 18th August  
9:00 - 15:00 7-15 yrs £90 for 5 days

## Infant Athletics Camp

14th & 16th August  
9:00 - 12:00 4-6 yrs £10.00

## Tekkers Tournament

Thursday 10th August  
10:00 - 13:00 13 - 16 yrs £5.00

## Tennis Camp

31st July - 1st August  
9:00 - 12:00 5 - 8 yrs £7.50  
12:30 - 15:30 8 - 13 yrs £7.50  
15:30 - 17:00 13 - 16 yrs £3.00

@Hampden Park Sports Centre

## Tekkers Camp

7th, 8th, 14th & 15th August  
£15.00 per day



For more information  
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Wednesday 9th August 2017

09:30 - 15:30

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