

DIARY DATES

Thursday 8th December
Apollo Song & Dance Evening 6pm

Tuesday 13th December
Full Governors Meeting followed
by Academy AGM 5pm

Christmas Concert 7pm

Wednesday 14th December
Year 11 Love Life Day

**Wednesday 14th/
Thursday 15th December**
Studio 216—Romeo & Juliet 7pm

Thursday 15th December
Year 9 Parents Evening
4.15-7.15pm

Friday 16th December
Refresh Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 20th December
Christmas Fayre 3.20pm

Wednesday 21st December
Last day of term—early finish
1.40pm

GLORY FOLLOWS VIRTUE AS IF IT WERE ITS SHADOW - *Cicero*

One of the most important habits in school life is excellent attendance and punctuality. At the end of term assemblies, it is always inspiring to see so many students who have 100% attendance over the course of two longer terms. We will continue to promote high levels of attendance at school and make it a habit for learning and success.

Reading is one of the most important life skills, so it was a real pleasure to see and hear our reading buddies in action. They are a group of students trained to listen to younger students read and so help to them to develop their literacy skills. It was great to hear the scheme in action and the maturity and trust between both sets of students - a wonderful example of our virtue of 'Teamwork' in action.

We are looking forward to our new 'virtues' signage going up around the school. It was designed by students and should be a really simple visual reminder of what is important to us as a school community.

Compassion: Showing kindness and caring for other people and the environment.

Respect: Acting with respect to others both in and out of school. Valuing diversity and avoiding discriminatory language.

Creativity: Being curious about the world, solving problems and asking thoughtful questions.

Teamwork: Achieving together by working as part of a team. Understanding that we all have to do our fair share and get along with different people.

Effort: Putting effort into all aspects of school life. Demonstrating resilience when faced with a challenge.

Responsibility: Taking responsibility by being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing.

Mr Knox-Macaulay, Headteacher

More Radio Awards

Top Teacher 2016 **Winner – Mrs Potten!**

Mrs Potten is head of the drama department at Ratton School. She was nominated by her husband who said her dedication to her extra-curricular activities was second to none.

Mrs Potten runs Irish Dancing lessons during and outside of school hours and has seen her team of Irish Dancers flourish to a group of almost 60 in total. They perform at events, hold their own shows and on the night of the awards were even on stage at the Congress Theatre.

Congratulations and very well deserved Mrs Potten!

Congratulations

Many congratulations to our highest achieving students whose hard work and commitment we are proud to recognise. These students are identified for having received the highest number of rewards allocated by all staff for the relevant week.

Week ended 18th November

Oscar Price, Abigail Thompson, Leah Upton,
Manuel Cantone, Katy Allingham, Klaudia Wosik
and Kelsey Wallace

Week ended 25th November

Sophie Devile, Thomas Line, Ben Andrews, Hellen Stratakou, Luke Woolven, Michael Morehen, Hollie Bird,
Anais Deedigan, Natalie Plummer and Katie Laing

Food students busy!

Year 10 NCFE Food Group visit The Langham Hotel

Mrs Chalk, Mrs Weller, Mrs Manger, Mrs Griffiths and the Year 10 Vcert Food and Cookery group recently enjoyed a visit to The Langham Hotel.

The pupils received a warm welcome by the owner and were given a tour of the kitchen. This was followed by a demonstration by the Head Chef of chicken, parmentier potatoes and fresh vegetables followed by profiteroles filled with a banoffee cream and toffee sauce. This was then served to each of the pupils as a delicious 2 course formal meal with some of the year 10 pupils remarking "It was the best meal I have ever eaten".



Fish demonstration by Sussex Coast College Hastings

Head Chef Jonathan and two student chefs visited the Year 10/11 Food students recently to watch and assist in a fish demonstration.

The team made sea bream with a courgette salad,



soused mackerel, mussels marinere and lemon and ginger prawns.

Some students were brave and tried descaling and gutting the fish!

'Shout Outs' for week ending 18th November

Katie Young, Jess Gashi, Holly Field and Amelia Burton - for representing Ratton at the Under 13's Girls Cup Tournament at the American Express Elite Football Performance Centre

Amy Bleach for excellent independent work in History and for supporting another student with research

Jack Harding for working like a demon on his written paper element for GCSE Drama, he has finished his response ahead of all the group and it is of a great quality!

Kile Bray - for a perfect score on his Golden Ticket, showing high level of effort and motivation

Ellis Mann - for effort and improved motivation on his Golden Ticket

Charlie Grant - for her brilliant independent work with Maths revision

Jem Hesselgrave - for his great work with algebraic equations in maths and for being consistently brilliant in Science

Brandon Morey - for Science - tries so hard all the time, is polite, punctual, offers answers and for his having a go attitude with fish gutting in food tech!

Brandon Mills, Erin-Mae Curwood, Joey-Tyler Hallowell, Elise Allen, Kerry Davies and Ruby Emmanuel - for being consistently brilliant in Science

Kaycie Wilkins and Ellie Sheridan for having a go at gutting a fish with the professional chef demonstration during the week

Busy, busy, busy!

Frantic Assembly theatre trip

On Tuesday 15th November Year 10 GCSE Drama students went to see Frantic Assembly's 'Things I know to be true' in Chichester.

This moving piece, performed in a physical theatre style gave the students lots of inspiration for their practical devising coursework.

Mr Stocker and Mrs Potten also attended a teacher workshop led by the company.

Romeo and Juliet

Key stage 4 students will be performing a one hour version of Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' in the Drama studio on Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th and Friday 16th December at 7pm in the drama studio. Tickets available soon from the finance office for a bargain price of £3.

Irish Dance news

Rinceoiri Ratton Irish dancers performed at a fundraiser at Christ the King church on 19th November to raise money for the HCPT. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their performance and they raised £600!



40 dancers also performed a group number as part of The Rattonians Christmas Spectacular at the Congress theatre last week. This was the first performance of many for some of our younger dancers, who have only been learning to dance for 7 weeks!



Some of the troupe will also be performing at the Little Chelsea Christmas Fair this coming Saturday 3rd December, then at Eastbourne bandstand on Friday 9th, AND at a charity event at Willingdon Golf Club on Saturday 17th. For more information on Irish dancing news and events search for Rinceoiri Ratton and follow us on Facebook, YouTube and Twitter!



'Shout Outs' for week ending 25th November

Tommy Hendey, Dawid Smardewski and Kelsey Wallace for exceptional and continued hard work and effort, and for being such amazing calm and positive students in every lesson

Charlie Black – for fantastic attitude and questioning in History

Elliott Lister – for asking some interesting questions in Science

Dannah Lilley – for supreme effort in Ethics revision

Charlie Bennett – for always working hard in Science

Amelia Burton – for excellent effort in her diploma work in History

Isaac Eames – for super historical detail in his written work in History

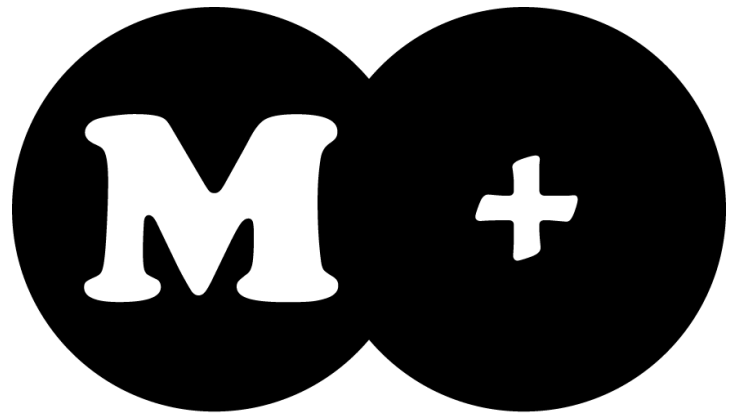
Ross Phelps – for effort in all his work in History

Courtney Gillard – always tries her best in Science

Cameron wins silver medal!

Cameron Jones, Year 7, gained a Silver Medal for his category at the National Trampoline & DMT League Finals 2016, held at Lee Valley Velopark, London (November 26th -27th).

Competing with Up 'n' Downs Trampoline Club in the category TRI-DT 9+ Male he was leading by a full point after his set and voluntary routines. This qualified him for the final jump off, when previous scores are zeroed. In the final his lower tariff routine saw him gain a well-deserved silver medal.



Millennium +

Millennium+, Ratton's Young Enterprise Company attends Master Classes at St Catherine's College

The directors from Millennium+ attended master classes on being a Managing Director, a Sales Director, Marketing Director and Finance Director. They came back with lots of advice and thoughts on how to win!

Key advice included - don't overcomplicate things as a leader, plan for success, keep it clear and simple, engage with your customers, engage with your audience and don't forget to practise, practise, practise to ensure the best possible result.

Follow them on Twitter [@millennium_plus](https://twitter.com/millennium_plus)

Next Thursday 8th December is this year's Ryman National Challenge for the whole of Year 9. Year 9 students will spend the day designing a product or service that they present at the end of the day to a panel of judges. The finalists then compete in the national final later in the year with the opportunity to meet the likes of Theo Paphitis.

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