

CELEBRATING SUCCESS!

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

Week ended 15th September

Leonie Rogers, Lily Vater, Ella Harris, Danielle Mapp, Corey Dickson, Tiarne Mole, Jessica Shelton, Harvey Crowther, Oscar Cresswell, Luke Corteling-Rice, and George Thomas



Welcome back and I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. We are extremely proud of all our Year 11 students who posted a very strong set of results, with 15 different subjects with even higher achievement than last year. Their success will have a very positive impact on their choices and the next stage of their education – we wish them the best of luck for the future.

I enjoyed speaking to all communities in assemblies about our virtue of **Responsibility** and about the good start to the term with students in correct uniform, on time and properly equipped for learning. I also spoke about striving to achieve excellence in the year ahead in all aspects of life. We have many talented students who achieve excellence both in and out of school and we want to make sure they continue to aim high.

We are able to provide a wide range of extra-curricular clubs and activities in school from 8.00am through to beyond 4.30pm. I would like to encourage all students to get involved in clubs and activities and try something new this year. This was something that OFTED highlighted as a real strength in our inspection report in July and we want to make sure that we continue to provide.

We have a number of important events over the few weeks including our Open Evening (28th September), Succeeding in Y11 Evening (5th October), Succeeding in Y8 Evening (12th October) and Succeeding in Y7/Tutor Consultation Evening (19th October).

Please enjoy this first Ratton newsletter of the academic year!

Mr Knox-Macaulay, Headteacher



Monday 25th September

Year group photos

Tuesday 26th September

International Day of Languages

Thursday 28th September

Open Evening (early closure for students at 1.40pm)

Thursday 5th October

Succeeding in Year 11 at 5.15pm

Friday 6th October

Y11 Careers Day

Thursday 12th October

Succeeding in Y8 Evening at 5.15pm

CHARITY MONEY RAISED 2016-17

We are delighted to confirm that we raised a grand total of £6537.33 for our chosen charities last academic year! Brilliant!

Well done to everyone!





We are taking part in this year's Make Your Mark ballot, the largest consultation of young people in the country.

In a national annual ballot running from 12th August until 6th October, young people across the country will be asked what issues matter most to them, in order to determine what is debated by the UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) in the House of Commons on 10th November. Voting takes places both online and through ballot papers issued in schools and youth centres throughout the UK.

Ten topics will be available to choose from on the Make Your Mark ballot paper, with the five most popular topics among young people going on to be discussed by Members of Youth Parliament in their November debate, chaired by the Speaker of the House of Commons, Rt. Hon. John Bercow MP, and broadcast live on BBC Parliament.

Last year's Make Your Mark ballot saw nearly 980,000 young people voting, making it the largest youth consultation of its kind in the UK.

A 13-year-old pupil, Courtney Gillard, who will be supporting the Make Your Mark campaign said:

"At some point all young people will get a vote and so it's important that we get a say in how we do things. All of the ten issues are very important but one stands out for me because it's linked to my life."



Cameron Gains Trampolining Gold

Cameron Jones in Year 8 travelled up to Birmingham this week to compete in the Trampoline Series 3 League competition at the University of Birmingham. He competed in the disabled trampoline 9+ Male Category 2 Competition.

Cameron did 30 skills in the event finishing first after both his set piece and voluntary piece. He then went on to take Gold in the final!

This result places him joint first in the league and qualifies him for the finals later in the year at the Olympic Velodrome in London.

What a fabulous achievement – congratulations Cameron!



SIBLINGS COMING TO RATTON?

If you would like the brother or sister of a Ratton student to start here in Year 7 next September, you must remember to apply for a place by the deadline of 31st October 2017.

Having a brother or sister doesn't allow you any special consideration for a place *if you forget to apply*. Your application will be dealt with *after* all other applications are dealt with in March.

Abigail



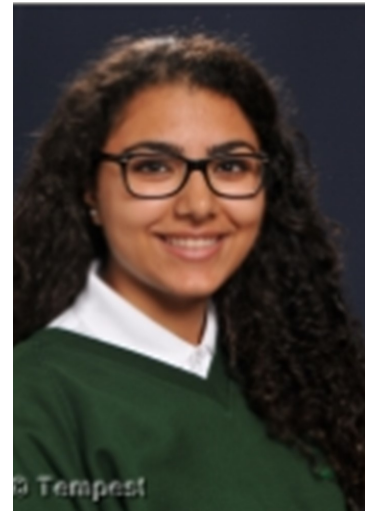
12A* 1A

Kate



8A* 3A

Sahara



6A* 5A

Congratulations!

Elliot



3A* 8A

Maddy



7A* 3A

Caitlin



7A* 3A

Parking on school 'keep clear' markings

We are writing to you to let you know about a new approach that has been taken to deal with parking on school keep clear markings, as advised to us by Cllr Bennett (ESCC) and Cllr Fitzgerald (Hastings Borough Council):

"Parking outside schools at drop off and pick up times is always very busy and drivers are often tempted to stop in places that they would not usually. One of the main concerns is vehicles stopping on the school keep clear markings. As these are there to improve safety for pedestrians it is crucial that these are kept clear of vehicles.

From 5th September there has been a change in the way Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) are issued to vehicles that stop on the keep clear markings. Instead of placing the PCN on the vehicle or handing it to the driver, it will be sent to the owner or keeper of the vehicle by post. This will allow civil enforcement officers to carry out enforcement of these restrictions more efficiently. Additionally, receiving a PCN for parking in such a way should deter the person from doing so again.

This new approach has been taken following discussions at meetings of the Hastings Joint Parking Board. Members who have been elected to the board regularly raise concerns about parking around schools at drop off and pick up times. Many ways of tackling this issue have been discussed and this has been agreed as an effective way of improving enforcement. This approach was agreed at a Lead Member for Transport and Environment meeting. Details of the report can be viewed on the East Sussex County Council website, item number 31.

We hope that you will help us in trying to promote the message that school keep clear markings are there for safety reasons and vehicles should not stop on them. Any driver that stops on the marking may incur a £70 PCN that will be sent to the owner of the vehicle. We trust that you will be in support of this new approach to improve safety outside our school at the busiest times of day."

Is your child entitled to free school meals?

If you meet the eligibility criteria below please contact Mrs Plummer by email at jplummer@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

Please note that if you are entitled to free meals, then you may also be entitled to free school transport, provided you live outside a



We are a mixture of parents and friends that work together for the benefit of the school. Some are full time parents, some work part-time or work full-time. NONE are specialists in fundraising but all are vital to the success of the school. Involvement is totally flexible and you'll be part of a great network that makes a real difference.

We'd love you to join us so if you'd like to find out more please email lbarrow@ratton.co.uk

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Keeping Children Safe

In order to ensure a smooth and secure entrance to school, access in the mornings will be via the main entrance until 08:30am.

Between 8.30am-8.40am we will open the front gate to the South playground and rear gate to Park Lane.

Access to the main entrance from the rear of the school can still be achieved via the public twitten next to the school.

COPIES OF KEY POLICIES CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE INCLUDING OUR
CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING POLICY