

**Friday 15th June**

1.00pm finish for Y7-10 for Y11 Valediction

**Thursday 21st June**

New Intake Evening

**Friday 22nd June**

Dance Showcase 6.00pm

**Thursday 28th June**

Y11 Prom

**Friday 29th June**

Inset Day

**Tuesday 3rd July**

Y6 Taster Day

**Saturday 7th July 12-5pm**

3rd Annual Ratton Community Arts Festival

**Thursday 12th July**

Y7 Careers Day

Awards Evening

**Friday 13th July**

Y8 Careers Day

**Wednesday 18th July**

Whole School Sponsored Walk

**Thursday 19th July**

Activities Morning/Early School Closure

**Friday 20th July**

Inset Day

## STUDENTS LIVING OUR VIRTUES

We had a very busy mid-term break with at least 40% of Year 11 students coming in for additional revision sessions supported by staff. We continue to wish all of them the best of luck with their exams.

With Year 11 gradually moving out and away from Ratton to the next exciting stage of their education, this is a good time to look forward. In six weeks time each year group will 'step up' into a new year group. It is just over a year ago when we had our last Year 6 into Year 7 taster day and suddenly they are on the verge of moving into Year 8. As each year group moves forward, I am sure they will reflect on their successes this year and continue to work hard on those areas for improvement.

This is also the time of the year when we are looking forward to significant events from the Community Fair on Saturday 7th July and Sports Day on Monday 9th July through to our annual Awards Evening on Thursday 12th July. All of these events enable us to celebrate the virtues that our students demonstrate across all year groups.

One of the pleasures of working at Ratton is hearing about those small acts of kindness by our students. Recently I heard about a student who stopped, on the way to school, and helped a member of the public to repair their bicycle and get to work on time.

Another act of kindness was by a group of students who helped an injured person and walked them down to the local hospital for treatment. Last, but not least, a group of Year 7 girls helped an elderly lady who was struggling with her shopping in Old Town. All the students involved showed great maturity and compassion.

Please enjoy this newsletter.

*Mr Knox-Macaulay, Headteacher*

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS!

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

11 <sup>TH</sup> MAY – 24 <sup>TH</sup> MAY				
YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Rebekah Whitby	Emily Burke	Abigail Proctor	Madison Modestou	Archie Whiteman
Emmie Wood	Sophie Drakeley	Adam Cosci	Jemima Hadland	Samuel Wells
Ben Allchin	Matilda Stanley	Samuel Wright	Amelia Bartlett	Joseph Clayson
Rachel Kersten-Freeman	Dale Upton	Luana Torres	Cydney Woodhams	Zakarius Urben-Edwards
Emily Ludlam	Michael Tanner		Beatriz Freitas	
	Lara Vaney			



*A state of wellbeing is one where we feel healthy and at ease with ourselves, we are managing our daily lives well and feel optimistic for the future. There are a few strategies, actions and attitudes that can increase this sense of wellbeing. There are no magic wands for feeling good, but students and parents might like to try a wellbeing exercise and see if it works for them. I will share one or two new strategies every newsletter.*

We can all have days where we are down on ourselves. We might think that we are bad at certain things, that we make too many mistakes and that other people are better than us. Therefore it's really important for our wellbeing that we also have days when we can see the good in ourselves.

So you might like to try this exercise, either alone or with trusted people.

Answer these questions; you can write them down or say them out loud.

What would your favourite teacher say about you?

What 3 words would your best friends use to describe you?

Which of the qualities is most like you? funny, kind or loyal?

Think of a time when you did something embarrassing but you can laugh about it now.

Describe a something that you did that you are proud of.

If you do take the time to write them down you can look at it again when you are being tough on yourself to remind yourself of all the positive things about you.

*Gemma Bryden, AHT for Character Education*

## FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT GREAT SUCCESS!

On the 18th of May, Billy Smith and Matilda Stanley and their families ran a family quiz night at school to raise money for their trips to the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree.

Billy and Mati organised 10 rounds including; languages, STEM, famous first lines and sport rounds and welcomed 9 teams to the school hall. Raffle and quiz prizes were donated by local businesses which encouraged people to buy raffle tickets, and the Smiths and Stanleys also made lots of delicious cake and refreshments which helped to make a lot of money.

The entire night raised £340 towards the Jamboree at which Billy and Mati will represent Eastbourne and Willingdon in West Virginia, USA in the summer of 2019.

Billy and Mati had a great time putting the evening together and hope to do another quiz sometime in the future.

Big thanks to Mr Morris who helped Billy and Mati along the way!



## YOUNG CHEF OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Heats were held recently to compete in the Young Chef of the Year competition 2018. The theme was 'Summer' and some incredible dishes were produced, the competition was tough. The winners this year were **Rose Norris** and **Matt Field** who will go through and compete with other local schools.

Well done to all and keep cooking!





## AWESOME WORK!

Natalie Wood in Y9 has produced this amazing version of the Buddhist Wheel of Life known as the Bhavachakra. It explains basic Buddhist beliefs about life death and rebirth according to Buddhist traditions.

This was part of unit of work on Buddhist art, taught to prepare students for GCSE. Natalie was set a diploma task to produce her own version of the original. It took three days to complete.

Well done Natalie - awesome work!



## 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!



## AMY SEARLE STARS IN LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Huge congrats to Y8 8 student Amy Searle WSt/CSu Adelphi, who has a leading role in the current production of the Little Shop of Horrors at Devonshire Park Theatre.



Amy plays one of The Urchins who provide continuity between scenes along with some very harmonious backing vocals. The review (link below) says *'in a succession of fabulous frocks, they (The Urchins) really work hard to enhance the production, not only with their vocals but also with very slick choreography'* so if you haven't already got your ticket why not treat yourself?!

<http://www.thesussexnewspaper.com/review-little-shop-of-horrors-devonshire-park-theatre-eastbourne/>





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## Apprenticeships at the MET

Leaving school this year? Not sure what to do next? **Complimentary Pizza & candy floss!**

Join us to find out more about apprenticeships and talk with our advisors.

4-6pm 14 June 2018  
 Central Brighton Campus, Pelham Tower

For enquiries:  
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Albion in the Community



# RATTON COMMUNITY ARTS FESTIVAL

Featuring Helen Ward Jackson



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

- **Eco Zone**
- **Community Zone**
- **Drusillas Mini Beasts**
- **Spirit Zone**
- **Market Place**
- **Demonstrations**

The UK's No1 Adele Tribute Show

**Saturday July 7th 2018 ~ 12:00 - 5:00**

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