

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

**APRIL BREAK FROM
8TH APRIL TO 22ND APRIL**

Tuesday 23rd April

First day of Term 5

Wednesday 24th April

Parents support meeting with
Andrew Wright 6.30pm

Thursday 25th April

Y7 Parents/Carers' Evening

29th April—3rd May

KS3 exams

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday

*Dates may be subject to change—please
check the website for the most up-to-date
calendar of events*

INSET DAYS NOTIFICATION FOR REST OF ACADEMIC YEAR

**Full day closure on
Friday 28th June**

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT!

Outer space is a dramatic place but few of us, sadly, will have a chance to visit. So, it was exciting for the whole of Year 7 to spend some time in school looking at space in a portable planetarium. It gave a fascinating insight into the cosmos and supported our creative science curriculum.

We are offering a very comprehensive programme of revision sessions over the next couple of weeks for Year 11. There are 20 subjects on offer between Saturday 6th April and Thursday 18th April. It is great to see so many students and staff demonstrating the virtue of effort in this final push towards the start of GCSE exams. We know that all their hard work and commitment will feed into a successful summer and them moving on to the next stage of their education.

It was a pleasure to meet a group of Year 9 students about their GCSE options for next year. I was impressed with the way they described the process of making informed choices, thinking about achievement and enjoyment. A great example of young people taking responsibility for their future.

The celebration assemblies over the last week of this term have been a wonderful way to celebrate the success of so many students over the last two terms. Students were awarded for their attendance, conduct, achievement and contribution to school life and our virtues. There was a tremendous community spirit and it was an inspirational way to end the term.

Please enjoy this bumper newsletter and have an enjoyable and relaxing break. We look forward to starting back on Tuesday 23rd of April at the normal time.

Mr Knox-Macaulay, Executive Headteacher

Daffadowndilly by A.A. Milne

*She wore her yellow sun-bonnet,
She wore her greenest gown;
She turned to the south wind
And curtsied up and down.
She turned to the sunlight
And shook her yellow head,
And whispered to her neighbour:
"Winter is dead."*

**Many congratulations to our highest achieving students
between 15/3/19 to 28/3/19**

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Veronika	Annalie Brown	Sophie Drakeley	Danita Goncalves	Khadijah Uddin
Isabel Rodrigues De Oliveira	Kimberley Woodhams	Ella Harris	Laila El Roubi	Hannah Sivyer
Brianna Mumford	Lauren Dullaway	Anna Burnett	Jessica Button	Safia Mollik
Stella Zietara	Madeline Mather	Jasmine Thuku	Janey Hooper	Daisy Karasani-Jones
Freya Lewis	Lauren Geal	Matilda Budd	Louisa Ellingsworth	Amy Bleach
Saffron Watts	William Mulvenney	Poppy Dyball	Riley Sleight	Ana Christenson
Ted Brickley	Freddie Roberts	Oliver Hover	William Harris-Moss	Ellie Howe
Brandon Linnell	Emil Ples	Edward Vanderstreaten	Charles Sear	Hannah Vera-Morris
Freddie Woodgate	Kane Askew	Gorazd Stojanovski	Finley Wells	Jacob Gunter
Joel McGarrigle	Ashlee Kovac	William Bixley	Marshall Grant	Vicenzo Resende
Freddie Wallis	Charlie Holbrook	Brooke Nicholls		Thomas
	Lucas Geering			William Harker
	Thomas Hammett			Roberto Garcia
				Ryan Hover

Lewes STEM Fair 2019

The Lewes STEM Fair is a celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) in the heart of East Sussex with the aim of inspiring the next generation to build careers in STEM disciplines and promoting local STEM activities to a wide audience.

In 2019 we will have activities from the University of Sussex, the South Downs National Park Authority, the East Sussex Reptile and Amphibian Society, Ovesco, the Observatory Science Centre, Plastic Free Lewes, Brighton University, and the Institute of Engineering and Technology.

The 2019 Lewes STEM Fair will be held in Lewes Town Hall on 27th April and will be open 12-3pm.

The fair is completely free so don't miss out!

SAT 27 APRIL
12-3PM FREE
 LEWES TOWN HALL
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lewes STEMfest

**LEWES
 SCIENCE,
 TECHNOLOGY,
 ENGINEERING &
 MATHEMATICS
 FAIR 2019**

BRITISH SCIENCE ASSOCIATION
 Lewes Branch

Imogen Hawes 7RJe - photographer extraordinaire!

Imogen is a Patrol Leader with the 1st Hampden Park Scouts. Her scout group were asked to take part in a photo competition in order to gain their photography badge. Each scout had to produce 12 photographs, 6 colour and 6 black and white and also had to explain in writing how they took the photos, how they edited them, the functions of their camera and explain the impact of taking a black and white photo compared to colour.

Imogen was 1 of 3 winners and here she is being presented with a canvas of her winning picture. Fabulous - well done Imogen!



BEACH CLEAN

Pictured are year 7-10 students who joined a local beach clean on Friday 22nd March. This will hopefully be the first of many similar events. Students are already looking forward to the park clean in June! The beach and park clean are part of a wider initiative to tackle environmental issues and encourage businesses and schools in Eastbourne and the surrounding area to be responsible for their non-recyclable waste.



Celebrating Science at Ratton!

Year 8 Forensics Day

On the 7th March all year 8 students spent a day as forensic scientists. Students had to find out who robbed a local bank (theoretically) by participating in and analysing a wide range of experiments and collecting evidence. Students had to select the correct criminal from 30 suspects and use the evidence to complete a booklet detailing their findings. The activities raised awareness of the various skills needed to be a forensic scientist, as well as promoting the different aspects of science and how they can be used. They also were shown how some of the more complicated skills in the new GCSE are applied in interesting real life situations.

Students visited four laboratories during the day including the hair and pollen and fibre lab, chromatography lab, ion testing lab and fingerprint testing lab. Students completed a wide variety of practicals including examined slides of different fabric fibres, testing soil for pH, collecting fingerprints and chemical tests to identify chemicals left at the crime scene.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the day, and learnt a great deal about how forensic science has progressed and contributed to reducing crime in the UK. At the end the day, the team which collected the most accurate evidence won amazon vouchers.

The winning team with 134 points was...

Annalie Brown, Lily Chumbley, Rebekah Whitby, Anna Ripley, Reggie Roberts

2nd place: 133 points

Kiki Otto, Charlotte Pelham, Oscar Ellis, Bradley Lyons, Logan Anta Fernandez, Amber Leaney, Folly Stanley

3rd Place: 133 points

Holly Haynes, Megan Parry, Angela Chin, Matthew Hilliard, Luke Tison

Year 7 Inflatable Planetarium

On the 2nd April, year 7 students were given the opportunity to learn more about space when an inflatable planetarium visited the school. Creative Space, a fantastic local company brought along their mobile planetarium. Year 7 students was given the opportunity to watch a fascinating presentation about in the inflatable dome, which provided a 360-degree immersive sound and visual experience. Students learnt all about the Sun and its influence in the Solar System, touching on many areas of science in an approachable way.

Students were given this spectacular opportunity to improve their knowledge of a wide range of scientific ideas in the new GCSEs, and to stimulate awe and wonder for the universe and our place in it. As one of the most popular areas in science, this was a great way to engage year 7 students in their learning of science and ensure they make the best possible start to their GCSEs'. Students were really excited throughout the day and said that they really enjoyed the experience and learnt a lot.



Ratton Girls Can visit Motcombe

On the 19th March the **Ratton Girls Can** spent a fantastic day at a local infant school. They worked with reception classes and were involved in the teaching and learning of reception pupils.

On arrival we helped out with a variety of activities in the classroom, ranging from painting to reading, to working with numbers, role play and singing. It was then lunch time and **Ratton Girls Can** helped in the lunch hall, making sure the reception children could eat their hot nutritious dinners and provided the Motcombe students with their drinks. Having finished eating and tidying the hall we then went into the playground and had a great time, playing games and engaging with the smaller children.



The afternoon was spent outside with the reception students, where they were learning through play. The **Ratton Girls Can** spent an enjoyable time building dens, gardening, doing role play and reading in the sunshine.

We had a great day and really enjoyed the time learning about working with young children and the different job roles that staff in an infant school do.

Many thanks to Motcombe for hosting us.

Drusillas 1st April

It was a sunny day as we set off in the minibus for Drusillas. The **Ratton Girls Can** had an amazing time at Drusillas and were there to find out about the considerable types of jobs that people in Drusillas do, as well as how to apply.

Drusillas take people from the age of 16 to work, they advertise on their website for vacancies for full-time, part-time, week-end and holiday positions. We found out that there is a simple application form to fill in and then they have a group interview where you work in a team and do a task, the staff at Drusillas look for people with good communication skills and that are able to work as a team and be kind and helpful to their customers. The next round of recruitment is in April so if you are looking to work in the summer please look at the Drusillas website!

Drusillas also invest in their staff and if you are keen and motivated they will promote from within, we met Hayley who had started at 16 and was now being trained to work in the education department, they are happy to train their staff in a variety of skills. We also met Jamie who had joined on a weekend job and was now in charge of first aid, managing the rides and staff and looking after the welfare of the visitors.

After learning about job roles we were able to see and hold Roland the snake, Oleg the meerkat, John the chinchilla, Bernard the bearded dragon as well as the hissing cockroaches.

We then spent some time exploring the park, looking at the animals and testing out the ride.

A great day was had by all. Thank you very much to James Woodward, Head of Education, for the talk and organising the day which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



WELLBEING MATTERS

Wellbeing refers to the sense of positive regard we have for ourselves and that we feel satisfied with how things in our lives are going. In this part of the newsletter I share research, tips and activities to try and give our wellbeing a boost.

I am always surprised by how quickly GCSE exams season comes about. I am now busy preparing my 14th cohort of GCSE students for their final few months at Ratton and I am so proud of them.

Each year group has its own character and this year's year 11 have impressed me with their desire to succeed, their resilience and their humour. My three Year 11 classes always brighten my day with their good natured jokes and willingness to work with me. Often when we are stressed our sense of humour suffers so it is great to see a group of young people and teachers making each other laugh.

As we get into the final few weeks before the exams tension does mount, so to help them over the final hurdles we will be running a series of workshops to remind them of the importance of rest, exercise and good nutrition during this time. A big help is if they can come up with a revision timetable that parents can see so that you can help them stay on task and maybe even build in some fun events as treats for good work. If they do not know how to do this they should ask their tutor who can give them some pointers.

When we think about our wellbeing it is always about balancing the different aspects of our life, we as adults know the difference between we things we **have** to do and things we **want** to do. We are more able than our young people to prioritise tasks and make responsible decisions, so our young people may need a bit of help prioritising rest over gaming, or revising over the gym but they will see the benefits of it come August on results day.

There is a great deal of support available if they need it, there is homework club every day for revision support. There is an Assistant Head of Community for all 5 communities or their Tutor who will be available for pastoral support and there is great online support at www.e-motion.org.uk.

I wish every single one of them every success for these exams and thank them for being such a great bunch of young people to work with.



You are
capable of
AMAZING
things.

All Well Wishes, Ms.Bryden



As part of an incentive to improve students' vocabulary, we have introduced a word of the week. There are posters displayed in every tutor room, as well as on the plasma screens, and students are rewarded for using any of the words in their verbal or written responses.

This week the word was **Zealous** and w/b 22/4/19 it is **Apathy**

Easter Revision Timetable – Week 1



The following subjects are offering revision sessions in the Easter break. If students wish to attend a session **they must sign up** for the session in advance with the relevant teacher.

Day	Activity	Teacher	Room	Time
Saturday 6.4	French / Spanish	AGe	203	9.00 – 2.00
	Art	EHu / LBr	222/221	9.00 – 14.00
	German	CDe	201	9.30 - 11.00
Tuesday 9.4	Art Textiles	CWi	225	9.00 – 14.00
	German	CDe	201	9.00 -12.00
	Spanish	EWe	104	10.00 – 3.00
	Music	RKe	218	10.00 – 15.00
	ICT	PJo	111	10.00 – 15.00
Wednesday 10.4	Music	RKe	218	10.00 – 15.00
	Physics	OFr	136	9.00 – 11.00
	Science	CBn	126	9.00 – 13.30
	GCSE PE	WBr	111	14.00 – 16.00
	Art Textiles	CWi	225	9.00 – 14.00
Thursday 11.4	Science	CBn	126	9.30 - 13.30
	Physics	OFr	135	9.00 - 13.30
	Chemistry	JWe	127	9.00 - 13.30
	Geography	NMo	210	13.30 – 15.30
	Dance	CPn	Studio	10.00 – 15.00
Friday 12.4	Maths (Statistics) Maths Grade (7+)	SCh	119	10.00 - 12.00 12.30 – 14.30
	Dance	CPn / ADe	Studio	10.00 – 15.00
	Food	VCh / HMa	131	13.00 – 15.00

Easter Revision Timetable – Week 2



The following subjects are offering revision sessions in the Easter break. If students wish to attend a session **they must sign up** for the session in advance with the relevant teacher.

Day	Activity	Teacher	Room	Time
Monday 15.4	DT*	RGO, NHo	134	10.00 - 14.00
	French (Higher)	ICl	202	10.00 – 13.00
	French (Foundation)			13.30 – 16.30
Tuesday 16.4	DT*	RGO, NHo	134	10.00 - 2.00
	Maths Grades 5-6	CVa	117	10.00 -12.00
	Maths Grades 7-9			13.00 - 15.00
Wednesday 17.4	Maths	JPs	120	13.00 – 15.00
	History	SRe	214	9.00 – 15.00
	English	English Teachers	English Classrooms	10.30 – 13.30
Thursday 18.4	Biology	TTe	137	11.00 –15.00
	Maths	JPs	120	9.00 – 11.00
	Computer Science	PJo	111	10.00 -15.00

* Please note DT sessions must take priority over the other workshops on Monday 15.4.19 and Tuesday 16.4.19.

The Little Shop of Horrors

For three nights between 19th and the 21st of March a seventy strong cast took to the The Royal Hippodrome stage to perform Little Shop of Horrors – a musical homage to the 1950's B-Movie of plant-based massacre and world domination! Directed by Neil Stocker, choreographed by Chloe Papagna (and Producer) Vikki Potten and Musical Director Ryan Kearsey.

Sophie Deville and Ted Brickley stole the show as the unlikely couple of Seymour and Audrey who bring the run down florists on Skid Row, where they work, owned by the grumpy (yet strangely agile in a tango!) Mushnick played by Luke Corteling-Rice to world fame by the cultivation of the flesh eating Audrey 2 voiced brilliantly



by Billy Smith.

Seymour leaves, pun intended, a trail of

bloody destruction to feed his plant including Audrey's abusive dentist boyfriend Orin, played by Elvis impersonator Leon Robinson with real flair and menace. Eventually the plant grows to an enormous size after being fed Mushnick, Orin and a martyred Audrey. It then gets itself

seeded across the USA to eat all humanity. This story is narrated by a gospel chorus of six 'Shoo Wop' girls who just happen to be hanging around the shop. On stage for most of the play the 'Shoo Wops' commentate and demonstrate with the audience and those on stage telling the audience what to think about the action superbly performed by the pitch perfect Ella Higgins, Anais Deedigan, Sophie Cosham, Grace Beeney, Megan Archer and Katie Laing.

Well done to Kaleb Berhane (that is a strange and interesting plant!), Eva Bell, Thailia Wilkinson, Brooke Farmer, Tiane Mole and Sasha Mansbridge for their excellent supporting roles through the play and especially in one of Act Two's big numbers 'The Meek Shall Inherit The Earth'.

Of course we would have had no show at all without our amazing and dedicated chorus who worked tirelessly to remember their dance moves and songs making sure that they did everything in the right place at the right time. The chorus was built by members of all years at Ratton seven through ten. You in the fabulous chorus we salute you and can see stars of the future twinkling!!

The cast were joined on stage by four different puppets of the plant at various stages of growth supplied along with the full set, and props by Accord Stage Works. Vikki Potten had her hand up the first of these monsters and was also manipulating the huge human swallowing final puppet that also had Zephan Robinson and Will Brook as its grabbing tendrils underneath wrapped in camouflage. Will was also inside the Audrey that sang and ate its way into the first Act snapping at the chopped



up limbs of Orin the Dentist.

The show was driven by the accomplished staff and student band led by Ryan Kearsey in the pit. Special mention to Eion Bevens and Caleb Scott in Year 10 on drums and trumpet respectively who made

the house rock with Nikki Grover on flute and Simon Potter on bass – as well as trainee teacher Ellen Oxenham tinkling the ivories! A musical lives or dies by the music and we all wanted the band to keep playing.

The teachers would like to thank all parents and carers for their support during the long rehearsal process that started last Summer and took many, many weekends to make happen. Thank you for making sure they were on time but also for helping them with their music and their lines.

Supporting our first venture to The Royal Hippodrome were Managing Director and ex-Ratton pupil Alex Adams and we would like to officially thank him and his team for working with us to create this event of a lifetime for our students. There are many links with Ratton and The Royal Hippodrome including Technical Director Stuart French, whose daughter Chloe, also used to go to Ratton and now is working in the industry.

We hope that this will herald the start of a long collaboration with the Royal Hippodrome giving our students opportunities to be a part of a professional show in an historic and important theatre that is undergoing huge renovations to bring it back to its former glory.

Ratton has a long tradition of quality performances, which stems from its status as a Performing Arts School, across music, dance and drama and is fully committed to ensuring that students have opportunities that are both inspiring and may lead to many thinking about careers in the creative industry.

A big thank you to all from the Little Shop Production Team and watch this space for the next set of auditions for the next Ratton Whole School Musical in July!



SILVER FOR DONDY!



This is a photo of Dondy in Y11 being awarded a trophy for the English Taekwondo Championships in Worcester at the weekend. He won a Silver in Sparring.

Dondy had his eye on the Gold so is determined to train harder and win at the next Championships!

Fabulous achievement Dondy, well done!



We would like to form a 'Friends Group' with local residents to help to restore and maintain a local garden and archway structure near the school and would love to hear from anyone who would be interested in working with us or donating plants or materials to this worthwhile venture. One of the main goals of Ratton School is to care for and be engaged in the community/society we live in as well as the world beyond. We already open our premises for community use, sporting activities, youth services, adult learning, cultural events, and other community based activities.

What we need:

- volunteers
- donations of plants and landscaping/building materials

Please get in touch or see our neighbourly page at <https://www.neighbourly.com/>



If you're a former student of Ratton School, we want to hear from you!

Your experiences since leaving could help to motivate and inspire our current students to feel more confident in making decisions about their future. We'd love you to join our alumni network and stay connected with the school.

We've partnered with the national education charity **Future First**, who specialise in helping schools like ours to stay connected with their former students.

You can choose how and when you help – perhaps you can act as a career and education role model, provide work experience, become a mentor in person or online, or help with donations, fundraising or even apply to become a governor.

It doesn't matter when you left us, whether you're in further education or employment, whether you still live nearby or have moved further away, there are still ways you can help.

In order to sign up, just follow this link and fill in the online form – we promise it will only take a couple of minutes.

<https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/signup/ratton>

Year 7 & Year 8 Inter-Community Sport

Results

Term 4 – March 2019



Basketball		Points towards I-C Cup
	Overall Rank	
Adelphi	1 st	5
Lyric	5 th	1
Apollo	= 3 rd	3
Lyceum	2 nd	4
Globe	= 3 rd	3

Handball		Points towards I-C Cup
	Overall Rank	
Adelphi	5 th	1
Lyric	1 st	5
Apollo	= 2 nd	4
Lyceum	= 2 nd	4
Globe	4 th	2

Inter-Community Sport Term 4 – March 2019

Year 7 Results

Hockey		Points towards I-C Cup
	Overall Rank	
Adelphi	= 3 rd	3
Lyric	2 nd	4
Apollo	5 th	1
Lyceum	1 st	5
Globe	= 3 rd	3

Table Tennis		Points towards I-C Cup
	Overall Rank	
Adelphi	2 nd	4
Lyric	3 rd	3
Apollo	5 th	1
Lyceum	4 th	2
Globe	1 st	5

Year 7 Results

Inter-Community Sport Term 4 – March 2019

Year 7 Inter-Community	Winners	
Basketball	Adelphi	
Handball	Lyric	
Hockey	Lyceum	
Table Tennis	Globe	

Year 7

Inter Community Sport Results – Term 4

OVERALL 'Inter Community Cup' (All 4 Sports)			
		I-C Points	Overall Rank
	Adelphi	13	= 2 nd
	Lyric	13	= 2 nd
	Apollo	9	5 th
	Lyceum	15	1 st
	Globe	13	= 2 nd

Basketball			Points towards I-C Cup
		Overall Rank	
	Adelphi	= 1 st	5
	Lyric	= 1 st	5
	Apollo	= 4 th	2
	Lyceum	= 4 th	2
	Globe	3 rd	3

Handball			Points towards I-C Cup
		Overall Rank	
	Adelphi	= 3 rd	3
	Lyric	2 nd	4
	Apollo	5 th	1
	Lyceum	1 st	5
	Globe	= 3 rd	3

Inter-Community Sport Term 4 – March 2019

Year 8 Results





Hockey			Points towards I-C Cup
		Overall Rank	
	Adelphi	= 1 st	5
	Lyric	= 1 st	5
	Apollo	3 rd	3
	Lyceum	5 th	1
	Globe	4 th	2

Table Tennis			Points towards I-C Cup
		Overall Rank	
	Adelphi	5 th	1
	Lyric	3 rd	3
	Apollo	1 st	5
	Lyceum	4 th	2
	Globe	2 nd	4

Year 8 Results






Inter-Community Sport

Term 4 – March 2019

Year 8 Inter-Community	Winners	
Basketball	Lyric & Adelphi	
Handball	Lyceum	
Hockey	Lyric & Adelphi	
Table Tennis	Apollo	

Year 8

Inter Community Sport Results – Term 4

OVERALL 'Inter Community Cup' (All 4 Sports)			
		I-C Points	Overall Rank
	Adelphi	14	2 nd
	Lyric	17	1 st
	Apollo	11	4 th
	Lyceum	10	5 th
	Globe	12	3 rd

Inter-Community Sport





Overall Results

Term 2 – November 2018





Term 4 – March 2019

Year 7 Results

OVERALL 'Inter Community Cup' (Term 2 + Term 4)			
		I-C Points	Overall Rank
	Adelphi	22	4 th
	Lyric	31	1 st
	Apollo	17	5 th
	Lyceum	26	3 rd
	Globe	27	2 nd

Year 8 Results

OVERALL 'Inter Community Cup' (Term 2 + Term 4)			
		I-C Points	Overall Rank
	Adelphi	28	1 st
	Lyric	26	4 th
	Apollo	27	= 2 nd
	Lyceum	20	5 th
	Globe	27	= 2 nd

FUN AT OCKPOOL!

INTENSIVE SWIMMING LESSONS

We are now booking intensive lessons through the Easter Holiday.

These will be offered in the mornings, Monday- Friday.

The cost will be £25.00 per week.

POOL PARTIES

Have a splashing good time!

SWIMMING LESSONS

Are you interested in your child learning to swim, learning to swim as an adult, or our parent & baby classes?

Our After School Swimming Lessons are open to children from Reception class upwards, we also offer lessons for adults and babies.

Sessions are for ½ hour at a cost of £6.50 per session.

Sessions are Monday to Friday, term time only.

We offer sessions each afternoon, depending on ability, from

3.40 – 4.10 * 4.15 – 4.45 * 4.50 – 5.20

Parent & Baby classes Tuesday or Wednesday mornings.

For availability and further information, please contact the Pool Manager at

Ockpool, Ocklynge School, 07928708540 or ockpool@ocklynge.co.uk

E mail ockpool@ocklynge.co.uk

