

Dear Parents, Carers, and Friends of Ratton School,

Welcome to the first edition of the Newsletter for this academic year. It has been great to see our older students return after the summer and start to get to know our new Year 7 students over the last two weeks. It has been the customary busy start to term, with the challenge of the testing programme thrown in, and a return to some of our pre-Covid closure rules and routines. The highlight for me has been talking to each year group this week in assembly about what we have learnt about ourselves over the last two academic years, and what we can go on to do. I started some of these assemblies with a quote from Oliver Wendell Jones:



"A mind that is stretched by new experience can never go back to its old dimensions."

I would encourage all our students to learn from their experiences of the past two years, but also to embrace all the new experiences, that we can now offer at Ratton School in terms of the fantastic range of extra-curricular clubs and activities available and the learning they will encounter in class. It has been great to see extra-curricular clubs up and running again and visit a range of lessons in school where it is evident our students are demonstrating the Ratton virtues of effort, teamwork, and responsibility.

In this edition of the newsletter, you'll find some lovely photos of the rescheduled Prom for the class of 2020-21 – it was a privilege to give out the awards on the night, with our fantastic Mrs Chilvers who was in charge of organising the event, and was not going to be deflected from delivering a fitting farewell by the late changes to Covid regulations last July. Check out today's Herald for a lovely article too

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the newsletter, take care and stay safe.

Best wishes,

Mr Peevers
Head of School

Important DATES!

Thursday 23rd September
Open Evening

**Monday 27th September to
Friday 8th October**

Open Mornings bookable by
contacting Mrs Meyer, Receptionist,
on 01323 504011



CONGRATS CLASS OF 2021!

Last year's Year 11 students had a brilliant time last Friday at their prom which had been cancelled twice before due to Covid.

Students made up for the delay with the biggest prom we've ever had and more than 250 guests!

Everyone looked fabulous and had a brilliant time—we wish all our past students much success and happiness going forwards.



YEAR 11 GCSE RESULTS DAY



We couldn't be prouder of our students, and it was so rewarding to see them collect, share and celebrate their results. We wish them all the very best in their future endeavours, we know how hard they have worked over the last academic year and we believe many will go on to achieve their fullest potential following such excellent results today. We know it wasn't quite a 'normal' GCSE year for them, the adaptations they have made and the determination they have shown has been commendable and has

set a brilliant example to the rest of our students and, particularly, those transitioning into Year 11 in September.

Ratton's Head of School, Mr Peevers, released a press statement and here is what he had to say:-

"It is an absolute pleasure to congratulate all our Year 11 students on their fantastic GCSE results today. They showed tenacity, maturity, and determination to do the very best they can in the most challenging circumstances over the last two years. They have made us

very proud indeed, and we have all enjoyed working with them so much. It really has been a team effort, and I would also like to thank all staff at

Ratton School for their unwavering support and expertise which has allowed our students to take the next steps post -16 and beyond.



*Well done to the following students, our top performers who secured over 10 outstanding results at GCSE grades 7-9 or Technical Award Distinctions; **Frida H-J, Emily B, Sophie D , Oliver G and Brooke N.** In terms over overall attainment across eight subjects **Billy S, Ella H and Sebastian W** also did incredibly well, and well-done **Lara V, Grace M and Aisha B** who made the most progress from their starting point at secondary school".*



Maia Woolf

East Sussex College loved celebrating A-Level results day with their students earlier last month. After another challenging year due to lockdown, their students were excited to celebrate, no-one more so than Maia Woolf who attended Ratton from 2014-2019.

The hardworking A-Level student achieved an incredible **four A* grades in Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Music**, and is now off to Cambridge University. She has her sights set on becoming an academic researcher.

Congratulations to Maia and all the students who received their qualifications this summer!



www.escq.ac.uk/blog/aspirational-students-celebrate-a-level-results

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! Ratton's 'Bugsy Malone' Production



Ratton's Performing Arts team are very excited to announce that the Royal Hippodrome Theatre has now been booked for our production of 'Bugsy Malone' in January 2022.

Our students across all year groups were busy auditioning over the last few weeks of last term and, quite frankly, blew the Performing Arts department away with their efforts!

Enthusiasm and determination to be a part of our production has been shown in spades, with some students even filming their auditions from home as they were self-isolating. A testament to their dedication and efforts.

The main parts were announced the last week of term and rehearsals will now begin in earnest. What an exciting time, we all look forward to seeing the production in January. Stay tuned for more updates!

NEWS : Instagram! Follow us.

We're now on Instagram!

We want our students to feel proud of their School and we know that Instagram is one of the most utilised platforms for their age group, so we've given them a space to connect, like and share our activity. Let your children know, so they can connect and follow.

Find us at : <https://instagram.com/schoolratton?r=nametag>

WORD OF THE WEEK



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ambitious (adjective)

Tell your MFL teacher
your sentences!



Year 8 Camp

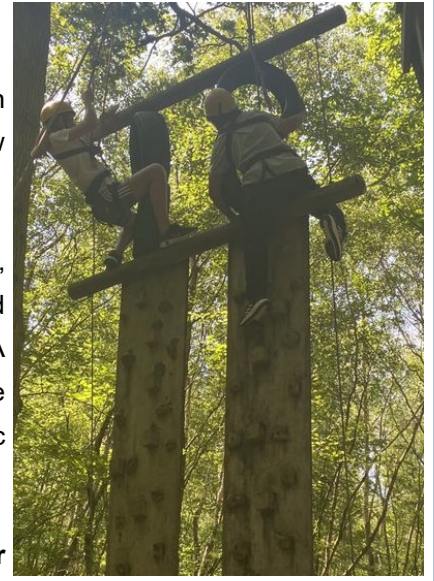
The last week of term before the summer holidays saw over 100 Year 8 pupils spend three nights camping in the blistering summer heat, it was most certainly the hottest camp in Ratton history!

Our students took on a wide range of adventurous activities at Blackland Farm near East Grinstead, during their 4-day trip and spent time on the beautiful, picturesque reservoir. These water-based activities included kata canoeing and raft building, which was a great form of team building. The students enjoyed working together, building relationships and, generally, having some much-deserved fun on the water – as well as a dip in the water to cool down from the day's heat!



Other activities saw students working together in the treetops, facing fears and creating new friendships.

The final night was spent around the campfire, where songs were sung, stories were told, and some interesting dance moves were displayed! A great time was had by all and it was lovely to see the students enjoy a positive end to the academic year.



Before departure, James was crowned **'Camper of the Week'** due to his constant smile, engagement in activities and overall good

humour with his group and staff. A very big 'well done' to you James!



Finally, a big thank you to our staff members who attended camp, led and coordinated activities and made sure the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Great work. Also, a huge thank you to our students who attended, you were impeccably behaved and a joy to be around. We hope you all made some lasting positive and fun-filled memories.

A huge welcome back to our returning families and a special hello to our new students, parents and carers. This section of the newsletter is devoted to emotional health and wellbeing. Each edition will feature some tried and tested mood boosting tips, signpost some help or share some research.

For those of you who don't know me - my name is Gemma Bryden and I am the Assistant Headteacher for RSHE and Student Wellbeing. I design resources for use in lessons, deliver wellbeing assemblies and workshops and create the newsletter. I also lead workshops for parents in order to support teenage wellbeing so I look forward to seeing you at some of those.

We are a school that takes wellbeing seriously, we aim for our students to be confident, creative and caring young people who achieve excellence - we know that emotional wellbeing is the foundation for personal development. Ratton aims to work as part of the community to promote the skills, knowledge and strategies of self-care, to ensure students know where and when to access further support and to work closely with other care providers.



YOUR
WELLBEING
MATTERS

We have an excellent and very experienced pastoral team in place to help all our students with their worries or concerns. Each student will have a Tutor that they can talk to about any worries, as well as a Year Leader and Assistant Year Leader to support them. In addition to this, we deliver sessions on personal wellbeing and emotional health throughout the year as part of Ethics.

There is also a warm and compassionate Learning Support team who, as well as supporting with academic development are able to help with confidence building, tackling worries and social skills.

For our GCSE students there will be additional workshops and events to prepare them for the strain of managing workload this year and help them plan for the next phase of their education.

If you or your young person needs some support please do get in touch, sometimes reaching out can be tough but we promise you a listening ear and non-judgemental approach.

Finally, my top tip for student wellbeing in Term 1 is to connect with others by joining one of the many after school clubs that will be up and running shortly. Whether it is sports, drama, music or IT clubs are a great way to make friends and connect with others.

Ms Bryden

What a great start to the summer holidays for Sean!

He travelled to St George's Park for the national finals and his team, Eastbourne United U12s, won making them national champions.

What a result!



Taster Day
at Plumpton College

Monday 25th October 2021

visit Plumpton.ac.uk to book

We're more than you think.

EASTBOURNE & DISTRICT BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

Junior Tournament 2021

Venue: The Causeway School, Larkspur Drive,
Eastbourne, BN23 8EJ

Saturday 2nd October

U15 events:

Boys Singles: 1:00pm
Girls Singles: 1:00pm
Boys Doubles: 2:30pm
Girls Doubles: 2:30pm

Sunday 3rd October

U11 events:

Boys Singles: 9:30am
Girls Singles: 9:30am
Boys Doubles: 10:30am
Girls Doubles: 10:30am

U18 events:

Boys Singles: 4:00pm
Girls Singles: 4:00pm
Boys Doubles: 5:30pm
Girls Doubles: 5:30pm

U13 events:

Boys Singles: 11:30am
Girls Singles: 11:30am
Boys Doubles: 12:30pm
Girls Doubles: 12:30pm

Times are approximate and may vary (Check www.eastbournebadminton.co.uk for latest timings)

AGE GROUPS: to qualify players must be born as follows:

U11: born on or after 1/1/2011

U13: born on or after 1/1/2009

U15: born on or after 1/1/2007

U18: born on or after 1/1/2004

Entries close: Friday 24th September 2021



CONDITIONS:

- FEATHER shuttles will be used throughout
- Players must be within the age groups as indicated (entry into higher age group accepted).
- The Association can accept **NO** liability for injury or loss however caused.
- Entries will only be accepted if accompanied by the appropriate fees.
- Prizes will be presented on the day.
- Fees per event:**

Singles: **U11 £4.50 U13/U15/U18: £5.50**

Doubles: **U11 £4.50 U13/U15/U18: £5.50**

Please be aware of different entry fees for different age groups

Cheques payable to: Eastbourne & District Badminton Association

Bank Transfers now accepted. Please **also** complete and send in your form.

Account Name: Philip Huggett Sort Code: 20-27-91
Account Number: 70516104 Quote Reference: JT19INITIALSURNAME

Reference example: JT19PHUGGETT

Please email me confirmation of transfer

Entries together with fees should be sent to the secretary:

Miss. Samantha Huggett, 4 Eastbourne Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN20 9LB. Tel: 07906366891.

e-mail: samanthalouisehuggett@live.co.uk

Entries close: 24/09/2021

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A PARTNER, PLEASE PUT "WANTED" UNDER PARTNER'S NAME AND WE WILL TRY TO FIND YOU ONE.

We look forward to seeing you at the tournament.

EASTBOURNE & DISTRICT BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

ENTRY FORM: JUNIOR TOURNAMENT 2021

U15/U18: Saturday 2nd October 2021

U11/U13: Sunday 3rd October 2021

Please send entries to: Miss. Samantha Huggett,
4 Eastbourne Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN20 9LB.

For doubles, both partners must complete and send a form.

If you require a partner please put WANTED and we will try to find you one.

Player's name:.....Date of birth:.....

Address:.....

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Tel:.....Club/School/College:.....

E-mail:.....

EVENT	Age Group	✓	Partners name	Fee paid
Boys Singles				
Girls Singles				
Boys Doubles				
Girls Doubles				
Total fee:				

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