



Dear Parents and Aachen Day Trippers

In order to avoid the effects of any possible inclement weather on Friday/Saturday, it has been decided that we will now travel to Aachen via the Channel Tunnel rather than by Ferry, as originally planned.

We will meet at Ratton School, Park Avenue, at 21.00 (9pm) on Friday 27 November ready for a prompt departure at 21.30. I will not wait for latecomers so please be on time! We will travel to the Channel Tunnel and catch the 00.50 train to Calais. From here we will head down to Aachen, stopping on the way for breakfast and any necessary 'comfort breaks'.

We will arrive in Aachen around 09.00 which will give us a chance to explore the town before the Christmas Market opens at 11.00. We will spend approximately 6 hours in Aachen before heading back to Calais to catch our train at 21.50.

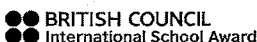
We will arrive back at Ratton School at 23.00 on Saturday 28. November. If times change considerably then I will ring the first person on the 'Telephone Chain' (list attached) who will then ring the second person and so on until everyone has been contacted. If you are unable to make contact with someone straight away, then please ring the next person on the list so that the chain isn't broken, and then try to get through to your first contact again later.

Things to bring:

- Euros - change money prior to departure. Enough for food/drink for the day, plus any souvenirs/presents from the Market.
- Pillow - you will need some shut-eye on the journey to fully enjoy Aachen. Be comfortable and bring a pillow.
- Coat - it's usually cold in Germany at this time of year so bring suitable clothing; coat, hat, gloves etc. The Market is outside!
- Entertainment - if you want to bring music players etc. then please make sure they come with headphones. I don't want to hear any music playing out loud! These items are brought at your own risk and remain your responsibility throughout the trip. These personal items can be left on the coach during the day.
- Mobile Phone - to stay in contact with me. I'd like your number too - just in case I need to track you down. My number is **07548215823**. To call me, or other mobiles, drop the first 0 and add 0044. My number becomes **00447548215823**.
- Food/Drink - bring drinks with screw caps & any suitable food/snacks. Don't fill up on tonnes of sweets etc. as you'll feel ill. Although we're going for 24 hours, it's not a 2 week route-march so be sensible with what you bring.
- Medical Form - you must have this completed before the trip!!!
- **PASSPORT** - you **MUST** have this with you to travel to Germany. Make sure I see it before Friday!

Please contact me if you have any further questions : c.reene@ratton.e-sussex.co.uk

Mr. Chris Reene (German Teacher/Trip Organiser)



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Dear Parents/Carers

As part of the Literature exam for English, students are studying the novel 'Of Mice and Men' by John Steinbeck. We are reading the text in class and making notes on characters, plot, devices etc.

As the books we are using in class are school copies it is not possible for students to write in them. As a department, we feel it would be beneficial for the students if they had their own copies of the novel in order for them to write notes in for revision purposes.

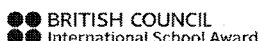
Students will not be allowed to take their own texts into the exam with them however we feel that when they go on study leave the notes they will have in their texts will help them greatly when revising in detail.

If you feel this would be a valuable thing to do, you can purchase the book from any main stream bookshop; the ISBN for the penguin edition we use is: 9780140292916.

If you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me further by phone on the school number or by email on l.carter@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

L. Carter
Second in Department for English



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Dear Parents/Carers

Ratton School will be performing a whole school musical of L. Frank Baum's, 'The Wiz' starting in the second week of December. 'The Wiz' is an African American remake of 'The Wizard of Oz,' where a young kindergarten teacher, Dorothy, ends up in the mysterious land of Oz seeking a pathway home, with spectacular challenges to face along the way.

Tickets are now available for purchase from the Finance Office where you can see a seating plan and choose your seats – Adults £5 and Children £3. Please make cheques payable to Ratton School Fund. Alternatively, please complete the reply slip below with your requirements and your child can obtain tickets on your behalf.

The show will be performed for four nights:
Wednesday 9th - Saturday 12th December at 7.30pm.

Please don't miss out on your chance to share in our incredible production, its sure to be an unforgettable experience.

If you should have any queries please do feel free to contact me or a member of our Performing Arts Team on 01323 514322, n.stocker@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

N Stocker
Curriculum Leader for Performing Arts

The Wiz - Ticket Booking

I would like to purchase Adult seats and Child seats for the performance of

The Wiz on: December 2009. I enclose cash/cheque for £.....
(cheque made payable to Ratton School Fund and "The Wiz" written on the reverse).

Parent Signature:



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Our ref: GMi

November 2009

Dear Parents

Year 10 Art GCSE visit to the Booth Museum/Sealife Centre, Brighton, on Tuesday 12th January '10

Leaving school - 8.30 am Returning to school - 3.45 pm approx

A packed lunch will be required (those eligible for a free school meal may order a packed lunch from school) and a contribution of £10.00 per student is requested in order to allow the visit to go ahead. This represents the cost of the coach.

This trip is the launch a sculpture design project. Students will need to bring their folder and a selection of pencils, pens and biros.

Please return the reply slip below to the Finance Office as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mr. G. Miles
Curriculum Leader of Art

REPLY SLIP: PLEASE RETURN TO THE FINANCE OFFICE

Student name: Tutor/Year/Community:

I give permission for my child to attend the **British Museum Art trip** and enclose £ (Cheques should be made payable to *Ratton School Fund* - please write your child's name, Tutor, Year and Community plus the name of the trip on the reverse of the cheque)

I confirm my child's medical details remain the same as the form I have already completed for this academic year.

I have not completed a medical form this academic year, please send me one for completion.

Parent signature: Date:



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Our ref: Gmi-GCSE

December 2009

Dear Parent,

I would like to invite you and your son/daughter to collect their VGCSE Art and Design coursework on **February 4th 2010**. In order to prepare the rooms for collection, I advise you to arrive **from 3.45pm**. You may need to bring a car.

The reason for the later collection date is that OCR has been asked to collect work for the National Archive. They have requested that we retain all work until **31st January 2010**. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Miles

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Our ref: CDE/CCL

30 November 2009

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to give you more information about the trip to the Goethe Institute in London next Thursday 10 December.

We will be meeting at Eastbourne station at 9am and will be travelling to London by train. We hope to be back at Eastbourne at 18.17, but if there is a delay or we catch an earlier train we will phone you from London.

As we are representing the school as winners of a competition school uniform must be worn. Please could your child bring a packed lunch.

The trip will be fully insured, all we ask is that you complete the reply slip below and return to Miss Dean by Thursday 4 December.

I will write again with further details when the reply slips have been returned.

Yours sincerely

C. Dean

MISS C. DEAN
Curriculum Leader for German

N. Zintl

MISS N. ZINTL
German Teacher

To: Miss Dean, Room 117, Ratton School, Park Avenue, Eastbourne, BN21 2XR

Student's Name.....

Community..... Year/Tutor Group.....

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Parent Signature: Date:

Please Print Name.....



department for
children, schools and families



Dear Parent,

I am delighted to inform you that your child has displayed exceptional ability in English. This means that they are now on our Gifted & Talented register for this subject and teachers will make sure that they are set work that continues to extend their ability within lessons.

Gifted and Talented learners are identified using teacher judgements, assessment criteria and examination results. Below are statements provided by the DCSF:

Gifted describes learners who have the ability to excel academically in one or more subjects such as English, Maths, History, etc.

Talented describes learners who have the ability to excel in practical skills such as sport, leadership, artistic performance, or in an applied skill (through practice).

Teachers at Ratton School plan extension activities within lessons and extra-curricular enrichment opportunities for Gifted and Talented pupils.

All students identified are encouraged to make the most of these opportunities.

Please feel free to get in contact with us for more information. The best person to speak to in the first instance is your child's English teacher. If you would like further information about your child's English course please feel free to contact me by phone or by email on p.lennon@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk . If you have any questions about the Gifted and Talented programme at Ratton please contact our Gifted and Talented co-ordinator, Mr. G. Miles on g.miles@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

Mr. P. Lennon
Curriculum Leader for English