

Our ref: RGO/CCL

February 2010

Dear Parent/Carer of a Year 7 Student

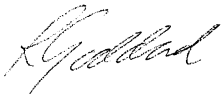
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Under the Education Reform Act 1988, we are required to deal with such payments in cash or materials by ascertaining in advance whether you wish to retain work produced by your child during their Resistant Materials and Graphics lessons. In order to avoid writing to you constantly on such matters I estimate that the School subsidised basic cost of materials required for your child this year will be £5 (cheques made payable to Ratton School Fund, students name, community, tutor group and Technology contribution on the reverse)

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Please return to the Finance Office the reply slip below in a sealed envelope with your child's name, tutor group and Resistant Materials and Graphics on the front.

Yours sincerely



MR R. GODDARD
Curriculum Manager for Resistant Materials and Graphics

To: The Finance Office, Ratton School, Park Avenue, Eastbourne, BN21 2XR

Students Name.....

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

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Signed..... (Parent/Carer) Date.....

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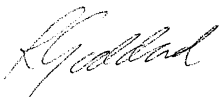
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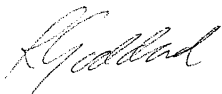
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Signed..... (Parent/Carer) Date.....

Please Print Name.....

Our ref: IAn/AMu

February 2010

Dear Parent

Year 11 Subject Consultation Evening - Thursday 11 February 2010

At this important stage of your son's/daughter's GCSE courses, you are invited to come into School and discuss their progress with subject teachers. This is an excellent opportunity for us to share all the important information that will lead to success for your son/daughter in the final exams.

There will be an appointment system in operation during the evening from 4.15 p.m - 7.15pm. On page 14 of the Student Diary, there is an appointment form. Please indicate on this page the times that you would like to attend and the names of the teachers with whom you would like an appointment. It will then be the responsibility of your son/daughter to make the appointments on your behalf.

We hope you will be able to attend on this evening but if you are unable to do so, please contact individual staff to make appointments at a more convenient time.

If you have any general queries about your son/daughter's progress I will be available in the Hall throughout the evening.

The Careers Officer, Mrs. Hudson, will also be available to see parents from 4.15 p.m. If you wish to make an appointment, please contact Mrs. Clarke at School.

We look forward to seeing you on 11 February.

Yours sincerely



Mr. I. Anderson
Acting Senior Assistant Headteacher

Our ref: IAn/AMu

February 2010

Dear Parent

Year 10 Subject Evening - Thursday 25 February 2010

At this important stage of your son's/daughter's schooling, you are invited to come into School and discuss their progress with subject teachers.

There will be an appointment system in operation during the evening from 4.15 pm - 7.15 pm. On page 14 of the Student Diary, there is an appointment form. Please indicate on this page the times that you would like to attend and the names of the teachers with whom you would like an appointment. It will then be the responsibility of your son/daughter to make the appointments on your behalf.

We hope you will be able to attend on this evening but if you are unable to do so, please write a note in the homework diary or contact individual staff to make appointments at a more convenient time.

If you have any questions about this evening or any other issues please contact your son/daughter's tutor in the first instance.

We look forward to seeing you on 25 February.

Yours sincerely



Mr. I. Anderson
Acting Senior Assistant Headteacher



Dear Students and Parents

As part of Year 11's celebration of five years at Ratton, we have commissioned a 'Souvenir Sweatshirt' for the class of 2010. The 'hoodie' sweatshirt will be navy blue, have the Ratton logo with "Class of 2010" underneath on the front. The back will have the student's name (or nickname – to be agreed by Community Learning Leaders) printed in large letters and below this the name of every year 11 student.

The cost of the sweatshirt will be £18.00 and you should submit this amount by cash or cheque (cheques made payable to Ratton School Fund with student name, tutor group and "year 11 sweatshirt" written on the reverse).

We will be allowing students to wear these sweatshirts in school with the rest of their uniform, after the Easter break so to this end, we will need to place the order by the end of February.

If you would like to order a sweatshirt, please complete the reply slip below and return with your remittance to Mrs Court in the finance office by no later than Thursday 25th February 2010.

The sizes are regular adults, small, medium, large or extra large and a size medium can be viewed in the finance office.

Please make sure the name you would like on the back of your sweatshirt is written clearly on the reply slip. We cannot be responsible for ordering a wrong name where the writing is illegible.

Yours sincerely

MR I ANDERSON
Senior Assistant Headteacher

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Reply Slip – please return to Mrs Court in the Finance Office no later than Thursday 25th February

Student Name (please print) Tutor Group:

I wish to order a Ratton Souvenir Sweatshirt in the following size – please tick:

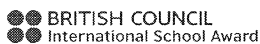
- Small Medium Large Extra Large

Name/nickname to be printed on the back :

..... Please print clearly

I enclose cash/cheque for £18 (cheques made payable to Ratton School Fund, student name, tutor group, Year 11 sweatshirt on reverse)

Parent Signature: Date:



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A Specialist College in Performing Arts

February 2010

Dear Parents

Year 7 Trip to Boppard, Germany



I am currently organising a five-day Year 7 trip to Boppard, Germany. This very popular trip will take place from Sunday 18 July to Thursday 22 July 2009, offering a full and exciting programme of activities to our students. These include :

- Visit to Cologne City : Cathedral; Chocolate Museum & Shopping.
- Visit to Phantasialand : Thrilling Theme Park.
- Boat Trip : Down the River Rhine.
- Visit to Burg Rheinfels : Tour around a ruined castle with dark passages!
- Evening in Boppard : Visit to a popular ice-cream parlour.
- Disco Night : Bop 'til you drop!

The price of the trip includes :

- All of the fore-mentioned activities.
- 4 nights, full-board in a 3-Star hotel in Boppard.
- Return ferry fares.
- Coach travel for the five-day period.
- Comprehensive Travel Insurance.

The price is a voluntary contribution of £310 in total, to be paid in instalments with an initial deposit of £50.

Year 7 students studying French and Spanish, as well as German, are all welcome to apply for the trip. There are only 44 places available. Students demonstrating exemplary behaviour at Ratton will be considered for these limited places.

* Individual Passports will be required for your child (please organise in advance).

If you would like your child to take part in this trip, please complete the attached form as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

MR. C. REENE
Teacher of German

Please return to the Finance Office - Boppard Trip 2010.

I would like my child to be considered for the Boppard Trip in July 2010.

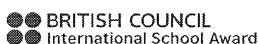
Child's Name (please print) _____

Tutor Group 7 _____ Community _____

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian) Date _____

My child has got / has not yet got his/her own passport (delete as appropriate).

I have / have not filled in a Medical Form this academic year (delete as appropriate).



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January 2010

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to give you more information about the trip to Germany in March. During the exchange I can be contacted only on my mobile 07867 503841, or on the school mobile 07968 815106. Frau Herud, the teacher in charge while we are in Germany can be contacted on 00 49 4122 54911.

I will shortly give you a telephone chain for the evening of our return on Sunday 21 March. I am sorry for the very early start on Wednesday 21 March.

Sunday 14 March Meet 14.30 at Ratton School, Park Avenue entrance
17.45 leave Gatwick
20.25 arrive at Hamburg airport
We will be met by the families and travel to Elmshorn

Monday 15 March Tour of the school
Reception at the Town Hall to meet the Mayor
Tour of Elmshorn
Welcome party

Tuesday 16 March Trip to Hamburg

Wednesday 17 March AM in school PM bowling

Thursday 18 March Trip to Berlin

Friday 19 March At the school in Elmshorn

Saturday 20 March With your families

Sunday 21 March With your families
Leave Hamburg at 20.30 (German time)
21.30 arrive at Gatwick
23.00 approximately arrive at Ratton School

Students will need to remember their passports and a valid E111 card. They also need to bring:

- A notebook/pen/pencil to keep a diary
- Comfortable shoes
- Waterproof coat
- Dictionary and/or phrase book
- Warm clothes
- Camera
- Food for the journey
- Something to occupy you on the journey
- Adaptor plug for mobile phone charger
- Plenty of warm clothing

To dial home students should phone 00 44 minus the first 0. e.g. Ratton School would be: 00 44 1323 504011.

When we return we will ring from Gatwick to let you know exactly what time we will arrive back at the school.

Students are allowed one piece of hand luggage weighing up to 8kg and measuring 55 x 45 x 25cm. The suitcase can weight up to 20kg. Excess baggage costs 7 Euros per kilo!. Suitcases and hand luggage should be clearly labelled. No sharp items in hand luggage please.

We obviously expect the highest standard of behaviour. Alcohol and cigarettes should not be consumed or purchased. Students should try not to spend all their money on the first day. On no account should students walk around on their own. I will give them a piece of paper with my phone number in case of emergencies.

Students should change money before they leave England. I recommend about £40 spending money. Thomas Cook will change money with NO commission if you mention Ratton School.

It would be good to take some photos of your family to show the host family and a present could be something typically English!.

Students will phone you when they arrive - it may be best not to phone your child too often as too many calls can be upsetting. If you have any concerns at all please do not hesitate to contact me.

I will write soon with final details. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



MISS C. DEAN
Curriculum Leader for German

Dear Parent/Carer

February 2010

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in following the 'Healthy Living' course as part of their WASP Physical Education programme in year 10/11.

This course is designed to take full advantage of the facilities and sporting opportunities in the locality. It also enables students to pursue activities which are not available within the school site.

An outline of the programme is set out below, but other activities may also become available through the year.

Each activity will last for a half term block.

February - March EASTER	Gym / Swim (Sovereign Centre)
April - May HALF TERM	(Year 10 only) Lazer Quest / Snooker (Lloyd Lanes)
June - July	(Year 10 only) Crazy Golf at Treasure Island

However, once signed up to an activity, they are committed for the full course and monies will be non refundable

The average total cost for each block, is worked out to be £30. However, because the school is very committed to this new course and we appreciate the necessary financial commitment needed from parents to fully support its launch, the school is prepared to offer a substantial subsidy. Parents are therefore asked to contribute £15 for each course which includes transport by school minibus.

The option after half term is Gym and Swim at the Sovereign Centre:

Gym This will be in the Isospar weights gym at the Sovereign Centre. There will be a fully qualified instructor supervising the sessions and it will include a full induction programme. Usual PE kit should be worn, including trainers. A water bottle is also a good idea.

Swim The swim is a social swim session fully supervised by life guards. Students will need to bring swimming costumes and a towel and be a competent swimmer (swim 25m).

Because the number of places available on this course is limited to sixteen and it will be a very popular option for students, selection will be based on a first come first served basis. The total payment of £15 will be collected in **full** and in **advance**. Cheques should be made payable to Ratton School Fund (students name, community, tutor group and Healthy Living Programme for PE on the reverse of the cheque).

If you are happy for your son/daughter to commit to the Sovereign Centre option, complete the attached parental consent form and medical form with the £15 and return to the Finance Office by Thursday 11 February in a named envelope. If your child is in PE group 11A the cost will be

£12.50 and if they are in PE group 10A the cost will be £10, these reduced costs are due to school closure days.

The course will start the week beginning Monday 22 February (first week back after half term) and carry on until the Easter break.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to phone me at school.

Yours sincerely



MRS J. UPTON
PE Teacher

Please note / advise your child:

If going period 4 - they must meet by the minibus promptly at the start of the session and they will return by 1.45pm

If going period 5 - they should meet by the minibus at 1.45pm and will return by 3.15pm

To: Finance Office, Ratton School

Students Name.....

Community.....

Tutor/Year Group.....

YEAR 10/11 'HEALTHY LIVING'
PHYSICAL EDUCATION OPTION
(Parent consent form)

ACTIVITY BLOCK: Sovereign Centre - Gym/Swim

* Please tick

- | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| I wish to book a place on: | PE Group 11A:
(£12.50) | Blue Week Thursday Period 5
Gold Week Wednesday Period 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | PE Group 11B:
(£15.00) | Blue Week Wednesday Period 5
Gold Week Tuesday Period 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | PE Group 10A:
(£10.00) | Blue Week Friday Period 5
Gold Week Friday Period 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | PE Group 10C:
(£15.00) | Gold Week Wednesday Period 4
and Thursday Period 4
(Please circle your correct PE group) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

I am happy for my son/daughter to take part in the above activity and enclose £15.00/£12.50/£10.00 (cheques payable too Ratton School Fund, students name, community, tutor group and Healthy Living Programme for PE on the reverse) which is the full cost for the course.

I understand my son/daughter will get the school minibus to the Sovereign Centre and:

a) Agree to my son/daughter making their own way home from the Sovereign Centre YES/NO (if it is the last lesson of the day)

b) Would like transportation for my son/daughter back to Ratton School. YES/NO

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.

Signed..... (Parent) Date.....

Please Print Name.....