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GOOD LUCK AND THANK YOU TO YEAR 11

This week the examinations started and today Year 11 go on study leave. I would like to thank them for their contribution to Ratton School. Each Year group has its special contribution and unique characteristics. I am most grateful to Year 11 for how they contributed to the success of our Communities: they were the first senior groups in the mixed tutor groups when they were in Year 10. I will remember this Year 11 as a cohesive year group who seem to get on so well with each other with little evidence of divisions or groups - excellent team players. A special thank you to the "Green Jumpers" who successfully raised the profile of student leadership, something they could not have done without the support of all Year 11 students.

Examinations have got off to a good start with vast majority of students already having excellent marks in their coursework subjects. Well organised and thorough revision is what is needed at this stage: the secret is to deepen what they know, rather than panic about what they do not know.

The whole school community wishes Year 11 the best of luck.

I would like to congratulate the rest of the school for their excellent conduct this week, giving Year 11 the peace they need. Their turn will come ...

David Linsell, Headteacher

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Charity Abseil - student Curtis Tatner, and our Arts Development Officer, Miz Wells, both successfully completed the charity abseil to raise funds for Lyric charity - The Sollomon Andal Trust. The money is still being collected but they have raised an estimated £300 - £200 of which was pledged to Curtis so, as promised, Miz was publicly custard-pied! The videos are available on the VLE and YouTube. Thank you to all who have already handed in their sponsorship money. Those that haven't should hand it in to the Finance Office by Tuesday 2nd June please.

Congratulations also go to Elizabeth Parker who also took part despite only being well enough two days prior to the event, but still managed to raise £30 in one day for Lyceum charity NSPCC. Well done Elizabeth! Both Elizabeth and Curtis will be receiving community points for their efforts.

INTER-COMMUNITY SPORTS

These sessions take place each Thursday lunchtime. Everyone is welcome - you don't need to sign up, just turn up at the beginning of lunch with your trainers and you will earn points for your community. Activities for next half term are:

Tennis - Courts (Miss Papagna)

Volleyball - Field (Miss Poletyllo)

Table Tennis - Small Gym (Mr Chaundy)

Rugby - Field (Mr Elliott)

Come and join in and have fun whilst earning points for your community!



GALA CONCERT EVENING

Sunday 31st May at
the Congress Theatre at 7.30pm.

We would love to see you there and thank you for your ongoing support.



SCHOOL HEALTH MATTERS

We are pleased to let you know that we now offer a centre where students can go and get advice on health issues from the school nurse, which is available on Tuesday lunchtimes - appointments can be booked via Mrs Court in the Finance Office

We do deal with various other outside agencies too, such as Connexions and CAMHS, and any enquiries to these can be referred at the discretion of our Care & Guidance Managers - Mrs Pierce (Adelphi and Lyric), Mrs Jones (Apollo and Lyceum), and Mrs Huggins (Globe).

PARENT VOICE GOVERNOR FEEDBACK

Many thanks to the parents who attended the Parent Voice meeting last Thursday evening.

Although turnout was limited we continue to provide all parents with the opportunity to attend such meetings to meet governors and the leadership team at the school.

As Chair of Governors, I was present along with Governor Michael Tunwell. Headteacher David Linsell, Deputy Anne Wardle, and Assistant Heads Liz Fitzpatrick and Ian Anderson were all there too.

There was some debate as to the best timing of such meetings, in order to gain better attendance. The next one will start at 7pm. Mr Linsell discussed various parts of the latest Parents' Survey and asked for clarification on some issues. Parents asked questions on a number of subjects, which was sometimes thought-provoking and certainly very interesting.

The next meeting will take place next term and you will be very warmly welcomed.

Peter Lindsay, Chair of Governors

CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to our highest achieving students whose hard work and commitment we are proud to recognise. These students are identified due to having received the highest number of rewards allocated by all staff for the relevant week and are awarded for various contributions - such as outstanding work on a longer project or coursework, good effort in class, effort in tutor time and participation in an extra-curricular activity to name but a few! Competition is strong and the names of students over the last 10 week period is shown at the bottom of this item -

Week ended 8th May

Jessica Davis, Michaela Message, Megan Dennis, Heledd Evans, Jamie Russell-White, Ashley Hilton, Gemma Courtney Davies, Rosalie Hide, Chelsea Willgrass, Alex Reed, Jacob Bradbrook and Eric Barrell

Week ended 15th May

Alexi Filsell, Omar-Ali Bozdog, Ashley Hilton, Jordan Curling, Ryan De Freitas, Jonathan Smithson, Sara Grabek, Melanie Lau, Bryony Bruzon-Edwards, Victoria Potter, Jack Baker, Milena Thorburn, Phoebe Cunningham, Jessica Davis, Daniel Beaumont and Lisa Sutton

10 week period up to 15th May

Jessica Davis, Megan Dennis, Rosalie Hide, Alex Reed, Toby Gazeley, Jack Baker, Paula Gonzaga Porto, Heledd Evans, Hollie Wilkins, Sophie Reynolds, Aidan Pittman, Chelsea Willgrass, Milena Thorburn and Ruby Tyrrell

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1ST-12TH JUNE GCSE EXAM AND REVISION SESSIONS AT THE KING'S CENTRE

1st-5th June

Y10 Vocational Experience -
Y10 out of school all week

Tuesday 9th June

Governors' Meeting 5pm
(Budget Committee)

Friday 12th June

Art Exhibition 4.30-7.30

PFA Years 7&8 Disco now postponed to the
Autumn term - apologies for this

SMITHS SWIMMING SQUAD

Can't swim? Can swim but want to improve? Smiths is for all abilities from beginners to competitive squad level and is from 4 years old upwards. They employ a professional coach as well as competent and qualified helpers who are all CRB checked and lessons take place in Eastbourne College pool in Old Wish Road. Swimming sessions take place -

Sunday 8-9am Masters/Swimfit
9-9.30am Beginners (4+)
9.30-10am Beginners (4+)

Monday 6-6.30pm Improvers
6.30-7.30pm Juniors
7.30-8.30pm Seniors

Wednesday 6-6.30pm Improvers
6.30-7.30pm Juniors
7.30-8.30pm Seniors

Friday 7.30-8.30pm
Juniors/Seniors

For further information contact Suzanne on 01323 479242 (after 6pm) or John on 01323 732144 or johnswimwebster@yahoo.co.uk

MAKE WAVES & SAVE LIVES SWIM fresh2o CHALLENGE

Just to let you know that, due to several requests, it has been decided to extend the Swim Challenge until the 30th June.

As before all information can be found on the website, which will be updated with the new end date by the time you are reading this!

www.fresh2o.org/swimfresh2o