



Rattonians Youth Group Survey

As a Performing Arts College it is necessary that we monitor the impact of our specialism within the community, we would be most grateful if you could complete and return the survey on Tuesday.

Name Age
School..... Post Code.....

1/ Why did you join the Rattonians Youth Group?.....

2/ Are you involved in any other arts related activities at Ratton or elsewhere?(ie, music lessons, East Sussex Music Service, Stage Coach, Trapdoor, Stomp, Circus, choirs) Yes / No
Please give details

3 / Are you/will you follow a Performing arts subject at GCSE or equivalent level? Yes / No

4/Do you feel that participating in the youth group has made you a more confident person? Yes / No

5/ Have you made any new friends through being a member of the Rattonians Youth Group? Yes / No

6/ Do you aspire to join the Rattonians (Adult Group!) when you leave School? Yes / No

9/ Have you learnt or developed any 'life skills' as a result of being a member of the Rattonians Youth Group? Yes / No Details

And For our Parents

1/ Do you feel involvement in the Rattonians Youth Group at Ratton has helped your child become a more Confident, Caring and Creative individual? Yes / No
Please give details

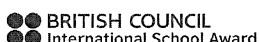
1/ Do you feel involvement in the Rattonians Youth Group at Ratton been beneficial to your child in any other way? Yes / No
Please give details

Please feel free to add any further comments on the back.

Many thanks for taking the time to complete this survey.

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Dear Parent / Carer,

As a Performing Arts College it is necessary that we monitor the impact of our specialism across the school. We are currently looking at the Year 6 & 7 transition and would be most grateful if you could complete and return the survey below to your Childs Tutor by **Monday 8st February**.

Student Name Tutor Group

1/ Before first visiting Ratton did you know we are a Performing Arts Specialist School? **Yes / No**
How?

2/ Was the Performing Arts Specialism a factor in you selecting Ratton? **Yes / No**

3 / Were there any other areas of creativity or significant factors that made you choose Ratton?
Yes / No (Details).....

4/Before becoming a Student at Ratton was your child involved in any activities here (ie, ES Music Service, Rattonians, Trap Door, Stage Coach, Stomp, Circus Monkeys, Kumon, Sports etc) **Yes / No**
Please give details

5/ Have you heard of the Rattonians? **Yes / No**
Have you ever attended a Rattonians Production? **Yes / No**

6/ Are you aware of our Annual Gala Concert at the Congress Theatre? **Yes / No**
Have you ever attended? **Yes / No**

7 / Have you attended any Productions /Exhibitions / Concerts at the School? **Yes / No**

8 / Has / is your child involved in any Arts related activities outside of normal lessons? **Yes / No**
Please give details (including extra-curricular clubs at Ratton or activities outside of school such as music lessons).....

9 / Has involvement in the arts at Ratton been beneficial to your child? **Yes / No**
Please give details

Please feel free to add any further comments on the back.

Many thanks for taking the time to complete this survey.

Mark Adams, Director of Specialism.



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Dear Parent / Carer



Year 9 Pathways

We are approaching one of the single most important periods in your son/daughter's time at Ratton School and I wanted to write to you now before your diary fills up. In the weeks following the Christmas holidays, we ask that all Year 9 students engage in a number of activities connected around choosing their Pathways options for Key Stage 4.

Thursday 14 January is Year 9 Tutor and Subject Evening. On this evening we ask that you attend with your son / daughter, meet their tutor to collect a Pathways booklet and briefly discuss the Pathways options available. We also ask that you make appointments with subject teachers to discuss your child's progress. Ideally we would like every student to attend with their parent or carer so that you are fully informed and able to guide and support your son/daughter in making their choices. There will be an appointment system in operation between 4.15pm - 7.15pm. Please indicate on page 14 of the Student Diary which subject teachers you would like to see, and the times you will be attending the evening. It is then the responsibility of your son/daughter to make appointments on your behalf.

Friday 15 January is Year 9 Cross-curricular Day. On this day, all Year 9 students will engage in a whole day of activities focused on looking at specific requirements for different career areas and the generic skills needed. The activities will be presented by a business partner and supported by a teacher from school. In spirit with the day, students are asked to dress in appropriate office/business clothes, e.g. shirt, tie and trousers, blouse, knee length skirt or dress or normal school uniform.

Wednesday 20 January is Sussex Downs Open Evening. This is another opportunity for students and parents to gain more information about the range of Diploma courses on offer next year from the Eastbourne and Hailsham Federation of Schools and Colleges.

Finally on **Thursday 21 January**, we host our own Pathways Evening where you are invited to a presentation of all Pathway option choices. The presentations will be in the Drama Studio at the following times:

5.30pm All Lyric tutor groups plus the following from Adelphi Community: Mr Robertson, Miss Blyth,

Miss Peddlesden and Mr Edwards.

6.00pm All Globe tutor groups plus the following for Adelphi community: Mr Avard, Mr Prodger,

Mr Bristow and Miss Forwood.

6.30pm All Apollo and Lyceum tutor groups.

You will then have the opportunity to visit subjects that your child may be interested in and collect more detailed information at the Pathways Fair located around the main hall. Sussex Downs College and Plumpton College will also be represented at the evening and will be able to answer any further questions you may have if your son/daughter is considering a Diploma course. East Sussex Connexions service will also be on hand should you require any further expert advice with regard to where different Pathways choices could lead.

We hope you will all be able to attend both evenings at Ratton School on **Thursday 14 January** and **Thursday 21 January** and in addition the evening at **Sussex Downs College** on **Wednesday 20 January** should your son/daughter be considering a Diploma course.

Our aim is that all Pathways option choices are made by **Thursday 11 February**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Anderson', is written over a white background.

Ian Anderson

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12/01/10

Dear Parents/Carers

CGP Revision Guides have recently published a new History revision book which covers both of our examination subjects 'Medicine Through Time' and 'Germany 1918-1945'. Revision lessons and material will be provided by the History department before the final exams, and as these revision books are designed to suit all exam boards, they may contain some material irrelevant to Ratton students, and there may be a minority or topics which are not covered. However, it is hard to find suitable revision books for History because the wide range of different GCSEs and topics, and this is the best example we've found as a useful revision aid for Ratton students.

The price of each book is £2, and in order to take advantage of this special offer, orders will need to be in soon.

Yours sincerely

R. Vinson

R. Vinson
Curriculum Leader for History

CGP History Revision Guides

Please complete and return to the Finance Office by 29/01/10

Student Name: Year/Tutor/Community:

Please order a copy of 'GCSE Schools History Project Revision Guide' for my daughter/son. I enclose £2.00 (please make cheques payable to Ratton School Fund with your child's name, year/tutor/community and "History Revision Guide" written on the reverse).

Parent/carer signature: Date:



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22nd January 2010

Geography Revision Guides and Workbooks

Dear Parent

Now your son or daughter is studying for their GCSE's, the Geography Department at Ratton School recommends that they invest in a suitable revision guide and workbook to help them prepare for their exams.

Our Department is planning to purchase a number of *Letts Revision Guides and Workbooks* for students to purchase. These books are specifically written for the AQA A syllabus which Year 10 students study at Ratton. If you would like to purchase copies of the guide and workbook, please complete the form below and return it to the Finance Office together with a cheque to the value of **£5.75** to cover the cost of both books by **Monday 9th February**. Please make cheques payable to Ratton School fund with your child's name, year/tutor/community written on the reverse.

Yours sincerely



S. Bax
Curriculum Leader for Geography

To the Finance Office

Student Name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

Please could I order copies of the AQA Geography Revision Guide and Workbook. I enclose a cheque of £5.75 to cover the cost of both books and postage.

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

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December 2009
Dear Parent/Carer



Mock Examinations Tuesday 5 January to Thursday 14 January 2010

All year 11 students will be engaged in our mock examination programme within the first two weeks following the Christmas holidays. The mock examinations are designed to give students, parents / carers and staff an accurate picture of what students would obtain if they sat their final examinations at that time. Thus areas of strength and more importantly, areas where improvement is needed can be identified. Therefore we here at Ratton School believe that this series of examinations is really important. Subject teachers will ensure students know how to prepare for each examination and what equipment they will be required to bring with them before the holidays start.

Accompanying this letter is your son / daughter's personal statement of entry for the examination period. I ask that you check over the timetable with your son / daughter who is expected to sit all examinations on the entry and ensure he/she is fully aware and prepared for each one.

The day before each examination, students are asked to check the seating plans on the examination board in the blue room and note down the location of the examination and where they will be sitting for an examination.

On the day of the examination, students should assemble in the North Playground for examinations in the hall, and the South Playground for examinations in the gym, by the second bell at 8:45 for a period 1 examination and by the second bell at 11:30 for a period 3 examination. They must have all equipment out that they may need for the examination in a clear case and have all phones and electrical items switched off and stored in their bags.

We have tried to replicate the external examination process as best we can. As for all examinations, I ask should your son / daughter be unwell on the day that you notify school as early as possible on the day of the examination. As with all examinations, extra costs to the school are incurred with the production of examination material and the employing of external examination invigilators, that we are now obliged to do, as examination supervision falls outside of normal duties for teaching staff. Therefore an administration charge of £2.00 will be charged for unnotified no shows for examinations. This will allow for the examination to be rescheduled with adequate supervision. It should be noted that a no show for an external examination not supported by a doctor's certificate incurs a charge of the full cost of the examination by the examination board (£10 - £15) and cannot be rescheduled.

I wish all year 11s the best of luck for the mock examinations and hope they achieve the grades they deserve. Any further questions or concerns you may have regarding these examinations, please contact your son / daughter's Community Learning Leader.

Yours sincerely,

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