

June 2010

Dear Parent/Carer

### New maths settings for September

As from September, the maths department is introducing a 'stage not age' approach to setting in years 7 and 8. This will mean that years 7 and 8 will be taught together for the first time.

Your child will be placed in a set according to their end of Key Stage level if they are currently in year 6 or their end of year level if they are currently in year 7.

One of the benefits of this approach is that we will be able to deliver the curriculum in a much more tailored way in order to meet the needs of every student's level of ability.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Ms. Sarrah Blyth (KS3 Curriculum Leader for Mathematics)



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Dear Parents

I am currently organising the Performing Arts trip to New York and would like to know whether your son or daughter would be interested in being involved.

Applications for the trip are being received as of now to either myself or Mr Stocker. This in the first instance should be a letter explaining why you want to be a part of the trip and the benefits to you. The letter should include the reasons why you would personally benefit from the trip and why you want to go. This letter is due Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

As the trip is bi-annual we are inviting applications from both Year 10 and Year 9. You do not have to have chosen or be on Performing Arts courses at the school to apply.

The trip is for five days and three nights; it includes flights, accommodation on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, tours including Empire State, Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island, the Museum of Modern Art, the Lincoln centre and two Broadway shows. The cost will be voluntary contribution of £780.00 and will take place from Wednesday 16th February 2011 and return to England on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2011. It is not yet confirmed which airport it will be, either Heathrow or Gatwick

Demand for places on the trip is traditionally very high and places are limited to forty five students only.

Many thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Adams', written in a cursive style.

MR M. ADAMS  
Director of Learning - Performing Arts

June 29, 2010

Dear Parent / Guardian

As part of the Creative and Media Diploma, we are organizing a trip to CentreParcs in Elveden Forest, Suffolk. This is in place of the Disneyland Paris trip which proved too expensive. The plan is to travel by minibus on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, leaving in the morning at 10.00am spending Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night at the resort and returning on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon.

There will be three members of staff, one member being First Aid qualified, and two qualified to drive the minibus.

We aim to keep the cost of the transport, accommodation, most food down to no more than a voluntary contribution of £115 by subsidizing the full cost.

Everyone needs to take a small bag, not a suitcase, with suitable clothes, including a towel for swimming. We will be self-catering for some of the meals, but some money will be needed for food at lunchtimes. A packed lunch will be needed for Friday.

Yours sincerely



Mr M Adams

Director of Performing Arts

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Trip to CentreParcs 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> July - please return this slip to the finance office by 28<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

Student Name: ..... Year/Tutor/Community: .....

I confirm that I am happy with the details and arrangements for the Centreparks trip.

The best phone number to reach me on if you need to contact me is .....

I confirm that details on my child's medical form that has been handed in this academic year have not changed.

I have not yet completed a medical form and require one to be completed.

Parent/carer signature: .....Date: .....



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Dear Parents/Carers

'Out of Ink' would like to invite you to our yearly extravaganza. As you may remember, last year we produced 'WORDS' which was a mixture of poetry recitals, the history of language and the 'ROSCAS' which were all met with rapturous applause. This year the Gifted and Talented students for English have been working on a Media based project which we would like to share with you at our evening entitled 'News Just In'.

Come and join us in the school hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm and enjoy an evening of popcorn, talent and fun. You will get a range of material from Reduced Shakespeare, Teacher's Television and much, much more.

You can be part of the fun for only £2.50 per adult, £1.50 for staff and children under 18. It's cheaper than going to the cinema, and popcorn is included! Half the proceeds will be going to the NSPCC.

Please complete the attached reply slip specifying how many tickets you require and send, with money attached, to the Finance Office. Tickets should also be available on the door but pre-booking is advised to ensure a place.

We look forward to you joining with us on what promises to be another entertaining evening, to share the hard work and effort the students have put in over the year.

Yours sincerely,

L Carter &  
English Department.

J French

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'Out of Ink-' ..... Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm.

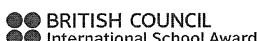
Student Name: ..... Year/Tutor/Community: .....

Number of tickets required .....

I enclose the total cost for tickets of £ .....

- please make cheques payable to Ratton School fund with your child's name, year/tutor/community and "Showcase" written on the reverse.

Parent/carer signature: .....Date: .....



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July 2010

Dear Parents/Carers

Your child is involved in a project at Ratton called 'School of Rock', an extension of the work students have been doing in Performing Arts lessons. During lessons, students have formed a class band. On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July, we plan to spend the day creating a final performance of their work in the form of a music video, involving singing, playing instruments and dancing.

Students will be able to use the work produced in this project to contribute to a *Bronze Arts Award*, a national qualification certified by Trinity College which encourages engagement in the arts. It will also develop their Personal Learning and Thinking Skills, in particular working as part of a team.

Students involved in the project have expressed an interest in buying T-shirts with the band logo embroidered on the front for the music video. We have placed an order and the T-shirts will arrive on Monday. If you can make a voluntary contribution for your child's T-shirt of **£14.50**, please complete the slip below and return to the Finance Office by **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July**. If this is not possible, please contact me ([k.wood@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:k.wood@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk)) and we can make alternative arrangements.

Should you require any further information about the project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

K Wood  
Music Teacher

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**'School of Rock' - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

Please complete and return to the Finance Office by **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July**.

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I enclose a voluntary contribution of £14.50 for a 'School of Rock' T-shirt.

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**MUFTI DAY**  
**FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JULY**

Please note that we will be holding a MUFTI day in school this Friday with proceeds going equally to the following two causes:

**Demelza Hospice** who care for life-limited children by providing specialist short-term planned respite care as well as emergency respite care, palliative care and symptom control, end-of-life care and bereavement counselling and support.

Life-limited children and their families benefit from a wide range of facilities that include a multi-sensory room, Soft Play, Jacuzzi, and The Inclusion Zone for young adults.

Demelza is a charity that is close to the hearts of some of our students and families here in Ratton and your support is greatly appreciated.

The other half of the funds raised will be spread equally between the charities chosen by our five communities for this year -

Adelphi	Help the Heroes
Apollo	Tuesday O'Hara Fund
Globe	Childline
Lyceum	NSPCC
Lyric	Sollomon Andal Trust

We are very grateful for your support and would just like to remind you that all students should wear sensible clothing next Friday - anyone with inappropriate dress or 'beach clothing' will be sent home from school.

Suggested donation will be **£1 per student** and monies will be collected by their tutor during the week.

**THANK YOU**



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