



Our Ref: AWa/LBa/TCO  
July 2010

Dear Parents

We are writing to you as parents and friends of Ratton School to ask for your support for our Sponsored Walk taking place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010.

The walk is to raise funds for the five sponsored Charities of our Communities. The remainder of the money raised will be split equally between the Learning Communities to support their own events or to purchase any necessary resources for the environment.

This walk will help support our Healthy Schools Initiative through exercise and team building.

Due to the timing of the walk students will have insufficient time to collect sponsor money after the walk has taken place, so we are asking that students collect sponsor money and bring it into School prior to the walk. Alternatively, families can make a pledge towards this fundraising activity. We are suggesting each student tries to raise between £5 and £10.

We would appreciate all monies, completed sponsor forms or family pledges returned to the Finance Office by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2010. Arrangements for the mornings programme are on the reverse of this letter.

As a reward for student efforts in bringing in the funds the Community who raises the most money will enjoy a pizza party in September.

The tutor group collecting the most sponsorship money will enjoy a bowling trip.

We would like to thank you for your continued support of all the events Ratton provides and also for the sponsor money or pledges that your family will send in.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Wardle  
Acting Headteacher

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**Return to the Finance Office by 19<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

I confirm that my son/daughter ..... who is in

Year and Tutor Group: ..... (Please print) has permission to take part in the Sponsored Walk on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010

Signed: ..... Parent Date: .....

\*I enclose a cheque/cash as my family 'pledge money'.

\*Delete if not applicable.



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## ARRANGEMENTS FOR SPONSORED WALK 2010

- Students meet at the water treatment centre beyond the Sovereign Centre swimming pool for **9am**
- Students congregate in their communities
- Students **must** register with their tutors
- Students may wear fancy dress in their community colours - otherwise sensible clothing and footwear must be worn
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- Students **must** bring bottles of water/sun screen/hats in the event of hot weather
- Students can purchase drinks and other refreshments, such as ice creams, at the Holywell Café - our half way point - they will **not** be allowed to stop en route
- Students are **not** allowed to go on to the beaches at any time
- **No** pets allowed
- **No** bikes/skates/skate boards or similar allowed
- The minibus will be available for first aid or any student that has difficulty in walking
- Students who receive free school meals will be able to pick up their packed lunch from the minibus at the end of the walk
- During this busy holiday period all students are expected to behave in an exemplary manner towards members of the public
- At the end of the return journey students **must** register with their tutors - they will then be dismissed from the rear of the Sovereign Centre by approximately **12 noon**
- In case of unsuitable weather a message will be put on the radio stations and the school website **by 7.30am** - all students will then be expected at school for a normal school day





July 2010

Dear Parents

I am sorry to inform you that your son/daughter has not been accepted on the 2011 New York Performing Arts trip.

Competition has been fierce for these places and we have reluctantly been unable to take with us everyone that has applied.

The same criteria have been applied to all students:

- Quality of Letter
- Performing Arts relevancy
- Behaviour Points to date
- Attendance to date

We would like to thank you for your support and interest in the trip and the Performing Arts here at Ratton school.

Many thanks

MR M. ADAMS  
Director of Learning - Performing Arts

A Specialist College in Performing Arts

July 2010



Dear Parents

I am delighted to inform you that your son/daughter has been accepted on the 2011 New York Performing Arts trip. You will now need to ensure your son or daughter's place on the trip by placing a deposit of £100.00 with the finance office before Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July of next week.

Competition has been fierce for these places and, reluctantly we have had to put people on a waiting list. If the deposit does not reach us by the allotted date then I am afraid that the place will automatically go to the next person on the list.

Just to reiterate, 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

The trip will need to be paid in full prior to leaving but payment cards will be issued once the deposit has been received and an agreed timescale for payments will be confirmed but please note the deposit is non-refundable. Please return the reply slip below to Mrs Comfort by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

There will be a full meeting with all students, staff and parents at the start of the next academic year and we look forward to meeting you all and explaining how the trip is organized and answering all other questions you may have by that point.

Many thanks

MR M. ADAMS  
Director of Learning - Performing Arts

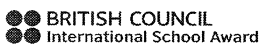
**Return to: Mrs Comfort, Finance Office, Ratton School by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

I confirm that my son/daughter would like a place on the New York 2011 trip, and enclose the non refundable deposit of £100.00. (deposits will be returned if the trip does not take place).

Name of Student: ..... Tutor Group: .....

Community.....

Signed: ..... (Parent)



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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all of our uniform requirements and changes for September 2010.

**PLEASE NOTE**

**From September 2010 all female students are expected to wear school trousers. Skirts will no longer be permitted until we are able to source a suitable school skirt which parents can then purchase directly from school. These will then be the only skirts allowed.**

This year many female students have worn skirts that are too short or too tight causing them to 'ride up', and also seem unclear about what we mean by 'knee length'. The simplest solution is for girls to wear trousers, as many already do, to avoid this confusion and inevitable confrontation. As soon as we are able to source a suitable school skirt at a reasonable cost, I will inform you and you can order these direct from school if you wish to, but until this time students can only wear school trousers.

**UNIFORM FROM SEPTEMBER 2010**

- Ratton polo shirt
- Ratton sweatshirt
- Black school trousers (not skinny, combats or jeans)\*\*
- Plain black shoes - no logo's, markings or coloured laces

**\*\* suitable school trousers can be bought from all major outlets at very reasonable prices**

The following items are unacceptable

- No facial or body piercings (including tongue piercings) except one very small earring in each ear
- No costume/fashion jewellery
- No extreme haircuts (eg tramlines, Mohicans)
- Hair colours must be natural

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A. Wardle'.

Mrs A Wardle  
Acting Headteacher

July 2010

Dear Parents/Carers

London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) Examinations

This letter is to confirm the details of the LAMDA sessions which will begin in September 2010. Your child has expressed an interest in studying LAMDA and so I now need to organise a list of students who are definitely going to be taking the exam next year.

As previously stated, the fees will need to be paid at the beginning of each term and the examination fee will also need to be paid at the beginning of the term that the examination will take place in. This gives us enough time to decide which grade they will be taking and inform you in time of the cost. Unfortunately I have to put a deadline on these fees which is that fees must be paid by the end of the first fortnight of each term or the LAMDA place will have to go to another student.

Please return the reply slip to me by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July in order to assure a place.

Many thanks again.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Bird  
Drama Teacher  
[c.bird@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:c.bird@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk)

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

I confirm that my son/daughter would like to undertake the LAMDA Examination next year as:

- A solo candidate
- A duologue candidate with ..... (if known)

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

July 2010

Dear Adelphi Student,

Many thanks for opting for this trip and the school hopes you will have a very enjoyable day. After we arrive at Portsmouth there will be some times that we must try and stick to, so I hope you will know where you should be and when. Please be prompt.

The Spinnaker Tower is 170m high, taller than the London Eye or Blackpool Tower and offers 23 mile views, from the top, of the Isle of Wight and the South Coast. Enjoy the experience from Europe's largest glass floor viewing deck!

The naval dockyard is the historic home of our British Navy. It is the home of HMS Victory, where you can see the actual place where Nelson was shot. Amongst other attractions there is also the famous Royal Navy Museum.

**Itinerary:**

- 8.45am - Register as normal. Once registered go straight to the buses.
- 9.00am - Leave Eastbourne.
- 11.00am - Arrive Portsmouth.
- 11.30am- **Bus 1** will visit the Spinnaker Tower. After, free time to visit Gunwharf Shopping Centre, which is next to the tower.

From 11.30am - 13.00 **Bus 2** will have free time to visit the Gunwharf Shopping Centre, but must be at the Spinnaker tower at 12.00pm. Please be there on time.

- 13.00 - Entry to the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. Please be there on time.

For the time you are in this area please view as much as you can, particularly the Museum. We are booked on The Victory from 13.20 onwards so we would ask you all to be at this location for the first part of our visit.

- 14.45 - Please be at the exit ready to leave.
- 15.00 - Leave the Dockyard.
- 17.00 - Arrive back at Ratton School.

Again many thanks for supporting the trip and I hope you have a very pleasant day.

Yours sincerely



MR M. ROBERTSON  
Adelphi Community



September 2010

Dear Parent

**Introductory course of Musical Instrument Tuition**

At School recently your child saw a demonstration and performance of some musical instruments from the Brass and Woodwind families of the orchestra.

Peripatetic music teachers visit the School for a minimum of 30 weeks per year to teach these instruments. Students who are keen to have the opportunity to learn an instrument will first of all be offered an introductory course of one term of lessons which will be starting soon.

Although many children do learn musical instruments in School very successfully, it is a big commitment and not a step to be undertaken lightly. We would like to have the opportunity to explain exactly what is involved and so you are invited to attend a parents' meeting, with your child at 6.00pm on Thursday 9 September. The meeting will be held in the Drama Studio. You will have an opportunity to meet the instrumental teachers and ask any questions you may have. The meeting should last an hour at the most.

Peripatetic teachers for singing and drums will not be present at the meeting but information will be available for you to contact the teacher concerned.

So that we might have an idea of the numbers to expect, would you please return the reply slip below to Miss N. Smith, or any member of the music department as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

MISS N. SMITH  
Curriculum Leader for Music

**To: Mr Cane-Hardy, AST Teacher, Music Department, Ratton School**

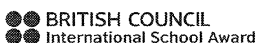
Students Name..... Community/Tutor Group.....

- \* I am able to attend the meeting on Thursday 9 September.
- \* I am unable to attend the meeting but I am keen for my child to learn the.....

(Please indicate which instrument and return with a contact number).

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

Please Print Name.....



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to invite your child to attend the onsite Turnaround Centre to work in our..... group; on a Wednesday. The sessions will begin on.....

The purpose of the group work is to develop each student's social and emotional aspects of learning, raise self confidence or further enhance emotional intelligence through circle time activities, group activities and target setting within school.

Groups will consist of approximately five or six students and will take place over a six week period during the same lesson each week. Students would be expected to catch up work which has been missed due to their attendance with the group. Students would be expected to attend all sessions and will be reminded to attend their sessions by their tutors on each Wednesday.

Please complete and return the slip below to indicate your approval for your child to attend the group work which begins on Wednesday .....

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Brown

Mrs. S Gale

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Please complete and return to Mrs. S. Gale, Turnaround Centre, Ratton School

I agree to ..... attending the Turnaround Centre for the six week sessions.

I do not agree to ..... attending the Turnaround Centre for the six week sessions.

Signed..... (Parent / Guardian)



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