

A Specialist College in Performing Arts
October 2009



Dear Parents

As we edge ever further towards December and all things festive it means that it's soon time for my German Christmas Market trip to Aachen. This year the exciting (and hard-core) 24-hour excursion will take place on Saturday 28th November 2009. Historically this has become quite a family trip and so parents, staff and of course students are welcome on board.

Christmas markets are very popular in Germany, selling all kinds of traditional gifts and delicious sweet and savoury treats. Wares are sold from wooden huts nestled between the central Dom and Rathaus (cathedral and town hall). It's a great day out for those studying German to get a snap-shot of this beautiful country, as well as those who love the excitement of Christmas. It's a day for everyone.

The good news is the price has not increased from last year and remains excellent value for money. The cost of the trip is **£40**. This includes the hire of the coach, ferry crossings to and from Dover/Calais and insurance.

I have no firm details of times from my tour operator yet, but I will give these to you as soon as I have secured them. We generally leave Ratton School late Friday night/early Saturday morning, catch an early-morning ferry to Calais, drive to Germany from here and arrive in Aachen for the Market at 10am. Around 5-6 hours is spent in the town before returning back to England late Saturday night. Quite a day and quite an adventure!

If you would like the opportunity to visit the Aachen Christmas Market, please complete the attached form as soon as possible. Please contact me at the school for further details, if required.

Yours sincerely

MR C REENE
Teacher of German

Please note: individual Passports are needed for this trip

Please return to the Finance Office - Aachen Christmas Market Trip

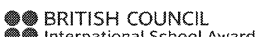
Name/s: Tutor Group Community
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I enclose £40.00 payment per person (cheques made payable to 'Ratton School' with Aachen Trip and the Name and Tutor Group of the student on the reverse).

- I have completed a medical form for my son/daughter for this academic year
- I have not completed a medical form this year. My son/daughter will collect a form from the finance office for completion.

Signed Parent Date

Please Print Name



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Dear Parent/Carer



Song and Dance Evening
Friday 6 November, 2009 in the Hall at 7pm

Our first Song and Dance evening performance will take place as above and your son/daughter is invited to perform. We very much hope you will give your permission for him/her to do so.

The final technical and dress rehearsal will be during the school day on Friday 6 November (periods 3, 4 and 5) and performers will be given a break between 4.30pm and 6.00pm.

Tickets for the Song and Dance evening are on sale and can be purchased at a cost of £3.00 adult/£1.50 child. Refreshments will be available. We do hope you will be able to join us for what promises to be a great evening's entertainment featuring our talented singers and dancers!

Please complete and return the slip below to the Finance Office as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

MR D. CANE-HARDY
Advanced skill teacher for Music.

MRS A. DUNCAN
Curriculum Leader for Dance

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

Students Name.....

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

I give permission for my child to perform in the Song and Dance evening on Friday 6 November 2009.

I wish to purchase adult tickets at £3.00 and child tickets at £1.50. I have enclosed being the total amount (cheques made payable to Ratton School Fund, students name, community, tutor/year group and Song and Dance evening on the reverse)

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

Please Print Name.....



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Dear Parent/Carer

Revision guide books for GCSE Science have now become available. It is strongly recommended that your child obtains one for use of revision in the run up to exams (the first GCSE Science exam is in January), as well as being extremely useful with homework set throughout the two years. The revision guides we sell run alongside the OCR 21st Century Science Course which is taught at Ratton.

The cost of the revision books are £3.50 each. When students choose their options (confirmed later in the year), those pupils who opt for Separate Sciences (triple) will be asked to return the Core Revision Guide in exchange for the separate Sciences Revision Guides (3 books) but will be charged no extra provided the returned Revision Guide is in good condition.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Miss K Wells
Science Curriculum Manager

Please return to the finance office

Student Name: Tutor/Year/Community:

I enclose £3.50 (cash / cheque's payable to "Ratton School Fund") for GCSE Science Revision Guide.

Science Teacher:

Parent/Carer Signature: Date:



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In previous years, as an enrichment of the Drama and Theatre Arts course, the Drama Department has sought to offer pupils a variety of activities to develop and enhance their experience of the subject.

The GCSE group has been offered the opportunity to see John Godber's play "Shakers" by Hull Truck Theatre Company at the Devonshire Park Theatre Eastbourne. Students will be expected to arrive at the Theatre and assemble outside the main foyer no later than 7.15pm to collect tickets and to take their seats. The voluntary cost of the visit is **£6.00** only. Collections from the Theatre or own arrangements must be made in advance as no transport will be provided back to school, we expect the performance to finish at about 9.30pm. As the trip is out of school hours students will not be expected to wear uniform **however** students will still be representing Ratton and will be taking part in a live theatre event and should dress accordingly.

It is necessary to explain that should your child not meet the standards of behaviour required in school, it is possible that they will not be able to take part in this trip. Please also note that if your child is ill on the day of the performance or is unable to attend, money will only be refunded if another student can be found to purchase the ticket.

If you wish your child to come with us, please fill in the reply slip at the bottom of this letter and return it to me as soon as possible, since places are limited and will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Adams
Assistant Head Teacher

Devonshire Park Theatre Trip to Shakers - Tuesday 3rd November 7.30 p.m.

Please complete and return to the Finance Office by
(date)

Student Name: Year/Tutor/Community:

I give permission for my son/daughter to partake in the trip and enclose voluntary cost of £6.00 - please make cheques payable to Ratton School fund with your child's name, year/tutor/community and "Shakers" written on the reverse.

- I will be collecting my child from the Theatre
- I agree my child can make their own way home from the Theatre
(please delete one option)

Parent/carer signature:Date:



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Year 8 Activity Camp 2010



Dear Parent/Carer

We are in the process of organising a four day outdoor activity camp for Year 8 students between Monday July 19th and Thursday July 22nd of next year and your son / daughter has expressed an interest in participating on the trip.

The camp will involve a full programme of adventure based and evening activities run by fully qualified instructors and assisted by Ratton School Staff. We anticipate that there will be places available for up to 150 students.

The 4 day/3 night camp will be supervised by school staff and there will be times when students will have limited free time within a safe purpose built complex.

The camp is to be held at Blacklands Farm near East Grinstead which is a fully equipped campsite with hot showers and other facilities. Tents are for 5-8 students.

Instruction will be provided by a long established local company (4th Dimension Ltd) and you can be confident that the instruction is of the highest standard with safety being the paramount consideration. The company is fully licensed under the Young Persons' Safety Act for outdoor activity providers. Students will be divided into groups of 10-12 and will take part in between 3-5 activities per day.

Transport will be by coach/minibus. All transport has forward facing seats and seatbelts.

The voluntary cost of the camp is £199 including insurance. The only additional costs will be a first day packed lunch and suitable clothing (most of which you will already find in your son/daughter's wardrobe)

Should you wish to reserve a place for your son/daughter please complete the form below and return it to Mrs T Comfort in the Finance Office in an envelope clearly marked 'Year 8 Camp'/ your child's name and Tutor group/ your name . Also put the student's name on the back of any cheques. Please note all deposits (when places are confirmed) become non-refundable.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Avard Camp Coordinator 2010

Please note staff reserve the right not to include or remove students at any time whose behaviour in and around school might jeopardise the safety or smooth running of the trip. (in this case a full refund will be given)

Year 8 Camp 2010

Please reserve a place for my son/daughter on the Year 8 Camp (July 19th - 22nd 2010). I enclose a cheque/cash for £50. I understand that this deposit is non-refundable. I accept that not all activities shown at the Y8 assembly will necessarily be available to all students and are subject to change.

Name of Student _____ Tutor/Community _____

Name of Parent/Carer _____

Signature _____

We so value the experience gained by students on camp that we would like all students to be able to attend and certainly not be penalised through financial restraints. Please contact the school if you wish to apply for our 'Camp Scholarship Funding' where part or all of the costs may be met (subject to conditions and availability).

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**Activity centre “4th Dimension” Indemnity Form
(No booking accepted without a signature).**

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY AND SIGN BELOW

I confirm that I

(Name)

am the person who has parental responsibility for :

(Name)..... Tutor group.....

Tel

I agree to him/her taking part in this visit and have read the information sheet and my son/daughter is aware of the details. I believe that he/she is fit to take part in the activities and have declared any relevant dietary requirements and medical details on the form above.

I give consent for the staff to seek medical advice should illness or an accident occur. If a surgical operation, dental procedure or injection becomes necessary, including anaesthetic or blood transfusion, I authorise the teacher in charge to sign on my behalf any written consent to operate, as advised by the medical authorities present. Every attempt will be made to contact parents/guardians.

I also consent to my son/daughter being administered a non prescription painkiller by a member of staff if he/she requests. I will inform Ratton School and ‘4D’ as soon as possible of any changes in medical or other circumstances between now and the commencement of the trip.

I agree to my son/daughter taking part in any activities offered and except that they may contain an element of risk.

I confirm that my son/daughter is aware of the Code of Conduct for school visits as explained to him/her at the trip meeting/assembly.

I understand that it is vital for all pupils to obey without question, the instructions of the staff.

I understand that while the school/camp staff in charge of the party will take all reasonable care of the children they cannot necessarily be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury suffered by my son/daughter which occurs as a result of the activities offered.

I understand that if the party leader considers the behaviour of my son/daughter to be unsatisfactory or could in any way jeopardise his/her own safety or that of others, that he/she will be excluded from activities or in the extreme be asked to return home early at my expense.

I realise that if my son/daughter's behaviour prior to the trip is inappropriate that his/her place on the trip may be put in jeopardy.

Parental Signature _____ Date _____

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Yours sincerely,

Mark Adams
Assisting Head Teacher

CHILD'S NAME AND TUTOR GROUP.....

Please indicate if you will be collecting your child in person from the Theatre or letting them make their own way.

Collecting Own arrangements

I give permission for my child to attend the performance of "Shakers" and enclose £6.00 (Cheques should be payable to Ratton School)

PARENT'S/ GUARDIANS SIGNATURE



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Dear Parents/Carers



In previous years, as an enrichment of Music studies in school, the Music Department has sought to offer pupils a variety of activities to develop and enhance their experience of the subject.

I am writing to inform you of an upcoming event starring our Year 7 Ratton Cultural and Dance Choir on Saturday 31st October, organized by the Eastbourne Cultural Communities Network (ECCN). The event will be promoting Black History Month, celebrating all that is best in Afro-Caribbean culture, music and food. Throughout the day there will be an exciting range of workshops; such as charitable stands, history presentations, food and music, arts and crafts, poetry and paintings, followed with a fashion show of traditional costumes.

The Ratton Cultural and Dance Choir will be performing at 11.30am. Students will need to arrive by 10.30am. The event will take place at the Pier Hotel in Eastbourne (opposite the Pier).

As the event takes place during the half-term break, your child will need to arrange his/her own travel arrangements to and from the event.

If you wish your child to attend, please fill in the reply slip at the bottom of this letter. Should you require any further information about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me (k.wood@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

K Wood
Music Teacher

Black History Month Event, 31st October 2009

Please complete and return to the Finance Office by **Wednesday 21st October**.

Student Name: Year/Tutor/Community:

I give permission for my son/daughter to partake in the event at the Pier Hotel as part of the Ratton Cultural Choir on 31st October 2009.

I confirm that my child will have suitable travel to and from the event.

Parent/Carer Emergency Contact Number:

Parent/carers signature:Date:



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