



May 2010

Dear Parent

This term, as part of the Opening Minds programme in year 7, we are running a design competition. Students have been developing the skills of Effective Participation from their Personal Learning and Thinking skills framework and their task has been to design a new community space for Eastbourne. Each group will present their designs to their classes and the winning group from each class will present their designs to all year 7 students, staff and a panel of judges from the local community on the 27th May.

We have arranged for the finals of the competition to take place at Victoria Baptist Church, Eldon Road on 27th May at 1.45pm. All year 7 students are to attend the presentations, and will be walked from Ratton to the Church by staff. The presentations will finish, following the awards presentations by the judges; by 3pm Students will then be dismissed from the Church and will not be required to return to Ratton.

Parents are welcome to attend the presentations at Victoria Baptist Church. Please use the reply slip to indicate if you wish to attend.

We hope we can look forward to your son/daughter's full and active involvement.

Please detach and return the form below to allow your son/daughter to participate.

Yours sincerely

Ms Lienna Gomm
Head of Opening Minds

Our Community Presentations - 27th May 2010 - please return to the finance office

Student Name: Tutor Group:

- I give permission for my son/daughter to walk accompanied by staff from Ratton School to Victoria Road Baptist Church on 27th May
- I understand that my son/daughter will be dismissed from the church at approximately 3 p.m.
- I/we would like to attend on the 27th May at the Church
- Please tick agreement or delete as appropriate



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Dear Parents/Carers

Your child is taking part in a recently established group at Ratton called Glee Club. We have been rehearsing frequently in the last few weeks in preparation for an upcoming television competition called *Don't Stop Believing*, which is planned to launch on *Five* in the Autumn. It has been likened to *X-factor*, but for groups.

Having sent off a video of the group performing, we have been invited to perform at the next round of auditions. If we are successful in this round, we would be invited back for one weekend in August which would be filmed and televised.

The audition takes places on Sunday 30th May (during the half-term break) in central London. We will be travelling to and from the event by coach. We plan to depart from Ratton School at 11am (meet at 10.45am) and we hope to return between 7.00-7.30pm. The cost of the coach will be £20.00 per student. Your child will need to bring snacks and drinks as food and drink will not be provided at the audition venue.

If you would like your son or daughter to attend the auditions, please return the slip below by **Friday 21st May**. Should you require any further information about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

There are several important forms which need to be filled out in preparation for the auditions, along with your signature. Without these forms, your child will not be able to take part in the auditions. A checklist is attached detailing these forms. Please ensure that your child returns these as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely

K Wood
Music Teacher

Glee Auditions - London, 30th May 2010

Please complete and return to the Finance Office by **Friday 21st May**.

Student Name: Year/Tutor/Community:

I give permission for my son/daughter to partake in the trip to and enclose a cost of £20.00 - please make cheques payable to Ratton School fund with your child's name, year/tutor/community and "Glee Auditions" written on the reverse.

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 Parent / Carer

I am writing to give you some more information about the programme for the visit of the German Exchange students in July. I will confirm timings nearer the time.

Thursday 1 July	Students arrive by coach (details to be confirmed)
Friday 2 July	AM - meet Mrs Wardle/tour of the school/lessons PM - bowling Evening - welcome party
Saturday 3 July	With families
Sunday 4 July	Voluntary walk to Beachy Head from the Pier
Monday 5 July	Day trip to Brighton
Tuesday 6 July	AM - German students in school or to town PM - Reception at the Town Hall to meet the Mayor
Wednesday 7 July	Day trip to London
Thursday 8 July	AM - in school PM - German students leave

I would like to invite you to a parent information evening on Monday 7 June at 6pm in the Learning Resources area.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely

C. Dean

MISS C. DEAN
Curriculum Leader for German

To: Miss Dean, Room 117, Ratton School, Park Avenue, Eastbourne, BN21 2XR

Students Name.....

Community/Year/Tutor Group.....

I will / will not be attending the Parent Information evening about the German Exchange students visit on Monday 7 June at 6pm

- Please delete as appropriate

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

Please Print Name.....



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Date 20th May 2010



Dear Parents/Carers

Your daughter/son is due to take the first of their Sociology GCSE exams this summer. The exams being sat are:

Sociology Basics B671 (1 hour) Friday 25th June in the afternoon
Applying Sociological Research Techniques B673 (1 hour) Tuesday 29th June in the morning.

The results from these exams will make up 50% of students' final grade.

As you are aware, this qualification is being studied for on reduced time in twilight sessions. This is very demanding on students, but the class are rising to the challenge. However, considering the difficult circumstances under which these exams are being sat it is extremely important that all students prepare effectively by making the most of all the remaining twilight classes, revising independently and thoroughly at home and attending any revision sessions offered in school. I will be available Monday lunchtimes for further revision and may be able to make myself available at other times subject to negotiation with individual students.

As Sociology GCSE is not a widely taken qualification there are few revision materials available. The notes that students have made in their exercise books will be sufficient for revision. However, should you wish to augment these the only practical choice is to buy a copy of one of the textbooks we have been using. This is costly (approximately £20), but you may feel it is a worthwhile investment. The book is called 'OCR GCSE Sociology: Student Book'. The ISBN is 978-0435807573. It is available through the publishers (Heinemann) as well as through websites like Amazon and bookshops. Students may come and use school copies of textbooks if they have arranged this with me first.

Useful material is also being put onto Ratton's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) which can accessed by a link from the Ratton School website. Students that haven't used the VLE before should log in with their network username and password, complete all the required fields in the sign up process (everything highlighted in red), and follow the link in the confirmation email (**please use your school email account - if you don't know what this is, please contact ICT support, but for students it will be in the format firstname.surname@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk**). If you have any problems using this site please contact ictsupport@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk.

Thank you in advance for your support with revision. We hope that good preparation will lead to results that reflect the effort and ability of our students.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Vinson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

R. Vinson
Sociology Teacher



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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 2nd July, leaving in the morning at 10.00am spending Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night at the resort and returning on Monday 5th 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.

Although the trip is not compulsory, the students will benefit from the whole experience and taking part in fun and educational workshops in a range of genres, such as animation, water sports, and adrenalin fuelled activities!

If you would like your child to go on this great trip, please complete and return the slip below with a non refundable £50.00 deposit. The balance will need to be paid by 25 June 2010.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Adams
Director of Performing Arts

Kemi McCartney
Student

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

Student Name: Year/Tutor/Community:

Please reserve a place for my son/daughter to partake in the above trip. I understand the voluntary cost will be £115.00 - please make cheques payable to Ratton School fund with your child's name, year/tutor/community and "Trip Name" written on the reverse when payment is due.

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

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