

Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Islamic Art at the V & A

Ratton School has been selected to receive special funding to promote and encourage students to get more involved in Arts Projects, particularly linked with other subject areas and activities. This will form part of The Arts Awards scheme at Ratton.

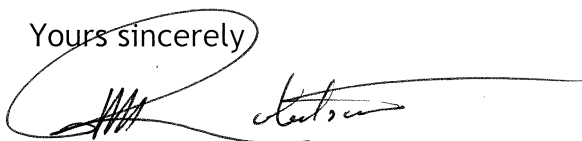
Your student has been specially selected because they show particular strength and interest our enrichment work.

: is invited to attend a visit to the V & A Museum, London on Thursday June 25th. If time permits a visit, very close by, to the Natural History Museum may also be included.

Mini-bus transport will take the students from school to Eastbourne Station and they will be required to make their own way home from the station at 5 o'clock or, of course, be collected. Please note there is no cost as the school is funding the trip.

If you agree to your student attending the trip please complete the form below and return to the school as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



Malcolm Robertson

Student Name: Tutor/Year/Community

I give permission for my daughter / son to attend the V & A trip and will ensure that arrangements are made for their safe travel home after 5.00pm.

Parent Signature: Date:

A Specialist College in Performing Arts



Our ref: DCh/MDa

May 2009

Dear Parent

Ratton Gala Concert - Sunday 31st May, 7.30pm - Congress Theatre, Eastbourne

This year, students from the Performing Arts will be once again joining together to present an evening of Music and Dance to celebrate our 21st Annual Gala Concert.

It promises to be an exciting, wonderful and varied evening of entertainment featuring: The Ratton Players, Ratton Choirs, Jazz Ensemble, World Music Group, The Rattonians Youth Group, Stomp group, Opening Minds, plus various ensemble groups and solo items.

As always, there will be a tremendous variety of musical styles involved in the Concert - something to cater for everyone's taste.

You can buy our tickets direct from the Box Office at the Congress Theatre (tel 01323 421000), tickets cost £8.50 for Adults and £7.00 for Children & Senior Citizens.

Please encourage as many of your friends and family to support this, our 21st Gala Concert.

Make a date to see Ratton School's Performing Arts Department at its best.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Cane-Hardy
Advanced Skills Teacher in Music



Headteacher: David Linsell MA (Ed)
Park Avenue Eastbourne
East Sussex BN21 2XR
T 01323 504011 F 01323 520364
E admin@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk
www.ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk

Our ref: DLi/LBa
May 2009



Dear Parents

PARENT VOICE

As part of our ongoing commitment to involving parents more in the life of our school, we are writing to remind you that we will be holding our next Parent Voice meeting, next Thursday 14th May, from 6.30-7.30pm.

The meeting will start with feedback from issues raised in the previous meeting, followed by a discussion on how - as a school - we can help parents support their children's learning, and finishing with an open questions session. If you have an issue of a specific nature, then this meeting is not an appropriate forum but, as always, we welcome direct contact.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but have an issue or suggestion you would like to be raised please feel free to use the attached reply slip. We shall be grateful if you will kindly complete and return the slip in any case, to give us an indication of numbers attending.

Yours sincerely

Mr David Linsell
Headteacher

Mr Peter Lindsey
Chair of Governors

Please return to Reception

PARENT VOICE MEETING - Thursday 14th May 2009

I will be attending the meeting detailed above

I will not be attending the meeting detailed above

I will not be attending the meeting detailed above but would like the following issue raised

Signed _____



Headteacher: David Linsell MA (Ed)
Park Avenue Eastbourne
East Sussex BN21 2XR
T 01323 504011 F 01323 520364
E admin@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk
www.ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk

A Specialist College in Performing Arts

May 2009



Our Ref: AWa/Amu

Dear Parents

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support over the last five years. It seems incredible that your son/daughters are now preparing to leave and move on to further education.

I wanted to remind you that with the exception of our students receiving extra support or time in their GCSE exams, all other students will need to attend the Kings Centre for all exams between 1 - 12 June. The first exam after the May break is a 9.00 a.m. Maths calculator exam. Students need to make sure they are aware of how they will travel to the Kings Centre in good time for this early start. The doors will open at 8.45 to enable students to be seated by 8.55am.

From Monday 15 June, all students with exams still to be taken will sit these exams back at Ratton. We will continue to offer revision sessions prior to the exams wherever we can.

This week will be their final lessons in school and on Thursday 21 May, Year 11 students will leave site at 12.20 following their Maths, English and Science lessons. On Friday, their final day, all students will leave School at 1.20 p.m. During the morning there will be a German exam and we obviously expect impeccable behaviour from all our students. Any Year 11 student who fails to meet our expectations with inappropriate behaviour will be sent home and they will forfeit their attendance at the Leavers assembly and the Prom. I hope this will not be necessary.

Please note any student entitled to a free school meal can collect this from 'Refresh' at break time each day. I would also ask you to support us in ensuring your son/daughters continue to prepare for their exams by revising 'little and often', eating well and getting a good night's sleep, particularly important before our early exams.

There will be an opportunity on Wednesday 24 June at 10.30 a.m. for students to return any science books that are in good condition and they will be given a refund. Any other school books or equipment should also be returned on or before this date.

I wish all our students every success in these exams and look forward to sharing that success with them on August 27, when they can collect their results from School at 10.00 a.m.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. A. Wardle
Deputy Headteacher



Headteacher: David Linsell MA (Ed)
Park Avenue Eastbourne
East Sussex BN21 2XR
T 01323 504011 F 01323 520364
E admin@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk
www.ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk



May 2009

Dear Students

Firstly a well done for how well you all conducted yourselves in the first maths paper this week, hope you all feel that you did well and yourselves justice. We were however disappointed with the amount of equipment that you as a group borrowed and ask that you ensure you fully equip yourselves with a **simple maths set and scientific calculator** for the next exam.

Reminder that this exam is on Monday 1st June at the Kings Centre - please be there at 8.50 in order for us to begin on time.

We have looked at the first paper and discussed the topic areas we feel are likely to be on the second paper to give you a good feel for what you should revise over the next week. Please see attached sheet. Remember that the second paper is just as important as the first and a good result could tip you into the grade you want.

A reminder that you all have a red revision book and mymaths passwords to help you revise. There are also many other maths websites that you can use and we still have maths watch CD's if you want to get one.

We would like to now take this opportunity to wish you all the very best of luck in the second maths exam and indeed with all your exams and hope that you get the results you deserve when we see you in August.

Good luck

Janine Peters
(Learning Director)
Maths Team

Gary Edwards
(Key Stage 4 Curriculum Leader for Maths)

May 2009



Dear Parent/Carer

Modern Languages and History Day Trip to France - 7th July 2009

We are planning a trip to La Coupole which is near St Omer in northern France. It is a World War 2 German rocket base and is of huge interest and importance.

The trip is being offered to Year 9 with an interest in history and/or MFL.

There will also be the opportunity to complete specific History/MFL activities on the day.

We are including a visit to a Hypermarket where students will carry out a research task.

The best contributions and observations will win a prize and community points.

Places are limited, so if you would like to go please return the slip below as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely

MRS M WOODS (CURRICULUM MANAGER FRENCH DEPARTMENT)

- 06.30 Depart School
- 09.30 Seafrance ferry Dover / Calais
- 12.00 Arr Calais (local time)
- 12.45 Arr La Coupole. Visit plus lunch before
- 15.30 Departure for Auchan, Calais
- 16.15 Arr Auchan
- 17.15 Depart
- 18.30 Ferry
- 19.00 Arr Dover (UK time)
- 21.0 Arr at School

Total (Voluntary) Price per person £30.00 Including all coach travel, ferry fares plus entrance to La Coupole

YOU WILL NEED A VALID PASSPORT

Please complete and return to the Finance Office by 30th June

Student Name: Year/Tutor/Community:

I give permission for my son/daughter to partake in the trip to La Coupole and enclose voluntary cost of £30.00 - please make cheques payable to Ratton School fund with your child's name, year/tutor/community and "La Coupole" 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.
- I confirm that my child is in possession of a valid passport.

Parent/carer signature:Date:



Headteacher: David Linsell MA (Ed)
Park Avenue Eastbourne
East Sussex BN21 2XR
T 01323 504011 F 01323 520364
E admin@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk
www.ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk

A Specialist College in Performing Arts



May 2009

Dear Parent

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in following the 'Healthy Living' course as part of their WASP Physical Education programme in year 10.

This course is designed to take full advantage of the facilities and sporting opportunities in the locality. It also enables students to pursue activities which are not available within the school site.

An outline of the remaining programme is set out below. Each activity will last for a half term block.

HALF TERM

June - July

Crazy Golf (Treasure Island)

Students may pursue the whole course throughout the year, or opt out at the end of a block. However, once signed up to an activity, they are committed for the full course and monies will be non refundable

The average total cost for each block, is worked out to be £30. However, because the school is very committed to this new course and we appreciate the necessary financial commitment needed from parents to fully support its launch, the school is prepared to offer a substantial subsidy. Parents are therefore asked to contribute £15 for each course which includes transport by school minibus.

The option after half term is Crazy Golf at Treasure Island.

Because the number of places available on this course is limited to sixteen and it will be a very popular option for students, selection will be based on a first come first served basis. The total payment of £15 will be collected in **full** and in **advance**. Cheques should be made payable to Ratton School Fund (students name, community, tutor group and Healthy Living Programme for PE on the reverse of the cheque).

If you are happy for your son/daughter to commit to the Crazy Golf option, complete the attached parental consent form with the £15 and return to the Finance Office by Friday 5 June in a named envelope.

The course will start Thursday 11 June (second week back after the holidays) and carry on until Thursday 9 July. (Please make a note of the start and end date for this block)

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to phone me at school.

Yours sincerely

MRS J. UPTON
PE Teacher

Please note:

Please advise your child they must meet by the minibus promptly at the start of the session or at 1.45pm if they have their lesson period 5.



Headteacher: David Linsell MA (Ed)
Park Avenue Eastbourne
East Sussex BN21 2XR
T 01323 504011 F 01323 520364
E admin@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk
www.ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk



May 2009

Dear Parents/Carers

Swine Flu A(H1N1) Update

The World Health Organisation alert for pandemic flu remains at phase 5. There have been no reported cases in the South East.

All households will by now have received the NHS leaflet giving the information needed to be aware of symptoms and what families should do if they suspect a case of flu. It also gives advice about steps that can be taken with regard to good hygiene acting as preventative measures.

All Schools have been issued with guidelines and we assure you that our Crisis Management Policy is fully up to date incorporating the latest advice related to swine flu.

In the event of a case being confirmed in East Sussex, all schools will be informed and should this be a member of staff or student at Ratton, we will take immediate advice and act accordingly.

To ensure that we are able to contact parents effectively we are sending your son/daughter home with a Data Collection Sheet.

Please can you check the information carefully, especially the telephone and e-mail contact details. Please return the Data Collection sheet with corrections ONLY if there are any changes to be made. Sheets should be returned to your son/daughter's Tutor.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Linsell
Headteacher





May 2009

Uniform

Dear Parents,

As we enter the summer months at school, I would like to take the opportunity to remind you of our uniform expectations, which have not changed. The uniform expectations are clearly laid out in the Student Planner on pages 7 and 8 and I would like to draw your attention to the first paragraph:

“We operate a strictly enforced policy on uniform. Our uniform consists of black shoes, black or very dark grey trousers (not jeans, combats or skinny trousers) or knee length skirts (skirts shorter than this are not allowed) and a school polo top and sweatshirt.”

I would appreciate your support in ensuring that when your child returns to school after the holidays that this is adhered to. I know the summer is likely to be very hot, however we believe that our uniform, as stated, is appropriate for hot (as well as cold) weather.

Please support Ratton School by rectifying any errors that may have been made. Please note that other items of clothing, such as cardigans, are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn to school.

I do recognise that you may not always be at home to check your child's uniform as they leave the house and so we will write to you personally the first time an error is made to alert you. For future errors, we will offer students an alternative from our stocks for that day, or ask students to go home and return appropriately dressed.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Anderson
Assistant Headteacher KS4

A Specialist College in Performing Arts



Dear

Would you like to reach a targeted audience of at least 1000 Eastbourne families?

On Sunday, 31st May this year, the 21st Ratton School Gala Concert will be held at The Congress Theatre. We are compiling a prestigious 'new look' anniversary programme, and are inviting local companies to take advertisements in this publication.

An advertising rate-card is enclosed and you will see that for a very small cost, your company and organisation can be associated with this prestigious event.

If you have any queries, or need any more information please do not hesitate to contact me – or any of the Year 10 Media Marketing team - at the school.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Parker'.

Sandy Parker (Ms)
Curriculum Leader Media



Headteacher: David Linsell MA (Ed)
Park Avenue Eastbourne
East Sussex BN21 2XR
T 01323 504011 F 01323 520364
E admin@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk
www.ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk

A Specialist College in Performing Arts

June 2009



Dear Parents

Re: Year 7 Germany Trip 2009

I would like check two important things before we meet together as a group next month (the time and date for this meeting is to be confirmed). These are:

1. Passport
2. European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)

The Passport

- Each child must have his/her own passport to travel outside of the UK.
- It must not expire less than 6 months from the time of travel (if your child's passport expires in 2009, then you'll need to renew it).
- Application Forms for a Passport can be obtained from most Post Offices.

The EHIC Card

- I want all students to have this card with them when we travel to Germany.
- If your child has an EHIC, check that it hasn't expired.
- You can apply for/renew these cards online or at the Post Office :
<https://www.ehic.org.uk/Internet/home.do>

When you have these documents, please send them into School for me to photocopy and check. It's best to send them sealed safely in an envelope. I shall copy them and check them within 24 hours of receipt. They will then be ready for your child to collect. If you'd rather, you can drop them off and collect them from Reception yourself (if you think your child will lose them at some point between home and school!).

I look forward to seeing you shortly.

Yours sincerely

Mr Chris Reene
(German Teacher/Trip Organiser)



Headteacher: David Linsell MA (Ed)
Park Avenue Eastbourne
East Sussex BN21 2XR
T 01323 504011 F 01323 520364
E admin@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk
www.ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk

A Specialist College in Performing Arts



Our ref: JSu/ARu

June 2009

Dear Parents

Art Department VGCSE Year 10 visit to the British Museum, London, on Monday 29th June 2009

Leaving school - 8.30 am

Returning to school - 4.30 pm approx

A packed lunch will be required (those eligible for a free school meal may order a packed lunch from school) and a contribution of £10.00 per student is requested in order to allow the visit to go ahead. This represents the cost of the coach.

This trip is the launch of Unit 2. Students will need to bring with them their sketchbook and a selection of pencils, pens and biros.

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

Yours sincerely

MS J SULA
Curriculum Leader of Art

REPLY SLIP: PLEASE RETURN TO THE FINANCE OFFICE

Student Name:

Tutor/Year/Community:

I give permission for my child to attend the **British Museum Art trip** and enclose £
(Cheques should be made payable to *Ratton School Fund - please write your child's name, Tutor, Year and Community plus the name of the trip on the reverse of the cheque*)

I confirm my child's medical details remain the same as the form I have already completed for this academic year.

I have not completed a medical form this academic year, please send me one for completion.

Parent Signature: Date:



Headteacher: David Linsell MA (Ed)
Park Avenue Eastbourne
East Sussex BN21 2XR
T 01323 504011 F 01323 520364
E admin@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk
www.ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk