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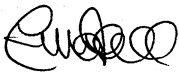
Dear Parent/Carer

I am pleased to tell you that popular authors Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell are visiting the school on Monday 6th July to talk to Year 7 students.

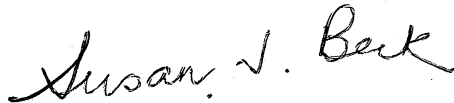
Paul and Chris have written a number of popular children's books including the fantasy series, "The Edge Chronicles" and more recently the "Barnaby Grimes" series and their books will often engage even the most reluctant reader. Paul will be talking about the latest book in the Barnaby Grimes series "Phantom of Blood Alley" and Chris will be demonstrating his amazing ability in the art of illustration.

Students will have the opportunity to have their own copy or copies of the books signed during the visit by completing the form below and by sending payment for each book. This event is in partnership with Mr and Mrs Doak's Bumper Bookshop in Grove Road.

Yours sincerely



MISS E. PAJAK
Director of Word



MRS S. BECK
Learning Resources Manager

Author Visit Monday 6th July

Please complete and return to Mrs Beck in the LRC by Monday 6th July

Students Name:

Year/Tutor/Community:

I would like to have the following book/books by Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell supplied and signed:

- Phantom of Blood Alley £9.99
- Legion of the Dead £4.99
- Return of the Emerald Skull. £4.99
- Curse of the Night Wolf. £4.99

I enclose cash/cheque made payable to Ratton School Fund (students name, community, tutor group and author visit 6 July on the reverse)

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

Please Print Name.....

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26th June 2009



Dear Parents/Carers

MUFTI DAY
FRIDAY 3RD JULY 2009

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

Firstly, as you may be aware, Ratton sponsors the education, school meals and basic healthcare for Wilbur Sempwa and Semei Kasumbi from Kabubbu in Uganda. Our annual sponsorship frees the families from the financial worry of continuity in the children's education in a culture in which families are forced to live a hand-to-mouth existence, and allows Wilbur and Semei the opportunity to concentrate and make the most of their education. The Quicken Trust ensures that all donations are used wisely and thank you all for your commitment and provision for Wilbur and Semei.

Secondly, our current Head Boy Josh Spriggs will be visiting Brazil for three weeks this summer as part of a team from All Saints Church and Emmanuel International - a global, interdenominational, evangelical agency which assists communities worldwide through the agency of their local churches to meet the needs of the poorest of the poor in their communities and which has a proven record of commitment, care and compassion in meeting these needs. The team will be travelling to an extremely rural area with little, if any, previous contact with visitors from a first world country in order to help the local community.

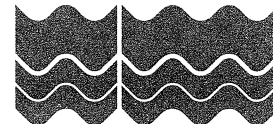
We are very grateful for your support and would just like to remind you that all students should wear sensible clothing - anyone with inappropriate dress will be sent home from school.

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

THANK YOU



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Throughout this year at Ratton School, every year 7 pupil, as part of their Opening Minds lessons, has had the opportunity to learn a baritone, cornet, trombone or a clarinet. Each class has received 10 lessons learning as part of a larger 'band method'.

This project is one of only two that is happening across East Sussex, where the pupils learn an instrument for a set time for free including the loan of the instrument. The project has been a great success and has been a joint venture between Ratton School and the East Sussex Music Service led by Duncan Purvey and myself.

We have been very impressed at the willingness and ability of the year 7 pupils, with many excelling at it. As well as being a very enjoyable past time, music is a life skill that can encourage creativity, develop social skills, and improve discipline and concentration across the school curriculum.

The pupils now have the opportunity to continue these lessons in year 8 through the music service in smaller groups of 3 or 4. Ten lessons are offered each term starting in September during the school day and will be for 30 minutes in length.

If your child would like to continue with their instrumental lessons, please ensure that they pick up an application form from either Miss Smith or Mr Cane-Hardy. This form when completed needs to be sent to the East Sussex Music Service office in Lewes. The fee structure is also explained on the form along with a telephone number for the music service office if there are any queries. It may also be possible to hire an instrument from the music service as well.

I do hope your child has enjoyed their Opening Minds instrumental lessons this year, and I look forward to teaching many of them in year 8 at Ratton School.

Yours sincerely,

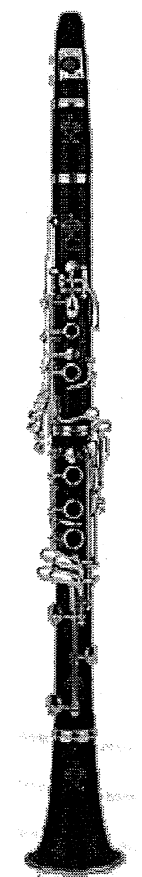
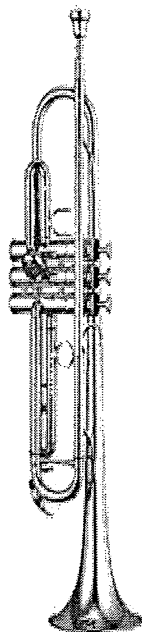
Marcus Plant
Regional Leader, Eastbourne
East Sussex Music Service

East Sussex Music Service

Performing Arts Centre, Mountfield Road, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 2XH

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1 July 2009

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Year 10 Taster Day - EVOC (Sussex Downs College) - Monday 6 July 2009

The final arrangements for the Year 10 Taster Day at EVOC are now complete.

- The college has made every effort to meet choices but over or under subscription have resulted in some changes.
- Students do **not** need to wear school uniform, however, clothing must be suitable and appropriate for the tasters chosen
- Refreshments will be available at the college during the break, so students should bring a small amount of money with them.
- The Programme for the day is:

EVOC (Sussex Downs College - Monday 6 July (All students))

8.45am	Arrival (Report for registration - outside the Kings Building)*
8.55am	Report to EVOC staff in the Kings Building to be given your taster programme
9.15 - 10.45am	Taster 1 - PUB - Public and Uniformed Services
10.45 - 11.00am	Break (Refreshments will be available for students to purchase)
11.00 - 12.40pm	Taster 2 - RET - Retailing
12.40pm	Evaluation at the end of this session and hand out of EVOC bags
12.45pm	END (Report for registration - on the lawn by Tyler House)*
12.50pm	Students will be dismissed and allowed to go home for the rest of the day

* Students will register as follows:

Students in the **Lyric** Community; register with Mrs Clarke (Work Related Learning Coordinator)
Students in the **Adelphi** Community; register with Mrs Williams (Teaching Assistant)
Students in the **Apollo** Community; register with Mr Anderson (Assistant Headteacher for KS4)
Students in the **Globe** Community; register with Mrs Huggins (Care and Guidance Leader)
Students in the **Lyceum** Community; register with Mrs Jenner (Welfare Officer for Lyceum)

I hope that all students make the most of the day and have an interesting and enjoyable taste of what the College has to offer.

Yours sincerely

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2 July 2009

Dear Parents

Re: Year 7 Trip to Boppard / Germany 19 - 23 July 2009

I am now able to give you final details regarding our trip:

1) Itinerary & Activities

Sunday July 19, 2009

Students arrive at School	-	06:00
Coach leaves	-	06:30
Depart Dover	-	09:30
Arrive Calais	-	12:00 (local time)
Arrive Boppard	-	19:30
Settle into hotel		
Dinner in hotel	-	20.00
Evening walk into Boppard	-	Depending on time

Monday July 20, 2009

Depart after breakfast with packed lunch to excursion to Phantasialand theme park	-	08:30
Dinner / Sport activities		
Back in Boppard	-	18:30

Tuesday July 21, 2009

Depart after breakfast with packed lunch for excursion to Cologne	-	09:00
Sightseeing / Shopping	-	12:00
Guided tour Chocolate Museum to see how chocolates are made	-	16:00
Return to hotel late afternoon dinner / evening activities (Disco, bring your favourite CDs)	-	19:00

Wednesday July 22, 2009

Steam boat ride on the Rhine (11.00 from Boppard to St.Goar 12.20)	-	11.00
Picnic in St.Goar	-	12:30
Visit medieval Castle Burg Rheinfels (catacombs)	-	13:00



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July 2009

Dear Parents

As a member of the Year 7 and 8 Drama club, your child has been working incredibly hard over recent months to prepare a variety of short performances for our Drama Festival.

This event will be held outside on the front lawn of the school, on what we hope will be a beautiful summer's evening! (Or in the Dance studio if it rains!) And we hope to install it as an annual event.

We are delighted to present this collection of talent from our younger students - Many of whom have not performed at Ratton before. The show will include stage fighting, Shakespeare, mask and devised work as well as acting as a platform for students to perform work that they have come up with in their own time.

The festival will be held on Thursday the 9th July at 6pm, and your child will be required to remain at school until that time to rehearse. Tickets are just £2 and are available in advance from the drama office in school, or on the door. Strawberries and cream will be on sale, but please feel free to bring drinks and nibbles with you and make an evening of it! Please also bring as many people as possible so that we can make the event a real success.

We hope to see you there!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eleanor Mockler".

Miss E Mockler

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V Kirwan".

Miss V Kirwan

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July 2009

Dear Parents/Carers

On Friday 17th July the Ratton World Music Group will be presenting an evening of music at 7.30pm in the Main Hall. The PFA will be providing a 'bar' of light refreshments and seating will be in 'cabaret style'. We do hope that many of you will be able to attend what should be an enjoyable evening's musical entertainment. The evening should end at approximately 8.45pm.

This is the 5th generation of World Music Groups at Ratton and I am very excited about the music they are preparing for the 'Cabaret Evening' on 17th July. World Music at Ratton combines vocal and instrumental improvisation using authentic world instruments with modern music technology. The students all contribute their ideas for the compositions using their own words and melody lines. Gradually the various strands and timbre build up to produce an evocative and unique sound.

We look forward in seeing you at our evening of 'World Music'.

Admission: Adults £3.00 Children £1.50 Tickets available from Mr Cane-Hardy [Room 218]

Yours sincerely

D L Cane-Hardy

D Cane- Hardy
Advanced Skills Teacher in Music

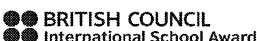
A Cabaret Evening of World Music 17th July at 7.30pm Main Hall, Ratton School

Please complete and return the reply slip to Mr Cane-Hardy

Student Name: Year/Tutor/Community:

I would like Adult tickets/ Children tickets and enclose the cost of £ Please make cheques payable to Ratton School fund with your child's name, year/tutor/community with the event name written on the reserve.

Parent/carer signature: Date:



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2 July 2009

«Sal»

«Address_1»

«Town»

«Postcode»

Dear «Sal» and «Forename»

Year 10 Taster Day - Lewes 6th Form College (Sussex Downs College) - Thursday 9 July 2009

The final arrangements for the Year 10 Taster Day at Lewes are now complete. Mrs Louis and Mr Dunn will meet «Forename» for registration at Lewes on the day. Please make sure «Forename» allows enough time to travel to the college for the 8.45am start.

- The college has made every effort to meet «Forename»'s choices.
- Students do not need to wear school uniform, however, students for the Dance and Public Services taster sessions are advised to wear suitable clothing to ensure ease of movement.
- Students who are taking part in the Music taster sessions are asked to bring in their own musical instruments if portable.
- Refreshments will be available at the college during the break, so students should bring a small amount of money with them.
- The Programme for the day is:

Lewes 6th Form College (Sussex Downs College - Thursday 9 July 2009)

8.45am	Arrival (Report for registration with Mrs Louis and Mr Dunn- at the Cliffe Building indicated on the map on the reverse of this letter).
9.00am - 9.10am	Report to Lewes 6 th Form staff at the Cliffe Building, where your taster sessions will be confirmed.
9.10am - 9.15am	You are collected for your 1 st session.
9.20am - 10.15am	Taster 1.
10.20am - 10.25am	You are collected for your 2 nd session.
10.30am - 11.25am	Taster 2.
11.25am - 11.45am	Break - you can buy drinks and snacks if required.
11.45am - 11.55am	You are collect for your 3 rd session.
12.00pm - 12.55pm	Taster 3.
12.55pm - 1.00pm	Report to Mrs Louis and Mr Dunn for registration before being dismissed for the rest of the day.

I hope that all students make the most of the day and have an interesting and enjoyable taste of what the College has to offer.

Yours sincerely



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