

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 10th February

Ski Trip Parents Evening 5.45pm

Thursday 11th February

Year 9 Careers Day
Young Ent Valentine's
Talent Show

Friday 12th February

Inset Day—no students in school

15th-19th February

February Break

Monday 22nd February

First day of Term 4 8.40am

22nd February—4th March

Y11 Pre-Public Exams (2nd)

Tuesday 23rd February

Governors Resources 5pm

Thursday 25th February

Rockley Parents Evening 6pm

If you're in Year 9 and would like to go to The Spring Knitting & Stitching Show in Olympia on 4th March please see Mrs Wiecek or Mr Miles for more details...

Progress8



There are many ways to assess how schools are performing and over the course of this year we are going to see some significant changes. For many years, schools have been assessed on how many students achieve the 'gold standard' measure of 5 A*-C GCSE grades including English and Maths. This was a key part of the secondary schools performance tables that were published last week. The new measure, which will be reported nationally from summer 2016, is called Progress 8. This measure places emphasis on how much progress all students have made between the start of Year 7 and the end of Year 11 across at least 8 GCSE subjects.

I am pleased to say that under both the 'old' and 'new' measures Ratton was well above national averages and, in the recent secondary performance tables when measured against other similar schools nationally, was second from the top.

We wish Year 11 students good luck with the second set of pre-public exams which start on Monday 22nd February. I know that students in Years 7 to 9 are working hard on their second Diploma tasks due in on Friday 26th February and we are looking forward to celebrating their success!

Year 9 students are building up the focus on the future with the Pathways process which includes assemblies from Colleges and an exciting Careers Day.

Please enjoy this action packed newsletter with a focus on student leadership and entrepreneurship!

Mr Knox-Macaulay, Headteacher

Trade Fair at Eastbourne Arndale Centre

Come and see us at the Eastbourne Arndale Centre **TOMORROW!** Both Y10 Young Enterprise teams will be represented selling their wares all day. Come down, chat and buy your Valentine that special gift ready for the 14th.

Congratulations

Many congratulations to our highest achieving students whose hard work and commitment we are proud to recognise.

These students are identified for having received the highest number of rewards allocated by all staff for the relevant week and are awarded

for various contributions - such as outstanding work on a longer project, good effort in class, effort in tutor time and participation in an extra-curricular activity to name but a few!

Week ended 22nd January

Taylor Briley, Byron Groom, Millie

Springett, Jesse-Louise McWilton-Edgar, Hope Kelly, Sasha Bayne, Luke Barden, Hannah Saunders, Levi Woolf and Sophie-Lauren Brown

Week ended 29th January

Hellen Stratakou, Madison Modestou, Sydney Thornton, Bayley Clinton and Millie Springett

Indya-Jayne and the East Sussex Youth Cabinet



We are delighted that Indya-Jayne in Year 8 has been elected to represent the voice of students in East Sussex.

The East Sussex Youth Cabinet campaign for things that young people think are important, by going to the people who make the decisions and telling them what young people want. They talk to lots of different people, from the police, to bus companies and everyone in between.

There are some fantastic opportunities coming up, including the Democracy Awards, which take place in London in March and Rotton School will be collecting the Silver Award at this Ceremony. This fantastic day will introduce the Youth Cabinet to the running of Parliament as they will have a tour, be involved in discussions and will meet MPs.

Huge congratulations to Indya-Jayne - we know she will make a difference.

Rotton School Student Leaders/Student Parliament

Student leadership at Rotton School is a central strand of student achievement that enables confidence building to raise aspirations and recognise the talent of the student body. We aim to provide opportunities for learners to develop leadership skills, empowering partnership between students and staff to gain a deeper understanding of the organisation; leading to a shared vision and values, increase in global standards and contribution to the community they live in.

There are nearly twenty diverse opportunities to take part in leadership at the school; including the school newspaper 'Fresh View' and the Green Team who are developing sustainable learning environments. These opportunities both cater for and seek to develop the leadership skills and interests students have. Nominated representatives from most leadership groups together form the Student Parliament; an action group which meet termly with a senior leader to make decisions on how the school can further develop.

Students who adopt a leadership position are awarded badges to wear. This has enabled us to recognise the students taking part and has provided a springboard for application to Community Leadership positions in Year 10. There has been a significant increase in leadership group sizes and competition between students as to who can adopt more than one leadership role.



Following last week's hustings assemblies and Friday's Big Vote we are very pleased to congratulate the following students on their election as Student Leaders for the next 12 months -

GLOBE

Mandy Sanderson (Head Girl), Malachi Jones (Head Boy)

Cerys Roberts, Sorcha Wallace-Carville, Kate Perry and Issy Davy

APOLLO

Max Duff (Head Boy), Abigail Thompson (Head Girl)

Fletcher Burton, Jevon Cousins, Annie Dix and Issy Rychlinski

LYCEUM

Georgia Bowers (Head Girl), Eleri Evans (Head Girl)

Lauren Adams, Abdulai Barrie, Emily Maxted and Yoli Kinchin-Plumley

LYRIC

Holly Hall (Head Girl), Sahara Moshref (Head Girl)

Ally Gellatly, Samira Idmessaoud, Valentina Pescatore and Corina Santos

ADELPHI

Lauren Goldsmith (Head Girl), Oliver Message (Head Boy)

Jasmine Hasib, Molly Plummer, Bela Rohmer and Elliot Lister

Tenner Challenge Launches at Ratton School

Tenner is Young Enterprise's national challenge for 11-19 year olds. The Tenner Challenge, helps young people develop key skills including creativity, positivity, resilience and problem solving, using real money to take calculated risks in business. Students have 1 month to set up a business - coming up with an idea of a product or service they can sell and experience what it's like to be an entrepreneur. Benefits of the Tenner Challenge - it prepares students for life in the UK by promoting employability skills, allowing students to become active citizens, supporting PSHE and providing practical opportunities to explore financial mathematics.

How it works

Here's a Tenner! Each young person is registered £10 from the Tenner Bank



Get started. Participants use this start-up capital to get their business off the ground, working alone or in a group

Keep in going. Young people have four weeks during March to make as much profit as they can from their Tenner while also aiming to create a social impact

Keep the profit. Participants are in full control of any profit they make and decide what to spend this on

Payback for the future. At the end of Tenner participants enter the National Challenge and pay back their £10 pledge plus a £1 legacy donation



Digital Leaders Launch

This week we have launched the Digital Leaders group.

Students from Years 8, 9 and 10 were asked to submit application forms for these positions, the quality of which were very high making the final offer really difficult...

Our congratulations go to -

George Burnett (Apollo), Tina Marshall (Apollo), Reece Harrington (Globe), Natalie Plummer (Lyric), Brandon Taylor (Lyric), Helen Stratakou (Adelphi), Dom Olah (Globe), Jasmine Rideal (Globe), Chloe Hastie (Apollo), Oliver Collyer (Lyceum), David Hayden (Adelphi), Adam Milsom-Smith (Lyric), Alicia Drinkwater (Adelphi), Elliot Lister (Adelphi), George Beales (Lyric) and Jonathan Moors (Lyceum).



Indoor Athletics Competition Years 7 & 8

On the 21st and 27th January a group of Year 7 and Year 8 students competed in an Indoor Athletics event against all the local schools. It had a variety of fun adapted athletic events, both track and field events, with the highlight being the obstacle relays. All the students did the school proud showing great attitude and effort. Well done to all the students involved - especially those that ran the longer distance races!

Year 7 Team: Kai Stallard, Callum Flaherty, Max



Lawrence-Mele, Louie Harris, Owen Pennington, Kyle Cullern-Little, Liam Matthews, Saffie Kingham, Katie Young, Zuzanna Biegun, Sophie Devile, Paige Willott, Lauren Brown

Year 8 Team: Matt Laing, Jarvis Chater, Toby Poppit-Jones, Louis Pavey, Bartosz Kutcha, David Gibson, Zach Daniel, Connie Wallis, Maddy Lewis, Amelia Bartlett, Colleen Long, Katie Cooper, Jess Blake.

**Congratulations to Ronnie
Doorey-Palmer in Y11 who has
been given a scholarship by the
London Broncos U16's.**

**Well done and
well deserved.**



**Taster Courses for
students in years 9/10/11
at Plumpton College
15th – 18th February**

Spend a day experiencing the subject of your choice. These are free taster courses for secondary pupils. This is an ideal step in helping students with their career choices. This experience is supported by dedicated staff, well qualified in their vocational areas, all within a friendly College environment.

Subjects offered include

Agriculture and farming, Horticulture, gardens, sports turf and green keeping, Animal care and management, Agricultural plant and machinery, Countryside management and conservation, Floristry, Gamekeeping and fishery management, Blacksmithing and metalsmithing, Equine (with riding tuition on a mechanical horse), Sport (outdoor adventurous activities), Forestry and woodland management, Motor Vehicle (leading to Level 2)

Download the taster courses booklet: See Plumpton website.

<http://www.plumpton.ac.uk/Upload/Documents/what-we-offer/taster-courses/Plumpton-Taster-Courses.pdf>

Download the taster courses application form: See Plumpton website.

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The Brighton Science Festival is taking place from 2nd-28th February 2016. There will be events for adults in the evening throughout the month, hands-on workshops for children during half-term, and their flagship events Bright Sparks (13th & 14th Feb, Hove Park Upper School) and The Big Science Weekend (27th & 28th Feb, Sallis Benney Theatre).

All ticket information and the full programme can be found here: www.brightonscience.com

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