

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 15th March

Full Governors Meeting 5pm

Thursday 17th March

Y8 Girls 2nd HPV Vaccinations

Y11 Parents Evening 2 4.15-7.15pm

Friday 18th March

Ski Trip Departs

Globe Charity Live Lounge

Tuesday 22nd March

Neighbourhood Panel Meeting 4pm

Tuesday 22nd/Weds 23rd March

The Beauty Manifesto 7pm

Thursday 24th March

Y9 Enterprise Challenge Day

Friday 25th March–Friday 8th April

April Break

‘The price of greatness is responsibility’ - Winston Churchill

It was great to see one of our values, *Responsibility - accepting your choices and actions will help your learning*, in action at the Year 9 Pathways Evening. We had 92% of students represented which showed that Year 9 are taking responsibility for their learning and success. It was also energising to hear so many students talking about their plans for the future including further education and careers.

During this week, we had a group of Ratton students on the pitch at the Amex at the start of the match between Brighton and Sheffield Wednesday. What a responsibility to represent themselves, their families, our school and the club in front of 20,000 fans from both sides!

Years 7, 8 and 9 are all taking responsibility for their diploma tasks and looking at their planners over the course of this week, I am very impressed with the effort that has gone into completing all the tasks. We are looking forward to rewarding a large number of students in the diploma assemblies before the end of term.

We have our final Year 11 Parents/Carers Evening on Thursday 17th March and we are aiming for 100% attendance as this is the last event like this for Year 11 before they leave. It will be an important opportunity to discuss how Year 11 students can make the most of their time in final preparation for their GCSE exams.

Please enjoy this Ratton Newsletter.

Mr Knox-Macaulay, Headteacher

Ratton Maths Champs!

On Friday 26th February 4 Year 10 students went to St Richard’s Catholic College to take part in the Further Maths Support Programme “Maths Team Feast”. This is a competition designed to stretch the more able mathematicians and promote study of mathematics beyond GCSE. The team of **Cerys Roberts, Elliot Lister, Jacob Norris and Jevan Cousins** were competing against 7 other teams all of which were of a very high quality.

The Ratton School team won the competition and were also complimented on their teamwork, organisation and positive attitude towards the challenges.
Well done!



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

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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 26th February

William Harker, Willian Chan, Charlie Barnard, Melissa Priestman, Conor

Nicholls, Rose Channer-Cleere, Elouise Layfield and Isabella Davy

Week ended 4th March

Sacha Mansbridge, Harvey Breach, Jack O’Neill, Billy Brooks, Hellen Stratakou and Orinta Capkauskyte

Pupils at Ratton School take on challenge to raise money for charity

Year 11 pupils at Ratton School have raised a fantastic £283 for Chestnut Tree, the children's hospice service for East Sussex, in a bid to help life-limited children and their families in the community.

Alice and Eden, both 15, decided to show their support by taking on the charity's £50 Challenge. Chestnut Tree gave the pair £50 and four months to organise some fundraising events and activities to grow this money.

Using the money to buy cake ingredients, popcorn and barbeque food, Alice and Eden planned and hosted a movie night, a coffee morning and selling of handmade candles, as well as a cake sale, and at the end of four months were able to present a £283 cheque to the children's hospice.

"Thank you so much to Alice and Eden for putting their Hands Up! to help and taking on the £50 challenge" said Community Fundraiser, Charlie Weeks, "They have raised enough money to pay for the Community

Team to visit a child at the weekend or during the night, which is often needed when they are very poorly. They should be very proud of themselves, well done!"

Hands Up! is Chestnut Tree's campaign that aims to double the number of children it cares for in East Sussex. As part of the campaign the charity is asking people in East Sussex to put their Hands Up if they can help raise awareness and funds, just one way of many that you can do this is by taking part in their £50 challenge.

For further information about Chestnut Tree and their £50 challenge please visit www.chestnut-tree-house.org.uk/handsup, call 01323 725095 or email handsup@chestnut-tree-house.org.uk



Ratton School students from Year 9 felt the long arm of the law last week as they went for a taster day in court at Sussex University



The STEM group donned robes and argued their viewpoints on some real life cases under a very harsh Judge representing the European Court of Human Rights (The Rt. Honourable Judge Jensen).

They also discussed what should be considered to be a basic Human Right in the specially built brand new mock courtroom - after much deliberation and heated debate from both sides it was decided that school uniform was not in violation of human rights and the case was 'thrown out'.

This was the final day students got to try out a taste of University life and all agreed that they thoroughly allowed being encouraged to disagree for once and several are now contemplating a career in professional arguing (i.e. Law).

On Thursday teachers from China spent a morning visiting Ratton. They had a tour of the school and then visited some lessons and also talked about Chinese festivals to Year 7 English classes and talked about geographical features to other classes. The year 7 students also enjoyed learning some basic mandarin Chinese.

The Chinese teachers were fascinated to find out at first hand about life in an English school and we really hope we will be able to keep in touch.



Young Enterprise teams go from strength to strength

It has been a busy time for the Year 10 teams with the Eastbourne Arndale Centre Trade Fair. Both Horizon and Initium had a great day with impressive stands that looked very professional. Coupled with great customer service it was a winning combinations that led to both teams selling out of various lines of stock. Amongst the steady stream of customers Stephen Lloyd and Caroline Ansell also stopped by to talk to the teams. Both Horizon and Initium would like to thank all the friends and family that stopped by and supported them on the day.



The following Thursday evening Initium hosted a **Performance Night** with some amazing acts. The team also ran a refreshment stall during the event. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the evening and were wowed by the acts on stage.

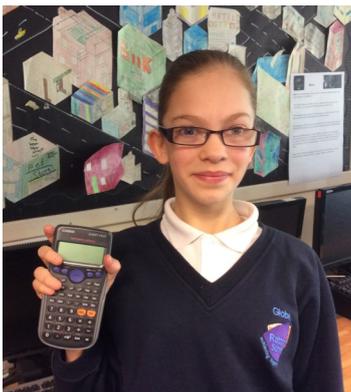
This week Initium invited Mr Knox Macaulay to their weekly meeting and briefed him on their successes and future plans before the finals on the 26 April. He was impressed with what they had to say and how they conducted such a professional meeting. He ended by thanking them for being such great ambassadors for the school.

In order to assist in supporting the high standard of maths teaching at Ratton School we ask that you ensure your child has a scientific calculator.

Students will be aware that they should have a calculator for every maths lesson and need to learn how to use an actual calculator rather than their mobile phone.

If you need to purchase a scientific calculator, they are available to buy from the school at a reduced cost of £6. They can be purchased via ParentPay or with cash at the Finance Office.

The Maths Department appreciate your support.



Congratulations to the many students who competed in the recent annual Eastbourne Music and Arts Festival

A special mention for Rebecca Hover in Year 10 who performed in more than ten different categories either coming first or being placed in the top three! Katie Laing of Year 7 (pictured) deserves mention for her success in the festival and also for winning first place on Sunday in the Cecchetti Classical Ballet awards, held at the Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance in London. The Jane Worsley cup for overall best story expressed through dance was also won by Katie!

At our concert last week in aid of the refugee crisis we enjoyed some moving and entertaining performances by singers, musicians and dancers. Thank you and well done to Xisca Bibiloni, Isabella Davy and Jordan Hemani of Year 10, Holly Malyon and Orinta Capkauskyte of Year 7, for their solo and duet performances. Thanks and well done also to the Year 7 and 8 members of The Junior Dance Company 'Twitch' who performed a large group dance – all dances were specially choreographed for the concert and rehearsed in lunchtime and after school sessions.

There will be a chance to see our Year 11 GCSE dancers perform their exam work after Easter and also to see Year 10 GCSE dancers perform the pieces they are working on in both lessons and in their own time with our trainee teacher from the Royal Academy of DANCE, Miss Kent. Both performances will be in school and details of dates and times will be available soon.



