

DIARY DATES

25th March–8th April
EASTER BREAK

Monday 11th April
First day of Term 5 8.40am

Wednesday 20th April
The Big Futures Show
at the Winter Garden

Thursday 21st April
Y7 Parents Evening 4.15-7.15pm

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 11th March

Ruby Backler, Zuzanna Biegun, Suwi Simfukwe, Maggie Rayner, Melis-Rose Ozcan and Michalina Guzicka

Week ended 18th March

Jennifer Rodrigues, Hellen Stratakou, Sophie Castle, Wiktor Krolewicz, Holly Hall, Melis-Rose Ozcan, Sophie Devile, Katy Allingham, Nicole Booker and Kawthar Kassouri

Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere *(Chinese Proverb)*

As a school, we want to make sure that everyone in the school community is focussing on learning and that includes our staff. During the last week of term, after school, we hosted a training evening for all our teaching staff and 40 staff from other schools. The event was introduced by some of our senior students and the feedback from everyone taking part was very positive.

We are looking forward to the warmer weather when we get back from the Easter break and the end to some of the illness that has impacted on attendance. We hope that all students will be aiming for 100% attendance over term 5 and 6 to support their learning.

Well done to the whole of Year 9 who took part in an Enterprise Challenge at the end of this term. They demonstrated exceptional team work, planning and entrepreneurial skills and the winning group will take their 'pitch' to a national event at Kingswood Dearne Valley on the 29th June.

Have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable break and we are looking forward to seeing lots of Year 11 students in over the holidays for their comprehensive revision programme.

Please enjoy this newsletter.

Mr Knox-Macaulay, Headteacher

The Eastbourne Arts Circle's Geoffrey Williams Art Bursary Award Ceremony at the Birley Centre on Saturday 5th March

Prizes were presented by Eastbourne Mayor Cllr Janet Coles.

The four main prizes of £250 each went to Alice Collyer and Lauren Hunnisett, both of Ratton School, in the GCSE category, and Rebecca Nurse of Eastbourne College, and Adipa Klomchitcharden of Moira House, in the A level category. There was also a highly commended category which was awarded to Aimee Pearson, of Eastbourne College, and Madeleine Crosswell of Cavendish School.

The three judges were artists Elda Abramson and Julian Sutherland-Beatson, together with Eastbourne art gallery owner Emma Mason who praised the quality of the art work in her address during the award ceremony.



Pictured is Eastbourne Arts Circle bursary prize winner Lauren Hunnisett from Ratton and her GCSE work.

Great result for Ratton School in the UKMT Team Maths Challenge on 16th March coming in 3rd place against very strong opponents

Well done Levi, Menna, Jake and Eloise!

The Team Maths Challenge is a competition which gives pupils the opportunity to tackle a variety of engaging mathematical activities while developing teamwork and communication skills and is open to all schools in the UK.



“I had an amazing day at the Spring Knitting and Stitching Show at Olympia. There was so much to see and do. In the exhibition stalls I had a go at knitting and fabric printing. I was also taught how to crochet. As it was just before Mother’s Day, I brought three charms from a stall where these were made to go on a necklace for my Mum. She loved them. I hope I am fortunate enough to go again when I am in Year 10.”

Mollie Browning

“The Knitting and Stitching Show was a paradise to all crafters who love all areas of craft. When I walked into the show, I was blown away by all the stalls. I enjoyed everything about the show but most of all I enjoyed learning about new techniques such as different stitches in crochet and knitting and being given the opportunity to have a go at block printing with the wonderful Coloricious Company who then gave me an amazing goody bag full to the top with block printing blocks. I also did a little shopping while I was there! One of the items I purchased was a needle felting kit. I had always wanted to try needle felting so I bought what I thought I would need and I have thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you for arranging the trip.”

Cleo Ewen



Samira writes for peace



We have some very exciting news! **Samira Idmessaoud in Y10** has won first prize of £500 for the school in a descriptive writing competition called Writing for Peace with her entry entitled ‘The Scarlet Price’.

The judges were very impressed with Samira’s work and we are very proud of her fantastic achievement. Well done Samira!



On 9th March, 13 interactors braved the early morning to head off to WE Day UK.

Inspirational people like Rita Ora spoke about refugees and islamophobia and bands like Labyrinth performed their hit singles.

The day taught us all the importance of community, teamwork and imagineering (imagination and engineering) and we all left feeling inspired to make a positive change to the world around us.

Fletcher Burton Y10

Year 8 Tenner Challenge 2016 Ends

Wow wow wow, Year 8 students have some amazing Entrepreneurs in the making! Over the last 4 weeks they have set up their own companies, invested £10 and tried to make a profit.

The successful companies have repaid the original money invested (£10.00) and paid the £1.00 legacy. This means that they have ensured that more students in future year groups will have the same opportunity as themselves. Many of the teams made enough money to pay each member £25.00 for their efforts. A few companies made more than £100.00.

We saw individuals buying and selling sweets with such gusto that the whole school have been talking about where the best prices are. Many contacted Mr Knox-Macaulay, Headteacher, directly in order to confirm arrangements and others got staff involved to help them.

Well done to all those that took part - you were amazing!

Year 9 compete in The Rymans National Enterprise Challenge and Plan.it win!



On the last day of term the whole of Year 9 competed against each other in the Ryman National Enterprise Challenge for a chance to compete at the National finals in June. *Plan.it* our winners came out on top after a closely run thing with the best all round idea and presentation. Their idea was to create an app that organised

both staff and students replacing the need for a diary.

Other teams included *Outside Summer Theatres*, two sports activities company, *Little Luxuries* a vending company, *BrainWich* a healthy eating company, a stationery vending company, *Smoothie Machine* vending freshly mixed smoothies, *Under the Stars* an outdoor movie company and *Lunch Break* offering healthy refreshments.

The day was started with an Introduction to the day with a video brief from Theo Paphitis and the CEO of Ryman, Matthew Dashper-Hughes. The teams selected a project manager and then had to identify their target market, plus their company name, branding and logo.

As the day progressed they looked at the 4p's of marketing: product, place, price, promotion and unique selling point. This they developed into a poster and advert. They then had to pool all they had learned and develop a three and a half minute pitch involving all 6 members of the team.

The top teams on the day representing all five communities then competed against each other giving their presentations in the hall to the whole of Year 9 and a judging panel. It was an amazing day and the whole of Year 9 should be rightly proud of all of their achievements.

We look forward to competing in the finals held in June...










The "Eastbourne Nomads Angling Club", "Anglers Den", "Tony's Tackle", "A.T. Tackle", "Anderida Club", "Eastbourne Angling Association" & the Eastbourne "R.N.L.I."

Present the 5th

FISH 4 KIDZ

A CHANCE FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 16 YEARS TO EXPERIENCE THE JOYS OF BEACH FISHING


FREE ENTRY


SUNDAY MAY 1st 2016
 CATCH & RELEASE
 FROM 12noon UNTIL 2:30pm
 

BOOK-IN IS IN THE EASTBOURNE ANGLING ASSOCIATION at 10:30am
PRESENTATION AT EASTBOURNE ANGLING ASSOCIATION FROM 3.45pm

BAIT & RIGS SUPPLIED AS REQUIRED

5 years to 9 years
3 AGE CATEGORIES.....10 years to 12 years
13 years to 16 years
(ALL children MUST be accompanied by a responsible adult, an adult may accompany more than 1 child)

MAXIMUM 80 ENTRIES (first come, first served)

SPONSORED PRIZES

ENTRY BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT ONLY
ALL ENTRANTS MUST BE REGISTERED BY SUNDAY APRIL 24th

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT..... ANGLERS DEN (01323) 460441
(Parent or guardian must call in person and sign the form)


 TONY'S TACKLE (01323) 731388

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 OR EMAIL STEVE FROST @ nomadsec@hotmail.co.uk

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On Monday 14th March another group of keen stargazers gathered at Ratton for the second of this year's Astronomy Evenings. Once again Mr Froom's telescope, Big Bertha, put in a celebrity guest appearance, offering excellent views of the waxing 6-day-old crescent Moon with its massive craters Theophilus and Cyrillus dramatically illuminated.



Other distant objects viewed included the planet Jupiter, the Orion nebula, the red supergiant star Betelgeuse, and the gravitationally interacting Bode's Galaxy and Cigar Galaxy. A particular cause of excitement was the observation of Jupiter's famous Great Red Spot, a first sighting for many of those present including Mr Froom! The next astronomy evening will take place in the autumn when the long dark nights return...



FREE TENNIS COACHING SESSION WITH JENNY HUGHES (ENGLAND PLAYER)

Jenny Hughes is offering a free introductory coaching session on Tuesday 12th April (first Tuesday after Easter hols) 3.15-4.15 at Ratton School.

Jenny will then be offering a subsidised tennis course every Tuesday throughout the summer term at Ratton or at Hampden Park tennis club.

Ratton is committed to developing links with local sports clubs and have offered generous subsidies to support this new initiative. Letters are available from reception, PE department & Jenny Hughes.

Just turn up after school on the Tuesday in PE kit. We will provide any necessary equipment if you don't have your own racket. This is an opportunity not to be missed—hope to see you there!

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