

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 10th May

Governors Resources
Committee Meeting 5pm

Thursday 12th May

Year 8 HPV second vaccinations

Tuesday 17th May

Ratton Neighbourhood
Panel Meeting 4pm

Thursday 19th May

Assessment Clinic 5-6.15pm

Friday 27th May

Early closure for Y7-10 1pm

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 April

Abby Thornton, Max Duff, Eloise Layfield, Abigail Thompson, Maggie Rayner, Bela Rohmer, Amy Yapp, Kaitlin Brown, Emily Maxted and Emily Hayward

Week ended 29th April

Jessica Cavaliere, Charles Sear, Sophie Devile, Gabriel Private, Maggie Rayner, Grace Beeney, Aaron Burrows, Arthur Rideal and Abbie Thomas

“ANYONE WHO HAS NEVER MADE A MISTAKE HAS NEVER TRIED ANYTHING NEW” *Albert Einstein*

The success of our Young Enterprise teams in both the local and Sussex finals was inspiring. Listening to students in both our ‘companies’ describe how they developed a wide range of skills was wonderful. The most powerful part of the presentation at Brighton University was a description of how they solved the problems and some of the mistakes they made during the competition. This, in turn, led them to further success.

This idea that behind every success is a mistake or a problem can seem surprising. We often see and hear about individual or team success stories - for example Leicester City winning the Premier League. What we don’t always hear about are the disappointments or mistakes that helped push individuals or teams to improve and eventually succeed.

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have been very impressive over the last couple of weeks in their exams. I am sure that they will celebrate their results as they come in and also use any areas for improvement as a step to further success.

Please enjoy this copy of the Ratton Newsletter.

Mr Knox-Macaulay, Headteacher



Dazzling Success at the Young Enterprise Eastbourne and Wealden Finals on 26th April

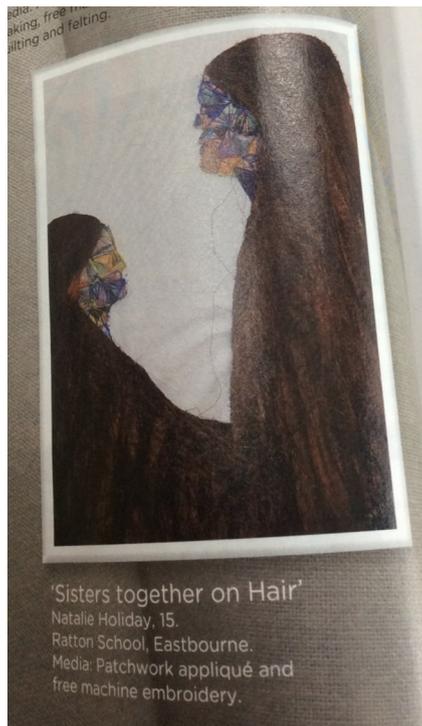
Initium from Ratton School was crowned Eastbourne and Wealden Best Company and *Horizon Products* was awarded winner of the Best Product at the Young Enterprise Company Programme Eastbourne and Wealden Final held at the Birley Centre, Eastbourne.

- ★ Overall winners were
- ★ *Initium*, a team of Year 10 students consisting of
- ★ Malachi Jones MD, Taylor Briley, Jennie Bussell,
- ★ Aaron Clarke, Jevan Cousins, Laura Czyzowska, Elliot Lister,
- ★ Jonathon Moors, Jake Nixon, Conner O’Byrne,
- ★ Isabella Rychlinski and Zach Simpson.



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Heart educational supply magazine competition



3 of our students who left last summer - Billie Whitnall, Natalie Holliday and Olivia Hayes - were selected from the whole of the U.K. to be in the magazine as part of their studio space. We will receive a £100 voucher for each student so are hoping to buy an embellishing machine.

Well done from a very proud Miss Wiacek!



RATTON VISITED BY PHYSICIST FROM THE EUROPEAN ORGANISATION FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH

Last Thursday and Friday, three enthusiastic groups of year 10 and 11 Physics students were treated to a visit from ex-Ratton student turned CERN-based physicist Matthew Crouch.



Matthew regaled us with a vivid description of the cataclysmic cryogenic collisions experienced by beams of protons in the famous 27km-long particle accelerator under the French-Swiss border. We also learned how Matthew's interest in Physics was ignited after some initial indifference by reading a popular science book, as well as listening with amusement to his memories of his days here at Ratton.

Many of the students present have had their interest in pursuing a Physics career raised as a result.

Year 10 Food Group visit The Langham Hotel

Mrs Chalk, Mrs Manger and their Year 10 Vcert Food and Cookery group recently enjoyed a visit to The Langham Hotel. The pupils received a warm welcome by the owner and were given a tour. This was followed by a demonstration by the Head Chef of stuffed chicken mushroom duxelles and Eton Mess with a mixed fruit coulis; this was then served to each of the pupils as a delicious 2 course meal.

A great time was had by all!



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On the night Initium picked up awards for Best Presentation 2016, Best Governance 2016, Best Company Report 2016 as well as being judged the overall winners of the competition gaining the coveted title Best Company 2016. Malachi, their Managing Director, was also Runner up Young Achiever of the Year 2016.

Initium will now go through to the Sussex Finals at Falmer on 4th May (see below).



Horizon Products, also a team of Year 10 students, consisting of Ewan Robertson MD, George Beales, Joshua Nelson, Cameron Rodgers and Charlotte Worthington were awarded winners of the Best Product 2016.

We are delighted to congratulate all the students for their fantastic efforts throughout the competition and wish Initium the very best of luck at the Sussex Finals.

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More Initium success - this time at the Sussex Young Enterprise Finals

Initium did fantastically well at the Young Enterprise Sussex Final. They won best presentation and came a close third for Best Company getting Highly Commended, a recognition not normally given but the judges felt it was so close it had to be rewarded. Lots of tired but happy students! The team on Wednesday night was - Taylor Briley, Aaron Clarke, Jevan Cousins, Ally Gellatly, Malachi Jones, Elliot Lister, Jonathan Moors, Conner O'Byrne, Isabella Rychlinski, Zach Simpson and Ellie Stanbridge.

Initium were amongst the youngest students at the finals and we are incredibly proud of their fabulous achievement—congratulations to all of you! You did Mr Jones (Lead Teacher) and Mr Piggott (your Business Advisor) proud!



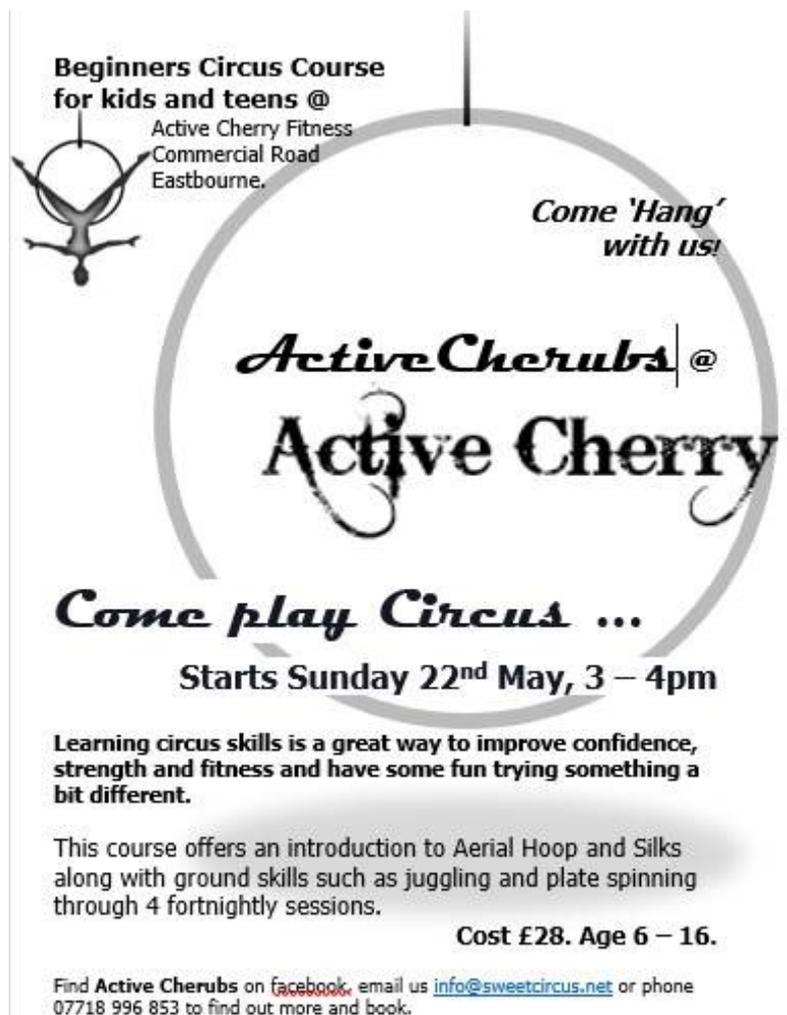
Good attendance means that students are not missing out on learning

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| Above 98% | <u>Excellent Attendance</u> Students with attendance above 98% have had less than 4 days absence in the year. |
| Above 95% | <u>Acceptable level of attendance</u> Students with attendance above 95% have had less than 9 days absence in the year. |
| 90% | <u>Persistent absentee</u> Pupils with 90% attendance = 19 days absence over the year. Students with this attendance are missing a month of school per year and may drop at least one GCSE grade. Students are now categorised as a persistent absentee by the Department for Education. |
| 85% | Students with 85% attendance = 29 days absence over a year. These students are missing 6 weeks of a school year; it will be very difficult for them to keep up with work and they may drop more than one GCSE grade. |
| Below 85% | <u>Exceptionally low attendance</u> Students with 80% attendance have missed a whole year of school over the five years of secondary education. The Education Welfare Services will be informed and parents of students with this level of attendance may be issued with a Penalty Notice or have legal action taken against them. |

At Ratton, we are committed to working with students and their families to ensure that they are fully supported in their learning. We recognise that this extends beyond the classroom and we want to make sure that the health, well-being and opportunities for learning for all of our students is the best that it can be. One of the ways that we can do this is to make sure that everyone who is eligible for free school meals completes an application form.

If you meet the eligibility criteria below please contact Julie Plummer on 01323 504011 Ext 119 or email on jplummer@ratton.co.uk for an application form. Once the form has been completed and handed back to the school with proof of benefit your child can have Free School meals straight away.

1. Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
2. Income Support
3. Child Tax Credit- providing your annual income does not exceed £16,960 **but not receiving Working Tax Credit**
4. Support under part VI of the Immigration Asylum Act 1999
5. Guarantee element of state pension credit



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for kids and teens @**
Active Cherry Fitness
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Active Cherry**

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strength and fitness and have some fun trying something a
bit different.**

This course offers an introduction to Aerial Hoop and Silks
along with ground skills such as juggling and plate spinning
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CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING POLICY**