

## DIARY DATES

### 16th–20th November

Anti-Bullying Week

### Tuesday 17th November

Governors Strategy Mtg 8.45am

Ex-Y11 Certificate Tea 3.30pm

Neighbourhood Panel 4.00pm

PFA 6.30pm

### Thursday 19th November

Y11 Parents Eve 4.15-7.15pm

### 23rd November–4th December

Y11 Pre-Public Exams

### Tuesday 24th November

Governors Resources Mtg 5.00pm

### Thursday 26th November

Songs for Syria 6.30pm

**POSTPONED TO FEBRUARY 2016—  
WATCH THIS SPACE!**

## IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED...

There are moments when, if we don't understand something or we make mistakes, we think; 'I won't try that again in case I fail'. If we do that, we may be missing out on a very important part of learning as mistakes encourage us to think about how we need to change what we do.

So instead of saying: '*I've got this wrong*'... maybe we should be saying... '*Mistakes help me learn better*' or '*This is too hard*'... maybe we should be saying... '*This is going to take time and effort*'. We know that learning is not always easy but looking at things in a different, more positive way can make a difference to our learning and success.

The 2 minute silence on Remembrance Day at 11am on Wednesday 11th of November was observed with great respect by the whole school community and, over the week, we have found other ways to remember through assemblies and tutor time.

Year 11 Parents/Carers Evening is happening on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 4.15pm. We are hoping for as close to 100% attendance as possible to allow us to provide feedback to support Year 11 with preparing for their GCSE exams. We wish them good luck for their first set of pre-public exams starting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Please enjoy this copy of our newsletter and congratulations to our Year 7 award winning orienteering students.

*Mr Knox-Macaulay, Headteacher*

## 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 23rd October  
Holly Field, Chloe Duncan,  
Heather Read-Riseley,  
Janey Hooper, Elena  
Sukleska, Tyreses Nelson  
and Jacob Kelly

Week ended 6th November  
Marie Hunnisett, Mia  
Huggett, Drew Lawrence,  
Krystal Kindleysides,  
Lauren Hunnisett, Saffie  
Kingham, Callum Brown,  
Max Duff and Issy  
Rychlinski

## Visiting The Keep

Students studying GCSE Sociology were lucky enough to visit The Keep in Brighton - a world-class centre for archives that opens up access to all the collections of the East Sussex Record Office (ESRO), the Royal Pavilion & Museums Local History Collections and the University of Sussex Special Collections to provide, under one roof, an unrivalled, detailed record of the region's history, dating back over 900 years.



## BUDDING FILM MAKERS

Year 9 students Emerson Cooper, Charlie Weston and Jack Daw produced a short film together for the Eastbourne Film Festival competition.

Their entry was selected along with 8 other entries to be shown at the final on Sunday 9th November at the Birley Centre and won an award for the 'best fact based drama'.

[link of the finalists trailer](https://vimeo.com/user9821274/review/143997403/62cf8294a0)  
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It was judged and presented by Hollywood actor Daniel Fathers and award winning film and TV producer Pippa Cross.

Emerson and Charlie wrote, directed and acted in the film. The camerawork was by Jack Daw and Charlie and Emerson composed the soundtrack.



## DANCING WITH WAYNE SLEEP



The University of Brighton recently hosted a weekend with renowned dancer and choreographer Wayne Sleep. Wayne conducted a series of talks and classes over the weekend, one of which a group of our Key Stage 3 girls were invited to attend. The girls were very excited to meet Wayne and experience working with a professional choreographer. The class combined Ballet technique and learning a Jazz phrase.

Our pupils were a credit to Ratton in both behaviour and performance and produced some excellent work. They also fully enjoyed the energy and laughter that Wayne brought to the studio.

Another of our Key Stage 3 groups, this time from Year 9, will be attending a two day workshop at Eastbourne College next week, working with the famous contemporary company Rambert and a report of their achievements will follow.

## RATTON DANCERS AT THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

Last week Year 10 GCSE dancers and their teachers spent the afternoon at a special matinee performance by the Royal Ballet Company featuring a new ballet, Carmen by Carlos Acosta. Acosta himself will perform the main role this week as his final performance with the company for whom he has worked as a principal guest artist over many years.

We also saw Viscera (Scarlett), Afternoon of a Faun (Robbins) and Grand Pas De Deux (Balanchine). Our students were inspired by the high standards of each aspect of each ballet: at school we study performance and choreography skills in depth and also the constituent features of professional dance works. For our students to hear the Royal Opera house orchestra play a wide variety of orchestral music whilst taking in the sight of specially designed stage sets and costumes, was indeed a great experience. The sheer professionalism of all we saw, heard and felt was amazing and we agreed it was an inspiring afternoon. The performance skills of the dancers (both technical and expressive) were stunning and the speed, control, flexibility and fluency of their movement was breathtaking.

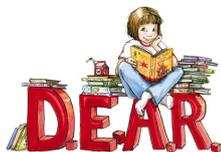
Our students behaved impeccably throughout the day coping with public transport with good humour and were a pleasure to supervise. We look forward to future theatre visits together.



Mrs Duncan

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### Registration Days

15 minutes at beginning of registration

Term	Blue	Gold
1	Monday	Monday
2	Friday	Friday
3	Thursday	Thursday
4	Wednesday	Wednesday
5	Tuesday	Tuesday
6	Thursday	Thursday

### Curriculum Times

15 minutes at beginning of each lesson

Term	Blue	Gold
1	Friday 2	Thursday 4
2	Monday 5	Monday 2
3	Wednesday 1	Wednesday 1
4	Thursday 4	Tuesday 1
5	Thursday 1	Wednesday 2
6	Monday 4	Friday 1

## INSPIRING WOMEN EVENT

The Inspiring Women event hosted by American Express on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November took place at their new offices in Brighton. We were greeted and directed to the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the offices into a room with beautiful views over Brighton.

The event kicked off with a speech from two of the more senior members of American Express where they spoke of how they began working for the company, what they do and what American Express is all about. We then had a 5-10 minute group discussion with one of the women from American Express which included: how a credit card is created; what is involved in the manufacturing; and the different jobs involved in the process. Later on we did a form of 'speed-dating' where we moved from table to table, with various women who spoke about their careers and we had the opportunity to ask questions. It was really interesting to view all the aspects involved in the company and a great opportunity to speak to real woman who enjoy, and are successful at, what they do. We met woman involved in advertising and marketing, personal assistance, customer

## RATTON RECEIVES SPORT ENGLAND & LTA FUNDING TO SUPPORT ALL-YEAR ROUND TENNIS CLUB!

Due to financial backing from Sport England and the LTA, Ratton School has secured all year round tennis coaching from England player, Jenny Hughes.

Because of this, Ratton School will be running tennis coaching every Tuesday at the Hampden Park tennis courts on the top quality astro-surface with flood lights every Tuesday throughout the year.

After Christmas students will also be given the opportunity to take part in a course, training them to become tennis coaches so they can support Jenny Hughes when running primary tennis competitions at Ratton.

Later in the summer links will be developed with local Primary schools so they can also receive coaching from Jenny Hughes.

If you are interested in getting involved with any of these opportunities please email [j.upton@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:j.upton@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk) or pick up a letter from reception.

A new 4 week course to improve your tennis skills with Jenny starts next week which takes us up until Xmas and reply slips need to be returned asap. An opportunity not to be missed!!

services, technology, finance, human resources and many more. I thoroughly enjoyed learning about what the different jobs included, I learnt new terminology and found interests in careers I previously had not considered.

The main message I received from the day was to aspire to anything I want to be; to not be afraid of male dominated situations and to consider trying things I may not be great at or know that well, because a good company will support you to learn new skills and better yourself. I really enjoyed the day and feel a sense or pride towards these woman who I one day hope to be as successful as. The whole day was a great way of raising the aspirations of young girls and spreading the message that you can be whoever you want to be.

Eliana Longo-Collins (Yr 11)



## YEAR 7 ORIENTEERING FESTIVAL

'Fun!', 'exciting!', 'exhausting!' said pupils when asked to describe their orienteering experience. On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 23 Year 7's participated in the University of Brighton's Orienteering Festival at Gildredge Park. The festival was run by trainee PE teachers from the University, who led the activities and correlated the scores - the pupils are keenly awaiting the results for the end competition!

Pupils were un-phased by the cold wind as they navigated their way around the park. They gained and developed skills such as problem solving, teamwork, map skills and communication. The final competition was a race in pairs and involved scanning checkpoints around the park which were worth different amounts of points depending on how far away from the base they were.

The festival was an enjoyable experience where the attitude and enthusiasm displayed by the Year 7's was great and a credit to the school.

Ratton won! We came first out of the 7 schools entered.

Special mention to -

Caleb & Jacob who came 1<sup>st</sup>

Tom and Milan who came 2<sup>nd</sup>

Kai & Owen who came 3<sup>rd</sup>



## PARENTAL CONSENT INFORMATION

### Parental Refusal of consent to be photographed and published

If for any reason you do not wish your child to be photographed and/or have the photograph published on paper or uploaded to our website you have the right to withdraw your consent. Should you wish to do so, please can you write to Mrs Judith Linsell and we will record and hold the information on our system. Please ensure your child makes this known in any circumstances where their image may be captured.

### Emergency Closure

If for any reason the school needs to be closed due to an emergency such as boiler breaking down, weather conditions, fire etc. and you do not wish the school to send your child home early can you write to Mrs Judith Linsell and we will record this information. Please note that the child would still be dismissed at 3.15pm in the usual way.

### PROVIDING OF INFORMATION TO PROVIDERS OF YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES AND THE RIGHT TO OPT OUT

Once your child is aged 13 or over, we are required by law to pass on certain information to providers of youth support services in your area. This is the local authority support service for young people aged 13 to 19 in England. We must provide both the child's and parent's name(s) and address, and any further information relevant to the support services' role. However, if the child is over 16, the child (or the parent(s)) can ask that no information beyond names, address and your date of birth be passed to the support service. Please see below on how to opt-out of this arrangement.

For more information about young peoples' services, please go to the Directgov Young People page at [www.direct.gov.uk/en/YoungPeople/index.htm](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/YoungPeople/index.htm) or the LA website shown above.

### To Opt Out

If you wish to opt-out of this arrangement, please inform the Sims Manager at Ratton School by emailing [j.linsell@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:j.linsell@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk) or telephoning 01323 504011 ext 120