

CELEBRATING SUCCESS!

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

Week ended 10th March

Ryan Goldsmith, Abbie Coxhead,
Grace Beeney, Freddie Brown, Holly
Field and Eadie Cole

Week ended 17th March

Luke Woolven, Nicole Booker, Ella
Harris, Abbie Coxhead, Lottie Sleight,
Laura Williams, Aimee Beaumont,
Harry W Hacker and Tommy Hendey

DANCING AND ROCKING (HORSE)

Coming to the end of a busy term 3 and 4 it is good to reflect on our achievements and also our planning for the future. So the staff training day, on the 31st of March, provided the opportunity to extend our skills and continue to develop resources for the new '9-1' GCSE courses.

Year 11 are taking our virtue of 'responsibility' very seriously through their exam preparation and are learning to manage the pressure of juggling a busy timetable. We are also running our support for them into the Easter holiday, when we have 15 different subjects offering revision sessions over the 2 weeks including study sessions in our library. Good luck to them in their final push!

The Ratton Irish Night fundraising event happened to a packed audience at the Winter Garden in the last week of term. Over 600 guests saw a fantastic show which raised a significant amount of money for the children's charity – the Rockinghorse Appeal. There will be more to follow with a full page spread in the next edition of the newsletter.

Please enjoy this newsletter and the Easter break and looking forward to seeing all our students returning refreshed, and ready to go for a successful term 5 and 6.

Mr Knox-Macaulay, Headteacher



COMMUNITIES WORKING HARD TO FUNDRAISE FOR CHARITIES

We're really pleased to report that all students are working tirelessly to raise funds for their community's chosen charities and the numbers so far this year are:

**Adelphi £215.95, Apollo £733.84,
Globe £745.96, Lyceum £220.66 and
Lyric £148.01**

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Wednesday 29th March (to Monday 17th April)

Y7-9 ski trip departs 4pm

Thursday 30th March

Irish Dance Show at The Winter Garden 7pm

Friday 31st March

Inset day - no students in school

Monday 3rd April to Monday 17th April

April break

Tuesday 18th April

First day of Term 5 8.40am

University of Sussex First Generation Making Choices Trip for Year 9 Students



The Stem students spent the day on 10th March with the University's Physics and Maths undergraduates.

In the morning they learnt about gyroscopes and how they work. This took place in the largest lecture theatre on the University campus. Students took turns to test their pedal power on a static bicycle and were challenged to draw a design of the perfect racing bike. They thought about bike weight, type of tyre and the aerodynamics of the rider's outfit/ bike helmet. The next task was to design and make a Frisbee out of paper plates. The session finished with a competition to see whose Frisbee would fly the furthest with prizes for the winners.

In the afternoon students learnt about the Mathematics of Voting which involved working out the Plurality, Borda, Run-Off and Plurality with Elimination voting systems from a group of people who voted on their preferred car make.

Students finished the day learning about the 'Magical Mobius Strip' and cutting cylinders to make squares!

Our students were great ambassadors for Ratton throughout the day; they worked well in teams and made the most of their last Making Choices Day before their 'graduation' in May.

Enterprise students have a fun day at Kingswood Outward Bound Centre in Ashford

At the weekend a group of students from Years 9, 10 and 11 (who have all been involved in various Enterprise competitions) had the opportunity to go to the Kingswood Outward Bound Centre in Ashford and develop their team building skills.

They had a great day starting with Laser tag and working as a team to defend bases, they then broke off into groups doing a range of activities from lots of mini team building activities, climbing to a seesaw 30 foot in the air, using a zip wire and using a 3G swing (the highest swing you have seen in your life!).



RINCEOIRI RATTON RULES!



Rinceoiri Ratton Irish dancers have had a busy St Patrick's weekend performing all over town at various nursing homes and charity events. This coupled with a full day rehearsal on Sunday for the upcoming Irish Night at the Winter Garden on Thursday 30th March!

Some of our year 7 and 8 Irish dancers have also been running outreach sessions at Ocklynge and Langney primary schools, teaching younger children a routine that they will perform on the night!

There's only a handful of tickets remaining, don't miss out!

www.eastbournetheatres.co.uk <<http://www.eastbournetheatres.co.uk>> 01323 412000



And if that wasn't enough, we're also running an Irish dance workshop in the Easter Holidays, open to all ages and abilities (You can even bring your friends from other schools!) email vpotten@ratton.co.uk for more details.



Well done to all of our amazing dancers who are working so incredibly hard at the minute. It's going to be a great show and will all be worth it in the end!

YEAR 7's VISIT THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM



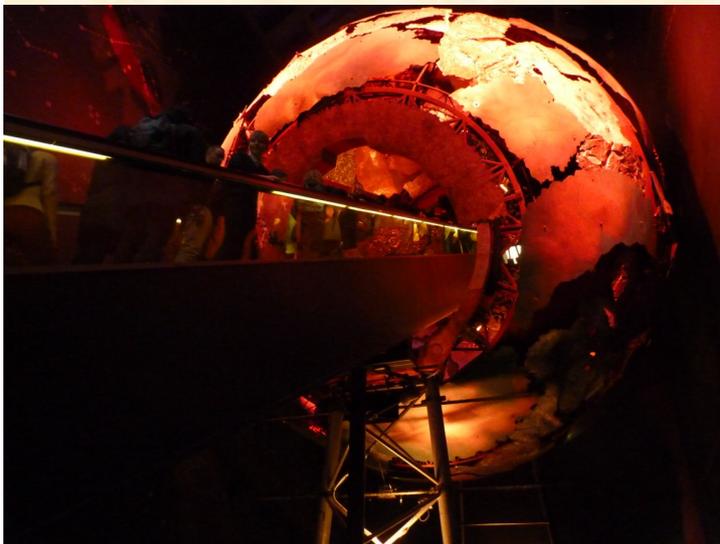
Last week we attended the Natural History Museum and it was an incredible experience! It was intriguing; I learned so much about a wide variety of specimens and their origin and that they

were all unique in so many remarkable ways. There were also eye-popping fossilised friends that wandered the Earth many millennia ago—even the supposedly small ones were immense!



In addition to these astounding pieces of history was an amazing workshop on the impressive tectonic plates, natural hazards and occurrences. We did many exciting experiments that not only challenged our intellect but were such good fun! We even recorded information on a minuscule seismometer - only using our weight to simulate an earthquake.

This trip provided much to ponder some of which could change the way that we, as a school, look at the world presented before us...



By Ella Harris



Making Choices Plus

The Year 10 First Generation students visit to the University of Sussex took place on Friday 24th March.



This was a follow-up day for all students who had attended the Making Choices programme in Year 9. The day kicked off with a motivational speaker who told students his own personal journey from his challenging days at school to playing for the UK Rugby team and gaining a degree.

Students then attended a workshop on careers and generating career ideas around your degree experience. Students attempted to match given average graduate starting salaries for subjects including law, social work, medicine and forensic science – with interesting results!

Next was a presentation on what a gap year involves and the options available. Students enjoyed taking part in a quiz.

After lunch, students moved on to the subject of studying abroad. They were split into 5 countries – Canada, Australia, Japan, China and USA. Groups had to research their country and give examples of the pros and cons of studying in that country. Each group were brave enough to stand and give a presentation of their findings!



Finally, students attended an inspirational presentation on higher education and post-16 careers.



**Special mentions for w/ending 10th March
for helping others and first time
achievements**

Callum Flaherty, Danita Goncalves,
Courtney Gillard and Harry Smith

**Special mentions for w/ending 17th March
for consistent brilliant attitude and real effort**

Aimee O'Neill, Dexter Emmanuel, Victoria Connolly,
Freddie Cullen, Ross Phelps, Kaycie Wilkins, Cleo Wickham,
Georgia Gates and Chloe Duncan

**Special mentions for w/ending 24th March
for fantastic effort and positive engagement**

Gini Harvey, Summer April, Imogen Tagliaferro, Ana Costa,
TJ Tucknott, Vanessa Catanho, Holly Boston, Connor
Flaherty, Kelly Kullai, Escher Loren Jones, Matt Field, Lily
Deadman, Teegan Wolski, Lucas Ashdown, Lucianne Lawson,
Callum Gates, Abbie Searle, Hannah Moors, Beth Paterson,
Poppy Wright, Olivia Hindle and Danita Goncalves



We have a bain marie in our cookery department that we would like to sell or swap for an electric hob/cooker, mixers, blenders or similar.

If you are interested or would like to find out more please contact Mrs Semmens on dsemmens@ratton.co.uk

**FREE TENNIS COACHING
SESSION WITH
JENNY HUGHES
(ENGLAND PLAYER) HERE AT
RATTON SCHOOL**

Jenny Hughes is offering a free introductory coaching session on Tuesday 25th April (second Tuesday after Easter hols) 3.15 - 4.15 at Ratton School.

She will then be offering a subsidised tennis course every Tuesday throughout the summer term at Ratton or at Hampden Park tennis club. Letters are available from reception or PE department if you would like to sign up to the course.

Just turn up after school on Tuesday 25th April in PE kit. We will provide any necessary equipment if you don't have your own racket.

Ratton is committed to developing links with local sports clubs and have offered generous subsidies to support this new initiative.

COUNTY CHAMPIONS!



**CONGRATULATIONS
KATIE & JESS!**

AITC HOLIDAY AND WEEKLY FOOTBALL COURSES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS OF ALL ABILITIES, AGE 4-13, AT VARIOUS VENUES



**SOCCER
SCHOOLS**

Easter 2017

Location	Dates	Times	Venue	Cost
Billingshurst	10-11 Apr	9.45am-3pm	Plaistow & Kirdford Primary School, RH14 0PX.	£39
Brighton	☉ 18-20 Apr	9am-3pm	Dorothy Stringer School, BN1 6PZ.	£54
Eastbourne	☉ 3-5 Apr	9am-3pm	Eastbourne Sports Park, BN21 2UF.	£54
Fernhurst	20-21 Apr	9.45am-3pm	Fernhurst Football and Cricket Club, GU27 3HY.	£39
Hassocks	☉ 10-12 Apr	9.45am-3pm	Hassocks Sports Centre, BN6 8LP.	£54
Newhaven	10-11 Apr	9.45am-3pm	Seahaven Academy, BN9 9JL.	£39
Steyning	12-13 Apr	9.45am-3pm	Steyning Primary School, BN44 3RQ.	£39
Uckfield	6-7 Apr	9.45am-3pm	UCTC, TN22 3DJ.	£39
Worthing	☉ 18-20 Apr	9am-3pm	Thomas A Becket Junior School, BN14 7PR.	£54

Courses for 4-5 year olds

Brighton	18-20 Apr	9am-12pm	Dorothy Stringer School, BN1 6PZ.	£30
Eastbourne	3-5 Apr	9am-12pm	Eastbourne Sports Park, BN21 2UF.	£30
Worthing	18-20 Apr	9am-3pm	Thomas A Becket Junior School, BN14 7PR.	£30

May half term 2017

Location	Dates	Times	Venue	Cost
Billingshurst	30-31 May	9.45am-3pm	Plaistow & Kirdford Primary School, RH14 0PX.	£39
Brighton	☉ 30 May-1 Jun	9am-3pm	Dorothy Stringer School, BN1 6PZ.	£54
Eastbourne	☉ 30 May-1 Jun	9am-3pm	Bede's Senior School, BN27 3QH.	£54
Hassocks	☉ 1-2 Jun	9.45am-3pm	Hassocks Sports Centre, BN6 8LP.	£39
Newhaven	31 May-2 Jun	9.45am-3pm	Seahaven Academy, BN9 9JL.	£54
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Single day bookings are available priced at £23 for 6-13 year olds, and £10 for 4-5 year olds. Please call: 01273 878277 to book.

☉ = Goalkeepers included. Goalkeepers will receive individual specialised training during the mornings, followed by integrated team sessions in the afternoons. Goalkeeper courses can be booked separately online.

Places must be booked online in advance. Full terms and conditions can be found on our website.

**COPIES OF KEY POLICIES CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE INCLUDING OUR
CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

