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GREAT REPORT FROM OFSTED!

Our recent OFSTED inspection report is now available and I am pleased to confirm that OFSTED judged us a 'Good' school with improvements from the last inspection.

I was particularly encouraged that they recognised the learning climate we have worked hard to promote in the quote 'The caring and stimulating culture you have created enables pupils to do their best. As a result, pupils make good progress and achieve well at your inclusive school.'

The inspection is available on our website on www.ratton.co.uk and the Ofsted website <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/138474> and there are also paper copies available in our reception.

The second Ratton Community Arts Festival was a huge success last Saturday. The sun shone and there was music, song and dance. There were over 15 different charities stalls represented and also the same number of stalls lead by our students. The whole event had a wonderful feel and we are grateful to all the visitors who came and enjoyed this event.

We held our annual Awards Evening at The Winter Garden where we celebrated all those students achieving excellence. It was wonderful to see so many students being rewarded for their hard work, contribution and success.

This is the last newsletter of the academic year and I would like to wish you a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

See you in September!

Mr Knox-Macaulay, Headteacher

FABULOUS DAY AT THE BIG BANG SCIENCE FAIR

11 students in Year 7 and 8 created 2 fantastic projects to enter in the Big Bang Science Fair which aims to promote STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) jobs. They have worked really hard for the past few months to create large displays to showcase their projects (the properties of slime and the energy stored in food). They had to explain their rationale and relevant science to judges (and other students and teachers) throughout the morning and then they enjoyed a science magic show in the afternoon. The students did an amazing job and were highly complimented by the judges for the quality of their presentation and their enthusiasm. They were excellent ambassadors for the school with exemplary attitude and behaviour throughout the day.

Sadly, they did not win, but they were much younger than most of the competitors and had loads of ideas for their entry for next year. Watch out next year!



Maths and Physics GCSE Revision Day

On Monday 26th June, our Year 10 First Generation students visited the University of Sussex to spend the day exploring the practical applications of Maths and Physics concepts they have learnt during their GCSE courses.

The morning session started with a probability experiment, 'The Great Race', where students made predictions and then investigated with dice comparing theoretical probabilities with the relative frequency of the outcome occurring. After discussing normal distribution patterns, students were given a chance to explore whether similar patterns would emerge with 10-sided dice. Next up was a carousel of three Physics workshops; magnetism, radioactivity and static electricity. Students had the chance to see experiments to further develop their understanding with the cloud chamber and magnetic levitation.



After lunch, students went into further carousel sessions on minimum surface areas, sampling and abstract mathematics. Students explored topics like capture-recapture in mathematical sampling in a practical manner; bringing meaning to some of the theoretical lessons which have taken place back at school. Student particularly enjoyed trying to reach 5 pitches of sound using a rubber tube and the force of their own arm movement.

Our last session saw every student create their own spectrometer – using a cardboard tube and an old CD, students looked at different light sources and determined the gas element from the spectra lines it produced.

All in all, students enjoyed their day of practical Maths and Physics, and have lots of ideas of how more of these experiments and investigations can be incorporated in the classroom! Our thanks the University of Sussex and the Widening Participation team for inviting another engaging and educational day at the campus.

Sussex Maths Hub Challenge

Ratton took two year 9 teams over to Worthing for the annual Sussex Maths Hub Challenge. Both teams performed admirably and would have been at, or near the top, of the leader board had we not missed the first round due to a slightly late departure and some bad traffic along the way.

Congratulations to Matt Laing, Callum Halton-Riach, Josh Chin, Millie Springett, Sumi Simfukwe, Luke Drakeley, Jemima Hadland and Sam Fisher who all represented the school exceptionally well throughout the day.



SPORTS DAY 2017



RESULTS



1ST	- APOLLO	1835 POINTS
2ND	- ADELPHI	1689 POINTS
3RD	- LYRIC	1653 POINTS
4TH	- LYCEUM	1560 POINTS
5TH	- GLOBE	1527 POINTS

CELEBRATING SUCCESS!

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

Week ended 30th June

Jacob Packer, Hajirah Uddin, Olivia Cooper, Matthew Jay, Liam Matthews, Danielle Mapp,
Thomas Tyrwhitt-Walker and Louis Nicholls

Week ended 7th July

Khadijah Uddin, Jessica Richardson, Douglas Potter, Dale Upton, Leonie Rogers and Leonie Hurtado

Week ended 14th July

Amelia Bartlett, Nia Griffin, Max Lawrence-Mele, Ryan Penfold, Betty Cooper, Ella Harris, Jack Trubshaw,
Luke Corteling-Rice, Isabelle Leshirley, Vilte Adamonyte, Indya-Jayne Wardle, Mollie Simpson,
Jessica Richardson, Harry W Hacker and Michael Morehen

YEAR 9 GET GREEN FINGERS!

The year 9 support class have been tasked with revitalising the entrance to the school. They have taken charge of organising, budgeting and planting three garden beds situated outside reception.

First, the students measured the chosen flower beds in order to draw a scale plan. Then they tested the acidity of the soil ensuring that the plants they wanted would be suitable. During their lessons the students have been measuring, researching and planning what type of plants would be best for the flower beds. As part of this research, all the students combined ideas for a questionnaire and went around the school asking various members of the staff for responses. Questions included: what they would like to see in the beds? Would they like to see the Ratton colours? and what should students consider when making their final plan? With these answers in mind, the students discussed the outcomes and made logical choices for the types of plants they are going to use.

Next, the students visited Chalk Farm garden centre, where the friendly staff helped them to find out more about the type of plants that they will be using. Prices were researched and decisions made as to how many of each plant they would need in the garden beds.

By the end of term, the year 9 students will have completed their task and transformed the school entrance. The students have really taken off with this project. The enthusiasm and level of engagement to this task has been a credit to them all. Their hard work and determination through the project will be evident to all students, staff and future guests to Ratton as the new beds will bring a breath of fresh air to the school.



One of the garden beds waiting to be transformed. Watch this space!

The Ryman National Enterprise Challenge 2017 Finals



Earlier this academic year the whole of Year 9 competed against each other to solve a business problem for Theo

Paphitis and Ryman's. The winners of this competition, Constellation, qualified for The Ryman National Enterprise Challenge 2017 Finals in Telford.

Constellation travelled over 200 miles north to Telford where they competed against 200 other schools (1000 students) in the national final. The team - Indya-Jayne Wardle (project manager), Nia Griffin, Natalie Plummer, Jessica Richardson, Leah Upton and Betty Cooper - have all worked really hard on their presentation skills for this event as they were not allowed any electronic aids.



Constellation gave a pitch to 4 judges for their app that would revolutionise the organisation of students and enable Ryman to extend its target market. They did an amazing job including creating an oversized phone as a prop and fielded the questions brilliantly. Unfortunately, in a close run thing it wasn't to be their day and they were just beaten out of the final 4 teams.

The team have shown incredible determination and skill throughout this competition and we are sure that one day they will become the Dragons of the future.

Best Practice with Teaching Assistants Award (BPTAA)

The SEN/Learning Support Department has signed up to an innovative award to further develop and acknowledge the work of its team of Teaching Assistants.

The Best Practice with Teaching Assistants Award (BPTAA) helps schools evaluate and recognise the valuable role of teaching assistants in pupils' achievement. It aims to assist schools to work more effectively with their teaching assistants to support pupils' attainment and wellbeing.

It's an exciting initiative that provides a process of self-evaluation, planning and development, sharing good practice and a celebration of success for the work undertaken.

The core purpose of the award is to recognize and celebrate the invaluable, increasingly complex role of teaching assistants in supporting the teaching and learning and pastoral care of students. It also aims to evaluate, monitor and support the leadership, management and work of teaching assistants in order to maximize pupil attainment, achievement and well-being of students.

At a recent INSET day, the team spent time working on the school self-evaluation element of the award and preparation of an Action Plan. Next, the plan will be



implemented and a portfolio of evidence built. Following an interim assessment of progress, verification will lead to achievement of the award and accreditation. It is hoped that the process will be completed during the next school year.

Mrs M Veale, Assistant SENCO, said of the award, 'We are excited as a team to have this opportunity to celebrate and further improve our work across the whole school.'

For more information about the award, please visit www.awardplace.co.uk/award/bptaa



COOKING DOESN'T GET TOUGHER THAN THIS!

Kerry Davies Y10

On Wednesday 5th of July I took part in a Masterchef Challenge at the Langham Hotel in Eastbourne.

When I got there I was given my chef whites and apron and we were given a tour round the kitchen. We had to choose what to cook for the 2 professional judges. I chose chicken breast stuffed with garlic and parsley butter covered up in Parma Ham and served with oven baked potatoes with mangetout, glazed carrots and a mushroom and chicken sauce reduction. For dessert I made a French fruit tart with loads of different but beautiful fruits with cream and melted white chocolate and a mixed berrie sorbet. We had 4 hours to make this. The dishes were judged at lunch time when I found out that I had won! I got a free afternoon tea for 2 at the hotel and I got to keep my chef whites. Massive thank yous to Mrs Chalk, Michael (Head Chef) and Mr Kirby (Hotel Manager). It was a fantastic day with great people and an amazing place to work. Thanks also to my friends Jess, Ben and of course Matthew.



BROOKE CAN TINKLE THE IVORIES!

Brooke Nicholls in Year 7 has just received a distinction in his Grade 5 London College of Music Keyboard exam gaining a 96% mark!

Wow!



AWARDS EVENING

We had a fantastic evening at The Winter Garden last Thursday celebrating the achievements of students and staff.

We were delighted to welcome The Mayor of Eastbourne, Cllr Pat Hearn, as well as Caroline Ansell who was our guest speaker along with a host of friends and families.

We were treated to brilliant performances by students as well as the Minor Details and Rinceori Ratton—not to mention the splendid sight of so many students receiving awards for their outstanding achievements.

All in all an incredible celebration of talent and an amazing evening!



There's no stopping @RinceoiriRatton



The Rinceoiri Ratton Irish dancers wowed crowds at the Eastbourne Festival in Princes Park.

The girls performed on the main stage on both Saturday and Sunday with dances that featured some of our beginner dancers in their first display for the troupe, as well as our more experienced dancers in new more complex routines.

This event brought the group's performance total to a staggering 27 separate displays this year alone - and they're not done yet! The girls also performed at the new intake evening, the Ocklynge Summer Fair and the Ratton Dance Show and will perform at the Community Fayre on the 8th of July, Awards Evening on the 13th of July and the Lammas Festival on the Western Lawns on the 29th July!

The troupe are also delighted to be offering a 2 day Summer Workshop in August

RINCEOIRI RATTON IRISH DANCE

SUMMER WORKSHOP

Suitable for all abilities and ages 6+
 Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th of August
 10am - 3pm at Ratton School, £40 for both days.
 Contact rinceoiri@ratton.co.uk to book



WORLD OF WORK TRIP

- ★ The recent world of work trip to Twitter went brilliantly...
- ★ students LOVED it! Awed by the environment, everyone
- ★ engaged politely and enthusiastically without exception.
- ★ They all got something from the interviewing people slot, on
- ★ top the nirvana of having free access to canned fizzy drinks!
- ★ You could see the students' horizons widening during the day
- ★ and big thanks go to the YES Futures team.



FOODS OF THE WORLD ACTIVITIES

Last week a group of students from a Year 9 German class researched recipes from Germany and then chose what they would like to cook. They chose German chocolate biscuits and worked as groups to cook these and eat what they had produced!

Many thanks to Denise for her help.



Year 9 students have spent a week in Refresh cooking meals from different parts of the world and have then served them to students and staff. We have had food from Mexico, Italy, America and China!

All in all a most enjoyable experience!



THE RATTON COMMUNITY ARTS FESTIVAL

Student leaders and the Music BTEC team impressed with their organisational skills and the talent on show from Ratton students showed the enormous strength and depth of talent within the student body.

Most heart-warming was that over 100 students from all year groups were prepared to give up their time to create an experience for others while have a great deal of fun along the way.

We are grateful to Stix Drummers for their drum-mastery, Wyntercon for running its superhero workshop and Drusillas for bringing their mini-beasts. We would also like to thank the 14 charities who attended on the day. It has always been the aim of the event to develop ever deeper links with the community and students are already planning next year's event with this in mind.



CCF CADET CAMP



Our annual CCF Cadet Camp took place during the last week of June. The cadets took part in a number of activities ranging from 25m rifle shooting, where they had to get 10 rounds in as small a grouping as possible to a day trip to Bewl Water where they took part in water sports activities, mountain biking and orienteering.

During this day out we even taught a few cadets how to ride a bike, a valuable life skill. On the last day of camp, the Cadets took part in a camp wide competition testing a variety of skills such as Drill, mountain biking, military knowledge, survival skills, leadership and shooting.

The team worked excellently together gaining a 2nd and a 3rd in Leadership and the March and Shoot.

We are also delighted to report that three of our Ratton Cadets received a promotion alongside peers from Eastbourne College:

Congratulations to Hellen Stratakou, Jemima Hadland, David Carden.



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Week ended 23rd June

Jazzie Douglas, Sadie Drinkwater, Daisy Karasani-Jones for detailed, independent poetry analysis.

Luca Beltrame, Mitchell Summerfield for outstanding progress in assessment in Geography

Week ended 30th June

For making good progress in Ethics mock exam
Angelique Andris
Amber Gunter
Honour Tyrell Martin
Nicole Thornton

For making excellent progress in Ethics mock exam
Ruby Emanuel
Joey Hallewell

Kiara Atkins - for excellent book work in Ethics

Elise Allen (Coppard) for working hard to significantly improve her Ethics mock exam

For great work in Dance GCSE
Angelique Andris
Lauren Billings
Jessie Wilder

Bailey Wright - English Schools



Bailey attended the English Schools Championships in Birmingham.

It was a big achievement to qualify to run and knew he would be running against the top ranked in the country. He ran an amazing heat and won, putting him into the final. He just missed out on a medal coming 4th with a new PB of 10.82, putting him above the National Standard of 11 seconds.

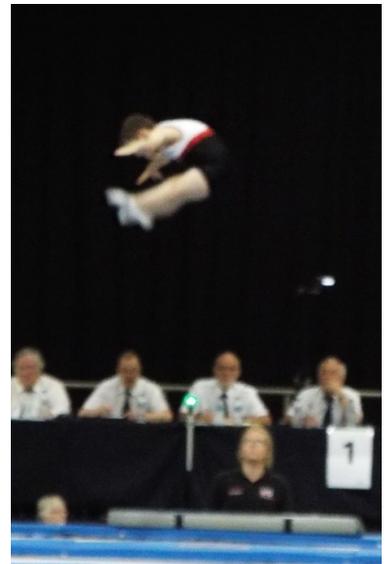
A remarkable achievement!

Cameron wins Silver Medal in National Finals

Cameron Jones travelled to Telford last weekend to compete in the British Gymnastics National Trampoline Finals where he won a Silver medal in the Disability Trampoline Finals National 1 Category 2.

He had a great warm up before going into the competition hall. In the competition hall he had one chance to get the feel of the trampoline before competing - however he managed to injure himself just before his turn in the competition and put his shoulder out. After a bit of physio on his shoulder by his coach he went on to compete.

After the first jump he was placed third. He improved on this with his second jump moving up to second place overall and the Silver Medal position.



Rejuvenating the plant beds



The Year 9 Support group have been working on a project to rejuvenate the garden beds at the front of the school reception.

The group had to design a theme around the new plants. They chose to combine the plants with the school emblem colours.

The group surveyed staff around the school, tested the soil, researched appropriate plants and budgeted and identified the plants at Chalk Farm Nurseries. They then worked together to cultivate the garden beds to create the finished product.

Teejay Phillips stated "It was really fun as we worked as a co-operative and it taught us to be creative".

Y9 Sky Sports Leaders

Below are the PP students who have done extremely well throughout the year in their roles as Sky Sport Leaders. They have developed confidence, independence, resilience as well as leadership and social skills and we are pleased to recognise their achievements:

BARTLETT Amelia	SSt Ade
BROWN Harvey	HMa Lyr
BUCKLEY Aaliyah	CRn Ade
CANTONE Manuel	CRn Ade
CHATER Jarvis	CLa Apo
CLAY Jamie	HMa Lyr
COOPER Katie	RGo Apo
CROOK Charly	VCh Apo
DAVIES Matthew	CRn Ade
DE SAVIGNY James	SSt Ade
FEBVRE Emily	CPn Lyr
FIORESE-RESENDE Vincenzo	JSk Lyc
FULBROOK Molly	OFr Apo
GURNEY Arlie	JAp Apo
H Aidary Eamon	CPn Lyr
HALTON Callum	OFr Apo
HAZELL Kallum	NAv Ade
JONES Escher-Loren	ERo Lyc
LALAN Tyler	SLo Glo
LEWIS Maddy	EHu Lyr
MARTIN TORRES Anais	EGr Glo
MOYO Indi	WSt Ade
PERRY Aimee	PPa Ade
PLUMMER Natalie	HMa Lyr
PRICE Oscar	EHu Lyr
ROGERS Charlie	CLa Apo
SIMFUKWE Suwi	PPa Ade
THOMAS Libby	CLa Apo
UPTON Leah	HMa Lyr
VALERO Jose-Carlos	VCh Apo
WALLIS Connie	CPn Lyr
WARDLE Indya-Jayne	NSt Lyr

Vcert Food Group compete in Masterchef competition

8 lucky KS4 food students were chosen to compete in a Masterchef style competition at The Langham Hotel.

The students were placed into groups and given a random selection of ingredients to make 2 main courses and 2 desserts within 2 hours. The students were given chef whites, which they got to keep and afterwards rewarded with a delicious 2 course lunch at the hotel.

The competition ended in a draw so each student was given a voucher for a cream tea for 2 at a time of their choice.

Mrs Chalk was incredibly proud of their efforts and professionalism.



A huge thanks to The Langham Hotel for their generosity and time and Mrs Peters for organising such an amazing day.

See the website/Twitter/Facebook pages for pictures of the fabulous dishes created!



Wednesday 19th July

Whole school sponsored walk

Thursday 20th July

Activities morning

School will finish for the summer break on Thursday 20th July at 1.15pm.

Stagecoach is unable to provide the school bus at this earlier time so you may wish to make alternative arrangements for your child to get home. Please note that, due to the early finish, there will be a full canteen service for all students at mid-morning break only.

Students in Years 7 and 11 return to school on Wednesday 6th September -

- Our new Year 7 students should arrive for 8.40am and go to the hall.
- Year 11 Student Leaders should arrive for 8.15am and go to the hall.
- All other Year 11 students should arrive for 10.00am.

No other year groups will be in school on 6th September.

Students in all year groups return to school on Thursday 7th September -

All students return for 8.45am registration with tutors in their tutor rooms.

Each community will hold a welcome back assembly at the following times:

Adelphi 9.00
Apollo 9.25
Globe 9.50
Lyceum 10.15
Lyric 10.40

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