

## DIARY DATES

**Thursday 6th October**  
Succeeding in Y10 Evening 6-7.30pm

**Friday 7th October**  
Y11 Careers Day

**w/b Monday 3rd October**  
Y6 Open Mornings  
(by appointment) 9.10am/10.15am

**Thursday 13th October**  
Succeeding in Y9 Evening 6-7.30pm

**Friday 14th October**  
Y7 Charity Disco 6-8pm

## TEAMWORK & RESPONSIBILITY IN ACTION AGAI

It seems strange that less than a week ago, we were enjoying autumn sunshine and suddenly the temperature has dropped and wet, windy weather has started. We all know that this time of year requires some resilience; a bit like school life as we settle into the academic year and the learning and good progress really starts to build up.

We had almost 200 students acting as tour guides or helping in all subjects at our Open Evening. There was an amazing atmosphere with the whole school community involved in showing the breadth of opportunity we offer as a school. The key to the evening was how our students reflected the virtues - particularly 'Responsibility' and 'Teamwork'.

Our Success Evenings have continued to support parents/carers and students and I would like to thank all staff who have gone that extra mile to organise and deliver these events. We have three more evenings to go; Thursday 6th October for Year 10, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October for Year 9 and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October for Year 8. We look forward to welcoming you to these popular events.

*Mr Knox-Macaulay, Headteacher*

## TEAMWORK & RESPONSIBILITY IN ACTION AGAIN!



On Saturday 1st October, Apollo students took part in Bag Packing: eleven students spent the day bag packing at Tesco in Langley Shopping Centre starting at 10.30am and finishing at 4pm. A long old day! They worked tirelessly and raised almost £450 and we are immensely proud of their selfless efforts, giving up their Saturday to help other people.

Very well done to Abigail Thompson who took the lead in organising this event and also to the following students who took part - Fletcher Burton, Marie Hunnisett, Ches Tann, Poppy Watts, Danielle Mapp, Libby Kingham, Saffie Kingham, Georgia Harrison, Daisy Dibbens and Ruby Allott.

## 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 16th September

Natalie Plummer, Aimee Beaumont, Oscar Price, Ben Parsons-Willis, Cameron Frost, Melissa Priestman, Hannah Nelson, Samantha Richards, Eamon Haidary and Billie Rippon

### Week ended 23rd September

Luana Torres, Cameron Jones, Samantha Richards, Lily Aston, Jacob Gunter, Millie Springett and Saffie Kingham

# British Council International School Award Success



**INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOL AWARD**



Ratton has been recredited with the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom.

The International School Award is a badge of honour for schools that do outstanding work in international education, such as through links with partner schools overseas. Fostering an international

dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council's work with schools, so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need to live and work as global citizens. Ratton's international work includes the well-established European Day of Languages, hosting two Erasmus Polish teachers who have set up a link with the Geography department, Skyping partner schools in Germany, France, Kazakstan and Miami, visits by students and teachers from China and Holland and a response to the migrant crisis in Calais.

On hearing the news that Ratton School had received the award, Cathy Dean, International Coordinator, said "We are delighted to have been recredited with the International School Award which recognizes all the hard work which has been done to bring the international dimension into the classroom and it has given our students an insight into different cultures and countries, preparing them for life in a global society and we will continue to develop the international dimension across the curriculum."

John Rolfe, from the British Council, said: "The school's fantastic international work has rightfully earned it this prestigious award. The International School Award is a great chance for schools to demonstrate the important work they're doing to bring the world into their classrooms. Adding an international dimension to children's education ensures that they are truly global citizens and helps prepare them for successful future careers in an increasingly global economy."



## European Day of Languages

On Monday 26th September all Year 7 students were off their 'normal' timetable for the morning and took part in a variety of activities to celebrate the European Day of Languages. In recent years this has become an International Day of Languages!

These activities included learning a new language eg Maltese and Greek, organising a café, tasting and cooking French food, making gazpacho, learning Irish Dance, salsa and many more activities.



30th September 2016

**Ratton School**

**Table Tennis Academy**



## NEW JUNIOR COMMUNITY TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Come along and find out more

- First Month FREE
- Skills & Competition
- Coaching & Leadership
- Professional Table Tennis England Coach

Event Details

The Gym, Ratton School, Park Avenue, Eastbourne

Commencing Wednesday, 5th October

5:00pm to 6:30pm



All Equipment Provided—Wear Suitable Clothing



A Sport England Lottery Funded Project

Ratton School Academy Working in Partnership with Table Tennis Rother

Contact PE Department for Further Information on this NEW Opportunity

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# Kids at Kidzania!



On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 60 Y7 students visited KidZania, an indoor replica of a city, where students tried out a range of professions.

Examples of professions include Forensic Scientist, Pilot, Midwife, Hairdresser, Fireman, F1 Engineer, Radio Presenter and many more.

The event is crafted to teach children essential life skills including financial literacy, team work and independence. It gives them confidence to challenge themselves and inspire them to explore the world of opportunities and a great time was had by all!

You can find out more about Kidzania by visiting their website at <http://london.kidzania.com/en-uk/>



# Life after Ratton...

Recent graduate of Ratton School - Keenan Sayers - who was a very popular and motivated pupil joined Christ's Hospital Sixth Form late August of this year.

Known at Ratton for his contribution to sport and the School Council Keenan has settled in extremely well to the new and unique environment that Christ's Hospital offers to their students and says he believes that being a Student Leader in Globe helped smooth that transition.

Keenan has already proved himself worthy of his rugby scholarship by cementing his place in the 1st team and performing well in the matches Christ's Hospital have played in the first 4 weeks of the start of the new academic year.

Keenan is studying Chemistry, Biology, Philosophy and Economics and is thoroughly enjoying them. He has done well adjusting to the new teaching style of A-levels as well as boarding, a new experience to walking 15 minutes back home from Ratton when he was a pupil last year!

Keenan has assured he will keep contact with us here at Ratton and will hopefully have time to visit us. The photo shows Keenan wearing his uniform "housey" that he has to wear Monday to Saturday - a big change to the polo and sweater at Ratton.

We congratulate Keenan on his hard work and wish him the all the very best for his future at Christ's Hospital and beyond.



# Ratton Teacher picks up a Rotary Recognition Award

Nick Morris was nominated by Eastbourne AM Rotary Club for his work with the club's interact members at Ratton. Interact is the national organisation for young Rotarians, and AM works with Ratton for the Interact Club, with it being made up of students from the school.

AM Youth Committee Chair, Chris Purcell, said, "Nick has put so much time and effort into the Interact Club. His drive, energy and commitment have ensured the number of pupils involved in interact has increased dramatically. He fully deserves the award."

Nick was presented with his award by MP Caroline Ansell, who praised him for being special and for setting a great example to the children.



## Is your child entitled to free school meals?

If you meet the eligibility criteria below please contact Mrs Plummer by email [jplummer@ratton.co.uk](mailto:jplummer@ratton.co.uk) for an application form.

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

## Siblings coming to Ratton?

If you would like the brother or sister of a Ratton student to start here in Year 7 next September, you must remember to apply for a place by the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

Having a brother or sister doesn't allow you any special consideration for a place *if you forget to apply*. Your application will be dealt with *after* all other applications are dealt with in March.

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