

## DIARY DATES

Thursday 20th October

Y8 Girls HPV 1

Ian Gow Public Speaking Competition  
at the Winter Garden 5pm

Succeeding in Y8 Evening 6pm

**October break 24th-28th October**

Tuesday 1st November

Govs Resources Group 5pm

Wednesday 2nd November

Dance Evening 6.30pm

Thursday 3rd November

Live Lounge 6pm

## NEW PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The introduction of the new performance measures - 'Progress 8' and 'Attainment 8' - and the move away from the '5A\*-C including English and Maths' is a big change for schools nationally. The new Progress 8 measure reflects the progress that students have made from the beginning of year 7 across 8 subjects. We were pleased with the provisional results showing that our Year 11 made above national average progress. We anticipate the final figure for the Progress 8 measure in January will show that we are in the top 20% of schools nationally for student progress.

Our students are working hard to demonstrate one of our virtues - **Teamwork**. We wish our team of Year 9 students the best of luck with the Ian Gow Debating Competition in the memory of the late Eastbourne MP. We also hosted the start of the Young Enterprise competition and it was great to drop in and see a team of budding entrepreneurs looking to improve on our strong performance last year. In this newsletter we also celebrate the achievements and teamwork of a range of sports teams particularly our football, netball and cross-country teams.

We have our final 'Success Evening' this term for Year 8 on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October starting at 6pm. I am sure that the evening will be as well attended as previous evenings and will provide the opportunity for parents, carers and students to plan for success in this important year.

*Mr Knox-Macaulay, Headteacher*

## PAST STUDENT ON UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE WINNING TEAM!

Did you see the last of the first round matches on 10<sup>th</sup> October when the University of Glasgow took on the University of East London - which included Chris Ducklin who was a student here from 1984-89 and had Miss Dean as a tutor!

Chris contacted us to thank Ratton for his time here and 'how it enabled him to achieve an unlikely goal'.

East London were the champs so we look forward to seeing them again soon...



## 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 30th September

Matthew Davies, Chloe Hastie, Indya-Jayne Wardle, Hollie Thornton, Tina Marshall, Klaudia Wosik, Natalie Plummer, James Bown, Poppy Watts and Gorazd Stojanovski

### Week ended 7th October

Ruby Backler, Danielle Mapp, Daisy Dibbens, Libby Kingham, Fletcher Burton, Leo Sowdon, Douglas Potter, Sasha Bayne and Mollie Simpson

# East Sussex Schools Cross Country Competition

Well done to all students that participated in the Cross Country event - Tobie Haylett, Lennon O'Donnell, Dale Upton, Sam Trowell, Reuben Hewitt-Bloom, Jacob Kelly, Tom Perry, Max Lawrence-mele, Alex Partridge, Toby Poppit-Jones, Matt Laing, Jarvis Chater, Dexter Scott, Poppy Watts, Jasmine Price, Katie Young, Trinity Baker, Hollie Cullen, Katie Cooper, Connie Wallis, Colleen Long and Amelia Bartlett.

They all showed great effort and resilience in a difficult event running a distance of between 1-3 miles!



## Official launch of Young Enterprise 2016-17

Wednesday 12 October 2016 saw the official launch of this year's Young Enterprise company programme competition. As last year's winners for Eastbourne and Wealden district Ratton school hosted the launch event.

This year's prospective company directors from Ratton School and St Catherine's College heard from a range of business advisers from across the area and Wendy Gorham the Young Enterprise Manager for East Sussex and Brighton and Hove.

Directors from last year's winning company Initium (Malachi Jones, Ellie Stanbridge and Ally Gellatly)



addressed the audience offering advice and guidance about what they learnt last year. The enthusiasm for the competition from them and the other directors from last year's competition shone through throughout the evening.

Young Enterprise students past and present then went on to compete in a mini Enterprise game in small teams. Students entered into the process wholeheartedly having to organise limited resources, finance and keep their customer happy. Congratulations and first place went to a team from St Catherine's College with second and third place teams from Ratton School. Stephen Lloyd who had been the banker for the evening made the presentation to the winning team.

Watch this space as for updates as the year progresses and the competition hots up with other schools in the area also joining the competition. Updates on The Ratton School team will also be posted on [@Ratton ICT](#) where additional photos can be found.



## Invitation from Caroline Ansell

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 5pm - 8pm I am hosting the annual Ian Gow public speaking competition for year 9 pupils, and this school is participating.

The competition is in memory of former Eastbourne MP Ian Gow, who was murdered by the IRA in 1990.

I am delighted that Ian's widow, Dame Jane Whiteley will be our guest of honour on the evening.

The event is free to attend, and will be held at the Gold Room in the Winter Garden. Do please support the school, and the next generation of public speakers by attending!

This year teams of year 9 pupils (*Jemima Hadland, Menna Evans and Indya-Jayne Wardle from Ratton*) will be debating 'Freedom and democracy; why this is as important today as it has ever been' which, in the present climate, is very pertinent and should be very thought provoking. I look forward to welcoming you there.

## Rinceoiri Ratton out in the community

Rinceoiri Ratton Irish Dance has been out in the community sharing their love of dance with local groups and charities. Last week they performed a display at Firwood House rehabilitation centre and they are also running workshops and classes for local Guiding and Scout groups. The group will also be performing as part of the Rattonians Christmas Spectacular in November and have secured the Winter Garden to host their annual Irish Night on Thursday 30th March.

If you would like to book us get in touch!

Follow us on Facebook and twitter @RinceoiriRatton



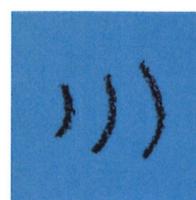
### E-safety at Ratton School

This year as part of the ICT induction all students have taken the time to review their digital profiles and consider how to be safe on the internet. Furthermore at the 'Succeeding in Evenings' and the Open Evening we have been advising parents to look at the NSPCC and O2 app NetAware.

NetAware is a simple downloadable app that guides parents about the most popular social networks, apps and games that children use. You can easily find age ratings, parent and child reviews and how likely it is that a child could find inappropriate content.

Further advice and support can always be found on the excellent site

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)



NetAware  
NSPCC Lifestyle  
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# We are the champions!

## Ratton Football Results

**Yr 10. Ratton 10 - 1 G. House**

Apps 4, O'Donnell 2, Hulkes,  
Adams, Hendley, Lee.



**Yr 8. Ratton 8 - 2 G. House**

Lawrence-Mele 4, Cullen-Little 2,  
Harris, Tear.

**Yr 7. Ratton 1 - 5 G. House**

O'Donnell.

## Year 9 Football

**Ratton 7 - 0 Ringmer**

Gibson 2, Daniel 2, Hussein, Powell, Gashi



**Ratton 5 - 3 Willingdon**

Gibson 3, Hussein 2.

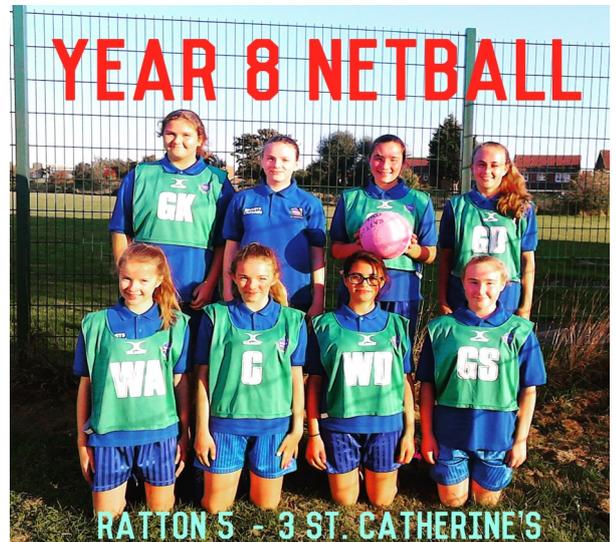


**Year 9 Netball**

**Ratton 21-4 Cavendish**



**YEAR 8 NETBALL**



**RATTON 5 - 3 ST. CATHERINE'S**

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CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING POLICY