

## DIARY DATES

**21st November – 2nd December**  
Year 11 Pre-Public Exams

Tuesday 22nd November  
Govs Policies Group 3.45pm  
Govs Wellbeing Group 5pm

**Tuesday 29th November**  
Govs Research Group 8am  
Govs Resources Group 5pm

**Friday 2nd December**  
Aachen Christmas Market Trip  
departs 10pm  
(returns 10pm on Saturday)

## Diploma rewards Effort

Year 11 have made a good start to their pre-public exams and have approached the process in a very positive and professional way. We know that exams are not the most exciting part of school life, but a calm and well planned run in will give Year 11 the best possible chance for success. The results will give students and staff the opportunity to celebrate what went well and work on any gaps in learning.

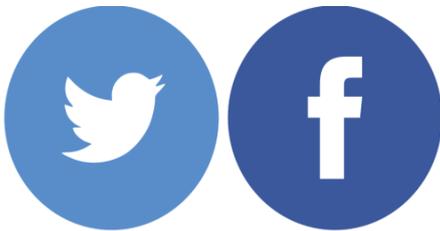
I am looking forward to the assemblies celebrating the large number of students in Years 7 to 9 who have already achieved the Ratton Diploma. The purpose of the Diploma is to reward as many students as possible for their day-to-day effort in school. It is really important that we are working hard to recognise these 'quiet heroes' in school. The deadline for diploma stickers is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November and we are aiming for 100% of students completing their Diploma successfully.

We know that all year groups are working hard at demonstrating the virtue of effort and showing resilience when faced with a challenge.

We are moving into that time of the year when we have a range of seasonal events happening including the Aachen Christmas Market Trip on 2nd/3<sup>rd</sup> December, Christmas Concert on 13<sup>th</sup> December and Christmas Lunch on 16<sup>th</sup> December.

Please enjoy this newsletter.

*Mr Knox-Macaulay, Headteacher*



## Congratulations



Sophie Drakeley and Rose Norris (both 7GWa Adelphi) did a charity bake sale on Sat 12th Nov and raised a fantastic £115.10.

Well done girls!

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 4th November

Abigail Thompson, Leighah Chandler, Joshua Weblin, Matilda Message, Sahara Moshref and Alice Middleton

### Week ended 11th November

Adam Davies, Michael Morehen, Ella Harris, Jack Byers, Harrison Haines, Amelia Bartlett, Jacob Packer, Hannah Rowark and Davina Neves

# Starry, starry night

On Monday night (November 7<sup>th</sup>) a hardy group of starry eyed Year 11 enthusiasts gathered in the South Playground for the first of the 2016/17 Ratton Astronomy Evenings.

Once again Mr Froom's trusty telescope 'Big Bertha' provided the portal to a stunning spectacle of craggy craters and basaltic basins on the Moon, as well as turning her attentions to the inscrutable ice giant planets Uranus and Neptune.

Eager eyes intercepted fleet-footed photons emitted two and a half million years ago by the Andromeda Galaxy, as well as peering at the ghostly Ring Nebula and the immense ball of stars that is the Great Globular Cluster in Hercules.

As always everyone's spirits were maintained in the cold conditions by sheer enthusiasm (and hot tea and biscuits!). Fingers crossed for more clear skies...



## 'Shout Outs' for week ending 11th November

Shannon Dell and Crystal Harper - for becoming dance leaders and performing for the school  
Taz Hossein - for an impressive attitude to work in Science  
Charlotte Taylor - for helping others in Science  
Year 8 Harvey Wolski - excellent homework in Science  
Year 8 Freddie Cullen - for hard work and positivity in Science  
Year 9 Aaliyah Buckley - excellent attitude and effort at all times  
Year 9 Kayleigh Hill - for impressive effort in Science  
Year 10 Zoe Morrissey - for outstanding effort, always  
Katerina Kullai- impressive effort in English tick time  
Connor Munn - for being a data processing machine in sociology and producing some gold standard data in his research  
Nicole Booker for excellent effort and asking lots of questions in History  
Matthew Davies for super homework on opponents of the holocaust  
Emily Febvre for a fantastic level of interest in History, always keen to discuss issues  
Indi Moyo for excellent work consistently  
Teejay H-Phillips for excellent improvement in factual knowledge tests as a result of hard work  
Jose Valero for very good contributions in a discussion on the holocaust which showed his ability to evaluate an argument  
Gemma King for excellent test scores in History which show how hard she works and revises



### Halloween Spooky Story Competition

We received over 50 entries from all year groups for this competition. It took year 7 & 8 book club over 3 hours to judge the competition.

**Winners**—Sasha Mansbridge, Cat McPherson, Luke Drakeley, Abbie Thomas and Laura Williams

**Runners Up**— Janey Hooper, Eion Benens, Ella Harris, Jasmine Price, Sophie Drakeley and Sadie Douglas

## 'Let's do Business'

We were very excited to once again host the breakfast slot on the second day of Eastbourne Youth Radio from 8am-9am on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

Students brought everyone up to speed on all the latest news and events from in and around Ratton School. There was plenty of excellent live music showcasing some of Ratton's ensembles including The Minor Details and Ratton's own Chamber Choir.

These performances celebrated the success of Ratton School's 28th Gala Concert as well as looking ahead to the upcoming events in the new year.



# British Council International School Award

## success for Ratton again!

Ratton has been awarded the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom. This is the fifth time Ratton has received this award!



The International School Award celebrates the achievements of schools that do exceptional work in international education. 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 for life work in today's world.

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 had received the award, Cathy Dean International Coordinator said: "We are delighted to have been reaccredited with the International School Award for the fifth time 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."

Sir Ciarán Devane, CEO of 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. Embedding an international dimension in children's education ensures that they are truly global citizens and helps prepare them for successful lives and careers in an increasingly global economy."

## Sky Sport Leadership Conference

What a day led by sporting heroes Cassie Patten and Thinus Delpert for our Year 9 Sky Sport Leaders.

Cassie is an Olympic Bronze Medallist in Swimming and Thinus was a professional Rugby player for South Africa.

Our students were inspired throughout the day hearing Cassie's story about overcoming various barriers to achieve success and practical activities that developed teamwork, creativity and a hunger to achieve.

All the students were amazing and a credit to the school - well done!!



## Why is it important to sign your child's diary?

Diaries are a very important means of communication with parents and as we strive to work closely with parents to support the students succeeding in the classroom we ask that parents regularly sign their child's diary.

We look for parent support by checking homework has been written and completed each week. In addition the diary will communicate details of rewards, diploma tasks and sanctions if given. Staff, tutors and parents may also use this as a method of communicating with each other.

Parent evening appointment sheets are also included in the diaries which parents will need to look at prior to the parent evenings which are happening shortly.

Research has shown that regular conversations and interest shown by parents in their child's school life motivates students and the diary is a good way of opening up conversations about school life.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

### 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

### Consultation 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017

The LEA is proposing to make an alteration to the community area for Eastbourne primary schools, to take effect from September 2018. In essence, the proposal is to create a separate area for Willingdon and Polegate, in order to try to ensure that children in those areas are able to be prioritised for those schools ahead of children living within Eastbourne borough, who may be geographically closer to Willingdon or even Polegate, but who would have much shorter journeys to alternative schools within Eastbourne.

This will not, of course, prevent Eastbourne children from applying for those schools, but it will give priority to those children living in the Polegate and Willingdon area for those two schools. The change has been proposed as a result of the number of new homes being built in the area.

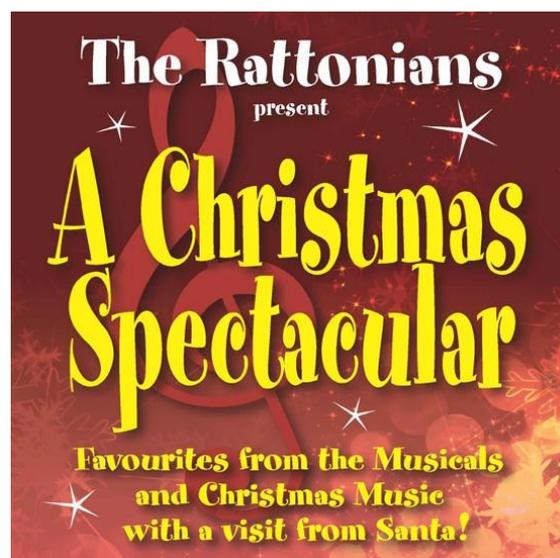
The consultation can be found here: [http://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/consultation-on-admission-arrangements-2018-19/consult\\_view](http://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/consultation-on-admission-arrangements-2018-19/consult_view) should you wish to give your views.



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