

CELEBRATING SUCCESS!

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

Week ended 20th January

Manuel Cantone, Klaudia Wosik, Ella Harris, Jamie Clay, Sadie Goff, Jack Chapman, Lara Vaney, James Dang, Betty Cooper, Shannon Miles and Katie Laing

Week ended 27th January

Anesu Musarurwa, Charles Sear, Lewis King, Ruby Emanuel, Ella Harris, Madison Vella Baker, Jem Hesselgrave, James Dang, Emmy Buxton and Steven Kirkwood

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Tuesday 7th February: Governors Strategy Meeting 9.05am

Tuesday 7th February: Governors Resources Meeting 5pm

Thursday 9th February to Monday 13th February:
Y10/Y11 trip to New York

Thursday 9th February: Y9/Y10 Careers Fair

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February:
Mid-term break

Monday 20th February to Friday 3rd March:
Y11 pre public exams (mocks) 2

Thursday 21st February: Governors Wellbeing Meeting

Thursday 23rd February: Live Lounge 2

Working Better Together

Working closely with someone else helps develop everyone involved; so we are very excited by the potential for partnership with Ocklynge Junior School. It is the sort of relationship that will enable both schools to maintain their individual identity but benefit from a wide range of partnership work. We will wait and see how our application develops and will update you on any progress. Meanwhile if you have any questions please don't hesitate to email them to info@ratton.co.uk

The spirit of entrepreneurship is well and truly alive in Ratton as our Young Enterprise group proved over the weekend. They spent all day in the Arndale Centre promoting and selling their range of products. Please see the link to our team being interviewed by a local news service:

<http://www.eastbournebuzz.co.uk/eastbourne-news.php?eastbourne-news-reports=2911&&Young-Enterprise-In-Eastbourne>

It is good to see the student designed virtues posters going up around the school site. They are an important reminder of what we are all working towards as a school community and the importance of building good character.

Please enjoy this action packed newsletter.

Huxley Knox-Macaulay, Headteacher

MILLENNIUM+ 'BEST TRADE STAND' WINNERS AT YOUNG ENTERPRISE TRADE FAIR & BEST MYSTERY SHOPPER!



Milly Jones, Jasmine Young, Molly Richardson, Georgia Carter, Teagan Wallage, Kat Chiu, Jake Wheatley, Anesu Musarurwa and Dom Olah—huge congrats guys!

THE RATTON COMMUNITY FAYRE RETURNS...

After the success of last summer's event, a date has been fixed for this year. On the 8th July 2017, the school grounds will once again become a melting pot of performing arts, community interaction and fundraising.



With the Congress Theatre closing for refurbishment, we are afforded an opportunity to develop last year's student led vision and incorporate a formal festival stage into the event as well as an acoustic stage and a performance area. In addition, there will be workshops, community stalls and information points for local organisations working with young people as well as food stalls and a beer tent.

As with last year's fayre, the feel and look of the event will be in the hands of Ratton students, who will also help manage the event together with members of the Ratton staff and Rotary AM.



In addition, it is our hope that local dance, drumming and performance groups from the community and other schools in the town have the opportunity to highlight their work.

We will be offering pitches to local charities and view this as a great opportunity for local organisations to interact with the community.

In order to help fund the event, pitches will also be available for hire to registered traders and we are actively seeking sponsors.

For any enquiries regarding pitches, sponsorship or for general information, please email Tracy Comfort at tcomfort@ratton.co.uk

Y9 CAREERS DAY

On Tuesday 31st January Year 9 students took part in 3 activities designed to help them think about their futures and the important Pathways choices that they need to make next term.

For 'What's My Line?' students met a variety of visitors with very different careers and were introduced to a wide range of professions that they may have never thought about. It gave students a chance to hear from different people how they got into the job they are doing.

In 'The Real Cost of Living' students had to think about the kind of lifestyle they would like to be able to lead and find out how much this would cost them.

'Fast Tomato' is an online diagnostic questionnaire which gives students an idea about careers that they may be suited to based on the answers to the questions they gave. Students then had a chance to research those careers and think about what qualifications they would need to do those jobs.

We would like to thank everyone who took part in this helpful, busy, really informative day for students who had a marvellous time.



Special mentions for w/ending 20th January for excellent effort in Ethics assessed work:

Jazzie Douglas, Ben Miles, Shane Mitchell, Jow Clayson, Ruby Emanuel, Joey-Tyler Hallewell, Kaycie Wilkins, Amber Gunter and Honour Tyrrell-Martin

Special mentions for w/ending 20th January for outstanding effort in Drama:

Charlie Black, Eamon Haidary, George Doust, Indi Moyo, Fleur Cashman and Katie Baker

LANGHAM HOTEL TRIP FOR GCSE BUSINESS STUDIES GROUP

Monday 23rd January saw Year 10 Business Studies students take a trip to The Langham Hotel on Eastbourne seafront.

The students were warmly greeted by Neil Kirby - the owner - and his staff. They were then treated to a viewing of 3 of the recently refurbished ensuite rooms at the front of the hotel. This was followed up by a very informative talk giving them the history of the hotel, the redevelopment and improved star ratings finishing up with lots of information about the day-to-day running, including the importance of fantastic customer service. All whilst sat in the comfort of the downstairs lounge area!

With the recent redecoration of the foyer coming to an end the next project is to revamp the dining area. The students were given a frank and illuminating insight into what it takes to keep the Hotel rated in first and second place for Eastbourne on TripAdvisor.



A great time was had by all and we have loads of materials to support the students. A big thank you is extended from us to all at the Langham Hotel.

20th January 2017

LEARNING SUPPORT DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW MEMBER OF STAFF

The Learning Support department has recently welcomed new staff member Sarah Vaney to the position of Senior Teaching Assistant. Miss Vaney joins us directly from Willingdon Primary School and brings with her a wealth of experience in a number of educational settings.

Ratton School has a team of Teaching Assistants (TAs) who support pupils – particularly those with additional learning needs – in a number of settings within the school environment. During lessons in the classroom alongside a teacher TAs work one-to-one with individual or with small groups of students. They utilise and continue to develop toolkits of resources to support learning.

In addition to working in classrooms, our Teaching Assistants also deliver a Homework Club and a variety of intervention sessions covering topics such as Anxiety & Worry, Social Skills, Controlling Emotions, Literacy & Communication, and Maths.

Some of the team also support students identified with specific physical and medical needs (Individual Needs Assistants).



The role of Senior Teaching Assistant involves leading, coordinating and evaluating the team of TAs and also working as a Teaching Assistant.

Miss Vaney said, 'I am finding Ratton to have a very positive and supportive ethos, and I am looking forward to working with staff and students.'

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Year 9 Sky Sport Leaders - Trampolining Festival

On Monday 23rd January one group of Ratton's Sky Sports Leaders led a trampolining Festival Day for Motcombe Primary School. It was a busy day with over 120 pupils from Year 1 at Motcombe coming to Ratton to experience trampolining.



The 4 sessions were all excellent where our leaders showed great enthusiasm and leadership throughout the day.

Motcombe School have said their students and staff all really enjoyed the day - well done!

Leaders:

BARTLETT Amelia
BROWN Harvey
CHATER Jarvis
COOPER Katie
CROOK Charly
FULBROOK Molly
GURNEY Arlie
HAZELL Kallum
PLUMMER Natalie
PRICE Oscar
ROGERS Charlie
THOMAS Libby
VALERO Jose-Carlos
WARDLE Indya-Jayne

FIRST GENERATION SUSSEX UNI TRIP FOR Y9 STUDENTS

The Humanities students spent the day doing a Media Studies workshop. In the morning they thought about

the impact that the media has on our lives and how it helps to shape the culture we live in. Students studying Media, Communications or Cultural Studies will critically analyse everything from Taylor Swift to Star Wars, from Fashion magazines to World of Warcraft.

Our students then completed a workshop on the hidden meanings of adverts. They thought about how adverts can create, maintain or subvert stereotypes. They then had to create adverts for some impressive products including a silent vacuum cleaner and zero-calorie chocolate.

The students conducted themselves with the virtues we expect of Ratton students. They worked in teams throughout the day, showing respect and exceptional creativity.

ACTIVE KIDS 2017 IS BACK

WHAT COOKING AND SPORTS EQUIPMENT WILL YOU GET FOR US THIS YEAR?!

Please collect and donate as many vouchers as possible, either in-store or online until 2 May. Remember to ask all your friends and family to collect for us too.

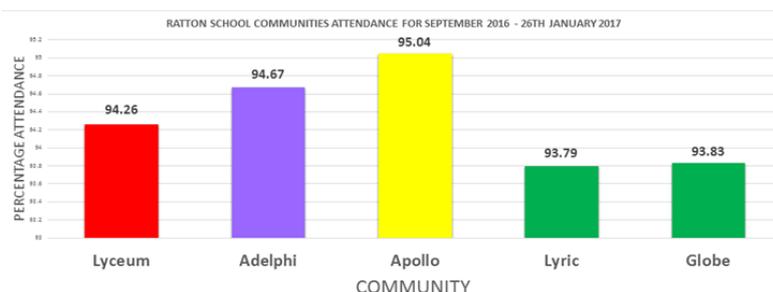
Collection box in reception

We have been able to purchase some wonderful items in previous years through the scheme.

Thank you in advance!

ATTENDANCE

We have a target of 100% attendance for all students. Very well done for attending regularly.



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