

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Wednesday 26th September

European Day of Languages

Ratton Combined Cadet Force  
(email [kagnew@ratton.co.uk](mailto:kagnew@ratton.co.uk) for further info)

### Thursday 27th September

Inset day—school closed to students

Open Evening for prospective parents/carers

### Monday 1st October

Twilight inset —early finish for students at 1.40pm

### 1st October—12th October

Open mornings (by appointment only)

### Tuesday 2nd October

Ratton LGC 5.00pm

### Thursday 4th September

Succeeding in Y11 evening

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome back to the new academic year 2018-19. I would like to congratulate all our students and staff for a very positive start and the school community responding appropriately to our raised aspirations at the beginning of this year.

I would also like to congratulate our departing Year 11 students who were very successful with the new 9-1 GCSE exams. The results day in August was a wonderful moment and the end point of 5 years of hard work and commitment to their learning. We wish them the best of luck for the future.

The whole school has risen to the challenge of moving from holiday mode to school mode, remembering all the basics of school life that support good learning. This also includes travelling responsibly and safely—whether on foot, by bike or bus—between home and school.

All year groups have stepped up into the year above, leaving space for the new Year 7 students who have also made an excellent start. I have been impressed with their independence and initiative as they find their way around the school site.

We have started this year in assemblies reminding ourselves about our virtues and how they promote good character and happiness;

**COMPASSION** *showing kindness and caring for other people and the environment.*

**RESPECT** *acting with respect to others both in and out of school. Valuing diversity and avoiding discriminatory language.*

**CREATIVITY** *being curious about the world, solving problems and asking thoughtful questions.*

**TEAMWORK** *achieving together by working as part of a team. Understanding that we all have to do our fair share and get along with different people.*

**EFFORT** *putting effort into all aspects of school life. Demonstrating resilience when faced with a challenge.*

**RESPONSIBILITY** *taking responsibility by being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing.*

I know that our virtues will support all of us having a successful and enjoyable 2018/19.

Please enjoy this first newsletter of the year.

Mr Knox-Macaulay, Executive Headteacher

## CHARITY MONEY RAISED 2017-18

We are delighted to confirm that we raised a grand total of **£7585.21** for our chosen charities last academic year! Brilliant!

Well done to everyone!



## OPEN EVENING THIS THURSDAY!

As you know, we have our Open Evening on Thursday and look forward to welcoming many of you to this exciting and informative evening for prospective students.

If you would like the brother or sister of a current 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 2018.

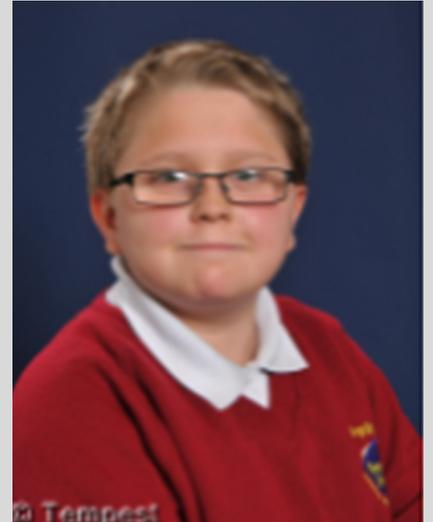
**Matilda**



**Ellie**

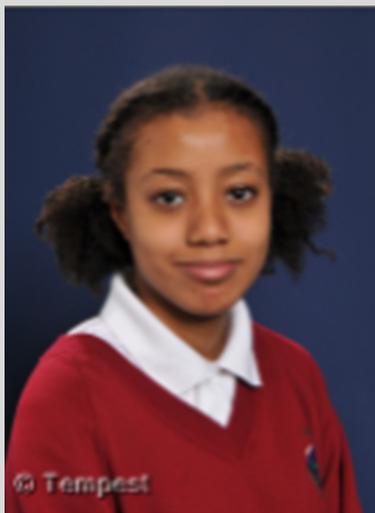


**Harry**



## STUDENTS WHO MADE GREAT PROGRESS

**Kassouri**



**Katie**



**Katy**



**Lucy**



**Rebecca**



**Yasmin**



**Rory**

12 9-7 (A\*-A)



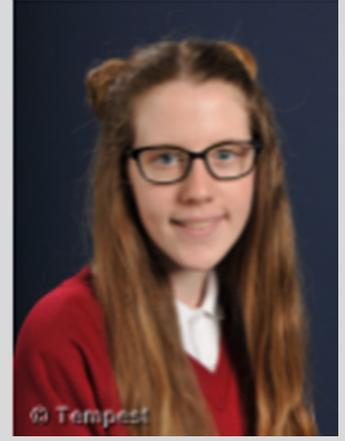
**Hope**

12 9-7 (A\*-A)



**Milly**

11 9-7 (A\*-A)



# HIGH ATTAINING STUDENTS

**Eloisa**

10 9-7 (A\*-A)



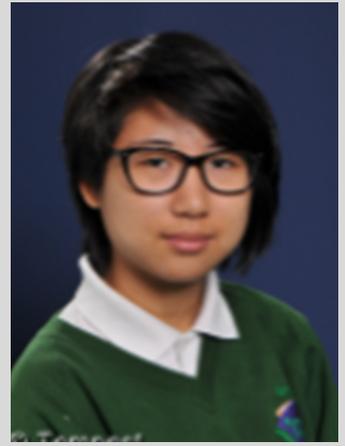
**Harrison**

10 9-7 (A\*-A)



**Kat**

10 9-7 (A\*-A)



**Amber**

10 9-7 (A\*-A)



**Kai**

10 9-7 (A\*-A)





For the past 16 years Ratton School has run a successful Summer Booster programme for students who are feeling nervous about coming to 'Big School'.

The purpose behind this free programme is to boost students' literacy, numeracy and confidence before they start at Ratton through a series of fun activities and projects. This summer, just under 40 students were taught in small groups by Ratton teachers for 3 days of the summer holiday, and the lessons were broken up with other friendship-building activities.

In the past we have found that not only do students make progress, but also feel more confident about the transition from primary school to secondary and more importantly, they had fun, wished it would never end and many made new friends that they are with now that term has started.

The students were constantly rewarded with points for their teams as well as bombarded with awful jokes.

There were team prizes and as well as individual awards for:

- Best Chef
- Best at Maths
- Best at English
- Best at DT
- Best at Science
- plus**
- Most smiley person

Every year we get better and the students wish for a longer experience, making the start into Ratton an even more enjoyable one.

A big thank you goes out to the students that made it our biggest and best event ever and to those staff who made the students so welcome.

This summer 41 students from Ratton took part in the NCS programme and made a difference in the local community. They took part in a range of activities that enabled them to grow in confidence and develop life skills including leadership, teamwork, communication and tolerance.

Students were involved in the following activities:

- Phase 1 at PGL Osmington Bay, Weymouth taking part in a range of activities including abseiling & rock climbing, zip wires & raft building
- Phase 2 staying at University style accommodation taking part in the following activities: Workshops & skills development. Guest speakers & mini projects to complete.
- Phase 3: Community Wise, Eastbourne, taking part in activities to support the delivery of the social action project. Activities include learning about media messaging, budgeting, working in partnership and undertake challenges in the local community.



They also supported some of the following charities;

- Matthew 25, Beachy head Chaplaincy, You raise me up, Hands of hope, Mind and Inglewood nursing home.

They took part by highlighting the work they do and raising funds that contributed to a collective total for Eastbourne of **£3528.48** across the summer.

We are very proud of the work our students have done and would like to particularly thank Mrs Peters for supporting the NCS recruitment team to engage with students and parents.

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS!

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

4/9/18 — 13/9/18				
YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Willow Brown	Darci Russell-Murphy	Sophie Sivyer	Courtney Gillard	Emily McMillan
Joel McGarrigle	Harvey Crowther	Scott Peirce	Kieron Deadman	Ryan Hover
Fraser Mechan	Alfir Taylor	Joel Horner	Miah Higgins	Louis Pavey
Jo Sellers	Joe French		DJ Robinson	Callum Halton
Macy Bryson				Luke Drakeley

## IS IT YOUR BIRTHDAY SOON?



Did you know that birthday parties can be booked for either lunch service in Refresh and the birthday student has a decorated table with balloons and banners.

Prices include a personalised cake and lunch for the birthday student: 5 students £7.50, 6-12 students £10, over 12 students £12.50.

Now, two weeks into term, it's a joy to see pupils starting their journey at secondary school; smiling faces and unswerving enthusiasm show that they're settling in well to becoming caring, confident and creative students who achieve excellence.



## Welcome to our new Year 7's

It's been a real pleasure this year to meet the Year 7 in May at the start of the transition process. It seems like a long time ago that our class of 2023 were wearing their primary uniforms in one of the 20 + feeder schools when I visited them. Since that time, we've hosted a successful evening Parents' Meeting in June and an engaging Taster Day in early July; see photos below.



# PE DEPARTMENT



## LUNCH & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Late Lunch (1.40-2.10)	Year 8 Indoor Football (WBR) Benchball (KFJ)	Girls Basketball (JUP)	Year 7 Indoor Football (JBU) Gymnastics (KFJ)	Year 10 Indoor Football (JBU)	Year 9 Indoor Football (GKI) Table Tennis (JCY)
After School (3.15-4.30)	Year 7-9 Boys & Girls Football Academy (BHAFC)	Year 7 Football (JBU) Year 8 Football (WBR) Year 9 Football (GKI)	Badminton (JBU)	Years 7-8 Netball (KFJ) Years 9-10 Netball (JUP) Table Tennis (JCY)	Staff Sport



# TERM 1



# INTRODUCING THE SEN/LEARNING SUPPORT DEPARTMENT

Having celebrated the GCSE exam successes of students who had been supported by Ratton's Learning Support department, we would like to take the opportunity at the beginning of this new academic year to introduce ourselves to newcomers and remind others of who we are. Everyone at Ratton is committed to providing the opportunities to enable any child with Special Educational Needs or Disability (SEND) to be fully included in all aspects of school life. The SEN/Learning Support team operates across the whole school in a range of settings. The department has a team of teaching assistants co-ordinated by a senior teaching assistant. Detailed information about the approach of the department, how students are identified for support, and the types of support offered can be found in Ratton's SEND Information Report which is located on the school's website: <http://www.ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk/Special-Educational-Needs>



The department is led by our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO,) Lienna Gomm [lgomm@ratton.co.uk](mailto:lgomm@ratton.co.uk) and our Assistant SENCO and Specialist Assessor, Michelle Veale [mveale@ratton.co.uk](mailto:mveale@ratton.co.uk) and can be contacted directly on 01323 514321.

## REPRESENTING GB IN THE JRDA WORLD CUP

*by Lily Dixon Year 11*

Roller Derby is an increasingly popular sport for women in Europe and earlier this year saw Team GB form an under-18's team, made up of 23 junior skaters, from all over the country, to take to the Junior Roller Derby Association (JRDA) World Cup.

When the news was received we had 5 months to organise, train and raise money for our trip. In those months we successfully completed just under 10 training sessions, each in different locations. From the generosity of the public we all raised the £1000 needed for us to make the trip, on top of that, multiple companies supplied us with kit, merchandise and sponsors. We had a great challenge organising everything in just 5 months but on the 24th and 25th of July, 23 junior skaters participated in the World Cup.

We played 6 teams and 8 games over 2 days. Other teams who were participating were; Australia, USA West, USA East, Europe and Canada. Going into the World Cup we were the underdogs and knew the other teams were at a much higher standard than us, but our main goal was to defeat the expectations people had of us. Although we placed 6th, we came out of the tournament feeling triumphant and proud as we played the best we could.

It was a great experience for us all and we definitely took something from it! I encourage more people to take up the sport as over the past 6 years of playing Roller Derby, I have had some great opportunities given to me, the World Cup included.



# “Being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing”

As we begin the new school year we would like to re-emphasise our expectations, **being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing**. This includes good attendance, being punctual and prepared for lessons as well as wearing correct uniform and abiding by the mobile phones policy.

## Uniform

All students are required to wear school uniform. Our dress code has not changed and is exactly the same as when all students in the school chose to come to Ratton.

This is: plain black shoes (no logos of any sort), black ‘Ratton School’ branded trousers, ‘Ratton School’ polo shirt and ‘Ratton School’ sweatshirt.

Please also be aware that the following are not appropriate for school: extreme haircuts and coloured hair, facial, body and tongue piercings, excessive make-up, jewellery and acrylic nails.

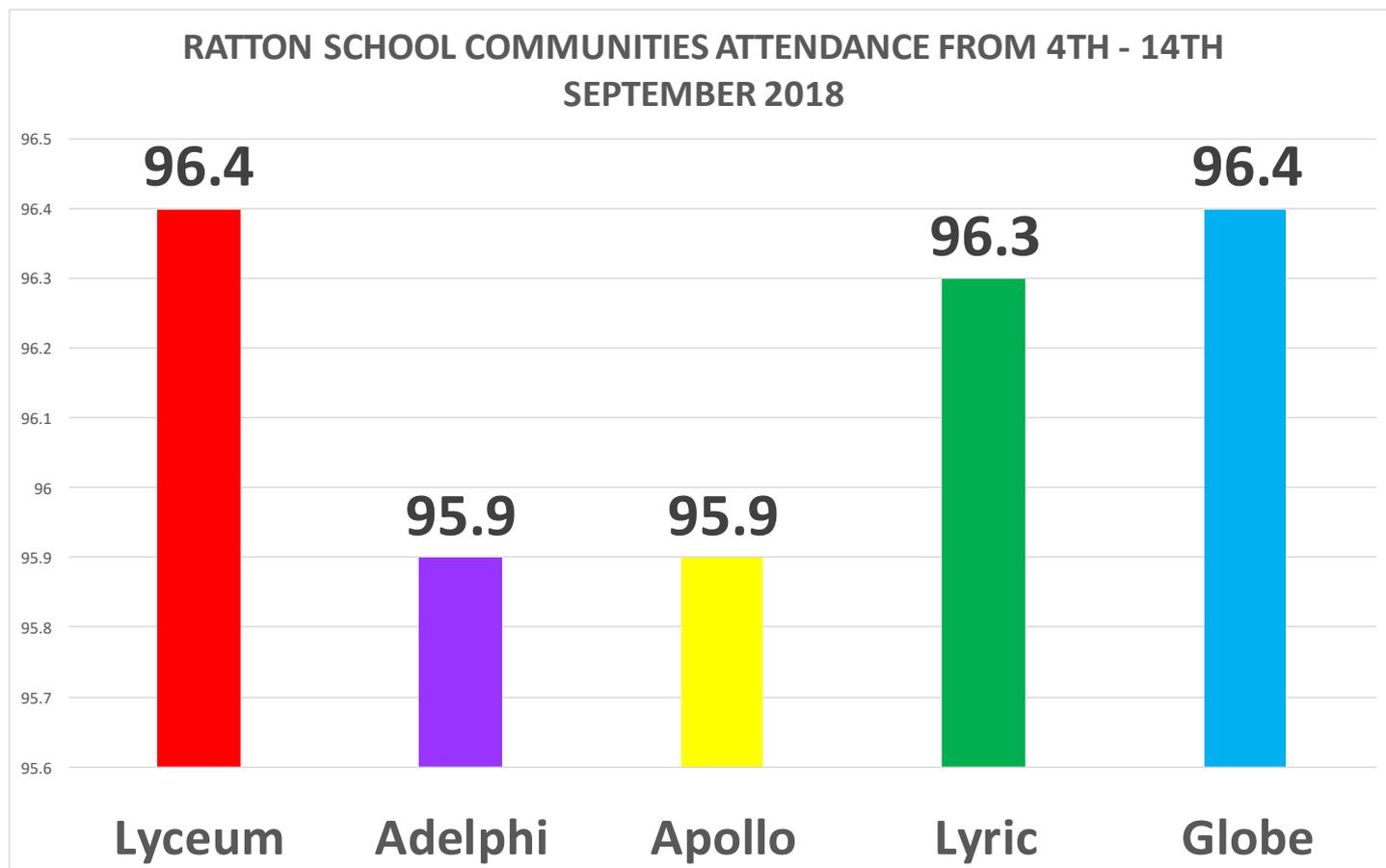
Students who come to school with incorrect uniform for any reason will be offered an alternative from our stock for that day, or be asked to go home and return appropriately dressed. Should you be unclear of the standard required, please do not be persuaded to purchase items which you know will cause issues and lead to further expenditure when we object, but **contact school to seek clarification before purchasing items that may be incorrect**.

## Mobile phones

There are instances where a mobile phone distracts from the ethos in school and learning in a lesson. The expectation is that **staff do not see evidence of a mobile phone or headphones inside the building. This means that we do not see the phone, or headphones, even sticking out of a pocket, or carried in the hand, whilst a student is inside a building. Phones and headphones that are seen will be confiscated.** Phones may only be seen outside and at break and lunch. At all other times, mobile phones should be switched off and in a bag.

Should we have to confiscate a mobile phone, it may be that a parent will be required to come and collect it. There are some East Sussex schools which exercise a complete ban on mobile phones. At Ratton, we are not making that decision, but will monitor the impact of this over the course of 2018-19.

We thank you for your full and ongoing support with our Ratton School Basics which we believe to be important in ensuring that students are **in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing**.



Whole school attendance is currently 96.18% which is broken down by community above



# Fun day for youngsters Ages 8-12 (school yrs 4-7) SUNDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 10AM-12NOON

, Penland Road, Bexhill-on-Sea,



Join us for a free badminton taster session  
Come and test your skills, have fun.

Badminton England  
Qualified Coaches



Contact: William Brown 07761 283736  
william@libraudio.co.uk

## Is your child entitled to free school meals?

If you meet the eligibility criteria below please apply on the ESCC website or contact Mrs Plummer by email at [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

Please note that if you are entitled to free meals, then you may also be entitled to free school transport, provided you live outside a 3 mile radius of the school.

## Reminder...

Please help us keep everybody safe by dropping off and collecting your child by car at a pre-arranged place and time and not driving down the school driveway.

If on foot, please use the pathways rather than walking down the driveway.

Thank you!

### EASTBOURNE & DISTRICT BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

#### Eastbourne Junior Badminton Tournament

Venue: The Causeway School, Larkspur Drive, Eastbourne, BN23 8EJ

6th & 7th October 2018

Entry form available at [www.eastbournebadminton.co.uk](http://www.eastbournebadminton.co.uk)

Entries close: Friday 28th September 2018

Contact Samantha Huggett

Tel: 07906366891 Email: [samanthalouisehuggett@live.co.uk](mailto:samanthalouisehuggett@live.co.uk)



## Keeping Children Safe

In order to ensure a smooth and secure entrance to school, access in the mornings will be via the main entrance until 08:30am.

Between 8.30am-8.40am we will open the front gate to the South playground and rear gate to Park Lane.

Access to the main entrance from the rear of the school can still be achieved via the public twitten next to the school.

COPIES OF KEY POLICIES CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE INCLUDING OUR

CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING POLICY