



**MID TERM BREAK**  
28th May—1st June

**Tuesday 5th June**  
Ocklynge LGC 5.00pm

**Saturday 7th July 12-5pm**  
3rd Annual Ratton Community Arts Festival

## Best Practice with Teaching Assistants Award (BPTAA)

We are very pleased to announce that Ratton has been successful in gaining the Best Practice with Teaching Assistants Award (BPTAA). During the verification visit on the 9<sup>th</sup> May, the assessor recognised the skills and expertise of the team and the breadth of provision it offers. The awarding body was impressed by the impact of the Learning Support department on quality first teaching and its ability to go beyond in-class support to make Ratton a truly inclusive school. The award recognises the invaluable and increasingly complex role of teaching assistants and the leadership/management of the Learning Support department.

You can learn more about the award at [www.awardplace.co.uk/award/bptaa](http://www.awardplace.co.uk/award/bptaa)

**“Awards... are an applause of discipline.”** *Sunday Adelaja*

Last week marked the start of the main GCSE exams and we have been very impressed with the way that Year 11 has approached this challenging but important time. All our other year groups have also supported them in moving calmly and quietly around the building. A great example of teamwork in action and we continue to wish Year 11 the best of luck!

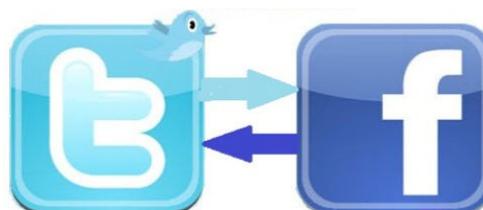
The skills and ability of our staff are critical in making sure that our students get the best possible learning experience in school. So, it was exciting to hear that the hard work and commitment of two of our staff teams has been formally recognised.

The first team is the Learning Support Team who have achieved the Best Practice Teaching Assistant Award. The award was awarded after a rigorous external assessment process and highlighted their strengths and the impact they have on the learning, progress and welfare of our students.

The second award is the Sussex Teacher of the Year Award which has been won by our Science Team. The award reflects their approach to promoting learning for our students and the quality of their teamwork and willingness to go the ‘extra mile’ and make science accessible, interesting and enjoyable.

Congratulations to both those teams and please enjoy this newsletter and have an enjoyable mid-term break.

*Mr Knox-Macaulay, Headteacher*



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## CELEBRATING SUCCESS!

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

27 <sup>th</sup> April – 10 <sup>th</sup> May				
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Halit Turak	Matilda Stanley	Victoria Gates	Manuel Cantone	Emily Glover
Rachel Kersten-Freeman	Marlon Wiegand	Ben Taylor	James De Savigny	Vanessa Catanho
Jakub Diffenbach	Lara Vaney	Abigail Proctor	Hellen Stratakou	Marco Nobrega
Harvey Crowther	Billy Smith	Douglas Potter	Kaitlin Brown	Faye Cole
Bora Piper	Sebastian Chumbley	Abbie Thomas	Jose-Carlos Valero	Jamie Grose



A state of wellbeing is one where we feel healthy and at ease with ourselves, we are managing our daily lives well and feel optimistic for the future. There are a few strategies, actions and attitudes that can increase this sense of wellbeing. There are no magic wands for feeling good, but students and parents might like to try a wellbeing exercise and see if it works for them. I will share one or two new strategies every newsletter.

### Accessing the NHS School Health Service

The School Health Service is available to support all children and young people from 4-19. They can provide help and practical support with many health and wellbeing issues such as sleeping problems, puberty and growing up, healthy eating, difficult or worrying behaviour and smoking drugs and alcohol concerns.

You can contact the School Health Service Directly on 01323 446983 or email them at [kcht.sh-ehs@nhs.net](mailto:kcht.sh-ehs@nhs.net)

We also have a school nurse that is available on a Tuesday break time for students to drop in and see.

There is also a confidential texting service for 11-19 years olds that is monitored Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. Sometimes if our young people are concerned about something but don't quite know how to start the conversation this service is a good place to start. They can simply text the number and say; 'I need some help with...' and someone will get back to them.

Finally visit [www.kentcht.nhs.u/schoolhealthservice](http://www.kentcht.nhs.u/schoolhealthservice) to read about how the Schools Health Service have helped other children and families.

Gemma Bryden, AHT for Character Education

## SUNBURN: STAY SAFE IN THE SUN

In view of the recent sizzling weather, here's a reminder about staying safe in the sun. It's the damage done to your skin when you're young that could lead to skin cancer developing in later life, so it's vital to get clued up now and protect yourself from the sun.

People with naturally brown or black skin are less likely to get skin cancer, as darker skin has some protection against UV rays **but skin cancer can still occur**. The Cancer Research UK website has a tool where you can find out your skin type to see when you might be at risk of burning as well as really useful information <http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-cancer/causes-of-cancer/sun-uv-and-cancer/am-i-at-risk-of-sunburn>

### Sun safety tips

Spend time in the shade when the sun is strongest. In the UK, this is between 11am and 3pm from March to October.

Make sure you:

- spend time in the shade between 11am and 3pm
- make sure you never burn
- cover up with suitable clothing and sunglasses
- use **at least** factor 15 sunscreen and reapply regularly

## FREE TO ENTER ! South Downs National Park PHOTO COMPETITION

1ST APRIL - 31ST MAY 2018



CATEGORIES: CULTURE



WILDLIFE & NATURE



VIEWS & LANDSCAPES



ACTIVITIES & ENJOYMENT

The South Downs Society 'Friends of the South Downs' invite you to enter its photographic competition celebrating the beauty of the South Downs National Park - its landscape, wildlife, buildings and other man-made structures contributing to the cultural heritage of the area. The Park stretches from Eastbourne to Winchester, covering the chalk downs of Sussex and East Hampshire and the sandstone country of the Western Weald. The boundaries of the National Park can be found on our website: [www.southdownssociety.org.uk/photo-competition](http://www.southdownssociety.org.uk/photo-competition)

### ADULT CLASS - 1st PRIZE !

An overnight stay for 2 at the luxurious Pelham House Hotel, Lewes, including breakfast  
2nd PRIZE: £100, 3rd PRIZE: £75

### JUNIOR CLASS - 1st PRIZE !

4 tickets to Go-Ape Adventure Park, Guildford (+ 1 parent, if required)  
2nd PRIZE: £50, 3rd PRIZE: £25

#### RULES

1. Images must be taken within the Park or as the Park is viewed from outside its boundaries, and taken within the past two years.
2. Digital images are preferred, these should be submitted in JPEG format at a size of approximately 8" x 10" or 20cm x 25cm at 300dpi with a maximum file size of 5Mb. Prints must be the same size as digital images or larger and should be mailed to our office.
3. Digital images may be edited to remove spots or scratches or to enhance their quality. Manipulation to remove anything from the scene or to add anything is not permitted, the image must remain true to the subject, as viewed at the time.
4. Entry to the competition is free, it is not open to professional photographers.
5. There are four categories as shown above and two classes: ADULT and JUNIOR (10-17 years of age).
6. All photographs must be captioned with the entrant's name, class, category and the location. Junior entrants must declare that they are aged between 10 and 17 and have consent of their parent or guardian.
7. Entrants must have taken the photograph and hold its copyright. It must not have been a winner in another competition or been previously published.
8. Copyright of the image remains with the photographer but entry to the competition is deemed to give the South Downs Society the right to use it for publicity purposes and to publish it, whether or not it is awarded a prize. All images will be retained by the Society.



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## YEAR 9 STUDENTS' GRADUATION CEREMONY

Our Year 9 First Generation students had a fantastic evening on 9th May at their 'Graduation' ceremony at the University of Sussex's impressive Jubilee Building! On arrival the students and their parents were welcomed with drinks and a buffet followed by a welcome talk from the Making Choices team, a campus tour then an information, advice and guidance talk. The students then donned their gowns and mortarboards and took to the stage to be presented with their graduation certificates and have their photos taken!

Our thanks to all the Widening Participation team for a brilliant evening celebrating all our students' hard work on the First-Generation Scholars at the University of Sussex scheme. We are very proud of all of our students and hope that this experience has inspired them to think about applying for University in a few years' time!



## GOLDEN TICKET SCHEME

20 Y11 boys have been involved in this year's 'Golden Ticket scheme.' This has involved regular lunchtime revision sessions, celebration of good behaviour and tracking valediction completion.

On Thursday 10th May we hosted a celebration evening where parents were invited to share in the successes of the boys and for the boys to receive an award and hear positive feedback from their teachers. The evening was a great success and was a brilliant way of sending them on their way to starting their GCSE exams. Good luck to them all!



## Sussex Teacher of the Year Awards

This week the Science department were thrilled to hear that they have been selected as a winner for the Sussex Teacher of the Year Awards 2018. As a department they have been chosen to be the "team of the year" for 2018. Ms Tennant and Mrs Scott-Smith will be attending the presentation ceremony to collect the award on behalf of the whole team. These awards recognise the contribution teaching, support staff and volunteers make to a successful school.



## CLERK TO THE TRUST BOARD FOR THE SDLT AND LOCAL GOVERNING COMMITTEES OF RATTON SCHOOL AND OCKLYNGE JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Trustees are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, dedicated and forward thinking Clerk. The successful applicant will need to be flexible as the post requires a combination of regular working hours and some evening work across the calendar year. The Trust will support the successful applicant to develop their skills which will include access to the Clerk's Accreditation Programme.

The main purpose of the Clerk's role is to: provide professional advice to the Trust Board and Local Governing Committees on governance, constitutional and procedural matters; provide effective administrative support to the Trust Board and Local Governing Committees including minute taking and convening meetings; ensure the Trust Board and Local Governing Committees are properly constituted; manage all Trust Board and Local Governing Committees information effectively in accordance with legal requirements; provide support to the Trust Board and Local Governing Committees in order to meet all of their statutory duties.

This is a permanent, part time position for approximately 520 hours per annum (0.27fte) and will be paid on LPSSS Grade 7, points 17-19 starting on £20,249 gross (pro rata).

If you believe you have the passion, commitment and talent to join the South Downs Learning Trust please complete the application form which can be downloaded from our website at [www.ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk/Vacancies](http://www.ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk/Vacancies) and return to Mrs Barrow, Executive Assistant, at [lbarrow@ratton.co.uk](mailto:lbarrow@ratton.co.uk) by Tuesday 5th June.

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