

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Monday 21st September
Y11 photos

Thursday 24th September
Virtual Open Evening

Monday 28th September
Y7 CATS tests week

Thursday 1st October
Y7 Tutor Evening

Thursday 8th October
Y11 Tutor Evening

Monday 12th October
Twilight inset - students finish
at 1.20pm

INSETS 2020-21

Friday 23rd October
Inset day - school closed
to students

Friday 18th December
Twilight inset - students finish
at 1.20pm

Monday 11th January
Twilight inset - students finish
at 1.20pm

Monday 8th March
Twilight inset - students finish
at 1.20pm

Friday 21st May
Twilight inset - students finish
at 1.20pm

Friday 2nd July
Inset day - school closed
to students

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Ratton School,

Welcome to our first edition of the Ratton Newsletter this academic year. As I stated in my start of term letter, we have been incredibly impressed with the manner in which students have returned to school and engaged with our 'new normal'. They really have demonstrated the virtues of teamwork, respect and effort for starters. We have all experienced getting used to new ways of doing things at school, but this has been made easier by the excellent behaviour of our fantastic students this term. A big thank you from me and the all of the staff at Ratton School to our students and to you as parents and carers for supporting us by encouraging good attendance to start the new year at school. We are looking forward to continuing this good start, and ensuring that learning continues apace after a long time away for many students.



I'd like to take the opportunity to remind parents, carers and students of some of the new expectations we have. Firstly, a message around face coverings and masks. We are asking all students to bring in a face mask to school to wear on to the school site as they enter, and whilst they are travelling in corridors. They can use these masks or face coverings at break and lunch too if they wish, but this is not compulsory during these times as they are in the open air where transmission of the virus is much more difficult. We have noticed the numbers of students without masks increasing slightly over the last few days, and whilst we have some stocks to cover this, we do ask that students should bring their own. If you have difficulty obtaining a mask, please contact your child's year leadership team.

Secondly, please can parents and carers avoid parking on the yellow do not park school markings, and double yellow lines on both Park Avenue and Park Lane. We have had some occasions over the last week where parking on these markings has led to the end of the day feeling somewhat unsafe. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the end of the school day is safe for all.

I hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter. As ever, please don't hesitate to contact us if you need to.

Mr Peavers, Head of School

STARTING RATTON NEXT YEAR

If you would like your child to join us in Year 7 next September - even if their sibling already attends Ratton - please note that all applications must be submitted online directly to ESCC by 31st October 2020.

Many congratulations to our students who have earned the highest number of achievement points from 7th September - 17th September

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Emily Taggart	Iona Warman	Faith Blackman	Emily Vaesen	Jasmine Thuku
Hollie Henigan	Libby Jones	Amelia Einarsdottir	Isabella Barzanti	Ella Harris
Matilda Jansch	Larissa Starkey	Isla Budd	Anna Ripley	Emily Burke
Amelia-Rose Willmott	Rojin Fatah	Lacey Russell	Emily Ludlam	Eadie Cole
Jenny Prentice	Abigail Line	Lea Ducat	Izzy Daw	Daisy Simpson
Juliette Hasib	Myah Brooks	Lily-Rose Hewett	Louis Savadkouhi	Adam Masawi
Harry Smeeton	Ashton Storey	Molly McKerrell-Morris	Tommy Clayson	Nathan Shephard
Jayden Morrison	Benjamin Martin	Poppy Agg	Joshua Attwell	Nathan Collier
Tameem Chbib	Dexter Lyon	Rilei King	Finn Warner	Meer Baram
Riley Ionn	Luke Bennett	Rosie Walker	Jakub Pasnik	Reuben Hewitt-Bloom
Ned Williams	Cristiano Nobrega	Rosie Williams	Liam Ion	
		Logan Richards		
		Alfie Sefton		
		Devon Whiteoak		
		Elliott Creese		
		Jackson Bowles		



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REMNANTS
THURSDAY
FRIDAY &
SATURDAY

No. 5023

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1955

PRICE 3d.

£175,000 Rattoon County School Ready



The new Rattoon County Secondary School at Hampden Park. A "Gazette" photograph taken on Monday.

ALL SET FOR SEPTEMBER 14 OPENING DATE



MR FRANK NICKSON

THE new Rattoon County Secondary School, which occupies a site of 17 acres between Park-lane and Park-avenue, Hampden Park, and has cost over £175,000, taken three years to build, and will accommodate 700 pupils, is to open at the beginning of the school year on Wednesday, September 14.

The first pupils to arrive just before nine o'clock that morning will find themselves in the most modern, light, airy building that they can imagine. They will discover 18 classrooms, a music-work room, two art and craft rooms, a honours' unit including a lab, two science laboratories, a woodwork and metalwork room, a rest school hall, a gymnasium, a dining hall, a library and an administrative block for the headmaster and staff.

With windows everywhere and walls decorated in the latest pastel shades, the school will never want for light or air. Every possible detail has been taken care of and even bicycles will not suffer from exposure during working hours as

special covered enclosures have been built for them.

Only one thing is missing—a kitchen. The Council's Education Committee wanted to have one built but, on the grounds of economy, the Ministry of Education refused permission.

Each day, during term time, there'll be 400 to 500 boys and girls will be brought by van from the central kitchen in Alton-road, "and

pupils will come from the new closed Bonitas Secondary School and most of them are boys and girls who live on the north and west of the town, although there is no definite demarcation line.

They will be in the charge of the headmaster, Mr. R. C. Rand, and a staff of about 25.

A workman who yesterday (Tuesday) morning was raising some of the 4,475 worth of furniture into the school was thoroughly conscious of the prospective pupils. "When I was a lad we didn't have places like this to learn the three R's,"

International Tennis This Week

ANOTHER of Eastbourne's first-class tennis events takes place at Devonshire Park on Friday and Saturday when the International Club of Great Britain meets the Netherlands in a two-day match.

This match has been a regular fixture in recent years and the name competes for a trophy given by Eastbourne Corporation. The trophy will be presented in a formal ceremony at the Grand Hotel given by the International Club of Great Britain on Saturday evening.

Included in the Great Britain team are Geoff Pugh, the Davis Cup player and South of England

FIGHT FOR FOOTPATH

THERE is fear that a footpath near the mouth of the Cuckmere Valley, which is popular with Eastbourne residents and may be lost to the public.

Claimed to be an ancient way, it runs from Easton 2 to the shore on the eastern side of the Cuckmere river. The Sussex County Council has held an inquiry to hear views on its proposal to delete the path from the draft map which is prepared under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act and has since decided to delete it.

APPEAL LODGED

An appeal against the decision has been lodged with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government by the Commons, Open Spaces, Pastoral Preservation Society, the Society of Sussex Downers

Rattoon was 65 years old on 14th September so let's wish ourselves a very happy birthday - and all for the grand price of £175,000!

YEAR GROUP 'HAVENS'

Learning Support are now running 'HAVENS' in the different year group zones. These are classrooms where students can go if they are finding the unstructured break/ lunchtime difficult. Our TAs' will also be distributing invitations to identified students.

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
ROOM 102	ROOM 106	ROOM 124	ROOM 217



Bobby Smith in Y8

came in 3rd place in the Bexhill Sea Angling U14s competition last Sunday in his first ever competition. He also got another cup for a 40cm grey mullet caught from the beach (a rare catch)!

Way to go Bobby!



Maths Wispa Challenge Winners from Term 6



Thomas Fielder
Fraser Mechan
Saffron Prentice
Hadyn Owen
James Scott
Alice Glen- Barron
Syd Penfold
Delilah Worrell
Charlotte Du Prat
Jessica Langley

Anabel Murphy
Ben Burbidge
Fatimah Uddin
Oliwia Przyczyna
Thomas Burbidge
Brian Zambrano Goncalves
Andrew Zambrano Goncalves
Luke Bennett
Alfie Bell
Niamh Read-Riseley
Ale Dam Acosta
Lois Crook
Mariela Haska
Gauis Cawley
Tom Egan-payne
Harry Orbell

Belle Monz
Ria Bowles
Myah Atkinson
Megan Parry
Reuben Butler
Carly Smithson
Lucas Geering
Taea Trott
Leo Debreczeny
Oscar Smith
Milula Searle-Boniface
Lucy Laidler
Thomas Parry
Ben Martin
Ashton Willmott
Emily Ludlam

Some people
won more than
once –
Well Done!!!

Wispa chocolate bars will
be handed out in Maths
lessons



Congratulations to **Lily Vater, Year 11**, who is the first ever Ratton student to gain the prestigious Industrial Cadets Silver Award! Lily undertook a week-long programme of virtual work experience during lockdown in May (in Year 10!). The 30-hour project, based around a design challenge, utilised the full breadth of the STEM subjects. It involved designing, engineering and constructing an Esteem Pavilion, a sustainable building to teach a local community how to take care of their planet – a community that lives in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates! Lily discovered what it is like to build in the desert from Heriot Watt University's Team Esteem undergraduates and experts at the Emirates Green Building Council. Lily watched daily broadcasts via the Learn Live platform and a panel of amazing construction industry professionals were on hand every day via a live chat to give Lily advice & helpful hints and tips. Lily worked extremely hard and produced a fantastic design as well as a fully detailed engineering design proposal. Her tasks included 'bubble diagrams', drawing floor plans to scale and elevation views, research into sustainable materials & renewable energy options, research construction roles, creating a 3D model and mood boards. As well as learning a range of new skills, Lily discovered an industry that she did not know much about and new careers, some she had never heard of.

Lily enjoyed her work experience, the excitement of a real project delivery and the satisfaction gained from helping to create something that will both serve the community and leave a lasting legacy on the landscape. Lily said: *'the Learning in Lockdown virtual work experience project gave me a useful insight into careers in STEM'*. Industrial Cadets is an accredited award and a great addition to Lily's CV as well as something to show a future employer!



Julie Feest, CEO for EDT and Industrial Cadets said: *'We are delighted to have been a part of Learning in Lockdown, to create a programme accessible to young people and schools across the UK. Learning in Lockdown has enabled young people to take part in a quality structured experience that helps develop vital skills and highlight opportunities available for the future, whilst delivering Gatsby Benchmarks for schools and offering something new and exciting during a very disrupted time. We look forward to continuing to create more invaluable opportunities for young people and to expand virtual offerings to tackle the disadvantage gap that we see worsening as a result of Covid-19'*.



Congratulations Lily on your well-earned award!

CORONAVIRUS, COLD OR FLU?

Our attendance and pastoral teams have had several questions concerning whether it is safe to send students in when they are displaying a range of symptoms, which may just be seasonal colds rather than coronavirus. We have included the helpful table below, and a link to the BBC website to help you make sense of any symptoms your child may display, and whether it is safe to send them into school.

Of course, if you are in doubt, or you wish to discuss symptoms further with us, please contact the attendance team in the first instance and err on the side of caution if you think there is a possibility that your child is displaying coronavirus symptoms.

SYMPTOM CHECKER				
				
Symptoms	Coronavirus <small>Symptoms range from mild to severe</small>	Cold <small>Gradual onset of symptoms</small>	Flu <small>Abrupt onset of symptoms</small>	Seasonal Allergies <small>Symptoms may improve or worsen depending on environment</small>
Fever	Common	Rare	Common	Sometimes
Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
Cough	Common (usually dry)	Mild	Common (usually dry)	Common
Sneezing	No	Common	No	Common
Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common	No
Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes	Common
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes	No
Diarrhea	Rare	No	Sometimes in children	No
Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common	Sometimes

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/health-54182329>

WELLBEING MATTERS

Wellbeing refers to the sense of positive regard we have for ourselves and that we feel satisfied with how things in our lives are going. In this part of the newsletter I share research, tips and activities to try and give our wellbeing a boost.

This will be my 4th year of writing my Wellbeing column for the newsletter, my aim is to continue to share strategies for self-care and signpost support for emotional health and wellbeing. This year I am undertaking a Yale University online learning course on the science of wellbeing so hopefully I can share some of the things I learn with you.

I have been so impressed with the resilience and flexibility shown by our young people on their return to school. It was a genuine pleasure to see them all again after such a long break, even though I didn't recognise a few of them as they have grown so much!

As a school we are focussing on ways to help with any worries - big or small that our young people are dealing with. We have a range of wellbeing support from small group workshops to one-on-one support from senior staff members. Hopefully our students know that they can always talk to staff about any issue that arises.

For anyone that is looking for support with wellbeing outside of school here are some reliable and trustworthy sources:

- The Anna Freud Centre <https://www.annafreud.org/> This website has sections for young people and for parents.
- Childline <https://www.childline.org.uk/> Excellent advice and guidance plus young people can sign up for online counselling.
- Chat Health 07507332473 This is a text help line for young people that is staffed by school nurses.
- e-wellbeing <https://e-wellbeing.co.uk/services> This is a support network for Sussex students where they can access a large directory of services.

As always please do keep in touch with any feedback, suggestions or requests around emotional health and wellbeing.

Ms G Bryden



Ashton Willmott (Year 8) took part in his first aquathlon on 13th September on Eastbourne seafront in the TriStar 3 Aquathlon by Tribourne.

He swam in the 13-14 age category - 500m open water sea swim which was followed by a 3km run along the coast.

Ashton now has the bug & is looking for further open water races across Sussex! Huge congrats Ashton!



TriStars Swim Route



TriStar 3 / Youth Run - 3km

TriStar 3 (age 13-14) and Youth (age 15-16) run out along the prom for 1.5km to the far end at Holywell. Here you will make a right turn up a short, steep hill before bearing right back downhill to return to the lower prom. You will then follow the prom returning to finish on the Wishtower Slope.



Free school meals are not provided automatically. Your child/ren are entitled to free school meals if you are in one of the categories below.

Your child/ren are entitled to free school meals if you are in one of the following:

- You receive Income Support
- You receive Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based)
- You receive Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)
- You get support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- You receive the guarantee credit element of Pension Credit
- You are entitled to Child Tax Credit
- You receive Universal Credit

(You are entitled to Child Tax Credit if your family's annual income (as assessed by the Inland Revenue) is not more than £16,190. Anyone receiving Working Tax Credit is not entitled to Free School Meals regardless of their income unless you have become unemployed in which case free meals can be granted for a four week period only.)

HOW DO I APPLY?

If you believe you might be eligible then complete the form which can be found on the school website (www.ratton.co.uk/parents/free-school-meals) or collected from reception. For every child that receives free meals the school also receives additional funding, called the Pupil Premium Grant. This is used to fund staffing, equipment and trips and is of immense benefit to the school, so if you feel you meet the criteria then please do apply by returning the completed form with recent proof that you qualify (meals cannot be given until eligibility is verified) to:

Mrs Plummer

Ratton School

Park Avenue

Eastbourne

East Sussex

BN21 2XR

Or by email to - jplummer@ratton.co.uk