

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Ratton School,

I hope this edition of the newsletter finds you all safe and well over the last two weeks.

As per the last edition, I would like to start by talking about testing. Please find a link here: [A letter to secondary school and college parents in England on continuing regular Covid-19 testing from Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Education - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

The Department of Education have asked us to share this letter with our parents and carers around the continuing need for testing during the remainder of this academic year.

Please ensure that if you have consented for your child to take twice weekly lateral flow tests that they continue to do this on a Sunday before the start of the week, and then a further test in the middle of the week. Testing is important because it allows us to identify any potential Covid outbreak quickly, to contain any outbreak and to ensure that disruption to education at school is always minimised. Students should record their result via the gov.uk website and also through logging into Office 365 on our school system.

The pause on the government's timeline to fully reopening society has meant that we have had to sadly cancel or amend the arrangements for a range of activities at school over the coming weeks. However, I am really pleased that we can still go ahead with enrichment week and rewards trips within our current risk assessment. This will give our students the end to term that they so richly deserve after a second disrupted academic year.

Now the School Leadership team is beginning to plan for the new academic year, but we continue to wait for guidance from the government in terms of how we may need to operate, and whether we will be able to loosen control measures for September. We will keep you updated with as much information as we can during the remainder of this term as and when we know what the picture for September will look like. In the meantime, I hope that you and your families enjoy this edition of the Newsletter.

Best wishes, Gavin Peever - Head of School

## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

28/06/2021	Year 7 Mandarin Speaking Tests
29/06/2021	Year 10 Dance workshop
30/06/2021	Year 9 Sports Leaders at Ocklynge
30/06/2021	Year 7 Mandarin Listening and Reading Test / Hurdle Test
01/07/2021	New Intake Evening (Virtual)
02/07/2021	Year 8 Mandarin Hurdle Test
06/07/2021	Seaford Head 6th Form Taster Day
06/07/2021	Year 7 Game of Life
12/07 - 13/07/2021	Year 8 Geography Field Trip to Eastbourne Beach
13/07 - 15/07/2021	Year 7 Spray Watersports trip
14/07 - 15/07/2021	Year 9 Go APE Trip
19/07 - 22/07/2021	Year 8 Camp
19/07/2021	Girls Can Day
19/07/2021	Girls Campaign Trip
20/07 - 22/07/2021	Enrichment week
20/07 - 21/07/2021	Year 10 Go Ape Trip
10/09/2021	Year 11 Celebration at Kings Centre



Grace Andrews of 7 ICI auditioned for and has gained a place at the Central School of Ballet and will start weekly lessons each Saturday from September.

Training places at Central school of Ballet are highly prized and we congratulate Grace on her achievement.

## Great work experience opportunity!

One of our Year 11 students has just completed a week's work experience in the construction sector with Savista Developments at the Willingdon Park Manor site on Kings Drive. She spent the week with the Senior Site Manager and team attending site meetings to discuss the project progress, client liaison meetings and contractor meetings. She shadowed the team to help inspect the site to ensure works were in line with the project timeline. There was the

opportunity to look at site drawings and to then see how they are put into construction. The student gained knowledge of tools, equipment, products, materials and terminology used on site. Our student really enjoyed her work experience week learning all about the construction of an £18m luxury 80 bedroom care home.

Thanks to all at the Savista site for the opportunity!



We are very pleased to inform you that Ratton School has been nominated for the Diabetes UK Good Diabetes Care in School Award. This prestigious award is open to both primary and secondary schools. It is the only such honour that Diabetes UK offers and is a fantastic way to demonstrate the great care provided to children with diabetes in school.

As part of the nomination, Diabetes UK is inviting parents and carers of pupils with type 1 diabetes to complete a brief online parent survey which has been emailed directly.

Responses to this parent survey will be used by Diabetes UK to assess our school's nomination for the award. You can find out more about the Good Diabetes Care in School Award at [www.diabetes.org.uk/school-award](http://www.diabetes.org.uk/school-award)



## PRIDE IN OUR WELLBEING!

June is Pride Month and so this edition of Wellbeing Matters is dedicated to all our LGBTQ+ students, colleagues, parents, carers and friends.

I am really proud that Ratton is a place where our young people can be out as LGBTQ+ because it means they feel safe enough to do so. We have come a long way since my days at school when we were too afraid, ashamed or oppressed to live truthfully and I am so thankful for the young people at Ratton who have open minds and limitless hearts.

On the flip-side, we know that many of our LGBTQ+ young people do struggle with their wellbeing, reporting higher than average mental health issues and loneliness than others in their age groups.

Being LGBTQ+ doesn't cause these problems, but some of the things they go through can affect their mental health, such as discrimination (including hearing trans/homophobic slurs), social isolation, rejection and difficult experiences coming out. Add these issues to the everyday stresses of managing school in adolescence and the day to day can become very challenging.

There are some wonderful organisations that can help - both for young people or parents/carers. I always big up Childline - they have great advice and are always available by phone or online.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/sexual-identity/coming-out/>

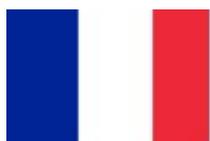
Some of the best advocacy work for young people is through Allsorts - they work to connect and support young people under the age of 25. Every person I have worked with from their team has been brilliant. <https://www.allsortsyouth.org.uk/> And there is also Stonewall- who have been championing LGBTQ+ rights for many years. Their site is full of advice - including a guide for parents <https://www.stonewall.org.uk/help-advice/coming-out/coming-out-advice-and-guidance-parents>

Finally I offer a big thank you to the many parents and carers in our community who support equality - your support lets our young people know they are valued, that they matter and they are loved. I look forward to seeing you at Pride on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Ms Bryden



## WORD OF THE WEEK



**Se reposer (m)**



**Descansar**



**Ausruhen**



**放松 (fàng sōng)**



**To rest (verb)**



**Tell your MFL teacher your sentences!**



## Y10 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIPS

Year 10 GCSE Geography students enjoyed some glorious weather during their fieldwork in the Cuckmere Valley this week. Starting in Alfriston they surveyed traffic and environmental quality to see if a more sustainable traffic management strategy was required for the urban environment component of their fieldwork.

After a relaxing lunch on Alfriston Tye, they began their physical fieldwork component to see if their knowledge of river processes could be applied to the River Cuckmere. This involved a 6km walk down to Exceat, looking at how river velocity affects the width, and how management of the river could influence these factors.

All students should be congratulated for their excellent engagement and attitude on a great day out embedding their local geographical knowledge whilst preparing them for their GCSE.





Many congratulations to our students who have earned the highest number of achievement points from 11th June - 18th June

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
Katy Brown	Leah Barber	Sarah Bieringer	Amelie Poppitt-Jones
Poppy Robinson	Kezia Compton	Isla Budd	Lacey Wallace
Layla Bowles	Delilah Worrell	Flora Bamforth	Belle Monz
Erin Pierce	Larissa Starkey	Amy Denman	Emily Kinne
Georgia Wootton	Zuzanna Skoczylas	Lilia Edwards	Kimberley Woodhams
Jenny Prentice	Jason Rocha	Ted Brickley	Lillie Ayliffe
Mia Sykes	Didac Gil Ferre	Joshua Dowsett	Lucas Geering
Nia Bailey	Ieuan Opie	Logan Richards	Dylan Sarna
Iwan Cheung	Max Seefried	Ruben Langley	Ewan Watson
Ted Warner	Ben Burbidge	Harry Piggott	Alex Clarke
Zeph Brown	Dexter Lyon	Jackson Bowles	Tomas Paradela
Keane Parks	Louis Russell-Murphy	Joshua Holden	William Mulvenney
Ethan Smith			
Matthias Whitby			



## Year 7 Sports Tournament

On a very hot Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June the Year 7 students competed in an inter-tutor group summer skills tournament led by the Year 9 Leaders. They were given a range of fitness & skills challenges such as: long jump, Nerf throwing, speed & agility runs, rounders & stoolball throwing & catching accuracy, rebound reaction and cricket wicket speed runs.

All students took part with enthusiasm and energy even in the extreme temperatures on the day lasting until 4.30pm.

Congratulations go to all the leaders for running a very successful event and demonstrating brilliant leadership skills alongside being great role models to the younger students. Also to ICI tutor group who came out in top position.

We all hope next year we will be able to run more inter-school events once we return to 'normal'.

### RESULTS

TUTOR	POINTS	POSITION
ICL	496.5	1ST
JKR	488	2ND
JSK	478	3RD
IST	457	4TH
PLE	430	5TH
ARO	303.5	6TH
CRN/DBR	268	7TH
AGE	263	8TH
ZFE	222	9TH



**Year 9 Sports leaders who led the event**

## Year 7 Sports Tournament - memories of the day...



## Some good news from Year 9

Freddie Wallis (9RGo) and Josh Dowsett (9RGo) have both been selected to play for the London and South MCC Foundation U15 Cricket team this summer.

The MCC Foundation selects representative teams from state school cricketers who have also trained and played for their local MCC hub.

One of their games is an all-day game at Dulwich College v a full MCC XI on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

We are very proud of the two boys for being selected and wish them much good luck for this season.





## **Love Netball? Come and Join Us!**

### **Eastbourne Netball Club Junior Division**

ENC Juniors offer a fantastic club training environment for young netballers. We have training only opportunities, league competitions and performance level training.

Train for fun, play in a team, increase your confidence and skills.

Whatever the level, the club is friendly and inclusive.

We welcome new players who would like to have fun and improve their skills with our experienced and qualified coaching team.

**Training Night - Monday**

**U12 - U14 5.30 – 6.30pm**

**U15 – U17 6.30pm – 7.30pm**

**Hampden Park Sports Centre, Outdoor Courts**

**Brodrick Rd, Eastbourne BN22 9RQ**

**(car park entrance is via Eastbourne Academy School, blue gates)**

We offer 1 x free taster session to interested players

Please contact Roz Hannan or Samantha Kennerson

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# JOIN SUSSEX'S FIRST BADMINTON DEVELOPMENT GROUP

(Since 2004)

## 2021-22 Season – Enrolment Day

Some playing experience required



*Covid safe – Badminton England Guidelines*

**Date: Sunday 11th July 2021**

**Freedom Leisure, Cade Street, Old Heathfield, TN21 8RJ**

**Trials are open to children born/living or attending school in East Sussex**

**U12` s born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 9:00-9:45**

**U15` s born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007 10:00-10:45**

**U18` s born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2004 11:00-11:45**

**£5 fee. Covid Regulation - please phone/email and book your place.**

**Turning up on the day will be restricted by numbers.**

**For further information browse our website: [www.esjba.co.uk](http://www.esjba.co.uk)**

*all other enquiries-*

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