

NO MAN IS AN ISLAND

We have introduced a new inter-community competition called the 'Ratton Trust Cup' with a prize of £1000 for the winning community to spend however they think best. Communities will be awarded points each month in the form of rewards (see page 2), as well as for events such as Sports Day and for charity fund raising.

When a student gets a reward they are doing it for their community as well as themselves, with things such as good attendance helping them and their community. When they get a behaviour point they are letting themselves and their community down.

There is an important message here that we do not exist in isolation. Our actions have important consequences for others as well as ourselves. We have a responsibility to those around us as well as ourselves.

You may be interested to know that the community scores for September were Adelphi 4.5, Apollo 3, Globe 7.5, Lyceum 1.5, and Lyric 3.5

*Mr D Linsell
Headteacher*

TEXTILE BANK

We are delighted to announce that Ratton is the first school in Eastbourne to work with the recycling team at the council to provide staff and students with the opportunity to recycle textiles. We receive funds for the weight of textiles collected which are shared equally between the 5 community charities. The collection bin is located in the staff car park at the front of the school and all contributions are welcome!

BOYS ONLY!

10 students from a range of year groups kicked off this year's Dance outreach programme with a Boys' only dance workshop at Bourne School on Monday. The Street dance style workshop saw two classes of Year 6 boys engaging in choreography and, inspired by our students' flips, tricks and general dance confidence, the boys even performed their routines to the girls in their year.

One Year 6 commented that "I didn't think I really liked dance you know, but actually I do!"

Well done to Hallum Cousins, Jacob Hoggood, Ritchie Moureau and Finlay Fry from Year 8, Aaron Wilder, Callum Fryers and Emily Brooks from Year 9 and Jordan Ticehurst, Louie Cannings and Charlie Mackay from Year 10 who ran the work shop with Mrs Duncan.

RECEIVING GOLD FRIDAY

Please note that in future we will only be sending paper copies of Gold Friday home with students if we do not hold family email addresses on our computer system.

If you would still like a paper copy or need to update us with your email address please advise us at admin@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk

Thank you for helping us to reduce our paper wastage and help the environment.



CONGRATULATIONS!

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

These students are identified due to having received the highest number of rewards allocated by all staff for the relevant week and are awarded for various contributions - such as outstanding work on a longer project or coursework, good effort in class, effort in tutor time and participation in an extra-curricular activity to name but a few!

Week ended 30th September

Sophie Freitas, Iona Halfpenny, Daisy Westwood, Harriet Farrington, Shannon Newton, Serena Nye-Field, and Shannon Wallace

Congratulations to **Chester Duff** in year 10 who has been selected for the initial Sussex Under-15 Rugby Squad for 2011-12

DANCE NEWS

RATTON DANCERS have started the year with their usual enthusiasm and have already performed in the Water Concert, at Prospective Parents' Evening and at Bourne school where they provided inspiring Outreach work! Lunchtimes in the Dance Studio are action-packed, noisy and fun with break-dancers admiring the control and immaculate line of the Year 11 Contemporary Group and the rest of us catching our breath as the break-dancers fly through the air!

We welcome **Miss Harris from the Royal Academy of Dance** - her boy dance group is underway and she will be working with us until Christmas. Ms Papagna has started choreography for High School Musical and Mrs Duncan is working with the soloists invited to perform in this year's **Song and Dance Evening on Friday 4th November** (tickets on sale now in the Finance Office).

After-school clubs are open to all at Ratton - Funky Contemporary on Monday and Classical Ballet on Wednesday - just come along and join us!

Next month Year 10 dancers will represent Ratton at the new Birley Centre at Eastbourne College, taking part in a special residency with RAMBERT Dance Company, and Trinity Laban have invited Ratton dancers to a Day of Dance at their internationally acclaimed conservatoire in London - our dancers will have a tour of the prize-winning building, a talk on higher education and two classes: technique and choreography.

We are so proud of last year's GCSE dancers, many of whom gained full marks for choreography and performance pieces, and fully expect our present year 11's to do the same when their turn comes next spring.

Please contact Mrs Duncan at school for information at a.duncan@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 18th October

Governors' Resources Meeting 5pm

Thursday 20th October

Y11 cross-curricular day

Friday 21st October

Consultation Day

24th-28th October

Mid-term break

Monday 31st October

First day of Term 2 8.40am

Tuesday 1st November

Governors' Teaching & Learning Meeting 4.30pm

Thursday 17th November

'How to survive Year 11?' *details to follow*



MORE LOST PROPERTY

Please go to Care & Guidance if you recognise any of this lost property...



Homework in School ?

Have you ever thought about doing your homework in school? Why not try coming to the LRC at 3.15pm. We are open every day from 3.15pm - 4.15pm for students to do homework or coursework. There are plenty of books and computers, and you can print off your work here. There is always a member of staff available to help answer any questions or queries. We look forward to seeing you.

Peer Supporters in the LRC

Our Peer Supporters take turns to come into the LRC during lunchtimes to support any students who may feel that they would like to talk to another student about any problems or issues. They are year 10 students who have volunteered to offer support. They are identified by their Yellow Peer Support badges, and all their pictures are on the wall. If you would like to speak to someone you can always ask me and I will put you in touch.

Mrs F Jenner, Learning Resource Centre Manager

www.GoBeSocial.co.uk

We are delighted to write to you about a new moderated website for young teens aged 11-16.

Go Be Social is an online community that allows children to communicate with each other, build a website, send emails, post in forums, earn awards, write blogs and join a house to take part in competitions **but** there are rules and safeguards in place to ensure a much safer online environment:

- Only young teens aged eleven to sixteen can join and use the site (through their schools) making it a safer alternative to some other social networking sites;
- A set of rules that members must follow, otherwise they could be temporarily suspended from logging in to the site;
- There are CRB checked staff members online to prevent bullying, inappropriate behaviour and to ensure that no rule breaking takes place;
- All communications are monitored by the staff;
- Members can only communicate with each other from 3pm - 10pm on weekdays and 8am - 12pm and 5pm - 10pm on weekends;
- A series of awards that focus on improving literacy skills, team work and teaching about internet safety;
- There are a number of ways for members to express themselves, such as creating a website or a blog.

Social networking can be risky, with perhaps the biggest problem being the giving out of too much information which can lead to problems—like susceptibility to cyber bullies, online predators, invasion of privacy, and identity theft. **One of the rules of GoBeSocial is not sharing personal information online.**

Please note that GoBeSocial is run by an ex-Ratton student but the school has no involvement in the website

KS4 MATHS KEY DATES

9th November on 1.30pm non-calculator exam

9am on 14th November calculator exam

1.30pm on 17th November modular 2x30 mins papers (worth 30% of final grade)

9am on 18th November Functional Skills 90 mins

WATER CONCERT

The Water Concert, an evening of music and dance on the theme of water, was held on Wednesday 28th September.

There was a great variety of styles both in terms of music and dance. The Ratton Concordia, a group of close-harmony singers from Year 9, sang an arrangement of Saint-Saens' Aquarium, whilst an instrumental group performed the film music from *Pirates of the Caribbean* and there were performances of songs from the charts, such as Adele's 'Set Fire to the Rain' sung as a duet by Year 10s.

There was equal variety in the style of dances ranging from solo classical dances to Einaudi piano music, to Irish dancing to music from *Riverdance*, to a trio dance to Cheryl Cole's *The Flood*.

The evening gave opportunities for our younger students to experience public performance in a small-scale setting and for our more advanced students to showcase their talents.

Skills4GCSE@GradeC+

On offer:

- **A friendly, relaxed atmosphere**, where you're treated as an adult, with a strict work ethic - *we're there to succeed together*
- **Expert tutors** with many years of combined experience of teaching and examining at GCSE
- **Very small class sizes** (15 max) where you'll receive small group and individual attention
- **Highly focussed** on key subject knowledge and exam technique
- **Common problem areas** innovatively explored

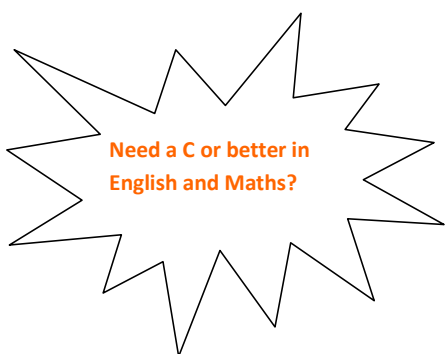
2 day half term course - 24th and 25th October

Cavendish School, Eastbourne

Cost: £145*

More details at www.school-portal.co.uk/GroupHomepage.asp?GroupId=1182770
or <http://tiny.cc/66990>

**This is a fantastic price: search the web for similar courses and you'll find they're up to £300!*



Ratton School Fantasy Football

Will you be able to take on the might of 'Brookie's Barmy Army', managed by Mr Brooke? Can you keep up with the ever-changing tactics of Mr Linsell's 'Head's Masters'? Will you be able to challenge Mrs Potten and her team FC Copenbadly to scoop 'Manager of the Month'?

If you think you can then sign up for the Ratton School Fantasy Football League which will now start on Saturday 15th October. It has been put back to this date due to unprecedented popularity. You only have a few hours to enter a team before the first scoring week, so whether you're a pupil or parent, turn on the computer and go to www.schoolsfl.com and register your team. You will need to use the code 6819 to join the Ratton School League. Best of luck and good luck for the rest of the season... you'll need it to beat my team!

Mr Brooke

U.13 Girls Football A storming start to the season! Ratton (5) v St Richards (1)

The U.13 girls' team had a fantastic start to the season with their first Cup Match v St Richards on Wednesday 5th October. The team is made up of a combination of year 7 & 8 players and, considering they have not played together before, they put on a very impressive performance demonstrating strength both in attack and defence.

Chloe French (Y7) who played in goal played with confidence and bravery, diving to the ball and running out under pressure to deflect potential shots. Ruby Hilton and Lydia Redman were determined in defence battling back to pressurise shots and then kicked the ball deep to the attackers. But it was a combination of passes between Megan Gates and Neve Lawrence and the speed and power of Molly Hill which led to Molly scoring 4 out of the 5 goals. However, little Savannah Francis (Y7) also demonstrated her touch control when she cleanly put away another goal from a corner leaving the score line 5-1 to Ratton.

They are now due to play Tideway school at home before the end of November (date to be confirmed). This is set to be a high challenge game as Tideway made the National finals last year.

Good luck girls!!

Mrs Upton



Eastbourne District Schools Cross Country - 8th November

If you are in years 9-11 and would like to represent Ratton School in the Eastbourne District Schools Cross Country, then please speak to Mr Brooke in the PE Department.



Year 7 & 8 Cross Country

Next Wednesday and Thursday, Years 7 & 8 will be taking part in the Ratton School Cross Country competition. The year 10 BTEC PE pupils will be in charge leading this event as part of their 'Planning and Leading' unit of their PE qualification. Pupils who finish in the fastest times will have their chance to compete against other schools in the Eastbourne District Schools Cross Country Championships in early November. The course will wind its way around the school grounds and complete a 1 mile run. Best of luck for all the competitors and let's hope that the great British weather is as kind to us as possible!

Mr Brooke