

LEGACY

I asked the new Head Boys and Head Girls to tell me what their legacy would be. Below is what they came up with - young people never cease to amaze me...

“As the new Head Boys and Girls of Ratton School we are determined to leave behind a legacy that will be remembered for years to come. We do not wish to employ drastic changes; simply to improve on aspects that can already be found. Our legacy will not be made up of just the ideas of we ten individuals, but of the whole school.

The aspects we want to improve can be separated into five main categories: charitable events; suggestion boxes; appearance of the school; yearbooks; and trophies.

One way in which we would like to improve charitable events that the school partakes in is with a fashion show. However, we also feel that it would be beneficial for teachers to be involved in the fundraising aspects of school life. Different ideas to get teachers involved include Teacher Talent Shows and Students vs. Teachers Sport Tournaments.

The students’ needs at Ratton are the most important part of school life and currently they have no way to seek advice anonymously. We feel that the introduction of a suggestion box in the school could be a way around this problem. Other ideas we have include setting up an anonymous school blogging website (Agony Aunt), or the Head Boys and Girls taking over the school’s Twitter account once a fortnight to give support and progress reports directly to the students.

The appearance of the school is vital to the Attitude of Learning in the Ratton School: every corridor of the school creates an impression of what Ratton is like, and the drab interior does nothing to inspire students and visitors. That is why we make one of our goals to display more of the superb artwork, photography, and projects by the students around the school. Also, we hope the school’s on-going problem of litter can be solved with the introduction of recycling banks in both playgrounds and on the field.

The time you spend at secondary school is not only the most important, but also the most fun five years of your life. People head off to colleges and workplaces, often losing touch with peers and memories fading quickly. We would like to produce a yearbook for Year 11 leavers to have once they have left Ratton. The yearbook would consist of photographs, quotes, and videos collated by students from throughout their time at Ratton School. This could also be displayed as a book or on the school’s Facebook page. We believe that this could become a tradition that can be carried on after we have left.

As Head Boys and Girls we would like to leave a physical legacy and give something back to our respective communities. We would like to do this by awarding one trophy to one individual or a group of individuals in each community based on their spirit or enthusiasm for school life. This could be considered as a random act of kindness or a constant appreciation for their time at Ratton.

We believe that all these ideas could help us to leave a lasting legacy on Ratton School, and we want people to remember our time as Head Boys and Girls.”

Jack Baker, Isabella Baretto de Santana, Jack Buggins, Amelia Attwood, Craig Brown, Anastasia Bray, George Harrild, Molly Wilson, Joshua Perry, and Laura Bradley

*Mr D Linsell
Headteacher*

LAST GOLD FRIDAY FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR - THERE WILL BE AN END-OF-YEAR LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER AT THE END OF THIS TERM

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 24th June

Amelia Hicks, Elena Clayton-Harding, Harriet Leeming, Joshua Jackson, Zoe Moss, Lauren Johnson, Thomas Hawkins, Noah Gibson, and Brendan Pittman

Week ended 1st July

Jessica Davis, Anastasia Groom, Amy Barden, Owen Davies, Alistair Knell, Lucy Ginn, Demi De Freitas, and Elena Clayton-Harding

PFA "100" Club

The summer draw of the "100" Club took place on 24th June with the following results:

1st Prize of £65

Mrs Anne-Marie Barrell - mother of Eric Barrell in Yr 9

2nd prize of £45

Mrs Kate Hide - mother of Rosie Hide in Yr 9 and Ella in Yr 7

3rd Prize of £30

Mrs Heather Bilton - mother of Matthew Bilton in Yr 10

Congratulations to these lucky winners and commiserations to those unlucky this time - be sure to have another go next year!

The PFA would like to thank all who have supported their fundraising events this year and to remind anyone who would like to be on the Committee to contact the Chair, Carole Bradbrook, on Eastbourne 501795.

EXCELLENCE

In Lyceum community we strive for excellence and when we think of excellence we think of an outstanding aspect: a model of its kind - the very best we can be.

A famous English poet, William Blake, once asked "If our reach should exceed our grasp, what is heaven for?" This reminds us that EXCELLENCE is not an absolute, finite end in itself. It is about how hard we try to be the best we can - knowing full well that nobody can be perfect.

So, our whole-school core value EXCELLENCE - is within everyone's grasp. All we have to do is be the best we can, remember where we started from, and look ahead to the future and seek out opportunities that life offers us.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*Reminder - trial of split lunches continues
Years 7/8 12.20-13.05, Years 9/10 13.20-14.05*

Tuesday 12th July

Governors' Meetings	
Budget Committee	4.30pm
Full Governors	5pm
'For One Night Only'	7pm

Thursday 14th July

Awards Evening at the Winter Garden	7pm
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17th - 22nd July Boppard Trip

19th - 22nd July Year 8 Camp

Wednesday 20th July

Thorpe Park / Knockhatch Activity Day

Thursday 21st July

Whole school sponsored walk along the seafront

Friday 22nd July

Activities Day

Last day of Term 6 - early closure	1.30pm
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Friday 2nd September

INSET Day

Monday 5th September

Year 7 students &

Year 11 students only in school *times TBC*

Tuesday 6th September

All students return to school	8.45am
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Last call for LAMDA

We are still accepting students onto the LAMDA course for next year. Although places are filling up quickly after the incredible success of this year, we still have room to accommodate those wishing to undertake the course but we do need the forms returned before the end of the school year.

LAMDA is open to all Ratton students and we encourage those who are especially keen to gain more experience with performance to consider LAMDA. Forms are available from the Drama department or you can email Mr Bird at c.bird@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk

LOCKERS

We are re organising our locker system during the summer break. All students **must** empty their lockers and remove the padlock so they can be repaired and painted before the new term in September. Information about the reallocation of lockers will be given to the students next term.

Any locker contents remaining over the holiday period will be removed and destroyed.

LOST PROPERTY

Please come and claim your items from Mrs Huggins in the Care and Guidance Office open until 3:30pm



School Nurse Service

There is now a drop-in service on Thursdays from 12-2pm. Contact can be made via tutors, welfare officers, or reception staff.

The school nurse will be available to see students, parents, or staff **in confidence** for any type of problem that may affect them eg personal, bullying, family, behaviour, parenting, sexual health, smoking, alcohol, drug misuse - this list is not exhaustive.

Contact details - julie.allistone@esht.nhs.uk
or 07500 064765

GOVERNORS

At the Premises, Health & Safety Committee meeting on 21st June, Governors recorded their thanks to all the staff who undertook the responsibility for arranging and supervising the numerous and varied trips which were considered of great benefit to our students.

Congratulations also to Steve Comfort, Site Manager, and his team for the new PE IT room (*pictured below*)



Forensic Software

We are committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment at Ratton School. We have received an increasing number of concerns from parents about the use of social networking sites by their children at home and the relationship problems caused. As a result, at our last Parent Voice, parents were presented with a voucher code to download a free piece of internet monitoring software, designed to protect up to 5 PCs or laptops in the home. The program, called 'CyberSentinel' silently monitors the use of individual internet users and different restrictions can be employed for different children. CyberSentinel also acts as an internet filtering program and prevents access to inappropriate websites, as well as allowing access to the internet to be restricted by time or times of day.

Parents can access the CyberSentinel monitoring logs, view screen captures where inappropriate words or phrases have been identified or change e-safety settings as well as download the software which is **free of charge until March 2012**, by pasting the school voucher code **FS018207** into the voucher box from the CyberSentinel website www.cybersentinel.co.uk. The software costs £25 per year after this date.

If you have any further questions, or to view testimonials about the software, please visit www.cybersentinel.co.uk
"The software will help in making me feel my daughter is going to be safe using social network sites" *Mrs S, Mother of a Year 9 Ratton student and Year 6 student coming into Ratton School*

RATTON STOMP - WINNER OF THE ESCVYS AWARD 2010!

We are thrilled to announce that **Ratton Stomp** has won the East Sussex Council for Voluntary Youth Service Award 2010!

Ratton Stomp was set up by Miss Kirwan and has grown to a 50-strong troupe who have Stomped in schools, at community events, as part of an installation piece at the Towner gallery, on the beach, and even in the snow!

Well done Miss Kirwan and all the Stompers!

Please go to

http://www.escvys.org.uk/images/stories/989_06_ESCVYS_CaseStudy_Ratton_v2.pdf

to see the showcase feature on the ESCVYS website

The winning troop pictured with Stephen Lloyd MP



TOWN SPORTS

The sun beamed down on the Eastbourne Sports Park as the local partnership of schools met for the annual 'Town Sports' athletics event. Some top performances would be needed in order to battle against the Mediterranean climate!

The longer distance runners battled against the heat with Ratton's **Orla Whelan** (year8) finishing the strongest in the 1500m, crossing the line before any of the other competitors in the final. **Isaac Goff** and **Honor Roberts** (year 8) both went home with 2nd and 3rd place finishes, with **Molly Hill** (year 7) completing the 800m in a very respectable 2.57mins. **James Stone** battled his way to the finish line and clinched 1st position in the year 8 boys 400m with a time of 1.07mins. **Olivia Fielder** (year 10) finished the strongest in her 400m run, powering past the rest of the field in the last 20 metres, grasping 1st position with an excellent run. **Matthew Harrison** set the track alight in the year 9 sprints, finishing 1st in both the 200m and 100m setting a personal best of 12.00 seconds in the 100m final. **Lauren Johnson** (2nd), **Naomi Jackson** (1st) and **Ellie Farrington** (2nd) all ran fantastic times to win the 100m event in years 7, 8 and 9 respectively. During the field events, Ratton saw success in the year 7 and 8 long jump (**Beth Tagg** 2nd and **Michael Knox** 2nd) and further triumph in year 7 High Jump (**Hani Sadat** 1st and **Molly Taverner** 2nd). Another personal best was set by year 9 high-jumper **Ellie Farrington**, who came 1st with a height of 1.60metres. **Tom Bacon** finished 2nd in the year 7 triple jump, with **Molly Hill** (year 7) and **Carlie Vilar** (year 9) both finishing in first place. **Jo Hacker** (year 7) and **Owen Davies** (year 8) performed well in the shot and finished 3rd and 2nd respectively. **Justyn Cronin** was placed 3rd in the year 7 Javelin and **Carlie Vilar** finished 2nd in the year 9 competition.

Congratulations to all pupils who represented Ratton School at this year's Town Sports. The following all competed in the event: **Jake Botting**, **Owen Davies**, **Levi Denney**, **Christie Dowle**, **Chester Duff**, **Charlotte Edwards**, **Ben Farrant**, **Ellie Farrington**, **Olivia Fielder**, **Natasha Filsell**, **Isaac Goff**, **Jack Hanon**, **Matt Harrison**, **Molly Hill**, **Aaliyah Hutchinson**, **Lauren Johnson**, **Michael Knox**, **Neve Lawrence**, **Charlie Mackay**, **Kira Marsh**, **Alice Marshall**, **Honor Roberts**, **Hani Sadat**, **James Stone**, **Jessica Stubbs**, **Orla Whelan**, **Louis Cullinane**, **Robyn Arno**, **Lauren Manson**, **Joao Regueira**, **Bobby Knight**, **Emily Larkin**, **Amy Wakeling**, **Tom Bacon**, **Molly Taverner**, **Naomi Jackson**, **Haris Duratovic**, **Ritchie Moureau**, **George Williams**, **Jake Hobden**, **Carlie Vilar**, **Beth Tagg**, **Jordan Lee**, **Alisha Davison-Trickett**, **Jack Buggins**, **Ellie-May Swain**, **Christian Hartigan-Jeremiah**, **Justyn Cronin**, **Alice Marshall**, **Jacob Perrin**, **Joe Hacker**, **Josh Mather**, **Amelia Pattison**, **Isabella Baretto**, **Danu Hadden-Eccles**.

SUMMER SUCCESS FOR GIRLS ROUNDERS TEAMS

This term has seen the Years 7, 8 and 9 Girls Rounders squad as the most successful in the South Downs Sports Partnership.

The Year 7 Squad consisting of **Beth Tagg**, **Robyn Arno**, **Megan Gates**, **Joanna Bruce**, **Lauren Johnson**, **Ruby Hilton**, **Sarah Holden**, **Ella Hide**, **Chloe Page**, **Hannah Lindsay**, **Eliza Kennedy** and **Jade Allistone** started by winning the Sports Partnership Rounders Tournament very convincingly. They have also won all of their league games; which means that they qualify for the final game against the winners of the West league. The date is to be confirmed and hopefully the girls will end their season on a high.

The Year 8 Squad have also been extremely successful, winning all of their league games, putting them as winners of the East and they too will play the winners of the West in the final once the date is confirmed. In the Sports Partnership Rounders Tournament, the girls won all their pool games and made it into the final. Unfortunately, they lost by just 1½ rounders. The Year 8 Squad consists of **Danni Hearn**, **Charlotte Edwards**, **Ryleigh Brown**, **Lauren Manson**, **Megan David**, **Amy Godfrey**, **Rebecca Greene**, **Alice Potter**, **Orla Whelan**, **Jodie Russell** and **Georgie West**.

The Year 9's opened their season against Bishop Bell and lost by just ½ rounder but went on to win the rest of their league games and have finished 2nd in the East League. The Sports Partnerships Tournament was a tough competition and none of the teams in either pool won all their games. The game that the girls lost was by ½ rounder and therefore it all rested on how many rounders the girls had scored in the previous games. Unfortunately, by that elusive ½ rounder again, the girls didn't make the final but qualified for 3rd place play-off against Willingdon. A nail biting game, but the girls lost by 2½ rounders and came 4th overall. This was still a very pleasing result as 10 teams were competing from the East and West. Congratulations go to **Paige Jordan-Evans**, **Ellie Farrington**, **Amelia Inman**, **Erin Smith**, **Rosalie Hide**, **Hannah King**, **Daisy Strong White**, **Georgie Potter**, **Veronika Gibbins**, **Amelia Hicks** and **Leah Holden**.

The Year 8 Cricket team took the short journey to Hailsham Community College to take part in the **Schools 6-a-side Inter Cricket Tournament** on Wednesday 22nd June. Our first game saw a re-match of local rivals Cavendish. The batting started off slowly, but soon picked up with **Jake Botting** and **Lewis Cole** finding the boundaries. A target of 37 was set from a respectable 5 overs. The Cavendish batsmen managed to score, with several 4's in quick succession. No wickets fell, and the opponents beat their target with 1 over remaining.

Next up, Bishop Bell. Some strong batting from **Christian Hartigan-Jeremiah** and **Josh Jackson** added to Ratton's tally of 47 runs from 5 overs. Decent bowling from **Garratt Weblin** and **Freddie Black** kept Bishop Bell's run rate down and with good fielding from the team, wickets fell and the opponents ended on a mere 23 runs.

The host Hailsham were last up in the group and after some decent shots from **Khevane Byroo** a reputable score was put up on the scoreboard, but Hailsham managed to plug away with the bat during their innings, ensuring that they would win the tournament with Ratton finishing in a respectable 3rd position.

Ratton Year 8 team: **Garratt Weblin**, **Chris Hartigan-Jeremiah**, **Freddie Black**, **Khevane Byroo**, **Lewis Cole**, **Jake Botting** and **Josh Jackson**