



Our ref: CDE/CCL

September 2011

Dear Parent/Carer

On Monday 26th September we will be holding our annual 'European Day of Languages'. This event aims to raise awareness of the Importance of Languages and to show students what fun can be had learning them.

All Year 7 students will be off normal timetable on 26th September and will take part in a variety of activities with an 'international' feel.

We hope your son/daughter will enjoy the day and gain valuable knowledge from it.

Yours sincerely

*C. Dean*

MISS C. DEAN  
Curriculum Leader for German



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Dear Parent/Carer

Owing to increasing flexibility of the curriculum, most students in year 9 at Ratton School begin GCSE Science. Your child is one of these.

Revision guide books for GCSE Science are available to purchase from us at a voluntary cost of £4.00. It is strongly recommended that your child obtain one to use for revision, as well as being extremely useful with homework set throughout the two years. The revision guides we sell run alongside the OCR 21<sup>st</sup> Century Science Course which is taught at Ratton.

When students choose their options, confirmed later in the year, those who opt for Separate Sciences (triple) will be asked to return the Core Revision Guide in exchange for the separate Sciences Revision Guides (3 books) but will be charged no extra provided the Revision Guide is in good condition.

If your child does not choose Triple Science, they will go on to be taught Additional Science (double Science GCSE) later in Year 10. The same will apply here - if the Core Science Revision Guide is returned in a good condition, it can be directly exchanged for the Additional GCSE guide at no extra cost.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Clark  
Science Curriculum Manager

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**Year 9 Science Revision Guide - Please return to the Finance Office**

Student name: ..... Tutor Group: .....

I would like to purchase the Revision Guides and enclose voluntary cost - cash/cheque for £4.00. Please make cheques payable to Ratton School Fund and write your child's name/tutor group and "Science Revision Guide" on the reverse.

Science Teacher is: .....

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Dear Parents/Carers

In year 10 we have now started the second Science (“Additional Science”) GCSE. As such, students will need a second revision guide.

Due to the changing curriculum we can now no longer offer you an Additional Revision Guide in exchange for the Core one (as was stated last year). This is because students will STILL NEED their Core revision guide in year 11 (they will have a final exam for Core as well as one for Additional). This is due to new government regulations. Therefore we need to ask you for a voluntary contribution of £4.00 for the Additional revision guide. I do sincerely apologise for any upset caused.

If you do wish to look elsewhere for revision guides we are following the OCR 21<sup>st</sup> Century Science Core, Science AND Additional Science curriculum. I cannot emphasise enough how useful and important it is for your child to have access to revision guides as they show exactly what the students need to know (nothing more or less).

Thank you for your support. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries or feel unable to contribute the £4.00 at this time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Clark  
Science Curriculum Manager

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### Year 10 Science Revision Guides

Please return to **finance office** with cash / cheque made payable to **Ratton School Fund**

I would like to purchase a GCSE Science Additional Revision Guide for

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor/Community \_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Science teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Please ensure your child’s name is written on the envelope with the money



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Dear Parent/Carer

In Year 10 we have now started the Triple Science GCSE. As such, students will need slightly different revision guides. One each for Chemistry, Biology and Physics. There are two options:

- 1. Students can return their first revision guide (the red "GCSE Core Science" book) in EXCELLENT condition to Mrs Clark in room 126 and they will receive the 3 separate revision guides at no extra cost

Or

- 2. Students can pay a voluntary cost of £4.00 for the new Revision Guides. Please note we are just charging once for all three books.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Clark  
Science Curriculum Manager

Year 10 Revision Guides for Triple Science

If you are purchasing the new revision guides, please return this slip to the finance office

Student name: ..... Tutor Group: .....

Student's Science Teacher: .....

I would like to purchase the Revision Guides and enclose voluntary cost - cash/cheque for £4.00. Please make cheques payable to Ratton School Fund and write your child's name/tutor group and "Science Revision Guide" on the reverse.



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I,.....

Being the parent/Carer of .....

A registered pupil at.....

Give my consent for the school to refer to the school nurse to make such medical enquiries as may be necessary to establish:

- a) the extent to which the absences my child has from school are justified on medical grounds, and/or,
- b) Whether the child's medical condition may make home tuition appropriate.

I understand that this may entail contacts with the family doctor and any other medical practitioner involved with my child, or arranging appointments with the Community Medical Officer (School Doctor).

The General Practitioner concerned is Dr.....

and the following have also been involved:-

NAME

CLINIC/HOSPITAL

I give my consent for these medical practitioners to disclose such information as may be necessary to answer these questions.

Signed:.....

Date.....

Note: Refusal to give consent for medical enquiries may be cited in any proceedings taken under the Education Act 1996 or the Childrens Act 1989.

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Dear Parent/Carer

**German and History Exchange 2012**

Next year we are again going to Elmshorn, near Hamburg in Germany. We have a well established link with this School and the trip has been much enjoyed in the past. The German Exchange provides an ideal opportunity for your son/daughter to stay with a German boy or girl and their family who has been matched with your child, according to their interests etc. This presents an ideal opportunity for your son/daughter to practice their German, find out more about life in Germany and German family life. We hope to visit the Hamburg fair. There will be plenty of opportunities for students to visit Hamburg and the surrounding area as well as spending time in School. We will be travelling to Germany from 15 - 22 March 2012. The German students will visit Eastbourne between the 14 - 21 June 2012.

This year we are linking up with the History department and spending time in Berlin. We will visit places relevant to your History studies. Berlin is full of relevant sites from war damaged buildings to the Holocaust memorial.

If your son/daughter would like to participate in the Exchange, could you please return the form below, together with a voluntary £10 deposit by Friday 7 October as we would like to match people with penfriends as soon as possible. Cheques should be made payable to Ratton School Fund (students name, tutor group and German Exchange 2012 on the reverse). The total cost of the trip will be a voluntary contribution of £300.00 (subject to confirmation) to include the trip to Berlin. This includes the journey to Hamburg, fully comprehensive insurance and entertainment for the Germans when they are here.

Yours sincerely



MISS C DEAN  
Curriculum Leader for German

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**REPLY SLIP - To: The Finance Office, Ratton School.**

**Students Name**.....

**Community**..... **Tutor/Year Group**.....

I would like my son/daughter to take part in the German Exchange 2012.

I enclose a voluntary £10 deposit (cheques payable to Ratton School Fund, students name, community, tutor group and German Exchange 2012 on the reverse)

Signature Parent.....Date.....

September 2011



Dear Parents/Carers

The English Department have been given the opportunity to see a performance of J B Priestley’s “An Inspector Calls”. It will be extremely beneficial for students in years 10 and 11 to see this performance to enhance their GCSE studies.

The trip will take place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011. This is an evening performance at the Theatre Royal, Brighton and we shall be travelling by coach, leaving Ratton at 6.30 p.m. and returning at approximately 10.45 p.m. Parents/carers will need to ensure their child is collected on time from school. We will endeavour to provide a more exact time when we know. Students will not be required to wear school uniform on this occasion.

The voluntary cost of the trip is £14.70 to include the price of the ticket, coach travel and insurance.

We need to confirm numbers to the Theatre well in advance of the performance and to this end, we will need reply slips and payments returned to the Finance Office **before** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October. There are 180 seats on offer so it will be on a first come, first served basis.

Yours sincerely

Teacher of English

**An Inspector Calls Trip, Theatre Royal, Brighton - Please complete and return to the Finance Office by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at the latest**

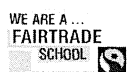
Student Name: ..... Year/Tutor/Community: .....

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the above trip and enclose voluntary cost of £14.70 - please make cheques payable to Ratton School fund with your child’s name, year/tutor/community and “An Inspector Calls” written on the reverse.

- I confirm that details on my child’s medical form that has been handed in **this academic year**, have not changed.
- I have not yet completed a medical form and require one to be completed.

Parent/carer signature: .....Date: .....

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28 September 2011

Dear Parents/Carers

Your child has been selected to attend a Poetry Workshop on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 at the Birley Centre, Eastbourne College, Carlisle Road, Eastbourne.

As there is only a small group, we will be travelling by car and leaving school at lunchtime. Parents/carers are invited to attend the Birley Centre any time after 4 p.m. for afternoon tea and poetry reading and will be able to take students home at 5.15 p.m. If you are unable to attend the poetry reading, please make arrangements for your child to be collected at 5.15 p.m. from Carlisle Road.

Please complete the reply slip below and return to the finance office as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

L Grove  
Teacher of English

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Poetry Workshop - Eastbourne College - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011

Please complete and return to the Finance Office as soon as possible

Student Name: ..... Year/Tutor/Community: .....

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the poetry workshop on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

I will collect/make arrangements for my child to be collected from The Birley Centre, Eastbourne College, Carlisle Road, Eastbourne at 5.15 p.m.

- I confirm that details on my child's medical form that has been handed in this academic year, have not changed.
- I have not yet completed a medical form and require one to be completed.

Parent/carer signature: .....Date: .....



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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you of an upcoming performance at Ratton of *Disney's High School Musical Jr*, a modern musical telling the story of high school juniors from rival cliques as they audition to take place in the annual musical. The musical will involve singing, acting and dancing. We hope to involve a large number of students in the performance and would like to invite your child to take part.

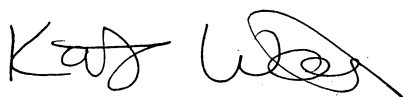
Rehearsals for the musical will take place on Wednesdays after school (3.30pm - 5.00pm) starting on 28<sup>th</sup> September. Additional rehearsals will be scheduled during lunch times as well as after school nearer the time of performance. The musical will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. Attendance at rehearsals is essential - if there are any problems please let us know in advance.

Should you require any further information about the musical, please do not hesitate to contact us ([k.wood@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:k.wood@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk), [m.adams@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:m.adams@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk), [c.papagna@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:c.papagna@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk)).

Yours sincerely



M Adams



K Wood



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October 2011



Dear Parents and Carers

The Music department has recently invested in a class set of ukuleles as part of a new initiative which gives every student in Year 7 the opportunity to learn the ukulele for 6 lessons. Students in Year 8 and 9 will also have the opportunity to learn the ukulele as part of their KS3 Music curriculum.

The ukulele has become increasingly popular in the last couple of years in both primary and secondary schools as it is easy to play, sounds good as part of a group and is affordable.

There has been considerable interest amongst students in recent weeks and so we will be selling Maholo soprano ukuleles to students who wish to develop their skills further outside of lesson time at a price of £10.00. If your child is interested in buying a ukulele, please complete the form below. Once the order has been placed on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October, the ukuleles will take 1-2 weeks to arrive.

If you have any queries please contact me on [k.wood@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:k.wood@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

Katy Wood  
Curriculum Leader for Music

**Purchase of Maholo Soprano Ukulele**

Please complete and return to the Finance Office by **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October**.

Student Name: ..... Year/Tutor/Community: .....

I enclose a cost of £10.00 - please make cheques payable to “Ratton School fund” with your child’s name, year/tutor/community and “Ukulele” written on the reverse.

Please indicate which colour you would like:

- Red
- Blue
- Purple
- Pink
- Green

Parent/carer signature: .....Date: .....

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Dear Staff

**100 CLUB**

Would you like the chance to win a cash prize?

The PFA invite you to join "The 100 Club" giving subscribers the opportunity to win cash prizes and at the same time raise funds to help with school projects. In past years, the PFA were able to provide funds for new stage curtains and contribute towards picnic tables for students to use in the garden outside the conservatory, new goal posts for the PE department plus a generous contribution to replacing some of our older reward cups

If you, or members of your family, would like to take part, please complete the reply slip below and return to Mrs Court in the finance office together with cash or cheque (made payable to Ratton School PFA). The more people who subscribe, (hopefully 100!) the bigger the prizes. Half the monies received will go to school projects and the other half will be divided to provide three cash prizes drawn in December and July.

Winners will receive their prize cheque by post and winners will also be announced in the School's newsletter "Connections".

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gill".

Mrs G Court  
Secretary, Ratton School PFA

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To: The Finance Office - PFA 100 Club

I would like to subscribe to the 100 Club and enclose my cheque made payable to Ratton School PFA for £10.00.

Name: (Please print clearly) .....

Ratton Staff Member



Our Ref: JPs/JBe

September 2011

Dear Parent/Carer

**WorldSkills Event London 2011**

Final arrangements are now in place for our trip to the WorldSkills Event at ExCel in London on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

Students should arrive at school by 07:15 and meet at the front gate. We will be travelling to the venue by coach, leaving school promptly by 07:30 for a 10:30 start. We will be leaving London at approximately 14:45 and estimate that we will arrive back at school between 17:00 - 18:00 depending on traffic, students will then be dismissed.

Quality packed lunches will be supplied to all students attending and students should bring with them a pen and pad. For the safety of all visitors, upon arrival we will be going through security where bag searches will be in place. It is recommended that students do not bring valuables with them such as iPods and mobile phones. We appreciate that your child may have their mobile phone with them in order to contact you regarding their return to school and it is their responsibility to ensure they do not lose it.

Students should be in full school uniform.

Medical forms for the new school year have been sent out to all parents/carers and these should have been returned to the Finance Office. **If we are not in receipt of a new medical form by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, your child will not be able to attend this event.**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Peters".

J Peters  
Learning Leader Adelphi