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Dear Parents/Carers

On 14th October we are fortunate enough to have a commedia dell'arte practitioner in school running drama workshops for students.

Commedia dell'arte is a form of theatre that began in Italy in the 12th century and is characterized by masked "types" or "stock characters" which each have their own body language, movements and gesture styles. The style has influenced comedy, slap stick and clowning as well as melodrama and even soap operas of today.

The workshop will be free for KS4 Students and will take place in the Drama Studio lessons 1 & 2 and will replace the Drama lesson timetabled for this room. If however your child is in Mr Adams' GCSE class we will need parental permission for you to be out of lessons in order to attend this workshop.

In order for your child to take part, your child will need to return a completed permission slip (below) to the finance office by Friday 14th October and come to the Drama Studio after morning registration on Tuesday 18th October. School uniform and appropriate footwear / bare feet will be required.

If there are any queries you'd like to discuss please contact me on: 01323 514322 / m.wells@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Miz Wells
Community Arts Officer
Ratton School

Please complete and return to Finance Office by Friday 14th October.

Student Name: Year/Tutor/Community:

I give permission for my son/daughter to partake in the Commedia Dell'Arte workshop on Tuesday 14th October 2011.

Parent/Carer signature: Date:

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At Ratton we study Commedia dell'arte as part of our Key Stage 3 drama curriculum and for the first time we can offer the opportunity to train from a professional. On 14th October we are fortunate enough to have a commedia dell'arte practitioner in school running workshops for students.

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The workshop will cost £5 for KS3 Students and will take place in the Drama Studio lessons 3 & 4. There are limited spaces on this workshop and spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

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I enclose a voluntary contribution of £5

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Dear Parent/Carer

Your Son/Daughter has been invited to attend an additional GCSE Art course in Ceramics. This course will take place at our trust partner school St Bede's. It is a two year GCSE course which will run every Tuesday. They will leave Ratton School at 1.45pm to arrive at St Bede's to start their lesson at 2.10pm. The lesson will finish at 4.10pm returning to Ratton at approximately 4.30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for your Son/Daughter to work with a specialist medium, with an outstanding ceramist.

Unfortunately there are only 10 places and 16 students have been pre-selected; so if your son and daughter would like to participate in this course please ensure the slip is returned promptly so that they do not miss out.

It is important that your son/daughter understand if they do choose to take on this extra GCSE, they need to be committed to see the course through and that they will need to catch up on work missed in their Tuesday period 5 lesson.

Yours sincerely

Ms Sula
Curriculum Leader for Art and Design

Return to Ms Sula room 222

Student Name:

Tutor Group:

I would like to take part in the GCSE ceramics course and will be committed to completing the full two years.

I have completed and returned a medical form this academic year (these were sent home by post in September) - if you did not receive one, please get a form from the finance office.

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Student signature: Date.....

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Our ref: JPs/JBe

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YR11 Forthcoming Events

Cross Curricular Day / Sussex Downs Presentation - Thursday 20th October 2011
Mock Interviews - Monday 12th December 2011

On Thursday 20th October all Year 11 students will be off timetable as they will be involved in a 'Cross Curricular' programme designed to help students prepare for their next step.

The morning will consist of CV writing, completing application forms and how to write a cover letter. This will be in preparation for Monday 12th December when they will take part in a Mock Interview day, carried out by external volunteers from the business world.

The afternoon will be a presentation from Sussex Downs College. Following the presentation students will have access to prospectuses and application forms to apply for 2012 college courses. The deadline for their application forms to be submitted is 29 November 2011. Sussex Downs will be coming into Ratton School on 5th & 6th January 2012 to carry out guidance interviews where appropriate.

Students should wear full school uniform.

Yours sincerely

J Peters
AHT Careers Information Advice and Guidance



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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Day of Dance at TRINITY LABAN, London on Wednesday 9 November 2011.

We are pleased to be able to offer a special Day of Dance to Year 10 dancers studying BTec and/or GCSE Dance, and hope you will give permission for your daughter to take part.

Trinity Laban is the internationally renowned conservatoire of Modern contemporary dance. The head of professional studies, Veronica Jobbins has arranged the day exclusively for Ratton dancers - the 'Veronica Jobbins Creative Dance cup' is awarded annually to a Year 11 dancer for outstanding, creative choreography. Our students will have a tour of the architecture prize-winning building, a talk on Higher education, a technique class and a creative class.

Travel will be by train with students meeting at Eastbourne station between 8.30am - 8.40am to take the 8.56am train to Deptford (changing at Haywards Heath and London Bridge). Return to Eastbourne station will be at approximately 6.00pm with exact time to be confirmed.

Suitable warm clothing for the train journey and short walk from Deptford station to Trinity Laban may be worn in place of school uniform if wished and full Dance kit must be worn for the practical classes (hair tied back securely) bare feet (no dance shoes) are essential, as is usual practise in school Dance lessons. Packed lunch and tea with non-fizzy drinks should be brought. Spending money is unnecessary.

There is no charge whatsoever for the Day of Dance and a contribution towards transport will be requested shortly when travel costs have been calculated.

Please complete and return the attached permission slip to me at school, as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Duncan
Curriculum Manager for Dance

Reply slip - please return to Mrs Duncan as soon as possible.

Day of Dance at TRINITY LABAN - 9 November 2011

Student Name: Tutor Group:

I give permission for my daughter to attend the Day of Dance as above.

Parent/Carer Signature: Date:

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Opening doors for homeless people

Friday 4 November 2011

13 October 2011

Dear Parents and Carers

Lyceum Community will be taking part in this year's Woolly Hat Day on Friday 4 November. Students and staff in our community are invited to wear their hats on Friday 4 November to help raise money for St Mungo's work with homeless people. It would be great to see the whole community involved so please send your child in on the day wearing a hat and with a £1 donation.

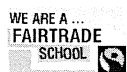
St Mungo's helps thousands of people change their lives for good every year. The vision of the organisation is simple - everyone should have somewhere to live, something meaningful to do and satisfying relationships with others.

Woolly Hat Day will also be part of our community's fund raising activities for this academic year.

You can find out more information about Woolly Hat Day and St Mungo's work at woollyhatday.org.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Rampley
Learning Leader for Lyceum Community





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Dear Student

GCSE Certificates

We would like to invite you back to Ratton so you can collect your GCSE and other Examination Certificates.

This will take place on Thursday 10th November between 4.30 and 5.30 p.m. It will be an informal occasion gathering in Refresh, where you will have the opportunity to catch up with old friends and staff. Refreshments will be provided. You can drop in any time between these times.

We would like to stress how important these certificates are to you now and in your future career. We have many ex-students who did not attend and then several years later find they are required to produce their certificates for college, university or job interviews.

It will not be possible to store uncollected certificates indefinitely and should you require these in the future, you will need to make application to the relevant examination boards who charge on average £25 per certificate.

If you cannot attend on 10th November, please be sure to collect your certificates after that date, as soon as you can, from reception.

No tickets are issued on this occasion and there is no need to confirm your acceptance. We look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ian Anderson
Assistant Headteacher



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Dear Parents

Year 7 Trip to Boppard, Germany : Letter of intent



I am currently organising a five-day Year 7 trip to Boppard, Germany. It will take place from Friday, 13th July to Tuesday, 17th July 2012. The trip includes:

- Visit to Cologne City : Cathedral; Chocolate Museum & Shopping.
- Visit to Phantasialand : Thrilling Theme Park.
- Boat Trip : Down the River Rhine.
- Visit to Burg Rheinfels : Tour around a ruined castle with dark passages!
- Evening in Boppard : Visit to a popular ice-cream parlour (Eiscafe).
- Disco Night : Bop 'til you drop!

The cost of the trip includes :

- All of the afore-mentioned activities.
- 4 nights, full-board in a 3-Star hotel in Boppard.
- Return ferry fares.
- Coach travel for the five-day period.
- Comprehensive Travel Insurance.

The voluntary cost of the trip is **£330** in total.

Year 7 students studying French and Spanish, as well as German, are all welcome to apply for a place on the trip. There are only 44 places available.

If you would like your child to be considered for the trip, please complete the attached form as soon as possible. **Please do not send any money now**, as the purpose of this letter is to express an interest in the trip. Completing this form does not mean that your child will be successful in gaining a place on the trip. I need to balance numbers in terms of gender and the language studied. I will let you know in due course if your child has been successful in gaining a place or has been placed on the reserve list.

Yours sincerely

Miss N. Zintl

Teacher of German/Trip Organiser

Please note: An individual Passport will be required.

Please return to the Finance Office - Boppard Trip 2012.

I would like my child to be considered for the Boppard Trip in July 2012.

Child's Name _____ Tutor Group 7 _____ Community _____

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian) Date _____

Please print name _____

My child has got / has not yet got his/her own passport (delete as appropriate)



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Dear Parent/Carer

Consultation Day - Friday 21 October 2011

I would like to invite you to arrange a 15 minute consultation with your child's tutor on Friday 21 October 2011.

The consultation will be an opportunity to understand how your son/daughter is progressing and to discuss any issue you may have with regard to School.

We have several time blocks available for you to make an appointment in. Could you please select a 'priority' slot from the blocks on the attached sheet and indicate a second choice in case we are unable to meet your first choice. If you are unable to make any of the times allocated on the day please phone the school for an alternative day.

Due to this consultation day, students will not be required in school except for the consultation. This day will be classified as a study day, and students will be given additional homework to be done on this day.

We at Ratton are committed to the success of our students in all of their lessons and we will encourage and support them to achieve their best. Please contact us at anytime if you have concerns regarding your son/daughter's progress.

Ratton School Governors will also be attending this event, and will be situated in the Blue Room should any parent wish to discuss any school issues with them.

We very much look forward to seeing you on this day. Please return the reply slip at your earliest convenience to the form tutor.

Yours sincerely

Mr. I. Anderson
Senior Assistant Headteacher Years 8-11



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PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S FORM TUTOR

Student's Name:

Community/Tutor Group:

I would like to make an appointment on Friday 21 October at:

- 8.45 - 10.40 Please place a 1 in your first choice box and 2 in your second
- 9.55 - 12.00 choice box.
- 11.15 - 12.55
- 2.00 - 3.00pm
- 3.25 - 4.25pm

I cannot make an appointment for any of these times

Signed (Parent/Carer) Date.....

Please print name.....

Email address:.....

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Dear Parent/Carer

With December only a couple of months away, those festive feelings are beginning to simmer to the surface in each of us. One way to satisfy your early yuletide hunger is to attend the ever popular German Christmas Market trip to Aachen. This year the 24 hour excursion will take place on Saturday 10th December 2011. Historically this has become quite a family trip and so parents/carers, staff and of course students of all ages are welcome on board.

Christmas markets are very popular in German, selling all kinds of traditional gifts and delicious sweet and savoury treats. Wares are sold from wooden huts nestled between the central Dom and Rathaus (cathedral and town hall). It is a great day out for those studying German to get a snapshot of this beautiful country, as well as those who love the excitement of Christmas. It is a day out for everyone.


I am happy to tell you that the price of the trip remains excellent value for money. The voluntary cost of the trip is £35. This includes coach hire, euro tunnel crossings to and from Ashford/Calais and travel insurance. Additional Euros will be needed to spend throughout the day on gifts, food and drinks. **A valid passport is also a necessary requirement.** An EHIC (European Health Insurance Card, formerly E111 document) is recommended. These are available free from the Post Office or online.

I have no firm details of times yet from the tour operator, but I will give these to you as soon as I have secured them. We normally leave Ratton School late on Friday 9th December and catch an early morning train to Calais for our onward journey to Aachen in Germany, arriving at 11am. We will spend 4-6 hours in the town/market before returning to Ratton late on Saturday night. Quite a day and quite an adventure!

If you would like the opportunity to visit the Aachen Christmas Market, please complete the attached reply slip and return to the Finance Office by Thursday 20th October 2011.

If you require any further details please contact me at the school either via telephone or my email address is n.zintl@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk

Yours sincerely



MISS N. ZINTL

Teacher of German

Remember: Individual PASSPORTS are needed for this trip

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