

January 2012

Dear Parents/Carers

HISTORY TRIP: CURZON CINEMA, LANGNEY ROAD 01323 731441- 'WAR HORSE'

Friday 27th January 4.20-7.15pm

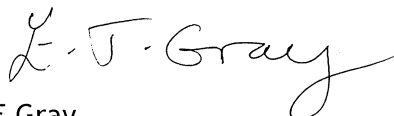
In History Year 8 students are studying World War One. An opportunity has arisen in Eastbourne to see the film 'War Horse'. We feel the subject matter of the film is relevant to the topic. The film is a certified 12A, but please be aware that some students might find the film upsetting. This is a summary of the film:

"From director Steven Spielberg comes *War Horse*, an epic adventure for audiences of all ages. *War Horse* begins with the remarkable friendship between a horse named Joey and a young man called Albert, who tames and trains him. When they are forcefully parted, the film follows the extraordinary journey of the horse as he moves through the war, changing and inspiring the lives of all those he meets - British cavalry, German soldiers, and a French farmer and his granddaughter - before the story reaches its emotional climax in the heart of No Man's Land".

We propose that students make their own way to the Curzon cinema from Ratton School and meet outside at 4.20pm in time to watch the 4.40pm showing. The cost of the trip is a voluntary contribution of £4.20.

Please note that it is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their child is safely collected from the cinema, or given permission to make their own way home at approximately 7.15 pm.

Yours sincerely



E Gray
History Teacher

Please cut off and return to the Finance Office by Wednesday 25th January 2012

Student Name: Tutor Group:

I give my consent for my child to attend the History trip to the Curzon cinema, Eastbourne on Friday 27th January. Enclosed is voluntary payment of £4.20 in the form of cheque/cash (delete as appropriate). Cheques should be made payable to Ratton School Fund.

I can confirm that my son/daughter has handed in a medical form for 2011-2012, and there have been no changes to it since then.

My son/daughter has not handed in a new medical form for 2011-2012, and will collect one to be completed and handed in.

Parent/Carer Signature:

Our ref: IAN/JBE

January 2012

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 9 Cross Curricular Day - Friday 20 January 2012

On Friday 20 January all Year 9 students will be off timetable as they will be involved in a 'Careers Day' programme designed to develop students team-working, problem solving and communication skills. The programme runs all day and will be presented by an external Business Partner and supported by a teacher from the school.

Students should wear normal school uniform.

Yours sincerely

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MR IAN ANDERSON
Senior Assistant Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer

'GET ONBOARD' Week
A focus on attendance and punctuality
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th January 2012

It is vitally important for all students at Ratton School to have the best chance to achieve at school. To do this, students need to attend regularly and punctually. Ratton School is committed to ensuring students understand the impact that absences can have on potential attainment and future life chances.

Many parents and students consider 90% attendance to be acceptable. However, by just attending for 90% of the academic year, a student is actually missing four weeks of academic and social interaction!

'GET ONBOARD' has been developed to promote the importance of attendance.

We will be undertaking a planned week of attendance and punctuality activities for students commencing on Monday 23rd January 2012. The aim is for all students to achieve 100% attendance during the week.

There will be pastoral and tutor activities during the week for students to raise their awareness of what is actually 'good' attendance and give a clear message that missing school means missing out. As well as interactive activities for students, there will be late patrols and truancy sweeps throughout the week. Parent/carers of students found to be late or absent without authorisation by the school will be contacted and legal action may be taken.

Supporting your child's education at Ratton School is always valued. The 'GET ONBOARD' week will provide an opportunity for all students to understand the importance that regular and punctual attendance has for their future.



David Brown
Senior Assistant Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Re-sit Science Examinations

Your child will be re-sitting the Unit 1 Science Additional GCSE exam on 30th January 2012 at 1.30 pm (this is because your child either did not get their minimum target grade or failed to attend the examination).

In order to help us ensure you child does the very best they can we are running **compulsory** revision classes in school time. Your child will be taken off timetable on Monday 23rd and Wednesday 25th January from lessons 1 to 3.

	Monday 23 rd January			Wednesday 25 th January		
	9.00	10.00	11.30	9.00	10.00	11.30
KCl Room 126	Group 1 B4 Lessons 1 to 6	Group 2 B4 Lessons 1 to 6	Group 3 B4 Lessons 1 to 6	Group 2 B4 Lessons 7 to 12	Group 3 B4 Lessons 7 to 12	Group 1 B4 Lessons 7 to 12
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The exam consists of B4, C4 and P4 and is worth 16.7% of their GCSE Science mark. The examination is 40 minutes long. It is vital that you child **revises thoroughly** for this exam in order to achieve at least their minimum target grade.

Revision resources

- 1) Revising using the Additional Revision guide (the dark blue one) to revise modules B4, C4, P4. This can be purchased for a voluntary contribution of £4.00 from school if your child does not have one.
- 2) Attend voluntary and compulsory school revision sessions (pupils are welcome to bring lunch with them on the 24th)

Monday 23rd compulsory period 1-3

Tuesday 24th at lunchtime room 128, Unit 1 Additional

Wednesday 25th compulsory period 1-3

- 3) Use BBC bitesize http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/science/add_ocr_pre_2011/
The students are studying the OCR 21st Century, Science A course. The units are 'Homeostasis', 'Chemical patterns' and 'Explaining motion'.
- 4) Using the homework website to complete interactive activities- this is especially useful as it marks the work for the pupils. www.21cscience.gcsehomework.com
Pupils will require a username and password.
Usernames are 016607 then the first letter of their forename & surname for example 016607lhide and the password is their usual four digit admin number.
- 5) Use additional materials which can be found on the school VLE under Science→ Year 11 → Additional Science revision - on the VLE are the exam board specification, exam dates, revision timetable, progress frameworks, practice exams, revision PowerPoint's and much more...

I do hope this helps you support your child in the run up to their examination,

The Science Department

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: GCSE Poetry Live Trip

On 7th February 2012, we are going to Brighton to watch the GCSE Poetry Live performances. It is a valuable day which will give the students an insight into the poetry we have been studying. This is an invaluable asset to them in their GCSE exam. The vast majority of students who have gone on this trip before have thoroughly enjoyed it. It is a highly entertaining chance for students to hear poems read, explained and commented on by the poets who wrote them. A unique opportunity.

The voluntary cost of this trip is £25 per student and includes return coach travel, insurance and event tickets. Places are limited so please return the reply slip and a voluntary contribution to the finance office before Monday 23rd January.

All students must ensure that a medical form for this academic year has been completed and handed in to school. It is imperative that a packed lunch is provided as there will be no opportunity to buy lunch at the venue. However, a packed lunch will be provided for those students who qualify for free school meals. A pen and a GCSE Poetry Anthology will also be a requirement for the trip.

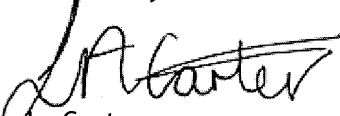
We will be leaving school at 8:45am and will return by 3.45pm. Please make arrangements for collection or permission to make their own way home at this time. Students should meet me inside Refresh at 8.30am so that we can ensure prompt departure.

Students must wear full school uniform.

It goes without saying that behaviour should be exemplary. We are representing the school and should behave in an appropriate manner at all times.

If there are any queries, do not hesitate to contact me at school, either on the above telephone number or by email: l.carter@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk

Yours sincerely



Miss L. Carter
Curriculum Leader for English

Poetry Live, 7th February 2012 Please complete and return to the Finance Office by Monday 23rd January at the latest. No bookings will be taken after this date.

Student Name: Year/Tutor/Community:

I give permission for my son/daughter to partake in the trip to Poetry live in Brighton and enclose voluntary cost of £25 - please make cheques payable to Ratton School fund with your child's name, year/tutor/community and "Poetry Live" written on the reverse.

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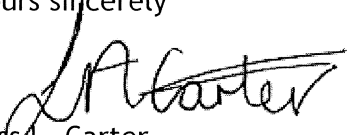
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Dear Parent/Carer

KS3 After School Intervention Programme in mathematics

Your child _____ has been selected to take part in our new KS3 intervention programme in mathematics. The aims of this are to provide an intensive 10 week course that will help boost student’s confidence in key topics in mathematics and help them progress towards their end of year target level.

The sessions start on Tuesday, 24th January and run from 3.30pm until 4.15pm.

If you would like your child to take part in this programme please complete the reply slip below, which should be returned to your child’s maths teacher.

Students should go to room 116 at 3.15pm on the first day where they will be assigned to their tutor.

If you have any further queries regarding this, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Ms S Blyth

KS3 Curriculum Leader for Mathematics

Mathematics KS3 Intervention Programme - please complete and return to main reception by Monday, 23rd January

Student Name: Year/Tutor:

I agree to my son/daughter taking part in the KS3 Mathematics intervention programme beginning on 24th January

Parent Signature: Date:



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20 January 2012
Our Ref: DBn/JLi

Dear Parent,

I am writing to inform you that your son/daughter has been identified as a student who would benefit from One-To-One tuition to support their progress. At the most recent teacher assessment, he/she was identified as not on track to achieve one of their target grades. This additional support will take place during school time and the allocated tutor will arrange the date and time of sessions.

Tuition is provided by qualified teachers or tutors and will consist of a one hour weekly session each week for 10 weeks. Student progress will be monitored and additional intervention may be put in place if further progress is not made.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding these sessions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Mr D. E. Brown
Assistant Headteacher
Making Good Progress