



Dear Parent/Carer

Your son/daughter has been invited to attend some extension GCSE Science workshops in Physics. These workshops will take place at our trust partner school St Bede's, and will begin on Thursday 12th January. The workshops will run alternate Tuesdays and Thursdays. They will leave Ratton School at 1.45pm to arrive at St Bede's to start their workshop at 2.10pm. The lesson will finish at 4.10pm returning to Ratton at approximately 4.30pm.

Unfortunately there are only 12 places and 16 students have been pre-selected; so if your son or 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 commitment they need to ensure that they catch up on work missed in their normal period 5 lessons.

Yours sincerely

K Clark
Curriculum Leader for Science

Physics Workshops - St Bedes - Please complete and return to the finance office asap

Student Name: Tutor Group:

I would like my child to take part in the Physics workshops and will ensure any missed work is caught up.

I will make arrangements to collect my child or give permission for him/her to make their own way home at 4.30 p.m.

I have completed and handed in a medical form for this academic year

Parent signature: Date.....

Student signature: Date.....



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'ACHIEVING TOGETHER'

Please find enclosed the second edition of 'Achieving Together', celebrating the successes of Ratton School.

I hope you find it interesting, and hope that you might like to place it in your customer waiting area if appropriate.

We would like to produce this magazine on a regular basis but this will depend on advertising revenue. 'Achieving Together' is posted to nearly 1400 households across Eastbourne, as well as to a large number of businesses: if you are interested in advertising in 'Achieving Together' or would just like to find out more please contact Mrs Comfort, Business Manager, on 01323 514310 or t.comfort@ratton.e-sussex.sch.uk

Kind regards

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Dear Parents/Carers

London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) Examinations

Ratton School is delighted to announce the details of this year's LAMDA examinations.

Due to the high number of students undertaking the LAMDA course this year, we have opted to run the examination over two consecutive Sundays. They will be held on **Sunday 13th May** and **Sunday 20th May**. Where special requests are made, we will endeavour to accommodate wishes for a particular day or time but we are unable to offer any guarantees as LAMDA organise the timetabling for the examination day.

Whilst we appreciate this is a weekend, this is the best way for us to be able to run the exam smoothly, with minimal interruption to the school working day and to students' timetables.

The examination is not compulsory for LAMDA students but is highly recommended and will be the culmination of their work on the LAMDA course. Due to the need to pay LAMDA in advance of the examination, the deadline for examination fees to be paid, is **Friday 23rd March**. Unfortunately any examination fees paid after this time will not be able to be entered for this year's exam at Ratton School.

The fees for each students' examination will vary depending on the grade being taken and whether the student is a solo or duologue candidate and those prices are on the reply slip below. Please make cheques payable to **Ratton Academy of Performing Arts** and not Ratton School.

Last years' examinations were a huge successful with over 75% of students gaining a Distinction mark. These examinations are valuable and useful qualifications recognised internationally and so I hope as many students as possible undertake the exam.

Yours sincerely



Mr C Bird

Student Name: Year/Tutor/Community:

Please tick the appropriate box for your child and make cheques payable to Ratton Academy of Performing Arts. Payment must be fully made on or before Friday 23rd March 2012.

- Grade 4 Acting Solo Candidate £42.50
- Grade 4 Acting Duologue Candidate £38.50
- Grade 5 Acting Solo Candidate £46.50
- Grade 5 Acting Duologue Candidate £40.00
- Grade 6 Acting Solo Candidate £54.50
- Grade 6 Acting Duologue Candidate £46.75
- Grade 7 Acting Solo Candidate £59.50

My child will be available for examination on Sunday 13th May / Sunday 20th May

Parent/carer signature:Date:



Our ref: IAn/JBe

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: 'Safe Drive, Stay Alive' road safety campaign

I have agreed with the emergency services for them to visit our Year 11 students on Wednesday 11th January 2012 at 2.10 pm as part of the above campaign.

The presentation explores the consequences of getting involved in a road crash using a DVD reconstruction and live testimonies from emergency services staff and survivors of road traffic collisions. The show emphasises the dangers inexperienced young drivers may encounter, excessive speed, using mobile phones, drinking/drug use, not wearing seatbelts and peer pressure.

The concern of the emergency services is that young people feel that they are invincible as far as driving is concerned and that road collisions happen to other people. Statistics on young drivers highlight that they are particularly at risk:

- About one in eight (13%) of motor vehicle licence holders are aged 25 or under, yet more than a quarter (29%) of motor vehicle drivers killed, are in this age group.
- An 18 year old driver is more than three times as likely to be involved in a crash as a 48 year old.
- One in five new drivers are involved in a crash in their first year of driving.

Clearly we would like to do all we can before they leave school to raise their awareness of the dangers linked to driving before they pass their tests. The presentation by the emergency services (incl Police/Fire/Ambulance) will be made to the whole year group in an assembly-style format in the school hall. It will take the form of a DVD recording of a road traffic collision which will be shown in stages with each of the emergency services discussing their role in turn. There will also be a final input from a member of the public who has been closely affected by a road traffic collision. The nature of what the students see and hear is 'hard-hitting' in that it exposes them to the possible consequences of driving a vehicle on the road. The fundamental aim is not to shock or sensationalise but to bring home to students the gravity of the matter.

We hope the students will find this presentation useful and informative. If you have any concerns or issues, please contact the school on 01323 504011.

Yours sincerely

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