



# PROSPECTUS 2025-26



# WELCOME

We are a vibrant and inclusive school that serves families from across the whole Eastbourne community. We are proud to say that everything we do is **centered on developing our young people to become confident, creative and caring students** who **achieve excellence** in everything they do. Be it academically, or socially, our aim is to enable our students to grow and flourish and achieve all their potential.

For more information about our broad and balanced curriculum, check out our school website: [www.ratton.co.uk](http://www.ratton.co.uk) There truly is something for everyone, with our dedicated staff supporting a life-long love of learning throughout their time with us, paving the way for future careers, in education or in the workplace.

We have high expectations of our students and expect them to behave in a compassionate and respectful manner, and to actively engage in their learning throughout the whole school day. In this way all the school community works together to create a calm and ordered environment where every individual student can thrive.

This prospectus gives you the chance to explore how we develop our students to demonstrate our virtues of **compassion, respect, creativity, teamwork, effort and responsibility** and as recognised in our last (\*)Ofsted Report of 2022 in which the school was judged as 'Good'. [(\*) Ofsted inspection due 2025-26].

## Our Trust



**Ratton School** is part of the **South Downs Learning Trust**, a local educational trust that is centered around student excellence and community, *our Mission? To #AchieveSuccessTogether*. For more information on our trust, its local schools and community work, check out their website: [www.sdltrg.org.uk](http://www.sdltrg.org.uk)



## Tutor Groups



Our students are placed into mixed tutor groups of up to 30 learners. Their tutor is their key point of contact for them and their parents and is responsible for monitoring their academic and pastoral welfare. Each Tutor group sits within one of our five houses/communities, where students can earn 'House Points' for excellent learning and conduct. Students will be able to compete in a range of sporting and academic house competitions to forge a sense of **belonging and community**.

## Vision and Ethos

The vision of 'achieving excellence' is underpinned by six Ratton Virtues:

**COMPASSION** – *Showing kindness and caring for other people.*

**RESPECT** – *Acting with respect to others both in and out of school. Valuing diversity.*

**CREATIVITY** – *Being curious about the world, solving problems and asking thoughtful questions.*

**TEAMWORK** – *Achieving together by working as part of a team.*

**EFFORT** – *Putting in the effort! Demonstrating resilience when faced with challenge.*

**RESPONSIBILITY** – *Taking responsibility by being in the right place, at the right time and by making the right choices.*

**This ensures that our students are:** happy, confident, develop their fullest potential, their wellbeing is catered to, teaching is engaging, our community is powerful and positive and communication between home and school is open and supportive, students respect discipline and values are strong.

*“Developing caring, confident and creative students who achieve excellence in all aspects of their learning.”*

## School Day

8:10 – 8:30am	<b>Breakfast Club</b> in our Refresh canteen – <b>FREE to all students</b>
8:30 – 8:35am	<b>Line up</b> – (on the playground by 8:30am)
8:35 – 9:00am	<b>Tutor time</b>
9:00 – 10:00am	<b>Lesson 1</b>
10:00 – 11:00am	<b>Lesson 2</b>
11:00 – 11:20am	<b>First break</b>
11:20 – 12:20pm	<b>Lesson 3</b>
12:20 – 13:20pm	<b>Lesson 4</b>
1:20 – 2:00pm	<b>Lunch</b>
2:00 – 3:00pm	<b>Lesson 5</b>



## Catering

**Refresh dining, our inhouse catering service!**

We welcome students each day into our bright and friendly dining hall, where our catering team are ready to serve with a smile. The day commences with a **FREE** breakfast club, offering bagels, a selection of cereals, porridge and a hot drink. Our two lunch sessions serve a wide choice of hot and cold healthy dishes, together with a great selection of 'grab and go' products. All our food is cooked fresh daily, sourcing many products from local suppliers.



## Curriculum

### KEY STAGE 3 - YEARS 7 TO 9

Students follow courses in Maths, English, Science, History, Geography, Ethics (RE and PSHE), Physical Education, ICT, Resistant Materials, Food and Nutrition, Art, Art Textiles, Music, Drama and Dance. In addition, most students study one language – French, Mandarin or Spanish.

### KEY STAGE 4 - YEARS 10 & 11

All students study the "**Ratton Core Curriculum**" comprising of English Language, English Literature, Maths, Combined or Separate Science, Ethics (RE and PSHE) and PE. In addition, students are guided in their choice of up to a further four GCSE or Technical Award options from a wide range of subjects. For most students this leads to 9 GCSEs.

Here at **#TeamRatton** we believe that a **quality curriculum is more than just what happens in lessons**. Our pastoral programme supports young people to develop a better understanding of their personal development and our virtues as well as supporting academic progress. Our broad extracurricular offer provides a wealth of opportunities for students to develop in areas of interest outside of the classroom.

## Uniform

We are extremely proud of our uniform, which we believe to be smart and appropriate for the busy environment of school. School branded items are kept to a minimum to keep costs low for parents, and support is available if needed.





“I enjoy the extensive number of opportunities at school, whether it’s in the classroom or taking on additional projects and responsibilities, like being a transition buddy, or being a media ambassador and running a student Podcast and, very exciting for this year, I have been invited onto Ratton’s Performing Arts Scholarship.”

## Meet Our New School Dog – Benji!

Who is Benji? A 16-week-old Cavapoo, owned by SLT member and behaviour lead, Miss Banks. His name was chosen by our students and we think it suits him **paw-fectly!**



## Special Educational Needs

Everyone at Ratton is committed to providing the opportunities to enable any child with Special Educational Needs or Disability (SEND) to be fully included in all aspects of school life.

Our dedicated staff ensure that our SEND students are able to contribute to all aspects of school life, whether academic or extra-curricular activities, and that any possible barriers to participation are removed. We have recently expanded our provision for SEND students with the development of the **‘Nexus’** provision – **a suite at the heart of the school for learning support facilities.**



## IT

The school uses extensive IT facilities and E-Learning materials to support high quality learning. Students have access to their own laptop via a parental contribution to allow them to benefit from the most up-to-date learning resources, and to develop independent learning approaches.