



PROSPECTUS 2026-27



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 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.

In June 2026, Ratton School welcomed Ofsted inspectors to undertake our most recent inspection, and **we are delighted to confirm that all graded areas met the Expected Standard**. We are incredibly proud that the report reflects the dedication of our staff, students, families and wider school community, recognising Ratton as a school that successfully develops confident, creative and caring young people.

Read the full report: <https://ratton.co.uk/key-information/ofsted-performance-data>, we also invite you to watch our Ofsted Celebration Video, which captures the pride and positivity following this fantastic outcome: https://youtu.be/qX_GmXBxlwv

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



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."



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.**



Mobile Phones at Ratton School

At Ratton School, we are a mobile phone-free environment, in line with Department for Education statutory guidance which requires schools to prohibit mobile phones throughout the school day, including during lessons, break times and lunchtimes. We understand that mobile phones can be a significant distraction to learning and wellbeing, which is why we use Yondr pouches to help our students stay focused throughout the day. This allows students to thrive academically and socially without the distraction of mobile devices.

