



Rushden Academy Newsletter

Aspire, Explore, Succeed

16/04/2021

Message From the Principal



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Team Rushden - United we stand, divided we fall

Good afternoon

The term has started very well. There were very few uniform issues and Year 11 and Year 13 have come back even more determined and preparing well for the teacher assessments. This week pupils had their learning for life day and covered a range of topics for example keeping healthy, equality and discrimination, cyberbullying and extremism. We thought the conversations over dinner may have been interesting.

The website has been updated and we would be keen to hear your thoughts, our aim is that it should be user friendly and easy to navigate through. If you do have any issues finding information, then please contact reception. The updated risk assessment can be found in the Covid-19 folder.

We are pleased that pupils are now able to move around school to specialist areas and play football at lunchtime in their bubbles. On the whole pupils are taking the health and safety of themselves and others seriously, they are respectful, and we are pleased that very few reminders are required. Please remind pupils to continue to lateral flow test at home. We are aware of cases in other schools so we must continue to be on high alert.

Please do keep safe and thank you for reading this week's newsletter.

Mrs J Burton
Principal

Upcoming Y8 Parents Evening - Thursday 22nd April 2021

Please make sure you make your appointments on our booking system. All appointments will be held virtually. If you would prefer a phone appointment please indicate this in the notes section and include the phone number to be contacted on for that evening.

The booking system will close at midday on Wednesday 21st April.

Please make contact with the school if you have any issues making appointments.

New Senior Leadership Team Elected

This is the Leadership Team as nominated by students and staff:



Head Girl - Tiana Jeremic

Head Boy - Cameron Holloway

Deputy Head Girl - Kelsey Proulx

Deputy Head Boy - Jamie Partridge

Head Prefects - Tia Warwick-Compton, Tammin Chettle & Shannon Hewson

Mufti Day in Support of Stanwick Lakes on Friday 30th April

Dear Parents/Carers

As you may have heard through social media and local news, the play installation at Stanwick Lakes was burnt down as a result of a criminal act. At Rushden Academy we are aware of the tremendous recreational enjoyment many local families have had whilst visiting Stanwick Lakes.

Elise in our current Y11 made the suggestion of our school doing their bit to help with the funding drive to replace what was destroyed. This is a fantastic idea and as such we will be holding an additional mufti day on the 30th April to raise additional funds to help support Stanwick Lakes.

Students can come to school in non-school uniform for a charitable donation of at least £1 on the gate on Friday 30th April.

British Dyslexia Association Free Parent Webinar

The next parent webinar by the British Dyslexia Association is on 22nd April 2021 at 7pm and focusses on **Preparing for Learning and Inspiring Dyslexia Superpowers**.

For more information, or to register for the webinar, click [here](#).



Contact Details

Please ensure that Rushden Academy has your up to date contact details. You can use the SIMS Parent App to make any changes, or email the school at info@rushden-academy.net

Welcome to Team Rushden: Introducing our Trainees this Term



Name: Mr Allanson

Department: English

About me: I am training in English. After many years as working as a journalist it was time to give something back, or as my dad said get a proper job. I know it might sound cheesy but I thought that after a couple of decades of writing about change it was time to do something to effect the future and teaching is the only way to help improve people's opportunities. That's me.

Name: Miss Bright

Department: Dance

About me: I am training with SAF ITT in dance and drama. I graduated university last year with a first class degree in dance and professional practice, and have always aspired to be a teacher. I taught at a musical theatre school for nearly 5 years where my passion for teaching really grew.



Name: Miss Ryan

Department: Drama

About me: I am training in Drama. I graduated from the university of Lincoln in 2020 with a degree in Drama and Theatre. I have wanted to be a teacher since I was at school and was inspired by many teachers at my own secondary school. Seeing students faces light up as they understand something new and finally understand that one topic they have been struggling with for a while is one of the my biggest motivations for becoming a teacher.

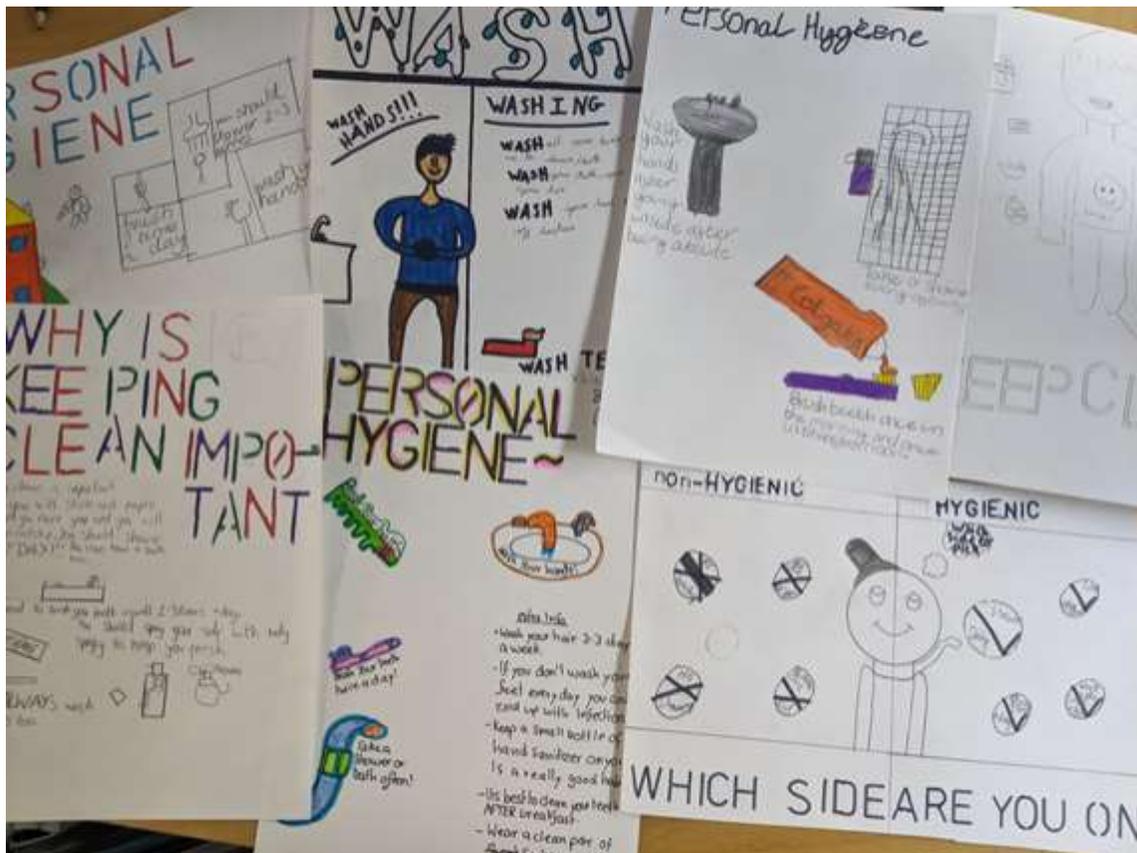
The photo is from a performance during university.

Learning For Life Day

Wednesday saw the whole school taking part in our third Learning For Life day of the year. Students learned about key Personal Development topics, including Gender, Diversity, Homelessness, Puberty and Personal Hygiene, CPR, Risk-Taking, and Body image.

Teachers from across all subject areas taught these sessions, and were impressed with the way our students engaged with the subject content and took part in discussions with maturity and respect for each other's points of view.

Here are some of Year 7's posters about Personal Hygiene:



Considerate Parking near Rushden Academy

Please be considerate when you park near Rushden Academy to drop off or pick up your child(ren).

Please do not park on the zigzag yellow lines next to the school. This can obstruct the flow of traffic and block the line of sight for pedestrians and drivers.

Year 11 Art Work

This Thursday, Year 11 art students worked all day creating work for their Mock exam. Here is some of their great work! (By Jessica, Ardit, Alisha, Oliwia, Kieran, Tommy, David, Finley, and Kenzie)





PE Reminders

Since returning to school, there have been an increased number of students who have not brought in the correct PE Uniform, choosing to bring in their own clothing. We fully understand the difficulty in ordering a new kit and accept that these are challenging times but your support on this matter is greatly appreciated. New kit can be ordered online at <https://ksschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/rushden-academy/>.

As part of the PE Uniform policy I wanted to remind both parents and students of the expectations regarding kit. Students are expected to bring their PE kit to every lesson, whether they can participate practically or not. Students who cannot physically participate due to an illness or injury will be given an alternative role by the class teacher. We please ask that a note is provided by home to state the reason why the student can not physically participate so that we can keep a record of this.

If students have misplaced or lost their Rushden Academy PE kit then they may bring alternative clothing for that lesson until their kit can be found or replaced. Students will not be punished for this.

However, if students do not bring their kit to a lesson a Non-Negotiable will be issued by the class teacher, if they forget their kit 3 times in a term a 30 minute detention will be issued in line with the schools behaviour policy.

Mr S Harris
Head of PE



IS RADIO OR JOURNALISM THE ANSWER?

DO YOU WANT A
CAREER THAT IS?
- EXCITING
- FAST PACE
- CHALLENGING



Competition for jobs in
radio & journalism is fierce
and some prior knowledge
from the NLive Radio
Station could be just what
you need.

Do you have questions
about this career?
Find out more at the Live
Q&A

WEDNESDAY 21ST
APRIL 2021
4PM-5PM



Family Support Page

COMING SOON!



Later this term we will be running the Happier Families Programme in school. This is based on Action for Happiness's 10 Keys for Happier Living.

The programme will give you ideas of things you can do as a family to:

- Explore ways to build your own and others happiness;
- Learn tips to help you when you are struggling;
- Enjoy your family time together more;
- Build happier relationships.

The course is designed for the whole family to come and learn together so we will be running it in an after school slot. It is run over six sessions of no longer than an hour, plus an introduction session.

If you would like to find out more or to register your interest please email l.king@rushden-academy.net



Family Support Page



If I can help or support you in anyway, please get in touch:

l.king@rushden-academy.net or call the main school number and ask for Lynda King

Lockdown Roadmap Step Up!



*At the earliest date

Careers

Opportunities this week:

- ? Which of these will you be part of?
- ? If you don't try it how will you know that it doesn't interest you?
- ? If you don't know what it is, try it and find out.
- ? If we only experience what we know, how will we ever know more?



Live Webinars

Date	Speaker	Information
Mon 19 th April 5-6pm LINK TO JOIN	Green Skills GSW Sponsor Broadcast: Alice Delahunty, President of Electricity Transmission, National Grid	Hear from Alice Delahunty, the first President of National Grid's Electricity Transmission business, a role in which she is responsible for the safe and efficient operation of the electricity transmission network for England and Wales. Alice is looking forward to answering your questions!
Tues 20 th April 5-6pm LINK TO JOIN	Green Skills Dame Mary Archer, Chair, Science Museum Group	Dame Mary Archer, Chair Science Museum Group will be speaking about her own longstanding commitment to renewables and discussing the work of the Science Museum Group's approach to becoming net zero.
Wed 21 st April 5:15-6pm LINK TO JOIN	Green Skills The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor Alderman William Russell	You'll hear from The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor Alderman William Russell about his career journey, how green skills will have an impact and get the opportunity to submit your questions!
Thurs 22 nd April 5-6pm LINK TO JOIN	Green Skills Lord Richard Chartres & Baroness Rosie Boycott, Peers for the Planet	We will be joined by Lord Richard Chartres who led the Church of England's campaign to shrink their Carbon footprint between 2006 and 2017 when he retired as Bishop of London. We will also be joined by Baroness Rosie Boycott who served as Chair of the London Food Board from 2008 – 2017, advising the Mayor of London on sustainable food policy implementation in the capital, and is active in the Lords speaking on a range of issues from food and health to the importance of tackling biodiversity loss.

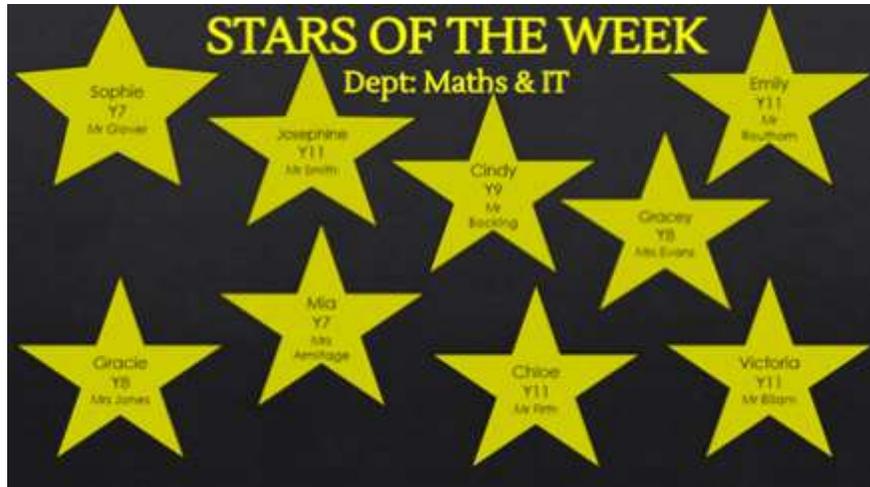
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How to Access Go4Schools

Go4Schools is the online system that Rushden Academy uses to track student attendance, student progress and assign homework tasks.

Students and parents can access this at home to keep up to date, by checking timetables and homework deadlines. Student progress reports will be published through Go4Schools 3 times a year.

Please follow the instructions below to access Go4Schools.

Student access to Go4Schools

- ◆ Go to the Go4Schools student access page (on the top right of the Go4Schools home page)
- ◆ Type in your school email address in the first time user box (your computer login in followed by @rushden-academy.net)



First-time User?

If you haven't logged on to GO 4 Students before, type your email address and click the "please send me a password" button.

Email address:

Please note, if you are having problems with your password please contact your school. For Data Protection reasons we are unable to divulge or set passwords for students ourselves.

- ◆ This will send you an email link with your password
- ◆ Login with your new password

Parental access to Go4Schools

- ◆ Go to the Go4Schools parent access page
- ◆ Enter your email address (the one Rushden Academy contacts you on) to the first time user box
- ◆ This will send you an email link with your password
- ◆ Login with your new password

If you haven't received an email in 5 minutes, please double check you have your email typed in correctly and ask them to send the password again. If you have any problems accessing Go4Schools do not hesitate to contact the academy.

Mr P Bocking
Assistant Principal

Check if You or Your Child has Coronavirus Symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result.

Main symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- ◆ a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- ◆ a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- ◆ a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

What to do if you have symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if:

- ◆ you're worried about your symptoms
- ◆ you're not sure what to do

Are You Eligible for Free School Meals?

If you are in receipt of any of the following, your child may be eligible for free school meals.

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, with no element of Working Tax Credit, and a household income below £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs)
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit - income dependant

You can check your eligibility and apply for free school meals through Northampton County Council by clicking [here](#).

Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

sex
contraception
exam anxiety
BULLYING
alcohol
HEALTHY EATING
social networking & cyber bullying
SELF HARM
relationships

DRUGS
family issues
SMOKING
body image

for friendly, helpful advice
TEXT YOUR SCHOOL NURSE ON
07507 329 600

It's confidential

ChatHealth

#weareNHS

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CAMHS LIVE
#MYMINDMATTERS

WE KNOW IT CAN BE HARD TO GET HELP.

CAMHS LIVE CAN BE ACCESSED VIA YOUR PHONE, TABLET OR LAPTOP AND IS A WEB CHAT. IT IS HERE TO HELP YOU ACCESS THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES YOU MIGHT NEED. SPEAK TO OUR ADVISORS ABOUT THE RIGHT OPTION FOR YOU.

LIVE AND ONLINE:
WWW.NHS.UK/CAMHS/LIVE

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR YOU, WITH YOU

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