



Rushden Academy Newsletter

Aspire, Explore, Succeed

25/06/2021

Message From the Principal



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Team Rushden - United we stand, divided we fall

Good afternoon

This week we have welcomed year 11 back for their sixth form induction activities and year 10 started their mock examinations. It is quite surreal how rapidly students step up, move on and are ready for their new adventures. Likewise the year 6 pupils outgrow their primary schools and are ready to join Team Rushden. Although the 'normal' in-school transition will not occur for year 6 into 7, there will be resources posted on our website for a virtual transition and the planned summer holiday events for year 6 will be able to still go ahead.

Year 10 have taken an excellent approach to their mock examinations and conducted themselves superbly. They have had the right equipment, mindset and approach and we are very proud of them. As they move into year 11 we will be working with them to improve their exam technique and we will continue to support them with the content, knowledge and skills required to meet their targets.



As we prepare for next year some displays have been upgraded. Careers advice and guidance is an important strand of what we offer, we have a full programme of events to help support all pupils with their choices. But we also need to ensure collectively we support our youngsters to gain employability skills like improved communication, organisation, resilience & self motivation so that they cope admirably in the world beyond Team Rushden.

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You may have noticed leaders on the Hayway and in the carpark as pupils arrive, we are always on the gates welcoming pupils but have increased our vigilance. Please drive carefully when entering school grounds and be on high alert. At home please could you reiterate the need for pupils to take responsibility when travelling to and from school and to make safe choices.

Once again thank you for taking the time to read this week's newsletter.

Mrs J Burton
Principal



Year 13 Leavers

It was that time of year when we got to say 'Goodbye' to our Year 13 students. The Leavers event started off with an assembly celebrating their time at Rushden Academy, from photos of when they were in Year 7, trips to Paris and Uganda and the long awaited 'Awards'. The awards included categories such as 'Student Most Likely to Win the Nobel Prize', which went to N'dea, and to the 'Best Couple' which was Henry & Leah and came as no surprise to anyone.



The torrential rain did nothing to dampen their spirits and the laughter rang out as they took advantage of the photo booth, with Mr Chapman being the serial photo-bomber!

Crazy golf was a great hit and Mr Malden turned out to be very competitive and challenged everyone to a round! With stomachs full of BBQ and sweets, it was time to for the celebrations to come to an end and whilst the rain had stopped, the tears started to flow as they said their 'Goodbye's'. They have been one of the greatest Year 13 groups we have had the pleasure of in Sixth Form and we wish them every success on the next part of their journey.



Feedback From Students

Over the last 2 weeks our Heads of Year have been involved in meeting with a range of students to gain their views on the school. Their views will help us in shaping the school so that we can further improve the experience of students who are continuing their learning journey as part of Team Rushden as well as those who will be joining the team in September.

Our pupils in Years 7 to 10 were unanimous in their views on the following:

- Rushden Academy is a friendly school where the teachers are approachable and help you.
- The school is a safe place and students said that there is nowhere in the school that is considered unsafe.
- The school tackles bullying when it is reported and that bullying is dealt with - this should give strength and encouragement to any student who feels they are being treated unkindly by others. Do come forward and report it.
- Students believe that Rushden Academy is a good school.

The areas students viewed as points that would improve their learning experience were as follows:

- That we all take extra time to listen to one another.
- That as teachers we take more robust action to address individuals who can negatively impact learning in the classroom. Students recognised that these individuals have a personal role to take in dealing with this, just as much as teachers have. These individual students need to become better team players and have greater respect for the values and culture of the school.

Heads of Year will continue to meet with a range of students each week so that we further foster our Team values and work together in making Rushden Academy a good school for all.

Chocolate Treat Friday in Science



13 year 9 students enjoyed chocolate treat Friday and all picked to enjoy a hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows over a choc ice. Students were selected by their teachers for excellence in class and were allowed to bring 1 friend each.

Well done to all who were selected for their hard work.

Science Faculty



Operating Theatre Live

Rushden Academy are hoping to host an Operating Theatre Live event once again. Students interested in becoming a doctor, nurse, paramedic, vet or just with a love of human anatomy will get an invaluable experience with hands on dissections of various animal organs. Parents can also attend if they wish by buying tickets.

At the event, Sam Piri and his clinical team will provide the opportunity for students to participate in the dissection of real organ specimens including a head & brain, lungs & heart as well as a digestive tract showcasing the stomach, liver, gall bladder, pancreas & intestines. The day is rigorously academic with students receiving an award-winning insight into how the body works and the challenges faced by the next generation of medical professionals.

All of the content is carefully matched to the main GCSE, A-Level & BTEC specifications and is relevant to the study students are undertaking in the classroom. The event operates in such a way that it appeals to students considering both medicine, dentistry & veterinary science as well as those considering: nursing, midwifery, paramedic science, occupational therapy, pharmacology, biomedical science and sports sciences.

Please use the form below to register your interest. The form is just to gauge interest and not a commitment to buy a ticket at this stage.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14Slrj2T8mtlW6PLkDSm4HCeCwsyy7_Yzi_y1y5A4eIY/viewform?edit_requested=true

All returns need to be completed by 30th June.

Grace Foundation Charity Single

If you haven't listened already, have a look at the charity single released by the Ethos Team and Grace Foundation that features 5 students from Rushden Academy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1qiyPP7IG8>



Carnegie Shadowing Group

5 students from Year 9 took part in the **Carnegie Award Book Shadowing Group**. This happened once a week from April until June, in the Library with Ms. Raven.

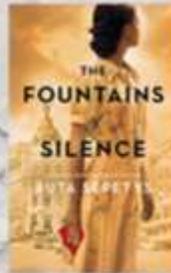
The students read a selection of the eight short-listed titles and took part in discussions and activities around the topics and themes of the books. They were all enthusiastic and we had some fantastic discussions.

One of the activities was to write a haiku poem related to the book they were reading.

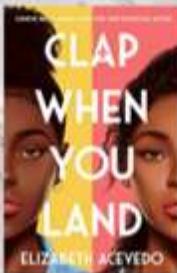
Here is their work:



*"Tale-teller in woods;
Apothecary in town.
Girl, who don't belong"*
Mia F.



*"This is a long book
Of dictatorship and rules
but love can prevail."*
Charlie K.



*"This book is about
Two sisters, their extreme loss
About father's death."*
Oliver P.



*"Up the mountain tops,
Secrets and mysteries lurk-
A family struck."*
Emma S.



*"It is not easy,
The art of revolution,
but always so worthy."*
Emily P.

**Well done everyone,
brilliant effort.**

Section Taken From Rushden Academy Behaviour & Exclusion Policy

Unacceptable Behaviours

To ensure an orderly and safe environment for all who work at the Academy there are some rules to which all must adhere and, if broken, will be treated as very serious matters and would likely lead to a fixed term or possible permanent exclusion .

This includes the following:

- Behaviour which places the pupil or others in danger. To include physical violence towards others or being a direct cause of harm through reckless choice
- Setting off the fire alarm other than in an emergency. Any form of vandalism or intent to damage school property
- Any form of physical, or verbal abuse in particular racist and homophobic comments and actions intending to cause harm. This can also include gathering in a large group intending to intimidate others
- Bullying type behaviours directed at others and in particular where actions by a pupil or group of pupils presents a pattern of repeated incidents of bullying type behaviours
- Bringing into school any harmful or illegal substances, including tobacco, matches and lighters, drug paraphernalia, psychoactive substances and vaping products
- Repeated smoking or vaping on the premises, or on the way to and from school
- Bringing onto the school premises any type of weapon, including any type of knife/ penknife or items that could be used as a weapon and not their intended purpose and any type of gun, including toy guns and replicas. This also applies to travel to and from school
- Using foul and abusive language directed towards others, in referring to staff, or within the hearing of staff
- Promoting and spreading extremism and hate verbally, graphically or via social media towards an individual or other groups based on race, religion, gender or identity, sexuality and disability
- Refusal to follow a reasonable instruction and continued non-compliance. Persistently presenting behaviours that disrupt the quality of teaching, learning and day to day management of the Academy
- Making malicious claims that prove to be unfounded against another member of the academy community be that another pupil or member of staff

GCSEPod Summer Learning Programme

From the **26th July and over the course of 3 weeks**, students and parents are invited to participate in engaging and interactive webinars, and gain access to interviews with subject specialists, resources, task sheets, podcasts and more.



Any student or parent can take part but they must register at gcsepod.com/summerpod to get involved!





DAY: FRIDAY
TIME: 3:00-4PM
VENUE: THE HALL

CONTACT MISS PILGRIM FOR MORE INFORMATION

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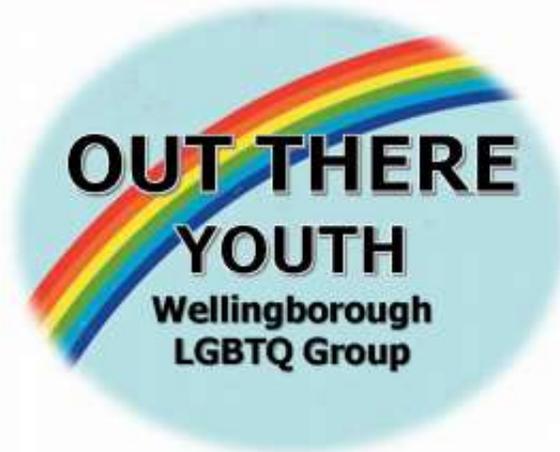
Changing Lives · Creating Futures

NEW - Coming to Wellingborough **Start 30th June 2021**

Calling all LGBTQ+ Young People up to 18 years old

- L** Lesbian
- G** Gay
- B** Bisexual
- T** Transgender
- Q** Questioning
- +** or Other

Join our safe, friendly and confidential space to be yourself, explore your identity and connect with like-minded Young People.



To find out about current times and location, please contact

Tony E: tony.butcher@servicesix.co.uk M: 07483 140566 or

Pep E: pep.finn-scinaldi@servicesix.co.uk M: 07813 366222



WEDNESDAY WEBINARS



Parents and Carers with young people in Year 9 -13

Join us for Wednesday Webinars designed for
Parents and Carers and delivered by Aspire Higher.
A session will be delivered bi-weekly at 10:30am and 6:30pm.

9th June 2021

A parents' guide to Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS).

23rd June 2021

Year 11: What's next? Supporting your young person after GCSEs.

7th July 2021

Year 13: Clearing and Adjustment.

To sign up:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wednesday-webinar-aspire-higher-tickets-137200938701>



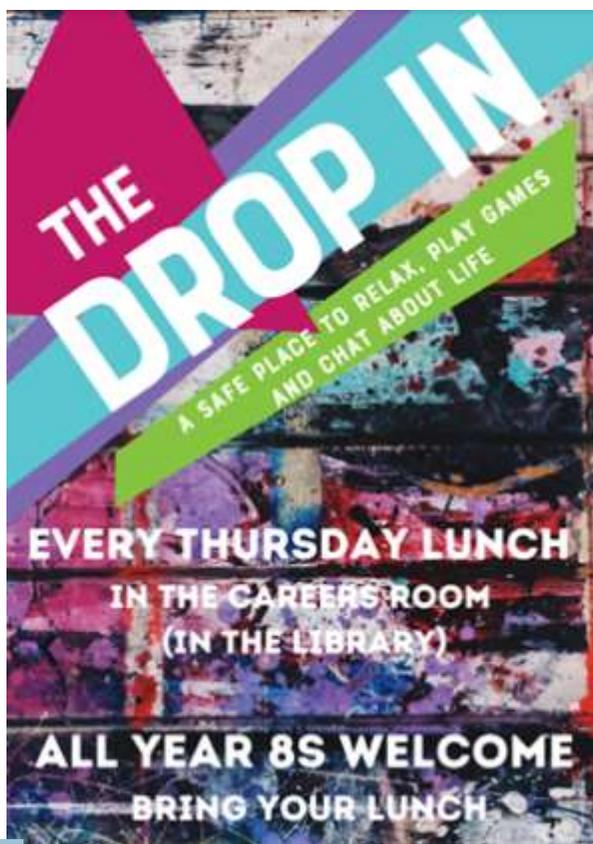
For further information email:
Aspirehigher@northampton.ac.uk

Year 10 Mock Timetable

From 21st – 30th June if you do not have an exam you will be in your normal lessons. More information will follow later.

You will be told if you are doing English S & L. This will be a handful of students.

	P1 & 2		P3 & 4		P5 & Reg	
Monday 28th June	Photography 10C Childcare Drama 10C French Writing	2hr 1hr 2hr 80min/ 70min	Photography 10C	2hr	Photography 10C	1hr
Tuesday 29th June	Art English S&L	2hr	Art	2hr	Art	1hr
Wednesday 30th June	Graphics English S&L	2hr	Graphics	2hr	Graphics	1hr



Stars of the Week

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PREMIER LEAGUE

KICKS



FREE FOOTBALL COACHING!

Are you interested in coming to play football and receive football coaching free of charge?

We will soon be re-starting our Premier League Kicks site in Rushden! Make sure you come and join us!

Every Wednesday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm we will be at:

The Pemberton Centre MUGA,
H.E. Bates Way,
Rushden,
NN10 9YP.

THIS IS FOR SCHOOL YEARS 7-13.

Due to COVID-19 regulations, participants **MUST** register in advance at: ntfccommunity.co.uk/pl-kicks

For any Premier League Kicks enquiries please contact us (text only) on 07848473528.



GIRLS PLAY RUGBY TOO!

TRY SOMETHING NEW!!

RUSHDEN & HIGHAM RUGBY CLUB ARE STARTING ITS U12'S - U15'S GIRLS TEAM AGAIN NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Starts:
Sunday 23rd May 2021
12.30pm - 2pm

At: Rushden & Higham
Rugby Club,
Manor Park,
Bedford Road, Rushden



For more information please contact Jo Griffiths on 07792-902390



COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS

Become a Youth Ambassador!

We are recruiting young people to join our youth ambassadors group

Take part in creating and executing campaigns, getting other young peoples voices heard and be part in a wellbeing conference.

To get involved or for more information email: Leanne.conroy@free2talkcic.org

You will receive accreditation through Youth Voice

COMMUNITY

sport

Premier League Kicks

DISABILITY FOOTBALL FUN!

Come and join our coaches, Cameron and Kym, for some football fun on a Wednesday evening in a fun, safe and secure environment!

These sessions are for those who are aged 8 - 18 years old. Please register online at ntfccommunity.co.uk/pl-kicks If you have any further queries please contact Cameron Marshall via email at Cameron.Marshall@ntfc.co.uk

Every Wednesday starting 16th June 2021.
Inc. School Holidays
16:30 - 17:30
(INDOOR SPORTS HALL)

The Pemberton Centre,
H.E. Bates Way,
Rushden,
NN10 9YP.

NORTHAMPTON TOWN FC
#PROUDTOBE

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 DRUGS
exam anxiety
BULLYING family issues
alcohol SMOKING
HEALTHY EATING body image
social networking & cyber bullying
SELF HARM MENTAL HEALTH
relationships

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

ChatHealth

#weareNHS

Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

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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Where Young Minds Matter