



Rushden Academy Newsletter

Aspire, Explore, Succeed

17/09/2021

Message From the Principal



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Team Rushden - United we stand, divided we fall

Dear Parent / Carer

This week's assembly covered settling back into the rhythm of school life and appreciating the challenges that we and others may face. We discussed the importance of learning and knowing more so that we can make educated decisions. Team Rushden's values are always at the heart of our work, celebrating diversity and appreciating that everyone brings something unique to the team is highly important.

The government has now confirmed that all young people aged 12 to 15 are being offered a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. The government commented that vaccinating young people should help to reduce the need for young people to have time off school and should reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19 within schools. The main purpose of the COVID-19 childhood vaccination programme is therefore to provide protection to the young people who receive the vaccine and to reduce the disruption to face-to-face education this winter.

In preparation the NHS is planning to deliver a schools-based vaccination programme, which is like the successful model used for vaccinations including for HPV and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (DTP), supported by GPs and community pharmacies. Parental, guardian or carer consent will be sought by vaccination healthcare staff prior to vaccination in line with existing school vaccination programmes. Like all school-based vaccination programmes, the vaccine will be administered by healthcare staff with appropriate qualifications who are trained in the vaccination of children and young people.

It is fantastic and a relief that the attendance figures are high, the school is feeling 'normal' once more and I am sure we can all agree that it feels good to be back. Pupils have been reminded to follow good hygiene rules and look after themselves and others. Let's keep heading in the right direction!

Mrs J Burton
Principal

Using Google

Rushden Academy is a Google Education school, and we use a suite of online programs, similar to those produced by Microsoft.

We understand that pupils may have never used these apps before, so we have created some short videos to help you.

The videos can be found below by clicking on the link provided, and I hope this will help you get familiar with using the software. Students will be issued with a username and password to access the school computers in their IT lesson, and they will also be told how to use their individual school email accounts to log into Google.

Should you have any questions about using the Google Apps, please write a note in your child's planner and your child form tutor will support where possible.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLeNlymw8juS2u112V4529XTLG5jdUTU3c>

Breakfast Club is Reopening!



On Monday 20th September, breakfast club will be available to all pupils from 8:00am-8:30am. There will be a selection of food available including toast, pastries, cereal, yogurt, fruit and a selection of fruit juices. Start your day in a great way!

NMPAT Music Centres Reopen

On 18th September 2021, NMPAT Saturday Music Centres will be making music again! Want to be part of it... there's nothing to stop you! The first term is fully funded, NO CHARGE, and there are groups for everyone! No experience needed.

Sign up here: [NMPAT Centres - Registration \(office.com\)](https://www.nmpat.org.uk/registration)



Book a Slot at our Open Evening

To book a slot at our open evening for year 6 students, please use the link below. Booking opens at 8am on Monday 20th September.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/live-tours-tickets-174096135227?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

Interested in a career using your language skills?
 A career that lets you travel?

Thursday 23rd 3.15-4pm

Lecture Theatre

Live talk and Q and A session

Corporal Moore
 Intelligence Analyst



What's Happening in Science?

This week has seen the restart to practicals in science. With Covid and lockdowns, students getting hands-on experience with practicals was difficult, if not impossible to complete. Which is why this new start to term has felt brilliant, students have been enjoying learning by doing which should help them remember more.

Here is a taster of some of the practicals that have been going on this week.

Formulations:

Students made an emulsion from oil, water and washing up liquid



Conservation of mass:

Where students found that matter couldn't be created or destroyed



Fossilisation:

Students managed to make fossils in molds.



Rushden Academy Open Evening



Hayway Rushden Northamptonshire NN10 6AG

www.rushden-academy.net

Live tours – Come and visit Rushden Academy on Thursday 7th October

We warmly invite Year 6 pupils and their families to visit Rushden Academy to see what we have on offer to develop pupils outstanding character. We will showcase how we nurture Team Rushden values and prepare our pupils to be successful, self-assured, responsible citizens.

You will have an opportunity to visit all subject areas, to talk to staff and pupils and meet with leaders. We will send you away with links to the 2021-2022 prospectus & other important virtual information so that you can digest this in your own time. We appreciate that it is a very important decision to make and would like to help you make your informed decisions.

Please visit the school website www.rushden-academy.net from Monday 20th September to access the folder Year 7 2022. Here you will be able to book a slot for live tours on the evening of the 7th October. If you wish to speak with someone, please contact: 01933 350391 or email: info@rushden-academy.net

To book a spot on our open day, click [here](#). Booking opens at 8am on Monday 20th September

We are here to support you, please contact us on 01933 350391 if you would like a telephone call-back and further information.

Assemblies This Week

The assembly this week was split between the Principal and Senior Vice Principal. The assembly welcomed our students back to the Academy and also provided time to reflect and consider what it is to be part of a team. Team Rushden.

As we begin a new academic year the focus was all about the importance of our values and how we work together to embrace these as well as modern British values such as tolerance. The assembly also provided an opportunity to give examples of how as a TEAM we have moved the Academy forward with anti-bullying and our commitment to reporting bullying and taking the appropriate action when dealing with it when it occurs.

Our students were also reminded of all the improvements we have made as part of 'You said - 'We did' over the last few years such as a redesigned reward system and the canteen. This year, 2021-22 is all about continuing to build TEAM Rushden and moving from strength to strength and all being well recovering together from the impact of the pandemic.

Buy Stationery in the Library

Our library has a small amount of stationery that can be bought during break and lunch times. Pop in and have a look at our selection while you browse for your next book.

Item	Price
Biro Pen (black or blue)	15p
Handwriting Pen (black or blue)	25p
Cartridge Pen	80p
Ink Cartridge	5p
Pencil	15p
Highlighter Pen	40p
Eraser (small)	10p
Eraser (large)	20p
Pencil Sharpener	10p
15cm ruler	15p
30cm ruler	30p
30cm Left-handed Ruler	30p
Protractor/ Set Square	15p
Small Clear Pencil Case	40p
Large Clear Pencil Case	60p
Scientific Calculator (KS3)	£3.50
Scientific Calculator (KS4)	£7.50

The Library is open!

The Library is open for all year groups to use during break and lunch. Use the usual Library door.

You can use the Library to:

- do homework on a computer or at the desks
- read and/or take an AR quiz
- take part in a club activity
- play selected games
- have a quiet catch-up with friends

NB: we are only open to Years 9, 10 & 11 for certain breaks; please check the timetable below.

6th form- Library is available if there are no classes in there

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	B R E A K				
Yrs 7 & 8 10:05– 10:25	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
Yrs 9, 10 & 11 11:05– 11:25	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open
	L U N C H				
Yrs 7 & 8 12:25– 13:00	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
Yrs 9, 10 & 11 13:25– 14:00	Closed	Open	Open	Closed	Closed
All Years Homework Club	Open 15:00– 15:50	Open 15:00– 15:50	Open 15:00– 15:50	Open 15:00– 15:50	Closed

European Day of Languages



This year will be the 20th anniversary of the European Day of Languages: a celebration of linguistic and cultural diversity. To recognise the day, faculties have been asked to bring a European twist to their normal lessons and have come up with some great ideas for our students to enjoy next Friday:

English:

Literature from other cultures from the Grimm Brothers and Hans Christian Anderson.

Maths:

Learning numbers in another language and completing their calculations in these languages.

Science:

Year 11 will revise history of the periodic table focussing on the culture and background of Mendeleev and Dobereiner (Russian and German). Year 7-10 will do a treasure hunt trail looking at significant discoveries or inventions by European scientists. Students will mark on map the discovery/ invention in both English and the language of the scientist before writing a conclusion back in the lab about collaboration with scientists in Europe.

Creative Arts:

European cities, their famous buildings and landmarks.

PE:

Try out some European sports including Gaelic football!

The day before we have a very exciting talk lined up for our students. Ms Wiles and Miss Jepson have arranged for Corporal Moore, an RAF intelligence analyst, to talk to us about his job and how he uses his language skills.

We look forward to sharing some pictures in the next newsletter.

Mrs Brainwood & Mrs Charlton
MFL Department

Extra-Curricular Clubs

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Lunch					
After School	Fitness Suite Netball	Fitness Suite	Fitness Suite	Fitness Suite	Fitness Suite Dance, Drama and Music Intervention
Lunch	Ethos Drop In	Ethos Drop In	Ethos Drop In	Ethos Drop In	Ethos Drop In
After School	School Musical Rehearsals Football (Boys and Girls)	School Musical Rehearsals Football (Boys and Girls)	School Musical Rehearsals Football (Boys and Girls)	School Musical Rehearsals Football (Boys and Girls)	School Musical Rehearsals Football (Boys and Girls)
Lunch	MFL Film Club	MFL Film Club	MFL Film Club	MFL Film Club	MFL Film Club
After School	KS3 Musical Rehearsals Performing Arts rehearsal space available Netball Rugby	KS3 Musical Rehearsals Performing Arts rehearsal space available Netball	KS3 Musical Rehearsals Performing Arts rehearsal space available Netball	Performing Arts rehearsal space available Netball	MFL Intervention Photography, Art and Graphics coursework Performing Arts rehearsal space available Netball
Lunch	THRIVE Ethos Room	THRIVE Ethos Room	THRIVE Ethos Room	THRIVE Ethos Room	THRIVE Ethos Room
After School	Performing Arts rehearsal space available Kinball Basketball	Performing Arts rehearsal space available Kinball	Performing Arts rehearsal space available Kinball	Performing Arts rehearsal space available Kinball	Performing Arts rehearsal space available Kinball Sport Studies and Childcare coursework
Lunch					
After School	Panto Rehearsals Dance Club	Panto Rehearsals Dance Club	Panto Rehearsals Dance Club	Panto Rehearsals Dance Club	Panto Rehearsals Dance Club

School Lockers

Dear Parent/Carer

ILS provides lockers for Rushden Academy students.

The lockers are owned by ILS and are available for students to rent on an annual basis. Rental costs are £25 per year allowing use from September through to July.

Please note all bookings terminate at the end of the school year in July. We apologise but there is no discount for lockers booked late in the year.

The locker size is as follows:

Height: 450mm

Width: 300mm

Depth: 450mm

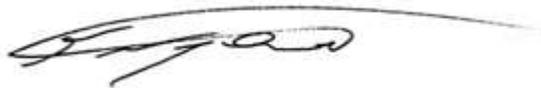
To guarantee a locker please book online at our website www.ilsschools.co.uk

Lockers for September 2021 - July 2022 are available to book online now.

All rentals are subject to our terms and conditions which are available during the booking process.

Please note we are a separate entity from the school and all dealings will be directly with ourselves.

Yours sincerely



Paul Nugent
Facilities Manager



Independent Locker
Solutions Ltd



School Day Timings

Years 7 and 8	
Form Time	08.35-09.05
Period 1	09.05-10.05
Break	10.05-10.25
Period 2	10.25-11.25
Period 3	11.25-12.25
Lunch	12.25-13.00
Period 4	13.00-14.00
Period 5	14.00-15.00

Years 9, 10 and 11	
Form Time	08.35-09.05
Period 1	09.05-10.05
Period 2	10.05-11.05
Break	11.05-11.25
Period 3	11.25-12.25
Period 4	12.25-13.25
Lunch	13.25-14.00
Period 5	14.00-15.00

Rushden Academy Musical 2022



OMIGOD
You
GUYS

The Rushden Academy School Musical
IS BACK!

From September 2021 we are back in rehearsals for...

**LEGALLY
BLONDE
THE MUSICAL**

See the Performing Arts notice board for details

YOUTH MUSIC SESSIONS

A new music production group for young people age 12 - 18 to learn new skills, working with professional musicians and producers.



No previous experience is necessary. Just come along, have a go and have fun!

CORBY

6.30 - 8.30pm each Monday
at Hazelwood Neighbourhood
Centre, Gainsborough Road
NN18 0QF
Starting 27th September 2021

WELLINGBOROUGH

6.30 - 8.30pm each Wednesday
at St Marks Church,
142 Queensway
NN8 3SD
Starting 29th September 2021

For more info and sign up details
www.madewithmany.org/youth-music



HERITAGE FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2021
AT RUSHDEN LAKES FROM 10AM-4PM



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
WWW.RUSHDENTOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK
AND WWW.HIGHAMFERRERS-TC.GOV.UK



Sunday 19th September
10 am to 4 pm

Celebrated
Come and join us to celebrate 5,000 years of history
Immerse yourselves in our Viking Encampment
Archery, Weaving, Trails, Crafts, Using a Quern, Talks,
Wellbeing Sessions, Eat & Dress Up as a Settler
Heritage Garden and Barn



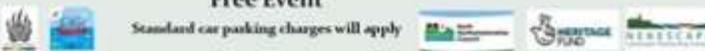
A Great Family Event

To find out more go to
[f SettlersoftheNeneValley](https://www.facebook.com/SettlersoftheNeneValley)



Free Event

Standard car parking charges will apply



NDAS
DOMESTIC ABUSE
ADVICE SESSIONS

Rushden Centre, Newton Road
Rushden, NN10 0PT

Wednesdays 12-4pm
(by appointment only)

HELP
is available

[f](https://www.facebook.com/NDAS) [i](https://www.instagram.com/ndas) [t](https://www.twitter.com/ndas)

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following students for achieving star of the week.



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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



GET THE SKILLS, GET THE JOB!

SIGN UP FOR OUR...

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE

THE COURSE...

- ✓ Delivered virtually, so you can learn from home
- ✓ Runs 21st September 2021 - 8th October 2021
- ✓ You'll get a **Level 1 Certificate in Customer Service**, PLUS employability skills and a **GUARANTEED** interview for a Kickstart placement

ARE YOU...

Aged 16 - 24 ✓

NOT in education, employment or training ✓

Living in Kettering, Corby, Rushden or Wellingborough ✓



GET A REFERRAL

Show this poster to your JCP Work Coach and ask them to refer you to Workpays!

IT'S FREE!*

*Subject to eligibility and funding

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 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

Camhs
Where Young Minds Matter

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR YOU, WITH YOU