



# Rushden Academy Newsletter

Aspire, Explore, Succeed

15/07/2022

Message From the Principal



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## Team Rushden - United we stand, divided we fall

Wow as we slowly move towards the end of term, I cannot believe the number of exciting activities that have and continue to take place. This week alone we have enjoyed a Geography trip to Dorset, a Year 7 and Year 8 'Character Workshop', 'Fun on the Field' rewards activities, Year 13 TENC Prom and today coach after coach left the school taking pupils on numerous rewards trips.

Next week we are so excited to be watching the 'Legally Blonde' performances, the team have worked incredibly hard throughout the year in the evening rehearsals, but more recently have rehearsed throughout the weekends too. They work so hard and it really shows, so we hope that you are coming and supporting the team. Also next week we have a Cambridge Activity Day on Thursday and then on Friday we say farewell to the pupils at 1pm for their summer break.

Please ensure pupils bring in water bottles, hats and wear sunscreen (at least factor 15 with UVA protection) next week as we potentially hit the dizzy heights of 38 degrees C on Monday and Tuesday. Pupils can continue to wear their PE kits and we are investigating the use of air conditioning units for the performing arts shows. It is certainly going to be a challenge and we are looking at all the ways in which we can make the environment more manageable.

## Dates for the diary over the summer:

- 18th August exam results day for A level: please collect results from school between 9am - 11am
- 25th August exam results day for GCSE: please collect results from school between 9am - 11am

## Pupils return to school on Monday 5th September 2022:

Please see the arrangements below for the start of the new academic year in September 2022. There is a slight staggered start for different year groups. Please check carefully the arrival times and additional instructions.

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## Message From the Principal Continued...

Date	Year Group	Time
<b>Thursday September 1st</b>	Staff Training Day (No pupils in school)	
<b>Friday September 2nd</b>	Staff Training Day (No pupils in school)	
<b>Monday 5th September</b>	<b>Year 7</b>	<b><u>Arrival 8.30am</u></b> Y7 pupils to line up in the playground outside the Main Hall Tutor time lesson 1 and 2
	<b>Years 12 and 13</b>	<b><u>Arrival 9.00am</u></b> Head straight to the 6th Form Centre
	<b>Years 8-11</b>	<b><u>Arrival 9.50am</u></b> Pupils to gather in the playground before proceeding to Tutor group for lesson 2 10.00-11.00am
	<b>All Years</b>	Break time 11.00-11.25
	<b>All Years</b>	Normal lessons from period 3

Thank you so much for supporting Team Rushden.

Mrs J Burton  
Principal

## Uniform Donations

Dear Parents/Carers

As we near the end of the school year (and with our pupils coming to school wearing their PE kit) we would appreciate any uniform items in particular blazers, trousers both male and female and any items of PE kit that have been outgrown or are likely to be replaced over the summer are donated to the school. Any items donated do need to be in good clean condition for re-use. All donations will be gratefully received and appreciated by the school and other members of the community.

Any kind donations of uniform can be dropped off at either Student Reception by pupils or Main Reception by parents and carers.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and consideration on this matter.

Team Rushden

### Numeracy Problem of the Week



In Emily's first spelling test she scored 1 mark out of 5, so she decided to work really hard to improve her scores.

If she scores full marks (5 marks out of 5) in all her tests after the first, how many more tests does she need to take, in order to increase her average to more than 80%?

## End of Term Arrangements - Friday 22nd July 2022

On Friday 22nd July, the Academy is having an earlier finish to the day with pupils being dismissed at 1.00pm.

There will be an extended morning break for pupils to take their main meal for the day but there will be a 'grab and go' service available from the canteen at 1.00pm.

Should any parent or guardian wish for their child to remain in school until 3.00pm please contact school reception at your earliest convenience. Pupils who remain on site will have a break from 1.00-1.30pm and will then need to be registered in The Hub where they will be supervised from 1.30pm to 3.00pm.



# LEGALLY BLONDE

*The Musical*

Tuesday 19th July  
Wednesday 20th July  
Thursday 21st July

**SOLD OUT**

Tickets £5 from student reception  
Doors open 7:15pm, show starts 7:30pm

Music and Lyrics by  
Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin

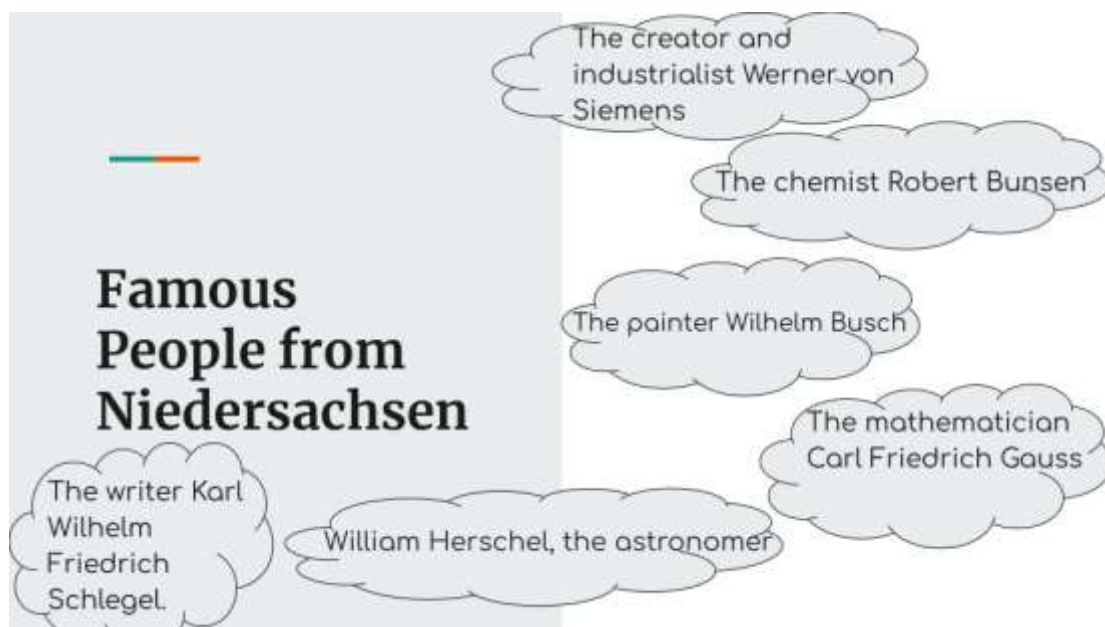
Book by  
Heather Hach

Based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the  
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture

## MFL Update

As part of their German cultural project, year 7 pupils enjoyed researching some of the different regions of Germany, and then presenting their findings to the rest of the class. As you can see, the pupils worked really hard on their projects, and managed to find some interesting facts! Their peer presentations were fantastic too - great work Hareem, Clare, Blanka and Katie.

Mr Ross



### Festivals!



Ps Mr Ross dis you?



A festival that is celebrated in Munich is the Oktoberfest.

It is the largest Volksfest which is featuring beer and a travelling funfair.

This is held over a two week period and ending on the first Sunday in October. This year it will be held on Saturday 17th September to Monday 3rd Oktober.

It originated on Oktober 12th 1810 in celebration of the marriage of the crown prince of Bavaria.

People will normally be seen drinking more beer... (it's literally a beer festival, duh)





# STREET FOOD SATURDAYS

By  
KETTERING  
Town Council

LAST SAT OF THE MONTH

**JULY 30 - AUG 27 - SEPT 24**  
**THEMED EVENTS**  
**ACTIVITIES 11-4PM - DJ 4-7PM**  
**KETTERING MARKET PLACE**

**JULY 30 - FUN AND GAMES**

**AUG 27 - CULTURAL CELEBRATION**

**SEPT 24 - HOBBIES, ARTS, SPORTS**

**MESSAGE TO GET INVOLVED: 07938108810**



## STREETFOOD SATURDAYS

ALL WELCOME  
FREE EVENT

STREETFOOD TRADERS



INDIE MARKET  
POP UP BAR

DJS

KETTERING MARKET  
PLACE NN16 0AJ  
11.00 - 19.00

ONCE A MONTH

30 JULY 27 AUG 24 SEP

## Staying Safe and Well in the Heat

### Staying safe and well in the heat – messaging from public health for parents/carers and guardians

A Heat-Health alert has been put into place as even overnight temperatures are predicted to be very warm. High temperatures come with health consequences for some people. It's important to protect those most vulnerable including our children, those with health conditions and elderly, as well as keeping yourself safe.

Here are our top tips for staying safe in the heat:

- look out for those who may struggle to keep themselves cool and hydrated
- stay hydrated, take water with you if you are travelling or out and about
- stay out of the sun between 11am and 3pm as this is when UV rays are the strongest - avoid physical exertion at this time
- if you have to go out in the heat stay in the shade, apply sunscreen and wear a wide brimmed hat
- close curtains in rooms that the sun faces - this will help rooms remain cooler - remember it could be cooler outdoors than indoors
- never leave anyone in a parked closed vehicle – especially not animals, children or babies
- avoid travelling at peak times on motorways, particularly if transporting children or the elderly
- sadly accidents, often fatal, happen in water at this time of year particularly involving youngsters. That's why we're asking parents to supervise their children in and around water. Although it can be fun to cool off in water structures such as bridges, locks and flood channels, and reservoirs and quarries should be avoided. Make sure you know the [RNLI's Float to Live](#)
- unexpectedly cold water or strong currents can catch even experienced swimmers off guard. Better to swim safely at one of the [county's organised events](#) where support is provided

Look out for signs of [heat exhaustion and heatstroke](#) and follow some common sense behaviours to make the most of what should be a glorious time for most.



**Public Health  
Northamptonshire**

## Duke of Edinburgh Update



This week we launched DofE to our current Year 8 and 9 students. Those that have expressed an interest in the award will be sent through a letter detailing what the award is all about along with a parent/carer information booklet, an enrolment form and programme plan to start students thinking about what their DofE is going to look like. Students will be able to return their expression of interest form before we break up for Summer and we will then be accepting enrolment form and payment for enrolment in the new academic year.

We hope lots of students take up this opportunity to get involved in the award and look forward to working with these students!

## Expedition Kit and Resources

Another plea! If any ex-students (or anyone!) has any Expedition Rucksacks or other equipment that are no longer used and they would like to donate to the school we would very much appreciate it! Having a collection of equipment students can borrow allows more students the opportunity to take part in the award without the worry about the financial implication of the programme. If you have any kit that you would like please get in touch [r.brooks@rushden-academy.net](mailto:r.brooks@rushden-academy.net)

HELP







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SUMMER

ART

#CoolSummer

FUN

CREATIVE

GAMES

*Do something cool  
with your Summer*

Holiday Activities available across North Northamptonshire during the school summer holidays.

Find out more  
[www.northnorthants.gov.uk/summeractivities](http://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/summeractivities)



## Library Update

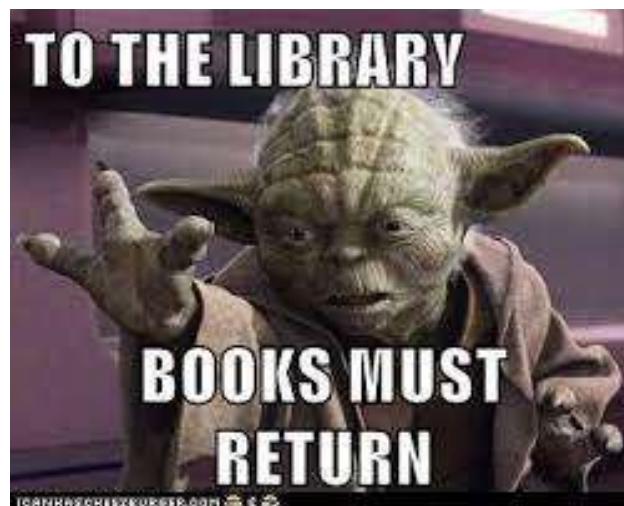
**At this time of year we ask for all of the library books to be returned to the library.**

This is to ensure that all of the students' accounts are cleared and ready to start the new academic year afresh. Also repairs can be made or replacement copies ordered ready for September. The last day to return books is Friday 15th July.

There may still be outstanding books in Years 7 & 8 so if your child is within these year groups please can you check with them to ensure they have returned their book on time. If they still have it in their bags can you ask them to return it to Student Reception first thing on Monday morning.


Students are advised to bring in a book from home for the last week of term. If they do not have access to books at home each English teacher has been issued with a 'Borrow Box' that the students may access.

Happy reading!



### Stationery for sale in the Library

Don't forget that there are stationery items available to buy in the Library, so if you've realised you haven't got your pen on the way to school or your ruler has broken, pop in to see the Library and get yourself sorted. We have:

				
Black or blue biro 15p	Pencils 15p	Small eraser 15p Large eraser 20p	Pencil sharpener 10p	Small, clear pencil case 40p Large, clear pencil case 60p
	 			
Protractor 15p	15cm ruler 15p 30cm ruler 30p	Calculator £9.25	Highlighter pen 40p	Set square 15p

There are a few other items too. To see everything have a look at the stationery list available on the school's library page.

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## KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022

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### MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.

### ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.

### DUNELM

One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.

**YO!** Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

### HUNGRY HORSE

Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

### IKEA

Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

### BELLA ITALIA

Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

### DOBBIES

Kids eat free with an adult main meal.

### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

### CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

### MORE TO COME!!

M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.

## Stay Connected Newsletter

Have a look at the latest Stay Connected Newsletter to see what is happening in the area.

<https://www.nctrust.co.uk/help-and-protection-for-children/protecting-children-information-for-parents/Documents/Stay%20Connected%20Newsletter%20NCT%20July%2022%20Summer%20Activities.pdf>



## Anti Bullying Conference

In Friday 7th July, Rushden were proud to take their first group of Anti-Bully Ambassadors for training by the Diana Trust.

The students learnt the signs of bullying, how to listen, be a good role model and build a school-wide culture of being an Upstander and not a Bystander!



## Chromebooks on Loan

Please ensure that any Chromebooks or electrical devices your child/ren is borrowing on loan from the Academy are returned **no later than Thursday 21st July 2022**. All devices are being checked, new software installed and updated ready to be reissued September 2022.

Please return Chromebooks to M.Van Davies based in the HUB.



## 6th Form News

### Fun on the Field

This week our year 12 students took part in 'Fun on the Field' as part of a reward for making excellent progress, effort and attendance this year. They had a fabulous time!



### Kent University Residential



Last week prospective year 12 students took part in the annual TENC Kent university residential.

This was opportunity for students to find out more about life in the sixth form and to mix and socialise with staff and students from the two other schools. It also gives students a unique chance to experience student and university life "for real". We would like all students expecting to return in September to join us in this important introduction to the sixth form.

They stayed in the Kent University halls of residence and took part in team building events and social activities. They also had the chance to visit the historic city of Canterbury and its Cathedral. The staff at the University commented on how polite and well mannered the students were, commenting that they were superb ambassadors for the academy and TENC.

Don't forget to follow the 6<sup>th</sup> form and on Instagram



'rushdenacademy6thform'





## Performing Arts Update

### Drama

This week Year 9 Drama students have had the opportunity to watch the hit motion picture 'West Side Story'. West Side Story is the award winning adaptation of the classic romantic tragedy 'Romeo and Juliet'. The feuding families become two warring New York City gangs--the white Jets led by Riff and the Latino Sharks, led by Bernardo. Their hatred escalates to a point where neither can coexist with any form of understanding. Students are able to see all three disciplines put to use professionally and are able to see some of the repertoire used in Year 10.

### Dance

Year 9 students have completed their hip-hop dance choreograph!!!. Miss Pilgrim gave the opportunity for the year 9 students to display their hip hop dance ability and battle against each other as hip hop dance crews. There were some great choreography and most routines included old skool, tutting, locking and breakdance. Watch out Diversity, Year 9s are coming for your title!

### Music

KS3 Music students have been able to listen to the variety of songs which are seen in West Side Story, students were able to learn about the overall meaning of the musical as well as listening to songs like: 'Somewhere' and 'Mambo' which is a "Mambo" is a delicious dance battle following a short lived, naive attempt at a peacemaking social experiment. It's fierce and thrilling.

### Performing Arts Career of the Week: Theatre Wardrobe Crew

- ◆ Altering or mending costumes.
- ◆ Cleaning and ironing.
- ◆ Fitting costumes onto the Performers.
- ◆ Looking after costumes between scenes.
- ◆ Helping Performers change costumes between scenes.
- ◆ Storing costumes and returning hired items (known as 'breaking down' costumes)



Average Salary: £25,000

## Performing Arts Update Continued...



### Legally Blonde Update

OMIGOD YOU GUYS! Legally Blonde opening night is NEXT WEEK!!

The cast and chorus have had their costume call and are all ready to take the stage next week. Miss Taylor and her crew have been working extremely hard painting, building set, creating the stage and gathering last minute props.

Sundays rehearsal was our costume call, it was an array of colour and excitement as we draw closer to opening night. Miss Pilgrim and the costume team have been busy making last final touches to the costume and making way for the mass of pink which is Elle's costume!

We also have primary performances going ahead next week with several different schools coming into the academy to watch Legally Blonde.

Every student involved has tried immensely hard and put in so much effort.



### Tickets on Sale NOW from Student Reception!

Tuesday 19th July

Wednesday 20th July

Thursday 21st July - SOLD OUT

**If you are coming to watch Thursdays performance of Legally Blonde, we ask that you please wear PINK!!!**

### Interview with the Performing Arts Department before Legally Blonde takes the stage!

#### **What are you most looking forward to about our first musical back since 2019!**

Mrs Ede: The chaos of show week! Seeing the students being able to showcase their talents and the audiences reaction!

Miss Taylor: Listening to the soundtrack as the musical goes on

Miss Grainger: It's my first musical at Rushden, I can't wait for the students to take the stage and wow the audience each night!

Miss Pilgrim: Seeing all of the big dance numbers come to life!

Mrs Brooks: It's the first whole school musical back after covid!

Don't forget to follow us on Instagram to stay up to date with the latest news and achievements! @RushdenAcademyPerformingArts







## Performing Arts Update Continued...

### Year 13 Showcase!

Last Thursday our incredible Year 13s showcased their talents from the previous year. This included Acting Styles, Theatre in Education, Musical Theatre and Devising. We also had an EXCLUSIVE performance from BOYZ IN A B4ND Rushden's Got Talent WINNERS 2022!

Year 13 are an extremely talented bunch of people and we wish them all the success with their future endeavours.





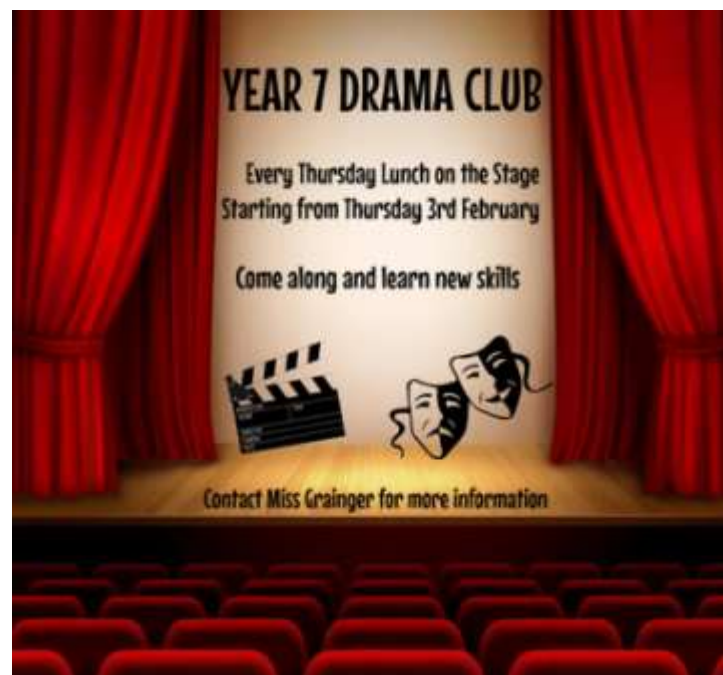
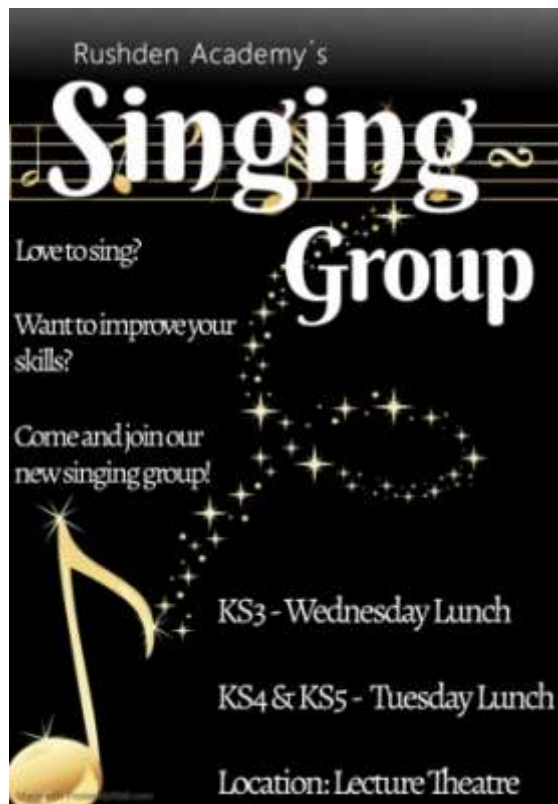


## Performing Arts Update Continued...

Year 13 Showcase!



## Performing Arts Update Continued...



## Are you looking for a career change? Are you interested in training to teach?

Rushden Academy has a proven track record in successfully supporting trainee teachers on programmes leading to QTS. Many of our staff, past and present, have been trained at the school and an even larger number have completed main placements and second placements here before securing teaching jobs elsewhere.



As a school with a strong and successful record for training new teachers to the profession, Rushden Academy works closely with School Centered Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) providers to provide fully supported and mentored school placements on a variety of routes.

If you are interested in a new career or are looking for more information about routes into teaching, then please contact Gail Brainwood, Director for Learning on 01933 350391 or by email: [g.brainwood@rushden-academy.net](mailto:g.brainwood@rushden-academy.net)

## 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](#).



## 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)
- ◆ This will send you an email link with your password



### **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.

Please send me a 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

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

sex **DRUGS**  
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**

It's confidential

See us on your mobile phone, laptop or desktop. A free service for young people. All advice is confidential. For more information, visit [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) or call 0800 111 222.

**CHAT** Youth Counselling  
Starting Wednesday 3rd November

# CAFE AND CHAT

YOUNG PERSON'S EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING DROP-IN

EVERY WEDNESDAY, 4-8PM,  
30 MARKET ROAD,  
THRAPSTON NN14 4JU

IN A BIT OF A CRISIS?  
WE'RE HERE TO HELP.  
JUST COME ALONG

NEED TO CHAT  
TO SOMEONE  
IMPARTIAL  
ABOUT  
SOMETHING?

Need relationship advice? Having trouble at school? Just feeling a bit low? Come talk to us for free and confidential support and advice.

**CHAT** Youth Counselling

## MENTAL HEALTH DROP-IN SERVICES FOR 11-18 YEAR OLDS IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

If you find yourself needing support, we're here to listen and help in your time of need. Book an appointment by calling the numbers or drop in during our opening times.

**Monday 4pm - 8pm**  
the lowdown,  
3 Kingswell Street,  
Northampton, NN1 1PP  
01604 654385

**Tuesday 4pm - 8pm**  
Youth Works at Corby Mind,  
18 Argyll St, Corby NN17 9JU  
01536 518339

**Wednesday 4pm - 8pm**  
Chat,  
Souster Youth Building,  
30 Midland Road, Thrapston,  
NN14 4JU  
01832 274422

**Thursday 4pm - 8pm**  
Youth Works,  
47 Rockingham Rd,  
Kettering, NN16 9HX  
01536 518339

**Friday 4pm - 8pm**  
the lowdown,  
3 Kingswell Street,  
Northampton,  
NN1 1PP  
01604 654385

**Saturday 10am - 2pm**  
Service Six,  
15 Sassoon Mews,  
Wellingborough,  
NN8 3LT  
01935 277535

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1:1 SUPPORT AND ADVICE

ALSO AVAILABLE REMOTELY

1:1 PARENT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

See us on your mobile phone, laptop or desktop. A free service for young people. All advice is confidential. For more information, visit [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) or call 0800 111 222.

**the lowdown** **St Andrew's** **YOUTH WORKS** **CHAT**

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