



Rushden Academy Newsletter

Aspire, Explore, Succeed

22/09/2023

Message From the Principal



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Team Rushden - United we stand, divided we fall

Dear Parent / Carer

The first few weeks of school have flown and it has been a genuine pleasure to drop into lessons and see your children engaging with their learning so positively.

It was Mr Billam's turn to lead assemblies which focused on the Rushden STARR value of serving others. Students reflected on U-Boat 559 and those that sacrificed their lives to protect a code book in contrast with things they can do on a daily basis to help such as washing up, making dinner or cutting the lawn. They then looked at the Bronze Serve criteria and were encouraged to think about what they can do to achieve each criterion.

Miss McKenzie, our Ethos Team's Family Support Worker, organised a coffee morning for Year 7 parents which was very well attended. It was lovely to see parents and carers talking about how their children have settled in at Rushden Academy and I very much appreciated the opportunity to talk with many of you about the transition to Secondary School. We will look to hold more of these events in future which provide a face to face opportunity to talk about the education we provide here at Rushden Academy.

The new food room has gone down exceptionally well with all students and I have been into Mr Brainwood's lessons regularly to see excited students learning knife skills, preparing vegetables for spiced carrot and red lentil soup and fruit salads. Cooking is an important life skill and I look forward to seeing this area of the curriculum go from strength to strength over the coming years.

On Thursday evening, we welcomed many of you that have children in Year 11 for the Class of 2024 launch. Those of you that attended should have gained a good oversight of the year ahead in terms of key exam dates, the content covered on different exams and plenty of ideas of how to support your child with their revision in this important year. We also provided a resource pack to all students to help kick start their revision. It was great to see a real 'buzz' around the progress league tables with lots of you keen to see where your child is currently in the standings. The presentation will be sent out to all parents and we will be following up with parents and carers who were not in attendance.

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Message From the Principal Continued...

Last week I mentioned the importance of monitoring your child's social media and this week I wanted to make you all aware of the government's new online safety bill which is likely to come into effect imminently. The bill proposes to introduce a number of new offences in relation to mobile devices and there will be assemblies for students next week to go through these. Most importantly is the introduction of an offence whereby any student who films or distributes images or videos of fighting, which has been the case in the past, will result in potential criminal investigations.

Just a reminder that next Thursday, after school, is our Year 7 meet the tutor evening so that parents and carers can meet with your child's form tutor to discuss how they have settled in.

Finally, thank you for working with us to resolve any uniform issues from the start of term; it is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Mr B Baines
Principal

School Photographs for Year 7 & Year 10

There will be a photographer in school on Thursday 28th September to take official school photos of Year 7 and Year 10 students.

Please ensure you have returned the photographic consent form in order for your child's picture to be taken.

Flu Immunisation Programme

You should have received an email with information and the link to the NHS consent form for the flu immunisations that the school nursing team will be offering on Thursday 5th October. Please remember to complete the consent form in order for your child to have the vaccine.

For more information, and to complete the form, please click [here](#).

How to Access Go4Schools

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

Students and parents can access this at home to keep up to date, by checking timetables and behaviour events. 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.

Please send me a password

- ♦ 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) in 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.

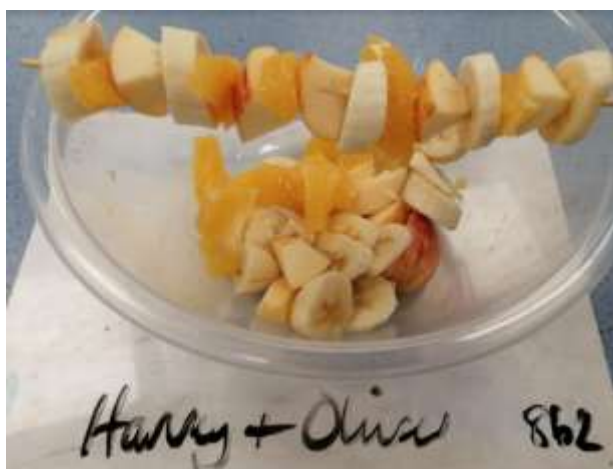
You also have access to the Go4Schools app that can be downloaded from the Apple Store or Google Play.

Mr P Bocking
Assistant Principal

This Week in Food Technology

Year 7s have had their first attempts at knife skills. We have been using the 'bridge' and the 'claw' methods to prepare vegetables. We have been practicing with celery and carrots, and some very fortunate pet rabbits and guinea pigs have benefitted from our hard efforts with a luxurious evening meal! With 180 students practicing their knife skills, I consider just 2 plasters a good outcome.

Year 8 and 9 have taken these pre-learned knife skills and have been making fruit salads. Students were all provided with an apple, an orange and a banana to prepare. Many brought in extra fruits to add to their dish, including the preparation of pineapples, melons and a couple mangoes. We had bowls of colour and a few fruit skewers.



Online Safety Briefing



NEW PARENT FEATURES FOR FACEBOOK MESSENGER AND INSTAGRAM



As of 30th August new parental features for FB Messenger and Instagram globally.

Specific updates for Messenger:

- View how much time your child spends on the app.
- Updates on their contact list.
- Notification if your child reports someone.
- View who can message your child.
- View who can see your child's stories.

Specific updates for Instagram:

- Before being able to message someone who doesn't follow them, people must now send a text only invite to connect (in other words, no more unwanted explicit photos from people you don't follow). No further interaction can take place unless the recipient accepts the invite.

You can find out more about keeping your child safe on Meta platforms here: <https://familycenter.meta.com/uk/>



Discord Family Centre

Discord used to be popular with gamers, now it's hugely popular amongst non-gamers too. Historically Discord has been very lax regarding features that are available for parents to help keep their children safe, but this has recently changed, albeit the changes are a minuscule step in the right direction, at least it's something.

Essentially, like many other apps, Discord now has a Family Centre. Once set up parents can see:

- What servers (chat rooms) their children have joined or participated in.
- Everyone they've messaged.
- New users they've connected with.

You can find out more about what Discord are doing [HERE](#), and [THIS](#) page will show you how to set up Family Centre.

The Great Rushden Bake Off



When?

Friday 29th
September

Fundraising for

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Join us for our first enrichment event!

- You need to drop your cake off at the ETHOS Room before tutor time on Friday.
- Your cake or cupcakes must have details of what ingredients you have used.
- Clearly labelled with your name and form
- They will be judged for their presentation (and maybe taste!)

Good Luck!

APs for the Top 3



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Literacy News

We are delighted to announce that all Year 7 & Year 8 students will each receive a free book from Rushden Academy.

When the students returned in September, all of Year 7 & Year 8 students were given a choice of 16 new titles and were asked to choose which one they would like to receive. These titles were then ordered by the school, and we are pleased to say that the order has already arrived!

The books will be given out to students during their form time.

14 of the titles are on the Accelerated reader system, so each student will be able to quiz once they have finished their book.

The library also holds a copy of each book so if the students see another title that they would like to read, they are more than welcome to borrow it from the library. We are all passionate about encouraging our students' love of reading, and hope that the students enjoy their new book.

Mrs N Raven & Mrs M Quantrill



Summer Term, 2023

The Rushden Academy News

Editor: Ms. Raven

Rushden Academy, Hayway, Rushden

Would you like to be part of a new school opportunity?

An exciting opportunity has arisen for anyone in the school who is interested in writing, photographing, illustrating or editing a school newspaper.

Students from all year groups are invited to apply for a role on the new Rushden Academy school newspaper.

"This will be the first student-led school newspaper Rushden Academy has ever had"



Roles

We will need:
Article writers
Feature writers
Puzzlers
Reviewers
Illustrators/Layout experts
Photographers

How to apply...

There will be a limited number of spaces on the newspaper staff and Ms. Raven, Mr. Smart and Mrs. Charlton will be choosing who will be hired.

Before the end of term, pop into the Library and write your name on the "Interested" list and state which role you would like.

Over the summer holiday:
- write an article on a topic of interest to you
- put together a puzzle/quiz
- write a book or film review
- take some photographs

COMING TO RUSHDEN ACADEMY SOON...SEPTEMBER 2023

Library Extra-Curricular Activities

Monday

Lunch-time	After-School
Board & Card Games	Student Library Assistants Meeting

Tuesday

Lunch-time	After-School
Chess	Chess

Wednesday

Lunch-time	After-School
Jigsaws	Rushden Academy Newspaper

Thursday

Lunch-Time	After-School
Tranquil Thursday - reading, homework, quiet voices	Role-Playing Games

Friday

Lunch-time	After-School
Fill-it-in Friday - crosswords, word searches, colouring, sticky note toppers etc.	Closes at 3.15pm

NB: For any after-school activities you'll need to get a parental consent letter from the Library.



Performing Arts Update

Drama:

The first few weeks of being back in the drama classroom have been brilliant. We have seen some new year 7s who are eager to learn and impress us with their talent. We have seen the return of our older students who are getting back into the swing of things with their lessons. We have some exciting new BTEC students who are getting stuck in with their component 1 studies already.

We have had a positive start to the term and cannot wait to see what is in store for the rest of the year!

Dance:

It has been a pleasure witnessing so many enthusiastic students returning to lessons keen to know their dance learning journey this academic year. KS4 have been introduced to their components and are currently starting to make progress towards their course work.

Dance club is back and will run every Friday, but we also have a new dance club on Mondays (please see information below). Fantastic start to this term!

Music:

It has been a lovely start to the year in music, with us welcoming our BTEC music group in year 10 and helping them progress in their chosen specialties. Also, it has been lovely to see so many year 7's interested in extra singing and instrumental lessons with our peripatetic music teachers. As always, please let us know if you would like information on any additional lessons.

It has been great to see so many of our KS3 students continue to develop their skills in music and bring their individuality into their creations. We look forward to hearing their pieces as the term continues!

For any students that are interested in taking up instrument lessons this term - please get in touch with Mrs Ede! We currently offer string, piano, guitar, drum and singing lessons but if you are interested in other instrument please let us know and we will try and source the provision!

j.ede@rushden-academy.net



Performing Arts Update

We Will Rock You School Edition:

Auditions took place for this year's whole school musical on Monday. A massive well done for everyone that has signed up and for those who have bravely auditioned for a main role. We have set up lots of recall auditions for Friday and wish all the auditionees good luck!

Our first rehearsal on Tuesday was all about community. As a performing arts department, it is so important to come together as a community and be one collective company. We use the first rehearsal as an opportunity for all members of the musical, cast, crew and production, to come together and get to know one another better.

This year's company all seem very determined and keen to give everything a go, which is wonderful. We are all ready to begin and have We Will Rock You stuck in our heads for the entire year!



PE Extra Curricular Activities

Rushden Academy PE - Inspiring ALL to participate in and enjoy Physical Activity

After School Clubs Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Netball (Year Groups will Train Separately)	Basketball (Year Groups will Play Separately)	Fitness Suite	Football (Year Groups will Train Separately)
<i>Please note, clubs are for boys and girls of all ages, everyone is welcome! Clubs are free and all you need to do is go to the changing rooms after school, get changed and get involved!</i>			

Why should you get involved?

- ✓ Part of our PE Assessment - HEALTHY ME!
- ✓ Increase your Physical Activity for a healthy lifestyle
- ✓ Contribute to the school STARR award or your DofE Award
- ✓ Learn new skills and practice for fixtures against other schools
- ✓ Get outside, enjoy the weather and boost your mental health too!
- ✓ Make new friends and socialise with others
- ✓ Be part of a team!

Competitions

Football - Boys and Girls Fixtures

For the first time in years, we have entered the football leagues. We have fixtures that are every Wednesday (for the boys) starting on the 27th September! And Thursday 28th September (for the girls). So please get yourselves along. If you do not attend the clubs you will not be able to be picked to play in the competitions.

Netball Fixtures

All years groups have been entered into the leagues which start on the 26th September!

If you want any more information or if you have any questions then please just speak to any member of the PE faculty.

Rush2TheDen Swap Shop

Come and swap your children's clothes they have grown out of for ones that fit.

Saturday 7th October 2.00pm-4.00pm

Saturday 4th November 2.00pm-4.00pm

Rush2theDen Fitzwilliam Street, Rushden
free car parking at the Duck Street car park just behind the building.

For more information please visit their Facebook page [Facebook Rush2theDen](#)



Canteen - It's All Greek!

Did you visit our canteen this week for our first theme day of the academic year?



Year 11 Period 6 Timetable

The following subjects are offering extra support for Year 11s after school in the form of a Period 6, from 3pm-4pm.

This will change throughout the year, so keep an eye out and listen to the updates from your head of year.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Creative Arts	Maths	Drama	English	German

Rushden Academy SAS

Our Social Action Squad has got off to a roaring start last academic year! We completed three community litter picks, and had students join the Revolution Manchester trip, clearing gardens and painting a community bike library.

If you have a project that you would like to see the Social Action Squad tackle this term, or know of anyone in our community who needs a helping hand, drop us a line at socialactionsquad@rushden-academy.net and we will see what we can do to help. No job too big or too small for the SAS! #TeamRushden #RASAS







RUSHDEN ACADEMY

OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2023

- ☒ Meet our staff
- ☒ Meet our students
- ☒ Tour our school
- ☒ See what every faculty has to offer

CONTACT US

 01933 350 391
 www.rushden-academy.net

Rushden Academy is part of Tove Learning Trust, a highly successful and local academy trust.



Come to our Open Evening on Thursday 12th October!

If you would like to book onto one of the talks by the Principal, follow the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/717058389947?aff=oddtcreator>

You are more than welcome to just pop in and look around without booking onto one of the talks.



TENC OPEN EVENING

at Rushden Academy



"I enjoy the 6th form as I get to be independent and to choose what I want to study".
Student, TENC

Wednesday 8th
November, 5.45pm

Talks at 6pm & 7pm

Join us for a tour of
the school and talk
with the staff and
students.



✓ Choice

We offer an extensive range of academic and vocational courses. Giving students a unique breadth of offer, including the flexibility to combine both academic and vocational courses.

✓ Support

We pride ourselves on providing exemplary pastoral care and personal development opportunities to ensure that students have the skills, confidence and character in their lives beyond TENC.

✓ Success

We have an excellent track record in academic and vocational examination results. Our students successfully gain places at Russell Group universities including Oxford and Cambridge, local universities, apprenticeships and employment.

One Trust, Two Schools,
One Vision of Excellence



To book a time slot visit bit.ly/TENC
www.tenconline.co.uk

📍 **Rushden Academy:** Hayway, Rushden, NN10 6AG. T: 01933 350391 E: info@rushden-academy.net
📍 **Huxlow Academy:** Finedon Rd, Irthlingborough, NN9 5TY. T: 01933 650496 E: enquiries@huxlow.northants.sch.uk



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Numeracy Problem of the Week

What is the digit **x** in this cross-number?



1	2
3	x



Across:

1.A cube

3.A cube

Down:

1.One less than a cube

2.A number

Last weeks solution: 5

Join the Google Classroom code **h2fcjll** to submit your answer



Literacy Challenge

This term's affix is the suffix "dis-", which gives the meaning of "opposite". Fill in the crossword: the answer to each of the clues is a word that is affixed with "dis-".

Rearrange the letters below to create dis- words which match the definitions:

1. misdar
2. ldstii
3. baselid
4. eesgdia
5. plsaiyda
6. evlossid
7. bakridsem

- a. take away a weapon or weapons
- b. purify (a liquid) by heating it so that it vaporizes, then cooling and condensing the vapour and collecting the resulting liquid.
- c. put out of action
- d. have or express a differing opinion
- e. treat something as inapplicable
- f. (with reference to a solid) become or cause to become incorporated into a liquid so as to form a solution.
- g. leave a ship, aircraft or train

Good to know: An affix is morpheme that is attached to a word stem to change the meaning of the word e.g. the affix un + happy = not happy.

Literacy SUPER Challenge

All of the resulting dis- words here are **verbs**. Verbs often have a closely associated noun, e.g disengage (verb) → disengagement (noun).

Once you have worked out what the dis- words in the literacy challenge are, give their associated noun.

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4. eesgdia



Stars of the Week

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WELLBEING 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 provided or drop in during our opening times.



Monday's & Friday's 4pm - 8pm

the lowdown, 3 Kingswell Street,
Northampton, NN1 1PP - 01604 634385

Tuesday's 4pm - 8pm

Youth Works at Corby Mind, 18 Argyll
St, Corby, NN17 1RU - 01536 518339

Tuesday's 3pm - 7pm

Service Six, Raunds Methodist Church,
Brook Street, Raunds NN9 6LP -
01933 277520

Wednesday's 4pm - 8pm

CHAT Youth Counselling, Souster Youth
Building, 30 Market Road, Thrapston,
NN14 4JU - 01832 274422

Wednesday's 4pm - 8pm

Time 2 Talk, Chantry House, 88 Watling
Street, Towcester, Northants, NN12 6BT
07385 295008 - 01327 706706

Thursday's 4pm - 8pm

Youth Works, 97 Rockingham Rd,
Kettering, NN16 9HX - 01536 518339

Saturday's 10am - 2pm

Service Six, 15 Sassoon Mews,
Wellingborough NN8 3LT - 01933 277520

Saturday's 12pm - 4pm

Time 2 Talk, The Abbey, Market Square,
Daventry, NN11 4XG - 01327 706706

NHS
Northamptonshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

the
lowdown
supporting young people

**YOUTH
WORKS**

Time 2 TALK

**St Andrew's
HEALTHCARE**

CHAT Youth
Counselling

Service Six
Changing Lives - Changing Futures

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, Assistant Principal on 01933 350391 or by email: 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](#).

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 for advice, support and help. 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. We're here to help you with any problems you have. We're here to help you with any problems you have. We're here to help you with any problems you have.

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
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18 Argyle 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

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

#weareNHS

CAMHS LIVE #MYMINDMATTERS

WE KNOW IT CAN BE HARD TO GET HELP.

CAMHS LIVE CAN BE ACCESSSED 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/ABOUT/CAMHS/LIVE

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Where Young Minds Matter

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR YOU, WITH YOU

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