

Rushden Academy Newsletter

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19/04/2024

Message From the Principal

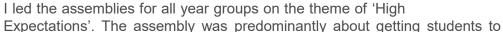
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Team Rushden - United we stand, divided we fall

Dear Parent / Carer

It was a pleasure to welcome all students back after the Easter break and I have had lots of conversations with individual students about how they spent their time away from school.



Expectations'. The assembly was predominantly about getting students to reflect on what expectations that they set for themselves and when they have exceeded expectations in life. I talked a lot about morality and the expectation that all students leave Rushden Academy as good, responsible humans that are ready to make a positive contribution to society. All students were presented with a number of moral dilemmas and had to think deeply about how they would respond in the different situations. The assembly finished with a couple of high profile examples of people who have pushed the boundaries of expectations; firstly Russell Cook with his running the length of Africa and secondly Greta Thunberg and the work she has done as an activist for climate change since a young age.

Year 11 students have been working hard in lessons as we enter the final weeks before their GCSE examinations. They should all be revising daily and were given reminders on Monday regarding the different resources and platforms available to support them with their revision. With many subjects having fewer than 10 lessons before the actual exam, it is imperative that no Year 11 students miss a day of school and your support with this is greatly appreciated.

On Thursday evening, it was Year 12 parents' evening which took place over at Huxlow Academy. It was good to see many of you there meeting with your children's teachers to discuss their progress and what they need to work on going forward.

Key Stage 3 reports have also been shared live on Go4Schools and we have made some changes to the way we report progress for some subjects to make it easier for you to see how your child is progressing. Mr Bocking has sent out guidance explaining these changes but if you would like any further explanation, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Bocking or your child's Director of Key Stage, Mr Smart..

In relation to uniform, there has been an increase in the number of students coming into school with false nails. These are not permitted in school so please support us by ensuring that your child does not come to school wearing them.

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Message From the Principal Continued...

Finally I wanted to say how delighted we are that the school is now over-subscribed and will have a considerable waiting list for new students wanting to join the school in Year 7. This is fantastic news for the school and wider community and reinforces how valued the education we provide at Rushden Academy is.

Have a good weekend,

Yours sincerely,

Mr B Baines Principal

Plant Power in the Canteen

On Thursday, our canteen had a 'Plant Power' theme day. There were some amazing options on offer!









UNLESS THEY HAVE A TEMPERATURE OF 38 DEGREES OR ABOVE, THEY'RE USUALLY GOOD TO GO.

SEARCH NHS SCHOOL **ILLNESS GUIDANCE.**







BHA



Fun on the Field

It has returned for the third year running! Focusing on your attendance.

When- Thursday 18th July

The Criteria-95% Attendance (medical/religious reasons are taken into account)

No internal or external suspensions

Monday 15th April- Friday 12th July. Will you be there?





This is what last year involved. This year will be different and it is a great chance for you to celebrate the end of the year!

Disco Themed Bouncy Castle





Inflatable Human Football

Inflatable Basketball Shootout



Introducing Our New 6th Form Leadership Team

Congratulations to our new Senior Leadership Team.



Head Boy: Dike,

Head Girl: Roxana,

Deputy Head Boy: Rhys,

Deputy Head Girl: Ella,

KS4 Leaders: Maddy & Matilda,

KS3 Leaders: Lucy & Charlotte,

Charity Team Leader: Jamie

Charity team: Ella, Isobel & Isabelle.

We look forward to working with you as you support Team Rushden.



Upcoming Year 8 Parents Evening

Year 8 Parents Evening is on Thursday 25th April.

You should have received an email with all the information needed to book appointments, but if you have any problems, please call reception on 01933 350391.

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

Your session is due to take place on WEDNESDAY 22nd MAY

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination The School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) will soon be visiting your child's school to deliver the Human Papillomavirus (HPV). A one-dose schedule was introduced in September 2023, where a single dose of the HPV vaccine (Gardasil 9) will be offered in school year 8 (12-13 years old)

PLEASE CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE PROCESS, EVEN IF YOU WISH TO DECLINE THE VACCINATION.

HPV e-CONSENT FORM

If you do not wish your child to receive this vaccination, be assured that once we receive your refusal via the link above, we will not vaccinate your child. However, be aware that if we have not received any response before the vaccination session, we may offer your child the opportunity to self-consent on the day. This is in line with the 'Gillick' Competency Framework.

MMR Vaccine

We can also offer any outstanding MMR vaccinations alongside this HPV vaccine. If you believe your child may be missing one or both doses, please express your interest on the econsent link above and a clinician will contact you to discuss this vaccine. Alternatively, you can call our phoneline below for help and support. For information on this vaccine click link MMR Vaccine or scan the QR code below with your mobile device.

If your child is absent on the day of planned vaccinations, you will be offered the opportunity to bring them to a community based vaccination clinic.

If you have any queries, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Service on 0800 170 7055 option 5.

For more information about the HPV Vaccine, the MMR Vaccine or the School Aged Immunisation Services, use the QR codes below.



NHS HPV vaccine



Vaccine Knowledge



MMR Vaccine



HPV Multilanguage leaflet



0-19 Children's Services

Yours sincerely,

School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) - Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust



Illuminate, who visited Rushden Academy last month, are doing another show in Rushden on 19th April at Park Road Baptist. #IlluminateRushden



Rushden Academy SAS

SAS This Week

This week SAS Squad Special Forces helped maintain the garden near Pastoral while Squad Frog visited the Beeches Care Home and did a quiz with the residents.

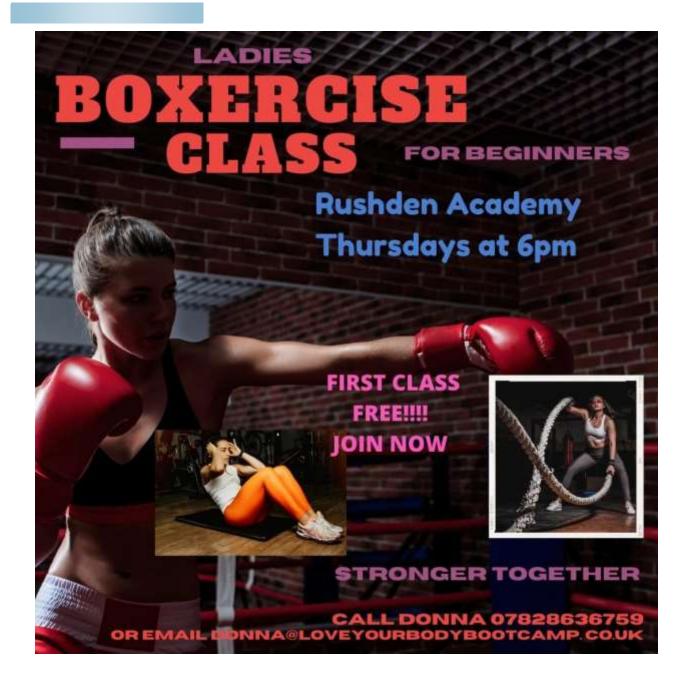
Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to making Rushden Academy, and Rushden Town a nicer, friendlier place to be.

#TeamRushden #RASAS #Ethos #GraceFoundation

Rushden Academy's Social Action Squad's (SAS) are always looking for opportunities to help within the community. If you know of anywhere we could help or support please let us know. We are looking for one off opportunities, short term commitments and long term projects.

To contact the Social Action Squad, email socialactionsquad@rushden-academy.net.

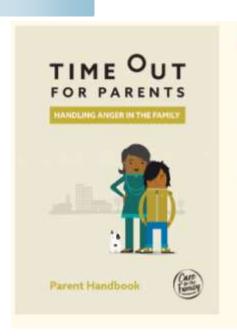




Ensure Your Contact Details Are Correct

Please ensure your contact details are up to date. It is important that we have the correct phone numbers and email addresses for you and any other contacts on our system.

You can do this by calling main reception on 01933 350391 if anything changes, or by using the SIMS Parent (Lite) App.



Join us for 'Handling Anger in the Family' in June

4 weekly online sessions, starting on Wednesday evenings 5th - 26th June 2024, from 7:30pm - 9:30pm

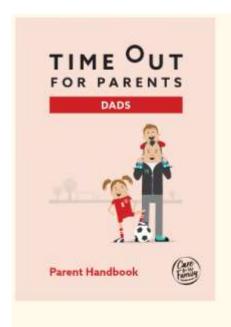
Registration includes accompanying parent handbook (RRP £9.99), additional resources and goodies.

£12.50 per household (supported places are available).

Book here

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Join us for 'Time Out for Parents - Dads' in June

Why not book a place for a father figure you know this Father's Day?

5 weekly online workshops, starting on Sunday evenings 16th June -14th July 2024, from 7:30pm -9:30pm

Registration includes accompanying parent handbook (RRP £9.99), additional resources and goodies.

£15 per household (supported places are available).

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YEAR 11 EXAM DROP IN



Feeling stressed about your GCSEs?

No

Pop into Ethos at Tuesday breaks this term



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Quiet space to revise, share the load or develop some coping techniques

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Performing Arts Update

Drama:

Year 10 have begun their exploration of the style Naturalism. They have been learning about the style and the practitioner Stanislavski. We have been studying the requirements for true naturalism and have begun using some of the Stanislavski System in order to understand the style better. Year 10 will undergo applying these techniques to script work in the coming weeks and will culminate in a performance of a naturalistic scene.

Dance:

Year 8 have kick started their new term with a 'Choreography project'. Throughout the studies of dance at Rushden Academy, Mrs Ogungbadero has been educating students of the four dance elements Action, Space, Dynamics and Relationships. This term our year 8 students will be using these elements to respond to a range of stimuli of which they will choreograph a group dance and perform to their peers during Week 6.

Music:

This term we are working on some very exciting projects. Year 7 have been introduced to pop bands and have been exploring the infinite list of 4 chord songs. Going through this term, they are going to be revisiting keyboard skills, singing and learning chords on the Ukulele to eventually create their own pop band and perform with their peers in class.

Year 8 have been exploring rock bands and have been introduced to guitar chords this week. They will also be drawing upon key skills learnt and developing their skills on the drums, to eventually form their own rock bands and perform at the end of term 6.

The year 9's have been introduced to their performance and composition tasks this term, where they get to decide if they would like to rehearse, develop and perform an existing repertoire, or if they would like to create their own piece of music by using music software to mix and create new repertoire.

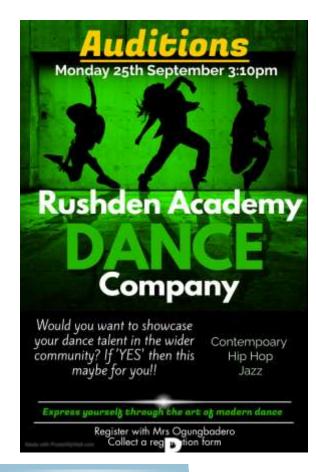
For any students that are interested in taking up instrument lessons this term - please get in touch with Mrs Ede! We currently offer string, piano, guitar, drum and singing lessons but if you are interested in other instrument please let us know and we will try and source the provision!

j.ede@rushden-academy.net

Performing Arts Update











Stationery Price List

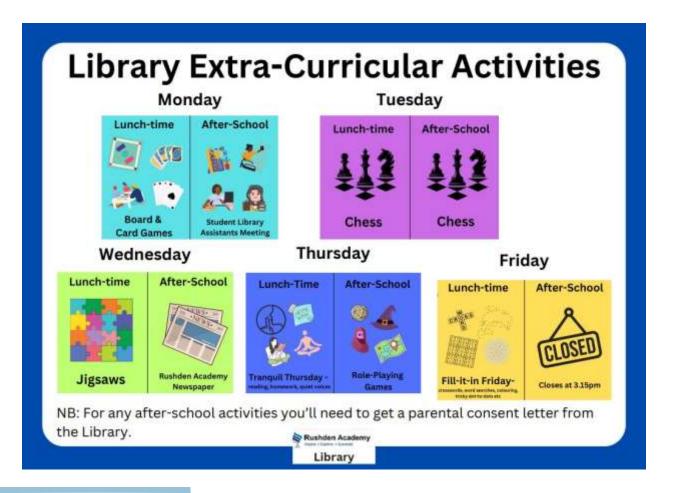


Item	Price
Biro Pen (black, blue, red or green)	15p
Handwriting Pen (black or blue)	25p
Pencil	15p
Highlighter Pen	40p
Eraser (small)	10p
Eraser (large)	20p
15cm ruler	15p
30cm ruler	30p
30cm Left-handed Ruler	30p
Protractor/ Set Square	15p
Small Clear Pencil Case	40p
Large Clear Pencil Case	60p
Scientific Calculator (KS4)	£9.25



After School Clubs Timetable - from w/b 15th Jan

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	This term is impacted with parameters exemings and
Netball Y7&Y8	Futsal & Netball Fixtures	Futsal Trampolining	fixtures. Please note clubs might be cancelled due to staffing.
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!		For those wanting Trampolining a sig been placed outsid The club is limited week.	n up sheet has



Weekly Star of MFL

Each week the MFL department chooses one of its Stars of the Week to showcase.

This may be for producing a particularly impressive piece of work, making excellent progress, having great attitude to learning or otherwise representing one of the Team Rushden values.

Olivia L.

You always push yourself, try your best and share your answers with the class, a great example of Team Rushden values. Well done! Mr Ross









Numeracy Problem of the Week

Neda decided to take the ferry from the mainland to visit the four islands P, Q, R and S.

The island Q can be reached by ferry only from island P or from the mainland. Ferries connect islands P and R, and each of them with the mainland. Island S only has a ferry connection with island P.

What is the smallest number of ferry journeys that Neda needs to take in order to visit all the islands and return to the mainland?

Last Week's Solution: 7

Join the Google Classroom code h2fcjll to submit your answer





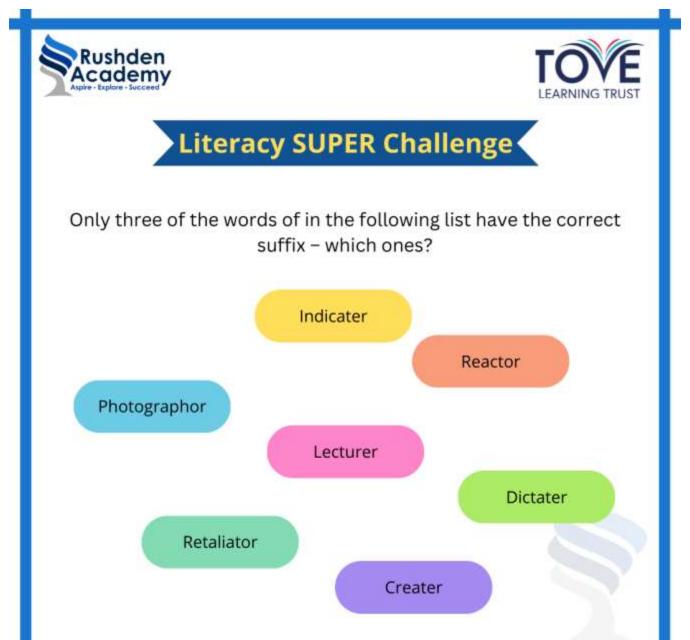
Literacy Challenge

Good to know: We are now looking at suffixes – they work similarly to prefixes, but are attached to the end of a word to change its meaning, often by changing the form of the verb or changing from one word class to another. For example – react (verb) + ion (suffix) = reaction (noun).

Your focus for this week's challenge is the suffix "er/or", which often affixes to a verb to give the sense of someone or something that does that action.

Task 1: Fill in the missing vowels to give the word that matches the definition to find relevant verb. Then decide if it requires the suffix "er" or "or" to give the name of the person or thing that does that action.

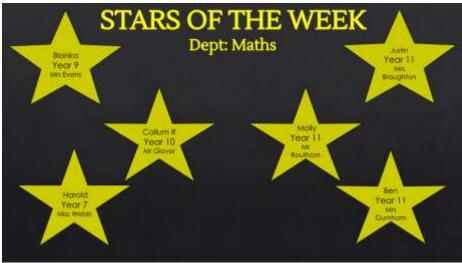
- 1) The act of recounting the events of a story, novel, poem, play, etc.: N_R_T_
- To take care of someone or something in order to shield them/it from harm: PR_T_CT
 - 3) To teach someone or something a skill over time: TR_N

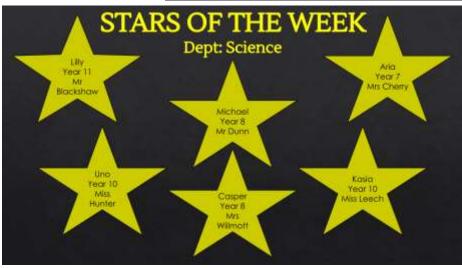


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	KS4 Timetable Summer 2024			DRAFT	
	Mon 29th April	Tues 30th April	Wed 1st May	Thurs 2nd May	Fri 3rd May
PM	Şii.			BTEC ICT Unit 3	
.30pm				1 hr 30 mins	
	Mon 6th May	Tues 7th May	Wed 8th May	Thurs 9th May	Fri 10th May
AM 9am		BTEC H & SC Unit 3 2 hrs		BTEC Sport Unit 2 1 hr 30 mins	Biology Paper 1(CS) 1 hr 15 mins
					Biology Paper 1(Trp) 1 hr 45 mins
PM 1,30pm					German Paper 1 & 3 F the 20 mins # H thr 45 mins
					Sociology Paper 1 1 hr 45 mins
					BTEC Childcare Unit 3 2 hrs
	Mon 13th May	Tues 14th May	Wed 15th May	Thurs 16th May	Fri 17th May
AM 9am	English Lit Paper 1	French Paper 1 & 3	History Paper 1	Maths Paper 1 1 hr 30 mins	Chemistry Paper 1 (CS)
					Chemistry Paper 1 (Trp) 1 hr 45 mins
PM 1.30pm		Business Paper 1			Geography Paper 1
		Chinese Paper 1 & 3 1 hr 50 mins			
	Mon 20th May	Tues 21st May	Wed 22nd May	Thurs 23rd May	Fri 24th May
AM 9am	English Lit Paper 2 2 hrs 15 mins	German Paper 4 Filter 10 mins / Hilter 20 mins	Physics Paper 1 (CS) 1 hr 15 mins	English Lang Paper 1 1 hr 55 mins	French Paper 4 F1hr 10 mins / H1hr 20 mins
			Physics Paper 1 (Trp) 1hr 45 mins		
PM		Sociology Paper 2	Chinese Paper 4		

	Mon 27th May	Tues 28th May	Wed 29th May	Thurs 30th May	Fri 31st May		
	HALF TERM						
	Mon 3rd June	Tues 4th June	Wed 5th June	Thurs 6th June	Fri 7th June		
AM 9am	Maths Paper 2 1 hr 30 mins		Geography Paper 2 1 hr 30 mins	English Lang Paper 2 1 hr 55 mins			
PM 1.30pm		History Paper 2 B1-B4	Business Paper 2	Contingency session in the event of national	Biology Paper 2 (CS)		
				or significant local disruption to exams in the UK.	Biology Paper 2 (Trp. 1 hr 45 mins		
	Mon 10th June	Tues 11th June	Wed 12th June	Thurs 13th June	Fri 14th June		
9am	Maths Paper 3 1 hr 30 mins	Chemistry Paper 2 (CS) 1 hr 15 mins			Geography Paper 3 1 hr 15mins		
		Chemistry Paper 2 (Trp) 1 hr 45 mins					
PM 1.30pm		History Paper 3 1 hr 20 mins		Contingency session in the event of national	Physics Paper 2 (CS)		
				or significant local disruption to exams in the UK.	Physics Paper 2 (Trp)		

26th June 2023 Contingency day in the event of national or significant local disruption to exams in the UK. Candidates should be available up to and including this date.

		KS5 Timetable Summer 2024			DRAFT	
T	Mon 29th April	Tues 30th April	Wed 1st May	Thurs 2nd May	Fri 3rd May	
AM 9am		A La Company	BTEC PA Unit 1 3 hrs	BTEC Sport Unit 2 2 hr 30 mins	BTEC Science Unit 3 Part A - 45 mins Part B -1 hr 30 mins	
	Mon 6th May	Tues 7th May	Wed 8th May	Thurs 9th May	Fri 10th May	
AM 9am	110 110 11 11.			BTEC ICT Unit 2B 2 hrs	BTEC Business Unit 21 3hrs	
PM .30pm			BTEC ICT Unit 2A 3 hrs	BTEC Business Unit 2A 2hrs	BTEC Sport Unit 19 2 hr 30 mins	
	Mon 13th May	Tues 14th May	Wed 15th May	Thurs 16th May	Fri 17th May	
AM 9am		Business Paper 1 2 hrs	German AS Paper 1 1 hr 45 mins	Geography Paper 1 2hrs 30 mins	Psychology Paper 1 2 hrs	
			Core Maths Paper 1 1 hr 30 mins	GCSE Maths Paper 1 1 hr 30 mins	BTEC Sport Unit 22 3 hrs	
PM .30pm	BTEC H&SC Unit 1 1 hr 30 mins		BTEC Sport Unit 1 1 hr 30 mins	BTECBusiness Unit 3 2hrs	BTEC H&SC Unit 2 1 hr 30 mins	
					BTEC ICT Unit 1 2hrs	
	Mon 20th May	Tues 21st May	Wed 22nd May	Thurs 23rd May	Fri 24th May	
AM 9am	Sociology Paper 1 2 hrs	Business Paper 2 2 hrs	Psychology Paper 2 2 hrs	History Paper 1 2hrs 15 mins	English Lit Paper 1 2 hr 30 mins	
	BTEC H&SC Unit 4 3 hrs	German AS Paper 2 1 hr 30 mins		Core Maths Paper 2 1 hr 30 mins	Physics Paper 1 2 hrs	
		BTEC Science Unit 1C 40 mins		BTEC CPLD Unit 1 1 hr 45 mins	BTECScience Unit 5P 50 mins	
				GCSE English Lang P1 1 hr 55 mins		
PM 1.30pm	Media Paper 1 2 hrs	BTEC Science Unit 1B 40 mins	Fur Maths A Paper 1 1 hr 30 mins	English Lang/Lif Paper 1 1 hr	BTECScience Unit 50 50 mins	
			BTEC Science Unit 1P 40 mins	BTEC Science Unit 5C 50 mins		
	Mon 27th May	Tues 28th May	Wed 29th May	Thurs 30th May	Fri 31st May	

	Mon 3rd June	Tues 4th June	Wed 5th June	Thurs 6th June	Fri 7th June
AM 9am	Geography Paper 2 2hrs 30 mins	Sociology Paper 2 2 hrs	English Lit Paper 2 2 hr 30 mins	Business Paper 3 2 hrs	English Lang/Lif Paper 2 hrs
	GCSE Maths Paper 2 1 hr 30 mins			Physics Paper 2 2 hrs	
				GCSE English Lang P2 1 hr 55 mins	
PM 30pm	Fur Maths A Paper 2	Maths Paper 1	Biology Paper 1	Confingency session	Further Maths FM1
	Psychology Paper 3 2 hrs	Media Paper 2 2 hrs	Graphics 2hrs 30 mins	in the event of national or significant local	History Paper 2 1 hr 30 mins
	BTEC L3 H&SC Unit 3 1 hr 30 mins			disruption to exams in the UK.	
	Mon 10th June	Tues 11th June	Wed 12th June	Thurs 13th June	Fri 14th June
AM 9am	Chemistry Paper 1 2hrs 15 mins	History Paper 3 2hrs 15 mins	English Lang/Lit Paper 3 2 hrs		Biology Paper 2 2 hrs
	GCSE Maths Paper 3 1 hr 30 mins				
PM .30pm	Computer Science 1 2hrs 30mins	Maths Paper 2 2 hrs		Contingency session in the event of national or significant local disruption to exams in the UK.	Further Maths FS1 1 hr 30 mins
	7	Sociology Paper 3 2 hrs			
	Mon 17th June	Tues 18th June	Wed 19th June	Thurs 20th June	Fri 21st June
AM 9am	Physics Paper 3 2 hrs	Chemistry Paper 2 2hrs 15 mins	Biology Paper 3 2 hrs		Chemistry Paper 3 1 hr 30 mins
PM 30pm		Computer Science 2 2hrs 30 mins		Maths Paper 3 2 hrs	Further Maths D1 1 hr 30 mins

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

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.







