

20th July 2018



Rushden Academy Newsletter

Message From the Principal

Team Rushden - United we stand, divided we fall

Wishing you a very warm welcome back after a baking hot summer, in fact the hottest on record. Talking records I am thrilled to say that this summer Team Rushden's results were tops! I hope that you saw the announcement in the local paper, if not it is on our website, take a look because we have named our top performing pupils both for progress and attainment. The BBC reported that Nationally the results in English for grade 4 (a standard C) is up 0.5% to 66.9%, here at Rushden Academy our year 11s achieved 78.5%! Apparently, Nationally girls do better than boys, here at Rushden the boys actually did better. There were some amazing individual results, one pupil with targets of standard 6 actually achieved standard 9's in nearly every subject, we are so very proud of him and all our year 11 achieved.



TOVE LEARNING TRUST

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A great set of GCSEs opens doors, it was interesting to read in the BBC news that the best paid jobs are within a short commute from us. It is our responsibility to ensure we equip our youngsters with the right qualifications and skills to make full use of these opportunities on the door step.

More students than ever before have stayed on into the 6th form, some have returned to us after leaving last year to go elsewhere because "we deliver better lessons."

We do listen and act upon your comments, our school environment has been improved over the summer, the changing room toilets are much nicer and science has been painted throughout. I do hope that when you next visit you will see how much we take pride and care about our school and all those that dwell in it! The Art area has been transformed and it is so inspiring how creative our students and staff can be.

We are working ever more closely with the Tove Learning Trust and have recently collaborated on a grand scale, over 600 staff met and shared best practice and resources this week. There has been a film produced to inform you about Tove Learning Trust, this will soon be uploaded to our website. I would also like to inform you that a film crew will be visiting our school on Friday 14th September to film aspects of school leadership. This is being produced as a learning tool and will be used in universities worldwide, it will be looking at different elements of leadership and school transformation. Sage Productions will be predominantly interviewing and working with teachers but there will be some classroom based activities, they will meet our year 11 student leaders and visit a year 7 assembly. We are reviewing information signed by yourselves to make sure filming can take place and no names will be used. Also to note that the company will be escorted throughout the day. If you do have any concerns please contact your son/daughter's Head of Year. We are very much looking forward to sharing all we have done to dramatically improve our school, and we are determined to put Rushden on the map!

Last of all I would like to thank you for sending your son/daughter into school looking incredibly smart! We have had very few issues and these will be resolved. In Team Rushden we have unwavering high expectations and we expect everyone to try their best. Thank you so much for supporting the Team and putting your trust in us. I very much look forward to working with you this year and welcoming you into our ever improving school.

Mrs J Burton
Principal



Grease! Photos From Opening Night

Well done to the cast and the performing arts team for an amazing show and thank you to everyone who supported Grease last year and came to see our performances during the last week of term. Below are some photos from the opening night.



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Thank you to Prestige Scaffolding who have helped build our Grease set for free.



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Grease Primary Performances

During the last week of term, our Grease cast and crew performed in front of the local primary schools. The performances were enjoyed by all the visiting students and Higham Ferrers Junior School sent us the quote below from one of their students.

I am writing to let you know that the performance was absolutely fantastic and very entertaining from the beginning to the end. My favourite parts of the show were the singing and dancing; however, all of it was really good. All the costumes were so pretty and very creative, especially the silver hats made out of curlers or toilet rolls.

The props and backdrops were very cool and bright. All the hair and make-up was pretty and magnificent. All the acting looked so real and the faces and expressions were so real. The lights were very good and the music was amazing and tuneful! Everybody at school have been describing the performance as 'AN OUTSTANDING SHOW!'

Grease was an amazing show!

Thank you

- A year 5 student at Higham Ferrers Junior School

Photos From the Final Night of Grease

Please find some photos below from the final night of Grease!



Literacy at Rushden

Accelerated Reader Yearly Totals

Big well done to all of the students who have been part of the school's Accelerated Reader programme this year. We have seen some fantastic reading and quizzing and have made 10 Word Millionaires.



We will be continuing next year and have already seen some promising results from the new Year 7s who will be starting with us in September. Please encourage your children to continue to read throughout the summer. We'll look forward to welcoming them back and continuing on our reading journey in the new academic year.

Accelerated Reader Totals for 2017/18

Total number of quizzes passed: **2073**

Total number of target points earned: **11,254**

Total number of words read & successfully quizzed:

81,188,152

Accelerated Reader Word Millionaires

Josie Corr 8ABR (double)

Melissa Waller 8KS

Morgan Walsh 7MF (double)

Niamh Curson 8KM

Lukas Tudoran 7LMC

Dominic Blaiklock 8REB

Jessica Jones 8KS

Kirstie Bale 8REB

Kyra Osbourne 8KS

Katie Vallee 8REB

Year 11 Destinations 2018

The Department for Education currently requires that we collect information about the intended learning destinations from every student who leaves Rushden Academy at the end of Year 11. Year 11 students have already completed "The September Guarantee" with Timely Advice indicating the offers they have for September 2018. Avril from TimelyAdvice will continue working with students to provide careers advice and guidance and ensure they have a sustainable destination following their results. She can be contacted on the emails shown below to arrange appointments or support with interviews and applications.

avril@timelyadvice.org.uk or a.bartley-Smith@rushden-academy.net or for urgent support call her on 07505354015.

After results day, Year 11 students will make a final decisions and confirm their places. If a student's choice of destination has changed after results day, we as an academy need to confirm the new destination for each student.

Year 11 students who are not staying on to our sixth form in September 2018 must confirm their actual destination no later than Wednesday 19th September 2018, so that the school can comply with this legal requirement in due time.

We require the following information:

- ◆ Name of school or college being attended.
- ◆ Name and level of the course being undertaken
- ◆ For apprenticeships, the employer's name, start date and the training provider associated with the apprenticeship

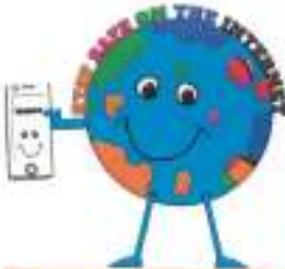
This information should be emailed to Mr Brotherston (c.brotherston@rushden-academy.net).

Mr C Brotherston
Subject Lead for Computing, Business & Careers

ParentPay

ParentPay is an online portal that can be used to pay for student lunches as well as trips. We are moving towards all trip payments being processed through ParentPay. Logins for ParentPay can be obtained from the IT department.

TARGET



SPEAK OUT. YOU'RE NOT ALONE!

Service Six TARGET project engaged 1001 young people, 525 of whom were disadvantaged. All resided in Northamptonshire or Leicestershire and were aged between 1 and 21 years of age, with most between 9 and 17 years. 799 young people responded to semi-structured questionnaires and they told us:

- 27% are regularly contacted online by strangers
- 30% have received pornography involving child
- 26% have had pornography
- 19% have been asked to meet strangers
- 6% have met strangers
- 22% reported to an adult

Furthermore disadvantaged young people are:

- 6% more likely to receive sexually explicit images or videos
- 6% more likely to send out sexually explicit images or videos
- 27% more likely to send out sexually explicit material willingly
- 27% less likely to report unwanted stranger contact and/or receipt of sexually explicit material to an adult



If you feel you are being Targeted go to the app store and find our app **TARGET**

This app can give you support advice and tips which are full in graphics and video clips.

The helpline is contactable via telephone, email, Facebook and WhatsApp messenger. The helpline currently operates Mondays and Fridays, 4.30pm – 6pm:

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