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Rushden Academy Newsletter



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Message From the Principal

Team Rushden - United we stand, divided we fall

Good afternoon

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new staff to Team Rushden, they have made an excellent impression and have swiftly fitted into our team. They are very well qualified and have already transformed their teaching areas. We are fortunate to attract such high caliber staff when there is a national shortage of teachers. The aim is always to retain the best staff, and I am thrilled that they have already found our pupils to be smart, well-mannered and very helpful. We have

also supported our new staff with an induction programme so that they could hit the ground running.

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TOVE LEARNING TRUST

Principal's Message Continued...

We have now uploaded the Tove Learning Trust video onto our website, so please take a look and learn more about our trust and how we work together. Today we had a film crew in looking at the great work we are doing at this school, I will inform you when this is published.

In the assemblies this week we have celebrated our year 11 pupils and their GCSE exam results. Just to share a couple of successes, nationally the English GCSE standard 4 and above was 66.9%, our pupils achieved 78.5% and in science the national figure was 54.7% and our pupils gained 57.8%. Many of our pupils exceeded their target grades and we are so happy to see many of our pupils return again in TENC. Our current Head boy, girl and their deputies introduced themselves in assembly and shared their plans for the year ahead too. The student forum is a powerful body of pupils who make significant changes to improve pupils' whole school experience. We have also revisited our Team Rushden values and discussed the importance of developing skills like self-regulation, growth mindset, empathy, conscientiousness, curiosity, resilience and working together.

Everyday our staff and pupils are out and about demonstrating the Team Rushden values. Yesterday I was opening a door for 2 year 11 boys when they stopped, thanked me and then insisted that they held the door for me instead, it did make me smile. I have lost count of the number of thank you's, good mornings and good afternoons that I collect every day!

I am very much looking forward to welcoming you into our academy, we have our Open evening on Monday the 8th October for prospective y6 pupils. However, we are happy to showcase our school any time, please contact the school to see Team Rushden in action.

Kind regards

Mrs J Burton
Principal

Science Museum Whizz Bang Space Show Comes to Rushden Academy



On Monday 17th September all year 9 and 10 students will be able to watch a great show provided by the science museum covering many of the aspects of space travel. The 50 minute show will engage, thrill and enthuse students, about the world of space travel and physics.

Go4Schools

Rushden Academy has had a great start to the school term using Go4Schools to create seating plans and electronic mark books. Many students have started to receive homework from their teachers using Go4Schools, and those that have not been shown how to log in will get some guidance very soon.

Parents now have access and can view attendance and timetable information. They can see the homework that has been set and will soon see the first assessment grades as they are published.

Faculties have been spending time in their teams looking in detail at the examiners reports and enhanced analysis breakdown. We have learnt a lot from this summer's papers with many subjects grading 9-1 for the first time. It is crucial that we now plan, deliver and assess accordingly.

New targets based on FFT Aspire are currently being put into the system. Years 9 – 11 are already there, year 8 should be in by the weekend and year 7 soon after. These targets continue to be aspirational and will, this year, be subject specific and will reflect the full range from standard 1 to 9.

We are in the process of finalising how we will also report attitude to learning this year and parents will, alongside the assessment grade, see an attitude grade which will reflect engagement, contribution and homework.

The first assessment points are fast approaching for students in year 7 to 10 and it is vital that students act on the advice given by their teachers in the run up to these. Year 10 assessment week starts on 8th October!!

Mr P Bocking
Assistant Principal

Year 8's Have an Amazing Start to the Year

Please find some photos of our year 8's getting stuck into the new academic year.

Mrs M Blackmore



Thank You to Park View Motors

Thank you to Park View Motors for displaying our open evening poster. Our open evening is on Monday 8th October 6:30pm.



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**Open Evening Monday 8 October 2018
commencing at 6.30pm**

We warmly invite you and your family to experience the transformation at Rushden Academy. We are part of a highly successful trust, Tove Learning Trust, and this year our year 11's achieved record results.

Come and meet Team Rushden and see what our students and staff say, come and experience what routinely happens at Rushden Academy.

**To reserve your place on an Academy tour with the Principal call
01933 350391**



TOVE LEARNING TRUST

Message From Our New Assistant Principal

It's the end of my second week at Rushden Academy and it has been an incredibly fast paced 14 days! There has been so much to take on board, and so many new faces and names to remember!

I have spent some of my time this week walking around the academy, visiting lessons to getting a feel for the diet Rushden Academy students are receiving. This will continue to be the norm for me to ensure that standards remain high.

We are already starting to think about the small gains and quick wins we can make in every lesson to maximise the amount of learning time for our students. If we can engage students right from the start of a lesson, for example whilst they are preparing their equipment, or getting changed for PE, students can gain around 15 minutes of extra learning per day. Over the course of a year, that adds up to over a whopping 45 hours of additional learning time!

In order to maximise every minute as a learning opportunity, we are having a big push on lesson starters. This ensures that every student is thinking and learning the moment they walk through the door.

Over the course of the year, I look forward to updating you with other areas of Teaching and Learning that Team Rushden are working on to improve the outcomes for all of our students!

Mr J Firth
Assistant Principal

Trip to Visit the Soyuz Space Capsule!

Selected students from years 9 and 10 will be going to Peterborough Cathedral on the 27th September to explore the Soyuz Space capsule exhibition. This is the space capsule that Tim Peake returned from the international space centre in. The capsule exhibition is currently touring the country and the Science Museum have organised a series of activities connected with this special opportunity.



Library News

We've welcomed back our returning students and are in the process of showing our new students how the Library works at Rushden Academy. Some of the new Year 7 students have already become familiar faces and, as the days turn colder, I'm sure we will see a few more come in to take part in a lunch-time activity, catch-up on homework or have a quiet chill-out with friends. The activities in the Library at lunch-time are as follows:

Monday	Philosophy Club
Tuesday	Story Writing Club
Wednesday	Chess Club
Thursday	Tranquillity time (focus on reading and homework in a quiet, peaceful manner)
Fill-It-In Friday	(sudoku, dot-to-dot, word searches, colouring etc.)

Homework Club runs Monday to Thursday after school (3.10-4pm). Parental permission letters are kept in the Library.

Chess Club runs on a Wednesday after school (3.10-4pm). Parental permission letters are kept in the Library.

In an effort to keep our overdue books to a minimum this year, I would like to ask for your help in reminding your child/children about any Library books they may have and to make sure they keep an eye on the date it is due back. If a student's Library book does become overdue by more than 15 school days, then we will send a reminder letter home, which will be followed by an invoice detailing replacement costs. We do realise that sometimes circumstances are beyond your control and so if your child is off for an extended period of time we are asking form tutors to let us know, so that we can adjust return dates and give your child one less thing to worry about. Full details of our 'Library Overdue Book Policy' can be found on the Library page of the school website along with a price list for the stationery items that we sell.

Please ask your children to visit our Library regularly as we have many activities and events throughout the year that they may be interested in attending, along with us encouraging reading. Let's make this our most successful reading year ever!

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

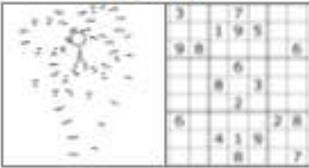
This information should be emailed to Mr Brotherston (c.brotherston@rushden-academy.net).

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.

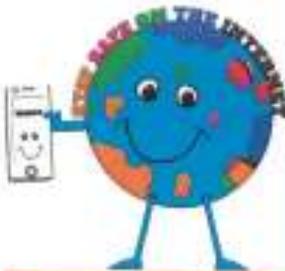
Lunch-time Activities in the Library

Day	Activity
Monday 	Philosophy Club – Debate & discuss some issues that may affect you...would you eat a sheep if it could talk??
Tuesday 	Short Story Writing – Have some fun making up stories with other students...there will be competitions!
Wednesday 	Chess Club – with the help of our chess expert, Mr. Sims, come and learn or develop your chess skills.
Thursday 	Tranquility – come and have a quiet read, a quiet draw or get on with some homework...quietly.
Friday 	Fill-it-in Friday – Take one of our tricky word searches, dot-to-dot, colouring pages or other puzzles to try and complete.

The Library is available for students to do homework or Accelerated Reader (AR) quizzes every day before school, break and lunch-time.



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 them
- 26% have had sexual messages
- 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
- 22% 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 games and video clips.

The helpline is contactable via telephone, email, Facebook and WhatsApp messenger. The helpline currently operates Mondays and Fridays, 4.30pm – 8pm:

Telephone:
07774 053209
Email:
helpline@targetonline.co.uk
Facebook:
Onix Target



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Extra Curricular Timetable 2018-19

	Lunch Time 1:15pm - 1:45pm	Room	After School	Room
Monday	MFL Film Club Performing Arts - Open Block	Languages Hub PA Block	Study Club (3:10pm - 4pm)	Library
Tuesday	MFL Games Performing Arts - Open Block	Languages Hub PA Block	Study Club (3:10pm - 4pm) GCSE Art & Photography Club (3:10pm - 4:15pm) Addams Family Rehearsal (3:10pm - 5pm) Backstage Crew (3:10pm—5pm)	Library T10 Main Hall
Wednesday	Spanish Games Performing Arts - Open Block Computing Club	Languages Hub PA Block IT2	Study Club (3:10pm - 4pm) Chess Club (3:10pm - 4:pm)	Library Library
Thursday	MLF Games Performing Arts - Open Block The Outlet	Languages Hub PA Block The Hub	Study Club (3:10pm - 4pm)	Library
Friday	MFL Film Club Performing Arts - Open Block	Languages Hub PA Block	General Show Rehearsal (3:15pm - 5pm)	Main Hall



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