



# Rushden Academy Newsletter

Aspire, Explore, Succeed

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Message From the Principal



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## Dates for your diary:

29th September -  
Official School  
Photograph Day for  
Year 7 & Year 10

6th October - Year 6  
into 7 Open Evening

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

Dear Parent / Carer

Last week it was very sad to hear of the passing of Her Majesty, The Queen, and Rushden Academy joined the nation in paying tribute to Her Majesty. Our thoughts and condolences remain with the Royal Family at this time. May she forever rest in peace.

Following the students' first week back, Monday marked the start of the Academy's comprehensive assembly programme. I delivered an assembly which focused on the question "What makes an effective team?". It was nice to hear from a number of students across all year groups about their personal experiences of being a part of successful teams and then draw parallels between those teams and our very own team, Team Rushden. We discussed our values in depth and looked at other examples of high performing teams such as the Lionesses and the All Blacks rugby team. A key message was about the diversity of teams and how each person plays their own role based on their own unique skills and interests. At the end of the assembly, all students were given time to reflect on their daily contribution to Team Rushden and how that makes this school a great place to be, day in, day out.

You should all be aware that on Tuesday and Wednesday, we welcomed a team of Ofsted inspectors, led by Her Majesty's Inspector, Rakesh Patel, into the Academy. The outcome of this inspection remains confidential and we will inform you of this when we receive the final inspection report. However, can I take the opportunity to thank those of you who took the time to complete the parents' survey. Regardless of the outcome, I was exceptionally proud of the efforts of both staff and students who truly showed what being a part of Team Rushden means during the inspection.

In the midst of the national period of mourning following the sad passing of Her Majesty, The Queen, may I take this opportunity to remind you that Rushden Academy will be closed on Monday the 19th September in accordance with national guidance around the additional bank holiday. Students will return to the Academy as normal on Tuesday 20th September.

Yours sincerely,

Mr B Baines  
Principal



### Numeracy Problem of the Week



The year 2010 is one in which the sum of the digits is a factor of the year itself.

What is the next year that has the same property?

Join the Google Classroom code **f2esulr** to submit your answer

## Go4Schools Parent App

We have now subscribed to the parent app for Go4Schools. You can download the app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store, and have access to your child's timetable, progress reports, attendance and behaviour information at the touch of a button.

For more information about how to create your Go4Schools Parent Account, have a look at the guide later in the newsletter.

Please note, we use Google Classrooms to issue and track homework, not Go4Schools.



## **RIGHTEOUS**

Word Type:

Adjective

Definition:

Righteous means:

- morally\* right or justifiable

OR:

- (of a person) morally\* good.

\*concerned with what is right and wrong

Synonyms:

- virtuous
- good

Antonyms:

- wicked
- sinful

Example:

- "Miss. Neville is a righteous person."

## Stationery in the Library

The library keeps a supply of several stationery items that your child may need for their school day. A full list of items available & prices can be found on the Rushden Academy website.

We are open to sell stationery from 8.30am until 2pm each day.

## Stay Connected Newsletter

Have a look at September's Stay Connected Newsletter to see what is going on in our local area

<https://www.nctrust.co.uk/help-and-protection-for-children/protecting-children-information-for-parents/Documents/Stay%20Connected%20Newsletter%20NCT%20September%202022.pdf>

**THRIVE**

A SAFE PLACE TO EXPLORE THE  
BIG QUESTIONS IN LIFE

WEDNESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL 3-4PM  
IN THE ETHOS ROOM  
EVERYONE WELCOME

GAMES  
SNACKS  
DISCUSS  
EXPLORE  
FAITH

?

**THE DROP IN**

A SAFE PLACE TO RELAX, PLAY GAMES  
AND CHAT ABOUT LIFE

YEAR 7 TUESDAY  
YEAR 8&9 WEDNESDAY  
YEAR 10&11 THURSDAY  
IN THE ETHOS ROOM AT  
LUNCH TIME  
EVERYONE WELCOME

**PE Extra Curricular**

Monday - Basketball & Netball

Tuesday - Football

Wednesday - Staff meetings

Thursday - Fitness Suite

Keep up to date with all fixtures & events by joining the Google Classroom: **YFIMI5U**

## RNC Residential College for the blind or partially sighted

The Royal National College for the Blind (RNC) is the UK's leading specialist residential college for young people aged 16 to 25 who are blind or partially sighted.

In October, they are hosting our first Open Day and 'Have a Go' events of the new academic year for prospective students and their families.

Both events take place at RNC's campus on Venns Lane, Hereford, HR1 1DT.

**Open Day**  
**When? Friday 7 October 2022, 10am to 4pm**  
**Cost? FREE!**

- Meet current students and staff
- Discuss funding, careers and transitions
- Attend lesson drop-in sessions
- Tour the campus focusing on our unique programme featuring:
  - Independent Living Skills
  - Mobility
  - ICT
  - Braille

*"This has been lovely. So well organised and friendly. Been so helpful to meet other people in similar positions."*

[More Information on the Open Day](#)

**'Have a Go' Activity Weekend**  
**When? Saturday 22 and 23 October 2022**  
**Cost? FREE!**

Participate in fun activities like:

- Sports
- Circus Skills
- ILS
- Music/Media
- And Bowling!

*"Thank you for an amazing weekend, we go home with lots of important info and encouraged by the enthusiastic team and future hopes for our son."*

[More information on the 'Have a Go'](#)

## Year 6 into 7 Open Evening

We warmly invite Year 6 pupils and their families to visit Rushden Academy to see what we have on offer to develop pupils outstanding character. We will showcase how we nurture Team Rushden values and prepare our pupils to be successful, self-assured, responsible citizens.

You will have an opportunity to visit all subject areas, to talk to staff and pupils and meet with leaders. We will send you away with links to the 2022-2023 prospectus & other important virtual information so that you can digest this in your own time. We appreciate that it is a very important decision to make and would like to help you make your informed decisions.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/live-tours-2022-tickets-416539921117>



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**TOVE**  
LEARNING TRUST

**Thursday  
6th October  
2022**

Book a spot in our open evening

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/live-tours-2022-tickets-416539921117>

Call to find out more  
**01933 350 391**

[www.rushden-academy.net](http://www.rushden-academy.net)

PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS

# Dance

## CLUB

**FRIDAY 3:10pm-4:10pm**  
Main Hall



YEAR 7  
YEAR 8  
YEAR 9

Come along and learn new moves in a fun and friendly environment

**FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT MISS PILGRIM**

[c.pilgrim@rushden-academy.net](mailto:c.pilgrim@rushden-academy.net)

Rushden Academy presents



# Performance Group

## DANCE

### MODERN DANCE GROUP

**Every Monday**  
**Starting 19th September**  
**3:10-4:10pm**

DANCE STYLES  
Contemporary  
Hip Hop  
Jazz

*Express yourself through the art of modern dance*

Register with Miss Pilgrim  
[c.pilgrim@rushden-academy.net](mailto:c.pilgrim@rushden-academy.net)

# 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.

This week's star is...  
**Daisy**

Congratulations to Daisy - you should be proud of your never-ending commitment and hard work, always seeking opportunities to push yourself harder and do better.  
Well done!  
Mrs Charlton

## 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)

#### **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



## Performing Arts Update

### Drama

Year 9 drama students have been looking into devising this week. They have been understanding what devising means and using social media as a stimulus to create their own still images. Drawing on skills they have been learning for the past two years, the drama team have been thoroughly impressed with their creations.

### Dance

Year 8 has started this term with great enthusiasm towards their new topic Michael Jackson's 'Thriller'. Students will be learning a replication of the famous routine demonstrating their level of performance skills whilst displaying characterisation.

Some incredible zombie impersonations have been seen this week!

### Music

In music Year 7s have started their unit of work on singing! This week we have looked at the importance of some key warm ups we need to do to ensure our voices are ready for singing. We have focused on how to make sure we breathe effectively to ensure we can sing long phrases, looked at tongue twisters that make sure our mouths are moving and were practising clear diction and have looked at a challenge of singing the numbers one to five to the tune of Once I Caught A Fish Alive. Year 7s have been fab this week and we look forward to seeing what talent there is!

### Performing Arts Career of the week - Screenwriter

A screenwriter prepares their script in a way that enables readers to envisage the setting, emotion and the way it will work on screen. They collaborate with producers, directors and actors to draft and redraft their script, often working to tight deadlines. Screenwriters are almost always freelancers.

Average Salary: £29,537

For any students that are interested in taking up instrument lessons this term - please get in touch with Mrs Brooks! 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!

[r.brooks@rushden-academy.net](mailto:r.brooks@rushden-academy.net)



## Performing Arts Update

### Chicago High School Edition

We had our first meeting for our whole school musical CHICAGO this week and the turnout was AMAZING! We were so thrilled with how many people are interested in auditioning and being part of our production team and all that jazz. We begin with our first rehearsal next Tuesday and anticipate the same huge turnout and can't wait to see what phenomenal talent we can dazzle Rushden Academy with.



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## 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](#).

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

sex  
contraception  
exam anxiety  
BULLYING  
alcohol  
HEALTHY EATING  
social networking & cyber bullying  
SELF HARM  
relationships

DRUGS  
family issues  
SMOKING  
body image  
MENTAL HEALTH

for friendly, helpful advice  
TEXT YOUR SCHOOL NURSE ON  
07507 329 600

It's confidential

Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS

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

NEED TO CHAT TO SOMEONE IMPARTIAL ABOUT SOMETHING?

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 Argyle St, Corby NN17 3RU  
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 277536

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1-1 SUPPORT AND ADVICE

ALSO AVAILABLE REMOTELY

1-1 PARENT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS  
the lowdown  
Youth Works  
CHAT

#weareNHS

Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS

## CAMHS LIVE #MYMINDMATTERS

WE KNOW IT CAN BE HARD TO GET HELP.

CAMHS LIVE CAN BE ACCESSED 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/0300CAMSLIVE](http://WWW.NHS.UK/0300CAMSLIVE)

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