



Rushden Academy Newsletter

Aspire, Explore, Succeed

23/06/2023

Message From the Principal



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Team Rushden - United we stand, divided we fall

Dear Parent / Carer

The academic year continues to fly by as we prepare to enter the final 4 weeks of school. With sports day, reward trips and Chicago all to come, it promises to be an action-packed and exciting end to the year.

Our Year 10 students have been busy undertaking their mock GCSE examinations to enable teachers to compare their current grades with their targets. All students will get individual feedback on each of their exams and correspondence from various subjects will be emailed home to parents and carers, identifying areas for improvement and what resources are available to support your child's progress. All students will also be allocated a country that will correlate to their progress score on the progress league table outside of the main hall. This keeps their score anonymous but will allow them to see how they are performing compared to their peers. For some, this will be validation that they are working exceptionally hard and for others it may be the prompt needed to start working harder.

Mr Billam continued our series of values-based assemblies with the focus on what it means to be hard-working. The assembly shared various anecdotes from people who have had to work very hard in their lives to get to where they are today including Matt Dehaty, the founder of Gymshark, and Michael Jordan. It also emphasised to students that a lot of success comes from repeated practice as Gary Player, professional golfer once said, "People say I'm lucky, but, you know, the more I practise, the luckier I get!"

Our Social Action Squad (SAS) were out in full force in the community again on Thursday afternoon and this time they were collecting rubbish and litter from the high street. All students involved took an immense amount of pride in their work and I look forward to seeing them continue to lead similar projects.

On Thursday evening we welcomed 180, Year 6 students, who will be joining us in September. Our student leaders played a big role in supporting the evening by directing parents and children to different areas of the school and answering questions they had. I am always immensely proud of the student leadership team who are fantastic ambassadors for Team Rushden. I look forward to the new cohort joining Team Rushden in September.

Next Friday is our annual sports day which all students are thoroughly looking forward to. The weather looks to be cooler but please ensure that your child is wearing sun cream and that they have plenty to drink.

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I also wanted to make you aware that there have been some technical issues with the Anti-Bullying email address which means that any messages being sent to this address have not been forwarded; we are looking to address this urgently. In the meantime, if you have any concerns please continue to contact your child's Head of Year directly.

Finally, you may or may not be aware that the National Education Union (NEU) have announced two further days of industrial action on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July. I am currently looking at risk assessments for those days and, as always, will endeavour to open the school to as many students as possible but I will confirm the details for this on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,

Mr B Baines
Principal

Lost Property

Please remind your children to check lost property in main reception if they misplace any items.

We currently have a selection of water bottles, pencil cases, coats/jackets, jewellery, watches, glasses, keys and other miscellaneous items.

Any items that remain unclaimed for more than 4 weeks are donated to our internal spare uniform supplies or to local charities.



This Week in Performing Arts



Drama:

Year 8 students have been studying Victorian Melodrama for the past few weeks. This week we have focussed on stock characters and how we can perform these in a melodramatic style. We have looked at stereotypical heroes, damsels, villains, sidekicks and what phrases we associate with them.

We have seen some very exaggerated and over the top performances this week from year 8. Well done everyone!

Dance:

Year 7 are completely engaged in this term's choreography task. The task involves selecting and creating 32 counts of movement in the style of a TikTok.

Many groups are working independently, demonstrating their previous taught knowledge and understanding of Action, Space, dynamics and Relationships. Good Job Year 7!

Music:

Year 8 & 9 Band rehearsals are in full swing and students have been working with the other instruments in their group to start pulling together the song of their choice.

Year 9 students have a couple of weeks left to finish off their independent project that sees them either performing or composing a piece.

Performing Arts Career of The Week: Dance Captain

A Dance Captain is a member of a company (ensemble/ Dancers/Performers) who is responsible for overseeing and maintaining the artistic standards of all choreography and musical staging within a production.

Weekly Added on Salary: £42.00. £46.00



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



This Week in Performing Arts

CHICAGO Teen Edition:

As the show fast approaches, the cast and crew are getting increasingly more excited and prepared.

Rehearsals are ramping up now as this week sees the return of our Sunday rehearsals.

Costumes have started arriving and the set is coming together thanks to the talented crew we have.

The marketing crew have been busy getting posters and tickets ready and the tickets for 18th, 19th and 20th July will be on sale very, VERY soon! Get your tickets fast to avoid disappointment as the show will be All That Jazz!

Rushden Academy Presents

Chicago

TEEN EDITION

Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th, JULY 2023
DOORS OPEN AT 6.30pm / SHOW STARTS AT 7.00pm

£5 Online ticket purchase only

Rushden Academy SAS Update

Yesterday, the second squad for SAS went out into our community and cleaned up some of the local area. Did you spot us on the High Street?

Also, a big THANK YOU to the Blue Corner Cafe for supporting our students by giving them a free drink for their hard work
#TeamRushden #RASAS #Community



Junior Kangaroo Maths Challenge

The maths department would like to congratulate William B who qualified for and took part in the Junior Kangaroo Maths Challenge.

William gained the best result in the school for the UK Junior Maths Challenge earlier this year and attained the standard to participate in the Junior Kangaroo. These challenges are nationally recognised and William competed against many other young mathematicians from across the country. Congratulations William!



United Kingdom
Mathematics Trust

NPFG
Northants Parent Forum Group

YOUR WELLBEING MATTERS

Northampton MIND
28th June 2023

Corby MIND
12th July 2023

Wellingborough MIND
11th September 2023

Towcester MIND
14th September 2023

10:00-14:00

Free Lunch Provided

WHATS ON OFFER!
Mindfulness
Mental Health Services
Local Carers support
Anxiety Workshops
Health and well-being
Community Services
Time for you....

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH **mind Northamptonshire**

OPEN TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE WITH S.E.N.D.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE TITANS

JUNIOR TRIALS START DATES - GIRLS

U14: Year 8-9	6th July	Thursday 6-8pm @ Weavers LC
U16/18: Year 9-12	2nd July	Sunday 2-4pm @ NSB

← Book here

PE Update

Year 7 District Rounders Tournament Winners!

On Thursday evening we hosted a Year 7 Rounders tournament here at Rushden Academy. The girls had worked hard in training and were ready with a good knowledge of the rules but they were definitely nervous! We welcomed 5 other schools and we entered into Pool A.

We played Weavers first and had a convincing win 8 - 3.5. The girls played really well scoring 5 whole rounders and restricting the score with some excellent fielding. Imogen bowled particularly well and Zanele took 2 great catches in the field. We took a lot of confidence from the first game and headed into the second against Wollaston. We had another great round of batting with 3 whole rounders and finishing with 4 overall and restricting Wollaston to only 1.5 total and no full rounders scored. So, we had convincingly won our Pool and headed into the final to play Manor, the winners of Pool B.

We batted well and with some intelligent running picked up several half rounders. We even managed to score a full rounder from a no ball from Sophia which really gave us the edge with a good score of 5 against a strong field! We restricted Manor to one full rounder and special mention in the field goes to Eisha for her pickups and quick decision making. The final score was 5 -3 to Rushden and the girls were delighted to win the game and become tournament winners overall!

Well done ladies, the whole PE team are super proud of you! It is also worth mentioning that the girls had an excellent knowledge of the rules and some schools were perhaps not as well prepared. Our girls were kind, understanding and encouraging and showed a real Team Rushden attitude. We look forward to the KS3 mixed rounders tournament here again next week!



PE Update

Denfield Park School Sports Day

Today our sports council took the short trip over to Denfield Park School to help organise and lead their whole school Sports Day. With over 30 leaders attending and supporting the younger students - they demonstrated fantastic leadership skills and qualities!

The parents, staff and Denfield students were full of praise for our young leaders who showed immense confidence in encouraging the younger students and taking ownership for their own activities and stations!

Earlier in the week the same leaders supported the District Primary Quad Athletics Event where we had over 180 students attend the academy, our leaders not only had to lead the events but score, measure and encourage the students throughout the day!

Over the course of the two events our students have demonstrated really good leadership traits and as a PE team we are immensely proud of each of them!



BOOK SALE



Prices range
from:

10p-£1

Date: From **19th June 2023**,
until the end of term

Where: **In the Library**,
every break & lunch



SPORTS DAY BAKE OFF



For this year's Sports Day, you could win a prize before the day even begins!

FORM BAKE OFF

Each form is encouraged to bake a sports themed cake to be entered into the competition (more than one entry per form is allowed)! Cakes will then be sold on Sports day to raise money for the PTFA



Lots of prizes up for grabs for the following:

Year 7 / 8 / 9 / 10 Winner

Overall 3rd Place

Overall 2nd Place

Overall 1st Place

All entries by 9am on Thursday 29 June!!

Free Parent Workshop

If your child was born after 1995 you are raising a 'digital native'; they are the first generation to grow up exclusively in the digital age. The impact of digital technology is far-reaching; creating both challenges and opportunities.

What impact is it all having them? How can parents respond? How can we help them build healthy relationships, deal with social media and learn to avoid explicit content? All these questions and more will be answered in this engaging and interactive seminar.

"I loved the wider approach to parenting teenagers too. I wasn't expecting this and it was good."

— PARENT, TWICKENHAM

"Your advice was incredible this evening and very valuable. I'll be taking away so many key points from tonight."

— PARENT, HURSTMERE SCHOOL

- SEMINAR:
Parenting in the Digital Age
- VENUE:
Rushden Academy,
Hayway, NN10 6AG
- DATE & TIME:
5th July, 2023
7.30–9pm
- COST:
£FREE BOOK HERE

Relationships
& Sex

Digital
Technology

Summer Term PE Clubs

After School Clubs Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Athletics Track Events	Rounders	Tennis
Athletics Field Events	Cricket / Softball	
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!		



Hair & Beauty at Rushden Academy

Please be aware we are a training salon, so appointments may be cancelled due to absences of the students.

Your hair and beauty services will be carried out by a student and will be supervised by a member of staff.

Treatments that are offered will vary, dependant upon the assessment criteria that is needed at the time by the students.

The prices for colouring does not include a cut, but does include a finish.

For any treatments with colour, a skin test needs to be completed 24-48 hours prior to the services.

Call us to book your appointment or for further enquires 01933 417858



Beauty Price List		Hair Price List		Level 2	Level 3
<u>Facial treatments</u>		<u>Styling</u>			
Cleanse and make up	£8.00	Wash & blow-dry/set		£5.00	£6.00
Facial with cleanse and mask	£6.00	Ladies cut		£5.00	£10.00
Luxury facial	£7.00	Restyle		£8.00	£12.00
<u>Holistic treatments</u>		Wash, cut & finish		£10.00	£13.00
<u>Massages:</u>		Restyle and finish		£8.00	£15.00
Indian head massage (30mins)	£7.00	Gents		£5.00	£7.00
Indian head massage (45mins)	£8.00	Conditioning treatment (with finish)		£10.00	£12.00
Hot stone (back only)	£8.00	<u>Colouring</u>			
Hot stone (full body)	£12.00	Quasi permanent colour			
Full body massage	£11.00	Full head - short hair (long hair)		£12.00 (£16.00)	£16.00 (£20.00)
Back, neck & shoulder massage	£7.00	Semi permanent:			
<u>Body treatments</u>		Semi permanent - short hair (long hair)		£10.00 (£13.00)	£11.00 (£14.00)
G5 massage	£9.00	Colouring and permanent tinting			
Infrared	£5.00	Full head - short hair (long hair)		£13.00 (£19.00)	£20.00 (£25.00)
<u>Manicure & pedicure</u>		Roots only		£10.00	£13.00
Mini manicure (file/polish)	£3.50	Roots & refresh - short hair (long hair)		£13.00 (£20.00)	£20.00 (£25.00)
Manicure	£5.00	Highlights/Lowlights			
Luxury manicure	£7.00	With cap		£12.00	£15.00
Mini pedicure (file/polish)	£3.50	Woven - short hair (long hair)		£22.00 (£27.00)	£27.00 (£30.00)
Pedicure	£5.00	T-section - short hair (long hair)		£12.00 (£17.00)	£20.00 (£25.00)
Luxury pedicure	£7.00	Flashes (per pack)			£3.00
Re varnish	£3.00	Lightening products bleach			
Nail art extra	£3.50	Full head - short hair		£22.00 (£25.00)	£25.00 (£28.00)
		Spectrum (specialised tonal highlighting) extra		£8.00	
		<u>Extras</u>			
		Colour mousse -		£1.00	
		Eraser colour remover & colour correction - (Consultation needed)			
		Toner -		£5 extra on top of the colour service	

Literacy Challenge

Last week you learnt about the prefix Hyper- (Greek), which means “over” or “in excess”. Hyper is an extremely common prefix.

Spot the six made up words amongst the following!

Hyperbolist

Hyperfunctional

Hypercritical

Hyperfunny

Hyperirritable

Hyperfine

Hyperhard

Hypergreen

Hypercold

Hyperventilate

Hyperthermic

Hyperactive

Hyperflash

Hyperaware

Hyperhigh

Good to know: A prefix is letters attached to the beginning of a word stem that change the meaning of the word e.g. the prefix un + happy = not happy.

Literacy SUPER Challenge

Which of the following two HYPER- words is the correct fit for the sentence. Explain how you knew.

- My grandson is so **hyperactive/hyperthermic**, he is exhausting to look after!
- The summer can be difficult for my neighbour as she is **hypercritical/hypersensitive** to pollen.
- When I get too excited, it is not uncommon for me to **hyperextend/hyperventilate**.
- We realised my daughter had **hypervelocity/hypermobility** when we saw she could bend all of her fingers backwards.
- When my dog grows anxious, he becomes **hypermetabolic/hyperconscious** of his surroundings.

Numeracy Problem of the Week



The sum of ten distinct positive integers is 100.

What is the largest possible value of any of the ten integers?

Last Week's Solution: 1/3

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



Cost of Living Support

Warm Spaces

Organisation	Opening Times
Salvation Army	Mondays 10am-2pm
St Mary's Church, Rushden	Tuesdays 10am-2pm
Wesleyan Church, Rushden High Street	Wednesdays 10.30am-1.30pm
St Mary's Church, Rushden	Thursdays 12 noon-4pm
Rushden Town Council (Rushden Hall)	Fridays 1.30pm-3.30pm
Rushden Library	Monday-Friday 9am-6pm Saturdays 9am-5pm
Hope Methodist Church, Higham Ferrers	Tuesdays 1pm-3pm
St Mary's Church, Higham Ferrers	Thursdays 10am-2pm

Food Bank

Encompass	
19-21 Church Street	01933 733001
Rushden	Info@encompasscharity.org.uk
NN10 9YU	

School are able to make referrals so that you receive additional support

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT

<https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/cost-living>

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following students for achieving star of the week.



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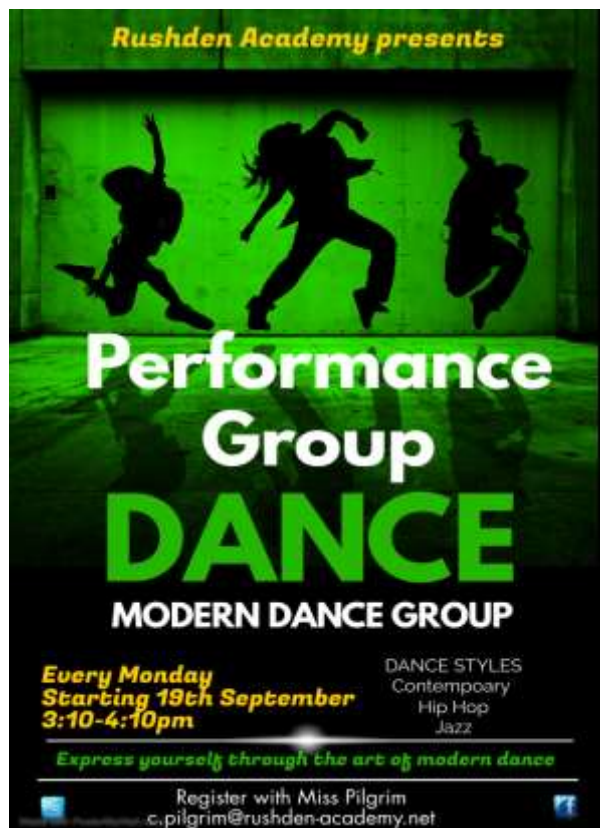
Year 10 Mock Exams June 2023

MOCK EXAMS

If you do not have an exam you will be in your normal lessons. For French and German speaking tests you will be given your own individual 30min slot between 26th and 30th June.

P1 + P2			P3 + P4			Reg + P5		
MON 19th JUNE	SOCIOLOGY (SH) 1hr 45mins	77	COMBINED SCIENCE Biology (SH) 1 hr 15mins TRIPLE SCIENCE Biology (SH) 1 hr 45mins	134 22	Normal lessons			
TUES 20th JUNE	ENGLISH LANG Paper 1 (SH) 1hr 55mins	156	MATHS Paper 1 (SH) 1hr 30mins (non-calculator)	156	Normal lessons			
WED 21st JUNE	BUSINESS (SH) 1hr 30 mins	58	COMBINED SCIENCE Chemistry (SH) 1 hr 15mins TRIPLE SCIENCE Chemistry (SH) 1 hr 45mins	134 22	Normal lessons			
THURS 22nd JUNE	COMBINED SCIENCE Physics (SH) 1 hr 15mins TRIPLE SCIENCE Physics (SH) 1 hr 45mins	134 22	HISTORY (SH) 1hr 10mins	112	GERMAN LISTENING (VOC) H 45mins F 35 mins	18		
FRI 23rd JUNE	GEOGRAPHY (SH) 1hr 30mins	43	MATHS Paper 2 (SH) 1hr 30mins (calculator)	156	Normal lessons			
MON 26th JUNE	PHOTOGRAPHY 10D (CA6) 2hrs (PS) FRENCH LISTENING (VOC) H 45mins F 35 mins	17 24	PHOTOGRAPHY 10D (CA6) 2hrs (PS)	17	PHOTOGRAPHY 10D (CA6) 1hr (PS)	17		
TUES 27th JUNE	ART (CA4) 2hrs (DC +SAN)	27	ART (CA4) 2hrs (DC +SAN)	27	ART (CA4) 1hr (DC +SAN)	27		
WED 28th JUNE	PHOTOGRAPHY 10B (CA6) 2hrs (LH)	26	PHOTOGRAPHY 10B (CA6) 2hrs (LH)	26	PHOTOGRAPHY 10B (CA6) 1hr (LH)	26		
THURS 29th JUNE	GRAPHICS (CA6) 2hrs (LH)	14	GRAPHICS (CA6) 2hrs (LH)	14	GRAPHICS (CA6) 1hr (LH)	14		

Students taking maths, science, business and geography exams will need a calculator



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

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

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](#).

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