



Rushden Academy Newsletter

Aspire, Explore, Succeed

17/11/2023

Message From the Principal



In this newsletter:

- Message From the Principal
- Numeracy Problem of the Week
- Literacy Challenge of the Week
- Performing Arts Update
- Exam Timetables
- Uniform Donations Wanted
- Jane Burton Nominated for Headteacher of the Year
- Rushden Academy SAS
- Reward Room & Shop
- Summer 2024 Rewards Trips
- Christmas Enrichment Challenge
- Online Safety Briefing

Team Rushden - United we stand, divided we fall

Dear Parent / Carer

At the end of another busy week at Rushden Academy, I am reflecting on what a privilege it is to lead such an incredible school. Every day, without fail, something special happens which reminds me what an incredible community we serve and our students never cease to amaze me.

Mr Firth led the assemblies this week which shared the themes from national anti-bullying week. The main message was to make noise about bullying and to speak up about the topic. Students were reminded of the different ways they can report incidents to make it as easy as possible for anyone who has witnessed or experienced any form of bullying. Mr Firth then went on to talk about the launch of our new rewards room which students can buy access to with the Team Rushden Points that they have earned so far. Students were really excited by this opportunity and thoroughly enjoyed their first visits to the room to play pool, ping pong or the Xbox!

Year 11 students have been undertaking their mock examinations and it has made me incredibly proud to see how seriously the students have conducted themselves thus far. It is a really important opportunity to test their knowledge and skills to identify areas for development between now and the mock examinations in March. The examinations will continue into next week and detailed feedback will be shared with you all about your child's performance once the papers have all been marked.

In geography lessons, Key Stage 3 students were given the opportunity to draw Rushden flags as part of the UK Polar Network's initiative and, remarkably, pictures were shared this week of one student's drawing which has made it all the way to Antarctica which is genuinely incredible to see!



Continues on the next page...

Message From the Principal Continued...

The Social Action Squad were out in force again and it was Squad Elf's turn this week to continue the good partnership work with Serve. They attended care homes for the elderly, played bingo with them and other games. The work of our Social Action Squad continues to raise the profile of our students in the community and is really important work which I am fiercely passionate about. The students in the squad always do us proud and I look forward to seeing this work continue to grow and develop.

Finally, please can I just reiterate the points I sent to all parents and carers around safety in the car park as unfortunately a small minority of people are still parking in the driveway and around the roundabout which is causing issues. If you are collecting your child, please park in the empty spaces at the rear of the car park.

Have a long and restful weekend,

Yours sincerely,

Mr B Baines
Principal

Online Safety Briefing

It has come to our attention that students may be using a new feature on WhatsApp called **Chat Lock**.

This feature means that the user can hide chats behind a lock which can only be opened using the device password or biometric information such as fingerprint or face ID. There are plans for this to be updated in the future so that it can be locked with a different password to the device password.

There is very little information for parents at present but the following is the information released by Meta - WhatsApp's parent company which will at least give you some guidance on what to look for.

<https://about.fb.com/news/2023/05/whatsapp-chat-lock/>

As always - one of the best ways to keep your child safest online is to maintain regular open conversations about their online lives. Internet Matters is an excellent source of further advice and guidance for parents by age and by app and can be found here.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/>

Jane Burton Nominated for Headteacher of the Year

We are incredibly proud to share that our Area Director from Tove Learning Trust and Previous Rushden Academy Principal Mrs Burton was a nominee for Headteacher of the Year at last week's Northamptonshire Education Awards!

Under the five years of Mrs Burton's leadership our Academy went from strength to strength through the implementation of a broad curriculum to help students make excellent progress in their #TeamRushden journey. As well as successfully gaining a Good Ofsted rating.

"To be recognised, nominated and shortlisted as a finalist for Headteacher of the Year award was a tremendous achievement. Without Team Rushden (staff & pupils), the support and challenge from the governors and the belief and dedication from Tove Learning Trust this would never have been realised. Rushden Academy is going from strength to strength and this is because of the team's hard work and determination to be the best they can be. The local community championed the school and with the strong backing from Tove Learning Trust it was inevitable that Rushden Academy would be the great success it is today." - Mrs Burton

Congratulations on your well deserved recognition!



Scholastic Book Fair

Rushden Academy Library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair between Wednesday 22nd - Monday 27th November.

There will be a variety of teenage books for students to purchase at a range of prices. If you would like to have a sneak peak at the books which should be here, please follow this link. You will be able to see the cover, blurb and cost of the book. We've had a look and there are some fabulous titles on there, which I'm sure will be popular with our students.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases/tt>

Your child can pay for anything they want to buy in a few ways. You can use the QR code below. When you scan it and follow the link you will be able to put an amount of money on the account, which we will be able to see. Your child can then come into the book fair and we can check their name and see how much they are allowed to spend.

You can also buy gift vouchers from the website, for set amounts, which you can send your child in with.

Alternatively, you can send your child in with cash as payment and we will accept this too.

It will be great to see a good up-take of students at the fair, enjoying and looking through the books, so please do promote it to your child.

Thank you,

Ms N Raven
Librarian

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

YOUR SUPPORT HELPS EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL

SAVE £3

THE BEST NEW BOOKS FROM ONLY £2.99

Wednesday 22nd - Monday 27th November 2023

SCHOLASTIC Book Fairs

Scan the QR code to pay for your books online
or visit bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay



*Special
Announcement*

**OUR REWARD
ROOM AND SHOP
ARE NOW OPEN!**

Calling all students...an email has been sent to you to explain
how to use the shop and how to earn your TRPs.

6th Form UCAS Update

This is the term when Year 13 students are beginning to plan their post 18 pathways and applying to university.

Each week we will give you an update on who has completed their application alongside any offers or interviews they have received.

Name	Date sent	First Choice	Course	Offer/interview?
Lucy	25.09.23	Imperial College, London	Medicine	
Cody	3.10.23	University of Lincoln	Law for Business	conditional offers
Jay	9.10.23	Nottingham Trent University	Primary Education	conditional offers
Ruby	12.10.23	Sheffield Hallam University	Fine Art	conditional offers
Andreea	16.10.23	De Montfort University, Leicester	Pharmacy	interview
Jakub	19.10.13	University of Bath	Maths & Physics	conditional offers
Laura	2.11.23	De Montfort University	Psychology	Conditional offers
Sam	6.11.23	University of Southampton	Biomedical engineering with integrated masters	Conditional offer
Tilly	8.11.23	De Montfort University, Leicester	Forensic science	Unconditional offer
Alicia	16.11.23	University of Bedfordshire	Early years	
Josh	16.11.23	De Montfort University,	Pharmacy	
Jorja	16.11.23	De Montfort University,	Interior Design	

THE CRITERIA

REWARD TRIPS 2024

- **95% AND ABOVE ATTENDANCE
(MEDICAL/RELIGIOUS ETC ARE TAKEN INTO
ACCOUNT).**
- **300 TRPS OVERALL ONCE NNS HAVE BEEN TAKEN
OFF**
- **NO SUSPENSIONS (INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL).**
- **NO OUTSTANDING DETENTIONS AT THE POINT OF
CREATING FINAL LISTS.**
- **NO MORE THAN 2 REMOVES**

**THE CRITERIA PERIOD WILL RUN FROM OCTOBER HALF
TERM UNTIL EASTER AND WAS SHARED IN LAST TERM'S
REWARD ASSEMBLY.**



Downloaded from <http://ajph.org/> on November 10, 2014

Members of Squad Elf spent an afternoon at Serve Day Centre this week. They played bingo (and won most of the prizes!), played snakes and ladders and helped with some art work. Thank you to the Serve Day Centre for welcoming us back and letting us join in #TeamRushden #SocialActionSquad #Ethos #GraceFoundation #ServeDayCentre



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.





Christmas Enrichment Challenge



It's time to put your creative hats on!
Design a bauble that can be hung up
on our christmas tree.

Prizes:

1st Place- 50 TRPs

2nd Place- 25 TRPs

3rd Place 10 TRPs

Bring to the pastoral HUB by
Friday 1st December



Lost Property

Please remind your child to check in reception if they have lost anything. We have a selection of items that need to be claimed.

We also have some cake tins left over from the MacMillan Bake Off.

Any items left unclaimed for 6 weeks are donated to our internal uniform stores or local charity shops.

UNIFORM DONATIONS

GOT ANY SCHOOL UNIFORM OR PE KIT THAT DOESN'T FIT ANYMORE?

DONATE TO THE PASTORAL HUB

AND GET PART OF YOUR STARR AWARD TICKED OFF





WE WILL TAKE GOOD QUALITY

- Shirts
- Blazers
- Trousers
- Shoes
- Ties
- Skirts



Performing Arts Update

Drama:

Year 8 have been doing some excellent work on their PR1 assessment this week. They have been looking at a battle scene from the play *Sparkleshark*. The students have been focussing on their physicality and their ability to convey a convincing slow motion part of the scene. Year 8 have been really enjoying this type of performance and we look forward to the assessments next week.

Dance:

Year 7 has been Dancing through the Decades. This week students have been exploring the social movements that evolved many dance actions in the 1960's. Great enthusiasm has been shown by all students as they embrace the movements of The Swim, The Monkey and The Twist!

Music:

Our year 10's are working consistently hard on their component 1 this term and the finish line is very close now!

Year 8 have been exploring scenes from films such as Star Wars, Jurassic Park, Harry Potter and Mission Impossible to create backing tracks for key scenes.

Also, our year 7's have been using their Djembe skills to develop their own rhythms individually this week.

Our year 9's are continuously working hard on their compositions towards their PR1 assessment, we can't wait to hear them!

High School Musical Jr:

The cast have been working on getting the opening of the play blocked and in time with the music.

The brainiacs, basketball jocks, cheerleaders and rebels have all received their direction and have worked hard on characterisation to ensure the cliques are well represented.

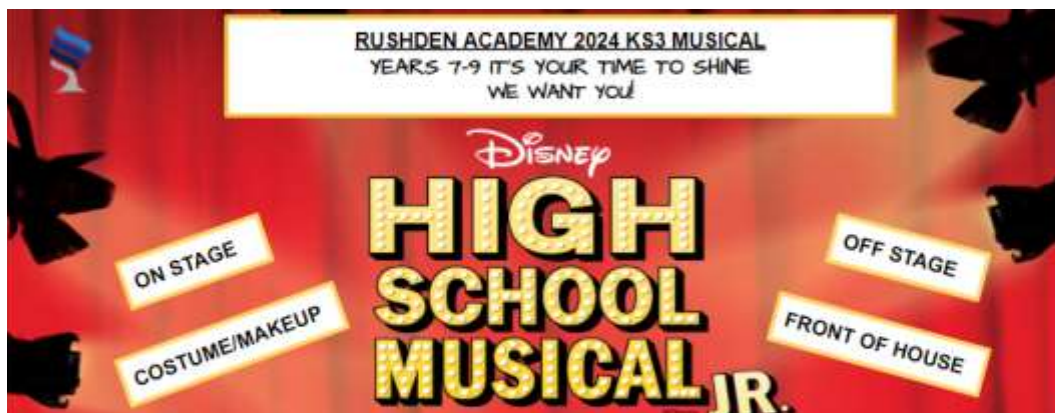
The Troy and Gabriella introduction has been blocked and we are close to directing the first number.

As always, the cast have practised *We're All In This Together* and the dancing is coming along very well. Go Wildcats!

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



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...
Kaine

You were hard working and resilient in keeping up with the work when absent.
Your attitude to learning is wonderful - well done!

Mr Ross

After School Clubs Timetable



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Netball (Year Groups will Train Separately)	Basketball (Year Groups will Play Separately)	Fitness Suite	Football (Year Groups will Train Separately)
<i>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!</i>			

Library Extra-Curricular Activities



Monday

Lunch-time	After-School
	
Board & Card Games	Student Library Assistants Meeting

Tuesday

Lunch-time	After-School
	
Chess	Chess



Wednesday

Lunch-time	After-School
	
Jigsaws	Rushden Academy Newspaper

Thursday

Lunch-Time	After-School
	
Tranquil Thursday - reading, homework, quiet voices	Role-Playing Games

Friday

Lunch-time	After-School
	
Fill-it-in Friday - crosswords, word searches, colouring, sticky note art etc.	Closes at 3.15pm

NB: For any after-school activities you'll need to get a parental consent letter from the Library.



Numeracy Problem of the Week

Four cards each have a number written on one side and a phrase written on the other. The four numbers are 2, 5, 7 and 12

The four phrases are: Divisible by 7, Odd, Prime, Greater than 100

On each card, the number written does not have the property written on the other side of the card.

What are the four number-property pairs?

Last Week's Solution: 5

Join the Google Classroom code **h2fcjll** to submit your answer

Year 11 Mock Timetable - November 2023

MON 20th NOV	ART (CA4) 2hrs (JC+SAN) DANCE (HALL) 2hrs (CP) DRAMA (STUDIO) 2hrs (JED) GRAPHICS (CA6) 2hrs (LH)	26 16 26 15	ART (CA4) 2hrs (JC+SAN) DANCE (HALL) 2hrs (CP) DRAMA (STUDIO) 2hrs (JED) GRAPHICS (CA6) 2hrs (LH)	26 16 26 15	ART (CA4) 1hr (JC+SAN) DANCE (HALL) 1hr (CP) DRAMA (STUDIO) 1hr (JED) GRAPHICS (CA6) 1hr (LH)	26 16 26 15
TUES 21st NOV	ENGLISH LIT Paper 2 (SH) 2hrs 15mins	155	FRENCH READING (SH) H 1hr F 45mins GERMAN READING (SH) H 1hr F 45mins	23 18	Normal lessons	
WED 22nd NOV	COMBINED SCIENCE Chemistry (SH) 1hr 15mins TRIPLE SCIENCE Chemistry (SH) 1hr 45mins	133 22	SOCIOLOGY (SH) 1hr 45mins	74	Normal lessons	
THURS 23rd NOV	DRAMA 11C (STUDIO) 2hrs (AG) PHOTOGRAPHY 11D (CA6) 2hrs (PS)	26 17	DRAMA 11C (STUDIO) 2hrs (AG) PHOTOGRAPHY 11D (CA6) 2hrs (PS)	26 17	DRAMA 11C (STUDIO) 1hr (AG) PHOTOGRAPHY 11D (CA6) 1hr (PS)	26 17
FRI 24th NOV	PHOTOGRAPHY 11B (CA6) 2hrs (LH) +MJ	27	PHOTOGRAPHY 11B (CA6) 2hrs (LH) +MJ	27	PHOTOGRAPHY 11B (CA6) 1hr (LH) +MJ	27

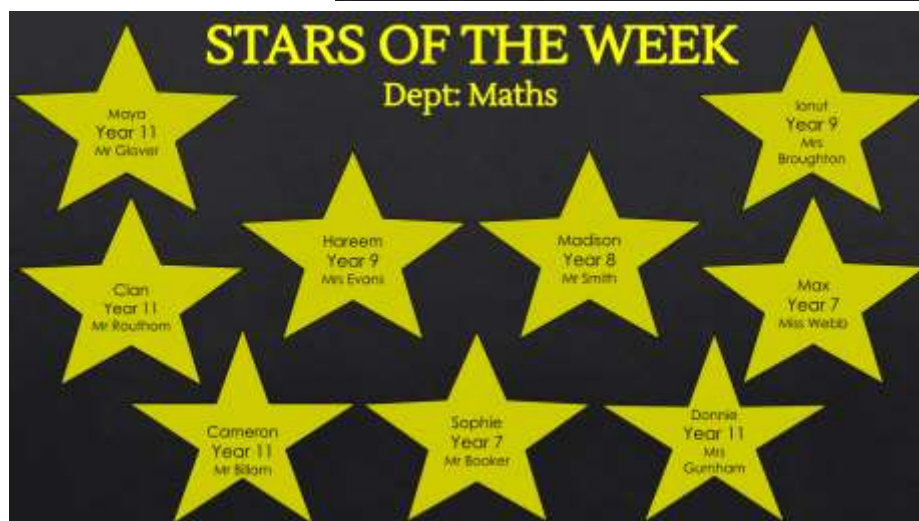
Students taking maths, science, business and geography exams will need a calculator

January TENC BTEC Exam Timetable

Date	Subject	Unit	Groups	Length	Venue	Start Time
Tuesday 9th January	Yr 13 Applied Science Chemistry	Unit 1C	resits	40 mins	Homeschool	9.00 am
Tuesday 9th January	Yr 13 Applied Science Physics	Unit 1P	resits	40 mins	Homeschool	1.30 pm
Wednesday 10th January	Yr 13 PA	Unit 1	all	3 hours	Homeschool	9.00 am
Wednesday 10th January	Yr 13 Health & Social Care	Unit 4	dbl/trp	3 hours	Homeschool	9.00 am
Wednesday 10th January	Yr 13 Sport	Unit 2	all	2.5 hrs	Homeschool	9.00 am
Wednesday 10th January	Yr 13 Applied Science Biology	Unit 1B	resits	40 mins	Homeschool	1.30 pm
Wednesday 10th January	Yr 13 Business	Unit 2A	all	2 hours	Ferrers	1.30 pm
Thursday 11th January	Yr 13 Business	Unit 2B	all	3 hours	Ferrers	9.00 am
Thursday 11th January	Yr 12 CPLD	Unit 1	all	1.75 hrs	Homeschool	9.00 am
Friday 12th January	Yr 12 Sport	Unit 1	all	1.5 hrs	Homeschool	9.00 am
Friday 12th January	Yr 13 ICT	Unit 1	resits	2hrs	Homeschool	9.00 am
Friday 12th January	Yr 12 Health & Social Care	Unit 1	all	1.5 hrs	Homeschool	1.30 pm
Monday 15th January	Yr 13 Health & Social Care	Unit 2	all	1.5 hrs	Homeschool	9.00 am
Monday 15th January	Yr 13 Business	Unit 3	resits	2hrs	Homeschool	9.00 am
Monday 15th January	Yr 12 & 13 Sport	Unit 22	dbl/trp	3 hours	Homeschool	9.00 am
Tuesday 16th January	Year 13 ICT	Unit 2	all	3 hours	Ferrers	1.30 pm
Tuesday 16th January	Year 12 ICT	Unit 2	all	3 hours	Huxlow	1.30 pm
Thursday 18th January	Yr 13 Sport	Unit 19	trp	2.5 hrs	Homeschool	9.00 am
Friday 19th January	Yr 13 Applied Science	Unit 3	all	2.25 hrs	Homeschool	9.00 am
Monday 22nd January	Yr 13 Applied Science Chemistry	Unit 5C	dbl	50 mins	Homeschool	1.30 pm
Tuesday 23rd January	Yr 13 Applied Science Physics	Unit 5P	dbl	50 mins	Homeschool	9.00 am
Tuesday 23rd January	Yr 13 Applied Science Biology	Unit 5B	dbl	50 mins	Homeschool	1.30 pm

Stars of the Week

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



Stars of the Week

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



Stars of the Week

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



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](#).

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

sex **DRUGS**
contraception **exam anxiety**
BULLYING family issues
alcohol **SMOKING**
HEALTHY EATING body image
social networking & cyber bullying
SELF HARM MENTAL HEALTH
relationships

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

It's confidential

See us on your mobile phone, laptop or desktop. A free website, chatline, email and phone support is available. All services are confidential and free of charge. For more information, visit www.nhs.uk or call 111.

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 TO CHAT
TO SOMEONE
IMPARTIAL
ABOUT
SOMETHING?

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

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 9JU
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 277535

espresso yourself

1:1 SUPPORT AND ADVICE

ALSO AVAILABLE REMOTELY

1:1 PARENT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

See us on your mobile phone, laptop or desktop. A free website, chatline, email and phone support is available. All services are confidential and free of charge. For more information, visit www.nhs.uk or call 111.

the lowdown **St Andrew's** **YOUTH WORKS** **CHAT**

#weareNHS

CAMHS LIVE
#MYMINDMATTERS

WE KNOW IT CAN BE HARD TO GET HELP.

CAMHS LIVE CAN BE ACCESSSED 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/ABOUT/CAMHS/LIVE

t f

Camhs
Where Young Minds Matter

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR YOU, WITH YOU

© 2018 Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. All Rights Reserved. Version: 1.0, 1st Edition, 2018