

Rushden Academy Newsletter

Aspire, Explore, Succeed

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Message From the Principal

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Team Rushden - United we stand, divided we fall

Dear Parent / Carer

It was a pleasure to welcome all the students back following the Christmas break and great to hear about what they spent their time doing during the festive period.

I welcomed all students back during my assembly which focused on supporting students with making resolutions for

the year ahead. We talked about setting aspirational yet achievable goals along with various challenges to promote personal growth and development. Most importantly I shared the notion that the average person lives 4000 weeks and that we must do everything within our power to ensure that none of those weeks are wasted. Finally I talked about using the New Year as an option to change a bad habit and in relation to this I talked about the hours wasted each week scrolling through endless social media for very limited satisfaction and perhaps using such time for something more purposeful.

The Social Action Squad continues to go from strength to strength and is now over a hundred strong with many staff supporting the important work in the community. Multiple squads visited both The Beeches Care Home and the Serve Day Centre this week to provide much needed company to the residents; I know that these visits have been invaluable for the residents who enjoy getting to play games and interact with our amazing students.

Year 11 examinations are approaching rapidly and it has been good to see so many students working hard in lessons. The progress board was updated at the end of last term and I have seen lots of students keen to see where they are on the board and what improvements they have made. Year 11 parents' evening is next Thursday evening and the online appointment system is live now. It is so important that you attend this evening whether your child is performing well or not so that you can hear specifically what your child needs to do to improve their performance in each subject. For parents/carers who have not yet made appointments we will be contacting you directly to arrange these. If you cannot attend for any reason, we are also happy to come to see you at home to discuss your child's progress.

I would also like to mention the incredible pantomime performance of Jack and the Beanstalk from the last week of term. It was wonderful to see so many of you join us in school to watch another amazing performance. It was jam-packed with humour, audience participation and all the other enjoyable conventions of the pantomime genre. A big well done to all of the students who performed and the Performing Arts team, ably led by Mrs Ede, who put the production together.

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Message From the Principal Continued...

In relation to the school car park, I am aware of some social media posts expressing dissatisfaction at the queues in the car park. I wrote to you all last term with some clear guidance for when you collect your children and unfortunately some people are not adhering to this guidance which is contributing to the issues. Most importantly, please do not stop anywhere on the driveway or around the roundabout, there are spaces at the far end of the car park which are still not being used so please use them to keep the driveway clear. Should the matters persist I may have to look at restricting access to the car park on grounds of safety so please support us by adhering to the rules.

Finally, thank you for all your support in ensuring that your children have returned in the correct uniform with any issues identified being corrected. There are still a few isolated issues which we are working with you to rectify. One of these is in relation to false nails which are not permitted in school so please support us by ensuring that your child is not wearing false nails going forward.

Yours sincerely,

Mr B Baines Principal







Important Information for Rushden Academy's Social Action Squad members

Squads and activities are now set for this term - we've got some great stuff planned and can't wait to get out into the community again!

EVERYONE who is a member of SAS needs to make sure they join the Google classroom as this is where all of the info about who is going out, where to meet, what squad you're in, and everything else you need to know is posted.



Class code: offoit4 - JOIN NOW

Aspire Explore Succeed



Duke of Edinburgh Parent Information Evening

If your child has signed up to be part of DofE at Rushden Academy, come along to our parent information evening on Tuesday 23rd January 5pm-6pm.

Find out what is needed to complete each section of the award, and how we can support students in achieving their goals.

Miss R Burrows DofE Lead



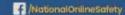


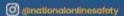
Meet Our Expert













Library News

The Library at Rushden Academy is constantly up-dating its book stock and we have just put a large amount of brand new books onto our shelves. There will be even more being added over the next couple of months, so students should make sure they come in and have a look at what's on offer. It could be books that they want to take home and read or non-fiction reference books that can they can look through during break and lunch-time for fun or to help with any homework.













Rushden Academy SAS

This week we have been able to visit the Serve Day Centre and The Beeches Care Home and spend time with the service users and residents.

Students who visited The Beeches Care Home paired up with the residents for an afternoon of quizzing, and learnt lots of interesting facts (like how many pounds are in a stone!)

Thank you for having us, and we can't wait to see you again next week! #TeamRusden #RASAS #Ethos #GraceFoundation





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.

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Performing Arts Update

Drama:

Welcome back everyone! Year 8 have started a new scheme of work based on Theatre Through the Ages. They will explore different theatre styles over the next 2 terms including: Greek Theatre, Elizabethan Theatre, Melodrama and Naturalism. We have explored the Greek Theatre technique of choral speaking and have ventured outside to think about the difficulties of performing in an open air theatre with potentially 15,000 people, like the Greeks did.

Dance:

A great start to the new year by all dance students! This term the Year 9's have been introduced to the renowned ballet 'Nutcracker' by Matthew Bourne. Students will focus on the movement styles seen throughout and how they convey a narrative. To support our students' practical development they will be learning repertoire. This week students have participated in two physically challenging motifs 'Children's March' and 'Gobstoppers'

Music:

It's been a lovely start to the new year! Year 7's have started learning how to read music notation and are building their knowledge on how to play the keyboard using the rhymes "F A C E in the space" and "Every Good Boy Deserves Food".

Year 8 have been learning about The Gamelan, and practising the Selendro scale, which will help to develop their skills for their performance task of 'The Lancaran Cobowo'.

High School Musical: School Edition

We have started looking at some of the dialogue scenes in our rehearsal this week. Working closely with Troy, Gabriella, Sharpey and Ryan we have begun looking at the initial introductions and the development of character.

The chorus worked on finalising the opening number and making sure the energy needed was there.

Everyone worked very hard and remembered lots of the choreography after the Christmas break so well done cast.

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!

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Performing Arts Update





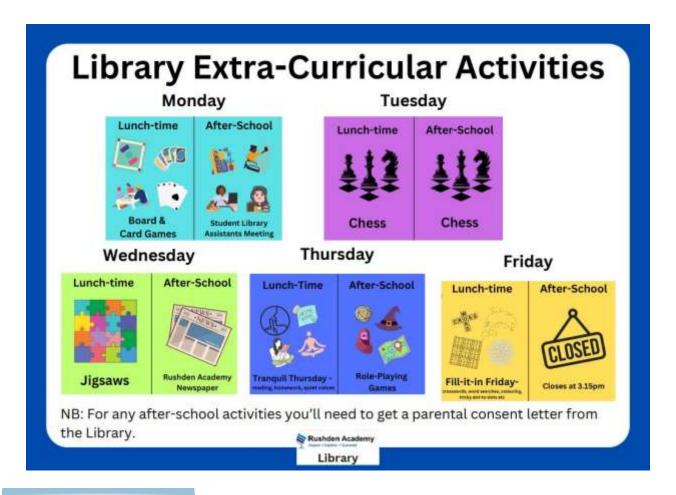






After School Clubs Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Netball (Year Groups will Train Separately)	Basketball (Year Groups will Play Separately)	Fitness Suite	Football (Year Groups will Train Separately)
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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.

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Well done on the excellent improvements in your attitude and recent maturity - keep it up!

Mrs Charlton







Literacy Challenge

This week we are focusing on the prefix "inter" which can be affixed to a stem word to give the meaning of "between", e.g The Internet is a linked system of networks that communicate "between" each other, connecting computers on a global scale. The computers and networks are interconnected, or linked "between" themselves. Match the inter- words to their definition.

Interaction Intervene International Interrupt Intermission

- Existing or occurring between different countries
- Time spent in between two parts (e.g of a show)
- To step inbetween the continuous process of something so as to stop it happening
- Communication or involvement between two or more things
- To step into the process of something so as to change its course





Literacy SUPER Challenge

How many other inter- words can you think of in one minute?

Interaction Inter-? Interrupt

Inter-? Intervene Inter-?

International Inter-? Intermission







Numeracy Problem of the Week

Jane made a mistake when writing down a multiplication, and she multiplied by 54 instead of 45.

Her answer was 198 more than it should have been.

What number did she multiply 54 by?

Last Week's Solution: 5:3

Join the Google Classroom code h2fcjll to submit your answer

January TENC BTEC Exam Timetable

Date	<u>Subject</u>	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	dpl/trp	3 hours	Homeschool	9.00 am
Wednesday 10th January	Yr 13 Sport	Unit 2	Oll	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	oll	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	oll	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	oll	3 hours	MOXINH	1.30 pm
Thursday 18th January	Yr 13 Sport	Unit 19	frp	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	ldb	50 mins	Homeschool	1.30 pm
Tuesday 23rd January	Yr 13 Applied Science Physics	Unit 5P	lqp	50 mins	Homeschool	9.00 am
Tuesday 23rd January	Yr 13 Applied Science Biology	Unit 5B	lqp	50 mins	50 mins Homeschool	1.30 pm
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Year 13 Assessment Week - January 2024

Students will sit their exams in homebase schools unless indicated otherwise

Where students have clashes, the rescheduled time for the exam is shown, with their initials in brackets

Date	Am		Pm	
Mon 22nd Jan	13 Psychology Paper 1	2hrs	13 Biology Paper 1	2hrs
	13 Business	2hrs	13 Media Paper 1	2hrs
	13 German	1hr45		
Tue 23rd Jan	13 Chemistry Paper 1	1hr30	13 Core Maths Paper 1	1hr30
	13 Comp Science	2hr30	13 Eng Lit/Lang Paper 1 (KK)	1hr
	13 Eng Lit/Lang Paper 1	1hr	13 Physics Paper 1	2hrs
	13 Eng Lit Paper 1	2hr30	13 Sociology	2hrs
	13 Graphics	2h30		
Wed 24th Jan	13 Eng Lit/Lang Paper 2	1hr	13 Core Maths Paper 2	1hr30
	13 Geography	1hr30	13 Eng Lit/Lang Paper 3	1hr
	13 Photography (Rushden)	4hrs	13 Further Maths Paper 1	1hr30
	13 Physics Paper 2	2hrs	13 Maths Paper 1	2hrs
			13 Photography (Rushden)	1hr
Thu 25th Jan	13 Core Maths Paper 1 (KP)	1hr30	13 Biology Paper 2 (RW)	1hr15
	13 Further Maths Paper 2	1hr30	13 Media Paper 2 (CC, IF)	2hrs
	13 History	2hr15	13 Psychology Paper 2	2hrs
	13 Maths Paper 2	2hrs		
	13 Media Paper 2	2hrs		
Fri 26th Jan	13 Art (H/R)	4hrs	13 Art (H/R)	1hr
	13 Chemistry Paper 2	1hr30	13 Biology Paper 2	
	13 Eng Lit Paper 2	2hr30		

		KS4 Tim	etable Summ	er 2024	DRAFT
	Mon 29th April	Tues 30th April	Wed 1st May	Thurs 2nd May	Fri 3rd May
PM 1.30pm	an a			BTEC ICT Unit 3 1 hr 30 mins	
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	Mon 6th May	Tues 7th May	Wed 8th May	Thurs 9th May	Fri 10th May
AM 9am		BTEC H & SC Unit 3 2 hrs		BTEC Sport Unit 2 1 hr 30 mins	Biology Paper 1(CS) 1 hr 15 mins
					Biology Paper 1(Trp) 1 hr 45 mins
PM 1,30pm					German Paper 1 & 3 F the 20 mins / H the 45 mins
					Sociology Paper 1 1 hr 45 mins
					BTEC Childcare Unit 3 2 hrs
	Mon 13th May	Tues 14th May	Wed 15th May	Thurs 16th May	Fri 17th May
AM 9am	English Lit Paper 1	French Paper 1 & 3 Fibr 20 mins # Hibr 45 mins	History Paper 1	Maths Paper 1 1 hr 30 mins	Chemistry Paper 1 (CS)
					Chemistry Paper 1 (Trp) 1 hr 45 mins
PM		Business Paper 1	. ,		Geography Paper 1 1 hr 30 mins
		Chinese Paper 1 & 3 1 hr 50 mins		8	
	Mon 20th May	Tues 21st May	Wed 22nd May	Thurs 23rd May	Fri 24th May
AM 9am	English Lit Paper 2 2 hrs 15 mins	German Paper 4 F 1 hr 10 mins / H 1 hr 20 mins	Physics Paper 1 (CS) 1 hr 15 mins	English Lang Paper 1 1 hr 55 mins	French Paper 4 F1 hr 10 mins / H1 hr 20 mins
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PM		Sociology Paper 2	Chinese Paper 4	ñ :	

	Mon 27th May	Tues 28th May	Wed 29th May	Thurs 30th May	Fri 31st May		
	HALF TERM						
	Mon 3rd June	Tues 4th June	Wed 5th June	Thurs 6th June	Fri 7th June		
9am	Maths Paper 2 1 hr 30 mins		Geography Paper 2 1 hr 30 mins	English Lang Paper 2 1 hr 55 mins			
PM		History Paper 2 B1-B4	Business Paper 2	Contingency session in the event of national	Biology Paper 2 (CS)		
				or significant local disruption to exams in the UK.	Biology Paper 2 (Trp. 1 hr 45 mins		
	Mon 10th June	Tues 11th June	Wed 12th June	Thurs 13th June	Fri 14th June		
AM 9am	Maths Paper 3 1 hr 30 mins	Chemistry Paper 2 (CS) 1 hr 15 mins			Geography Paper 3 1 hr 15mins		
		Chemistry Paper 2 (Trp) 1 hr 45 mins					
PM 1.30pm		History Paper 3 1 hr 20 mins		Contingency session in the event of national	Physics Paper 2 (CS)		
				or significant local disruption to exams in the UK.	Physics Paper 2 (Trp)		

26th June 2023 Contingency day in the event of national or significant local disruption to exams in the UK. Candidates should be available up to and including this date.

		KS5 Tim	etable Sumn	ner 2024	DRAFT
T	Mon 29th April	Tues 30th April	Wed 1st May	Thurs 2nd May	Fri 3rd May
AM 9am		1 kg	BTEC PA Unit 1 3 hrs	BTEC Sport Unit 2 2 hr 30 mins	BTEC Science Unit 3 Part A - 45 mins Part B -1 hr 30 mins
	Mon 6th May	Tues 7th May	Wed 8th May	Thurs 9th May	Fri 10th May
AM 9am	1100 110111 1100			BTEC ICT Unit 2B 2 hrs	BTEC Business Unit 2 3hrs
PM .30pm			BTEC ICT Unit 2A 3 hrs	BTEC Business Unit 2A 2hrs	BTEC Sport Unit 19 2 hr 30 mins
	Mon 13th May	Tues 14th May	Wed 15th May	Thurs 16th May	Fri 17th May
AM 9am		Business Paper 1 2 hrs	German AS Paper 1 1 hr 45 mins	Geography Paper 1 2hrs 30 mins	Psychology Paper 2 hrs
			Core Maths Paper 1 1 hr 30 mins	GCSE Maths Paper 1 1 hr 30 mins	BTEC Sport Unit 22 3 hrs
PM .30pm	BTEC H&SC Unit 1 1 hr 30 mins		BTEC Sport Unit 1 1 hr 30 mins	BTECBusiness Unit 3 2hrs	BTEC H&SC Unit 2 1 hr 30 mins
					BTEC ICT Unit 1 2hrs
	Mon 20th May	Tues 21st May	Wed 22nd May	Thurs 23rd May	Fri 24th May
AM 9am	Sociology Paper 1 2 hrs	Business Paper 2 2 hrs	Psychology Paper 2 2 hrs	History Paper 1 2hrs 15 mins	English Lit Paper 1 2 hr 30 mins
	BTEC H&SC Unit 4 3 hrs	German AS Paper 2 1 hr 30 mins		Core Maths Paper 2 1 hr 30 mins	Physics Paper 1 2 hrs
		BTEC Science Unit 1C 40 mins		BTEC CPLD Unit 1 1 hr 45 mins	BTECScience Unit 5P 50 mins
				GCSE English Lang P1 1 hr 55 mins	
PM 30pm	Media Paper 1 2 hrs	BTEC Science Unit 1B 40 mins	Fur Maths A Paper 1 1 hr 30 mins	English Lang/Lif Paper 1 1 hr	BTECScience Unit 5
			BTEC Science Unit 1P 40 mins	BTEC Science Unit 5C 50 mins	
	Mon 27th May	Tues 28th May	Wed 29th May	Thurs 30th May	Fri 31st May

	Mon 3rd June	Tues 4th June	Wed 5th June	Thurs 6th June	Fri 7th June
AM 9am	Geography Paper 2 2hrs 30 mins	Sociology Paper 2 2 hrs	English Lit Paper 2 2 hr 30 mins	Business Paper 3 2 hrs	English Lang/Lif Paper 2 hrs
1120000	GCSE Maths Paper 2 1 hr 30 mins			Physics Paper 2 2 hrs	
				GCSE English Lang P2 1 hr 55 mins	
PM 1.30pm	Fur Maths A Paper 2	Maths Paper 1 2 hrs	Biology Paper 1	Confingency session	Further Maths FM1
	Psychology Paper 3 2 hrs	Media Paper 2 2 hrs	Graphics 2hrs 30 mins	in the event of national or significant local	History Paper 2 1 hr 30 mins
	BTEC L3 H&SC Unit 3 1 hr 30 mins			disruption to exams in the UK.	
	Mon 10th June	Tues 11th June	Wed 12th June	Thurs 13th June	Fri 14th June
AM 9am	Chemistry Paper 1 2hrs 15 mins	History Paper 3 2hrs 15 mins	English Lang/Lit Paper 3 2 hrs		Biology Paper 2 2 hrs
	GCSE Maths Paper 3 1 hr 30 mins				
PM .30pm	Computer Science 1 2hrs 30mins	Maths Paper 2 2 hrs		Contingency session in the event of	Further Maths FS1 1 hr 30 mins
	7	Sociology Paper 3 2 hrs		national or significant local disruption to exams in the UK.	
	Mon 17th June	Tues 18th June	Wed 19th June	Thurs 20th June	Fri 21st June
AM 9am	Physics Paper 3 2 hrs	Chemistry Paper 2 2hrs 15 mins	Biology Paper 3 2 hrs		Chemistry Paper 3 1 hr 30 mins
PM 30pm		Computer Science 2 2hrs 30 mins		Maths Paper 3 2 hrs	Further Maths D1 1 hr 30 mins

Stars of the Week

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







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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.

