

14th December 2018

Rushden Academy Newsletter



Message From the Principal

Team Rushden - United we stand, divided we fall

Good afternoon

I am overjoyed that our prospective numbers for September 2019 are looking so positive and significantly higher than previous years. What with the new housing being built locally and Team Rushden going from strength to strength I am wondering what impact this will have on the numbers going forward.

It is crucial that we maintain the stability of our school and continue to get the best outcomes for our pupils. I believe that we must grow steadily and appoint high quality teachers, therefore I am proposing that we cap our intake to 180 rather than 210. At the moment we are way off 210, in some year groups, for instance year 8 has a cohort of 115. You will shortly receive a letter explaining this in more detail and we would welcome your thoughts during this consultation period. If agreed this will not come into effect until September 2020.



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This week Year 11 have behaved impeccably during their mock examinations, they have matured and stepped up to meet the high expectations. They do need to check and bring in the right equipment though, it is important that they have their own calculators, ones they use daily and are familiar with.

Thank you to Year 7 parents for attending meet the tutor evening last night. Lots of really positive comments thank you. When staff and students are becoming tired it is such a great tonic to know you are on the whole happy!

We will be making a final decision in the new year about who will be running the canteen for us, some of the y11 and y8s got to taste the food last week. It was a really entertaining and filling process for some!

Finally we had some amazing entries for the Team Rushden Christmas card, unfortunately there could only be one winner and this will be emailed across the trust, to all of our local schools and families. Ruby in y8 did a grand job encapsulating humour and the team emblem! It was really hard to choose 1 out of so many, therefore we will be rewarding others in the assembly next week.

Remember that students finish next Thursday 20th December at 12.45 and return on Tuesday 8th January 2019. Please support us in ensuring they come in the correct uniform on our return with all the equipment required.

The only thing that is left to say is that Team Rushden hope that you and your family have a very happy Christmas and we wish you all a very happy 2019.

Mrs J Burton
Principal

End of Term Arrangements for Thursday 20th December

Dear Parents/Carers

Rushden Academy will be closing at 12.45pm on the final day of term. A limited lunch will be available between 12.45 and 1.00pm. We will be encouraging students to make the most of the morning break time when a fuller range of food items will be available.

Students can remain in school but must register in the Library at 1.00pm where they can be supervised until the end of the normal school day. Whilst in the library students can choose to complete independent work, have access to computers and the wide variety of books available.

If you wish your child to remain in school until 3.10pm on the 20th December please contact our Main Reception

Mr R Middleton
Vice Principal

Christmas Chess Blitz Competition



The Rushden Academy Chess Club students took part in their 2018 Christmas Chess Blitz on Wednesday after school. Mr Sims set up a competition where the club members played against both each other and the official chess clocks, earning points for wins and draws.

It was close all the way through, particularly at the top of the leader board but Jakub Stelmach (8MF) was the overall champion,

having managed to win all of his matches. Leo Grant (8TD) claimed second place and then we had a nail-biting third-place tie-breaker with Taylan Boby (8MF) emerging as the winner.

It was a great evening and the students really had the chance to put into practise some of the tips and skills they have learned while attending the club. If your child is interested in joining the after-school chess club, it runs every Wednesday, in the Academy Library from 3.10-4pm. There are parental consent letters available in the Library for anyone who is interested.

Ms N Raven
Resource Centre Manager



GCSEPod

There are currently cover 20 subjects across the curriculum, all carefully mapped to the main exam specifications. Provided are ready-made revision playlists for upcoming exams, all available at the touch of a button. There are up to 30 new Pods published every single week and are committed to an ongoing and proactive publishing programme in response to specification and technology changes.

There is also a page full of resources for parents on how to support your child.

GCSEPod has been proven to assist with learning from year 7-11 in the run up to exams so please access this important resource. All students have been given access, so there is no excuses!



Cambridge University Lecturer Visits Rushden Academy

On Thursday over a 100 students from Y9 and 10 Science groups participated in a talk from Dr Timothy Weil who works for Cambridge University Biology department through the Speakers for Schools programme. Tim, as he preferred to be called, comes from the USA and has worked and studied in many US, European and UK universities including Oxford.



Tim talked to students about reproduction and showed short clips of cells dividing under the microscope and turning into small insects or fish. Tim also talk about the difficulties he faced in his own education and how he turned his dyslexia and ADHD into an advantage that has propelled him to where he is today.

Students clearly found the talk inspiring and motivational. Here are some of their comments:

"I thought the science talk was really memorable and it has helped me see another possibility for my future. It was a really inspirational experience."

"I thought it was interesting to hear about the career of somebody in science. It was very interesting to hear about his background and how it has effected and helped him."

"I think he was good at explaining things, he was very nice and gave a clear understanding on biological research and it was very interesting to hear about his background and how it affected him."

"I thought it was a good insight into studying at university. It opened more ideas of careers I could have in science in my future."

We would like to thank Tim and Speakers for Schools for providing this amazing opportunity to our students.

Mr C Brotherston
Head of CEAIG

Bikeability Cycle Training

We are pleased to announce that 30 pupils at Rushden Academy are eligible for FREE Bikeability cycle training funded via Northamptonshire County Council. Outspoken Training, a local cycle training provider, has been chosen to deliver the training in our Academy. The Bikeability award scheme is the National Standard for cycling. The course is designed to equip cyclists with the knowledge, skill, and on-road experience to make a journey safely and confidently by bike on local roads. The main aim is to encourage more cycling. The training is for children, and the Level 3 course is specifically designed for children in Year 7, 8 and 9 who want to start to make on-road trips by bike.

The Level 3 course will run on Friday 8th & 15th February 2019 and aims to develop competent cycling skills on busier, more complex roads. The course emphasises the importance of a positive attitudes towards sharing the road with other traffic. Building an understanding of how to interact effectively with other road users in various situations is essential. Trainees will be encouraged to make informed independent decisions under the guidance of the instructor.

The 30 students will receive letters home in the New Year with all the finer details!

Happy safe cycling

Mrs M Blackmore
Head of Year 8



Stationery on Sale in Library

Please find the list of stationery available to buy from the Library below.

Stationery Price List

Item	Price
Biro Pen (black or blue)	15p
Handwriting Pen (black or blue)	25p
Cartridge Pen	80p
Ink Cartridge	5p
Pencil	15p
Highlighter Pen	40p
Eraser (small)	10p
Eraser (large)	20p
Pencil Sharpener	10p
15cm ruler	15p
30cm ruler	30p
30cm Left-handed Ruler	30p
Bendy Ruler	50p
Protractor/ Set Square	15p
Small Clear Pencil Case	40p
Large Clear Pencil Case	60p
Box Pencil Case	60p
Non-Scientific Calculator	£3.50
Scientific Calculator	£7.50

How 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.

- ◆ 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 (the one Rushden Academy contacts you on) to 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 school 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.

Mr P Bocking
Assistant Principal

ParentPay

Rushden Academy is now a cash free school. From this point forward all trip payments are now only accepted through ParentPay. Logins for ParentPay can be obtained from the IT department.



Alumni

We are keen to find out what our ex-students from Rushden Academy/ former Chichele School have achieved since leaving us. We would like to know how your careers have progressed and how Rushden supported you.

We aim to inspire and encourage our current students at Rushden Academy and publicise the success of our former students to the community.

If you are a former student who would like to participate then please follow this link to fill out our survey form.

<https://goo.gl/forms/LWGa3zhJzF6ZVDsZ2>

Or email us your information and a photo if you wish at

Alumni.RushdenAcademy@gmail.com



#TeamRushden



Rushden Academy Alumni Profiles

Name: Louise Knighton Former Name: Louise Underwood Age: 48 Year graduated Rushden: 1986

Qualifications Achieved at Rushden: O'Level Maths, English Language, English Literature, Physics, Chemistry, Computer Studies, CSE Physics (pilot year for GCSE!), Geography and French

Did you pursue any further education?: I went to Wellingborough College for A Level Sociology a few years later and also JEB IT Teaching Diploma. After having children many years later - I went to university to attain BSc Honours degree in occupational therapy.

What is your current job title?: Occupational Therapy Specialist at the local county council. Rehabilitation and Reablement. Certified Transformative Coach Practitioner.

How were you supported at Rushden?: I Stayed on for one year for Business Studies (RSA Audio Typing, Pitman Office Practice, RSA Typing, O'Level Commerce). A Careers Advisor arranged my first interview with the local bank. Local businesses advertised jobs in the Careers office

Who is your most memorable teacher?: Mrs Smith, Head of English - as she was so enthusiastic about Shakespeare!

What's something you remember most about your time at Rushden?: Learning to write computer programs in DOS, spending time with friends and loving Drama!



Name: Dominic Tebbutt Age: 23 Year graduated Rushden: 2011

Qualifications Achieved at Rushden: English Language (C), ICT (C), Maths (D), BTEC Science (C), Drama (B), BTEC Sport (C)

Did you pursue any further education?: I went to Northampton College Booth Lane – BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music (MMP)

What is your current job title?: Music Kavern/ self-employed, sales key holder/ freelance musician. Music retail and music performance

Who is your most memorable teacher?: Honestly too many to list but all of the drama and music department because they really let me be myself and express myself in ways I couldn't in other subjects!

What's something you remember most about your time at Rushden?: Times spent with friends, working hard is of course important but I made lifelong friends at school despite not fitting in with anyone in my first few years.

Rewards Trip - 12th July 2019

The student council have discussed and agreed the criteria that needs to be met by all students to ensure that they are eligible to go the the school rewards trips on 12th July 2019.

It was agreed that as of the 26th November 2018 students must have:

- ✓ 95% attendance
- ✓ No SLT detentions
- ✓ No more than 3 NN detentions

The trips that have been discussed and will be confirmed in the January meeting are:

- ◆ Thorpe Park
- ◆ Pizza & bowling
- ◆ Laser maze and cinema
- ◆ Paintballing
- ◆ Activity day at Rushden Lakes
- ◆ Space Centre in Leicester
- ◆ Seaside trip to Hunstanton
- ◆ Go Ape Woburn / Irchester Park

Watch this space

Mrs M Blackmore

Head of Year 8/Student Council

Northants Jogging Groups Starting in January

Northamptonshire Sport's 'Jog Northants' programme announces 12 new jogging groups to start throughout the county in January, all helping beginners to start jogging regularly using a gradual progression programme. Jog Northants is Northamptonshire's recreational running programme which has encouraged over 5000 participants countywide to sign up to the scheme since it started in 2011.

The groups cater for all fitness levels and abilities from the complete beginner and those returning to running to those who fancy running with likeminded people. The camaraderie and social element is always strong within the groups with members attending social events and runs regularly.

These are for beginners to get from Couch to 5K in 10-12 weeks. If you can already run for 15 minutes or more and would just like some motivation or social company, anyone can come and join in the existing group. All abilities welcome. Click [here](#) for more information on all the running groups .

LGBTQ+ Weekly 'Safe Space'

Following discussion within our school forum and a proposal put forward by one of the forum members, the school council and forum voted unanimously for a weekly LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgendered, Questioning, 'Plus') group to start at school. The group will meet on a Wednesday lunch-time in the hub-lounge and discuss issues that relate to equality within the school and feeling safe.

The group will be supported by Mrs Blackmore and is open to students of all ages.

Jo Holmes
Well-being Lead



BTEC PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS



Snow White

AND THE SEVEN DWARFS

THE PANTOMIME!

Wednesday 19th December 7.30pm Main Hall



Tickets available at reception £4





Uganda Tour 2019

In February 2019 a group of 6th form students from across the TENC schools will be travelling to Uganda to participate in the Jinja International Youth Conference. This is a fantastic opportunity for the delegates to experience and engage with a different culture, present their views on global topics and have them challenged by the other conference delegates.

To support our delegates, please join our easyfunding page. By signing up to the website, every time you do an online shop with one of the associated retailers, they will donate a small percentage of your order cost to your chosen cause. So every weekly shop, or even some of your Christmas shopping, can contribute to raising the money to send our delegates on this exciting journey.

There are over 3000 retailers for you to purchase through which will help to support us!



To support us, please follow the link below and register your details (no financial details are taken), then use the links on their page to take you to your favourite retailers who will then donate a small amount to our fundraising efforts.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ratripuganda/>



Rushden Academy Hair & Beauty Salon Price List

<u>Hair Price List</u>	Level 2	Level 3
<u>Styling</u>		
Wash & Blow-dry set	£4.00	£5.00
Ladies Cut	£4.00	£5.00
Restyle	£7.00	£9.00
Wash, cut and finish	£7.00	£8.00
Restyle and finish	£8.00	£10.00
Gents cut	£3.00	
Conditioning Treatment	£3.00	£4.00
<u>Colouring</u>		
Quasi permanent colour:		
Full head (short hair)	£11.00	£15.00
Full head (long hair)	£15.00	£19.00
Semi permanent colour:		
Semi colour (short hair)	£9.00	£10.00
Semi colour (long hair)	£12.00	£13.00
<u>Colouring and permanent tinting</u>		
Full head (short hair)	£12.00	£18.00
Full head (long hair)	£18.00	£23.00
Roots only	£9.00	£11.00
Roots and refresh (short hair)	£12.00	£18.00
Roots and refresh (long hair)	£18.00	£23.00
<u>High/Lowlights</u>		
With cap	£10.00	£13.00
Woven (short hair)	£20.00	£25.00
Woven (long hair)	£25.00	£28.00
T-section (short hair)	£10.00	£18.00
T-section (long hair)	£15.00	£23.00
Flashes (per pack)	£2.00	
<u>Lightening products bleach</u>		
Full head (short hair)	£20.00	£23.00
Full head (long hair)	£23.00	£26.00
Spectrum - specialised tonal highlighting	Extra £7.00	
<u>Extras</u>		
Colour mousse	£1.00	
Eraser colour remover & colour correction	Consultation needed	

<u>Beauty Price List</u>	
<u>Facial Treatments</u>	
Cleanse and make up	£6.00
Facial with cleanse and mask	£4.00
Luxury facial	£6.00
<u>Eye treatments</u>	
Tinting and waxing:	
Lash tint*	£3.00
Brow tint*	£3.00
Lash and brow tint*	£6.00
Brow tidy	£3.00
Lip and chin wax	£4.00
<u>Holistic Treatments</u>	
Massages:	
Indian head massage (30 mins)	£6.00
Indian head massage (45 mins)	£8.00
Hot stone (back only)	£7.00
Hot stone (full body)	£10.00
Full body massage	£10.00
Back, neck & shoulder massage	£6.00
<u>Body treatments</u>	
G5 body treatment	£6.00
Infrared with back massage	£9.00
<u>Manicure and pedicure</u>	
Mini manicure (file/polish)	£3.50
Manicure	£4.50
Luxury manicure	£6.00
Mini pedicure (file/polish)	£3.50
Pedicure	£4.50
Luxury pedicure	£6.00
Re varnish	£2.50
Nail art extra	£2.50
*patch test required	

Christmas Card Design Competition Winner

Congratulations to Ruby McElligott (year 8) who won the Christmas Card Design Competition. Have a look at the winning design below, and Ruby receiving her prize from Mrs Burton.



PE ACTIVITIES AUTUMN 2018



AFTER SCHOOL (3.30-4.30pm)

MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI
All Boys & Girls DANCE Main Hall (CP)	All Boys FOOTBALL Field (CS, AM, SH)	All Boys & Girls FITNESS (PE STAFF)	All Boys & Girls MULTI-GAMES Sports Hall (PE STAFF)	HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND!
All Boys & Girls FITNESS Fitness Suite (Commando Joes)	All Girls NETBALL Courts (RBE, RBU)	All Girls FOOTBALL Field (MLB)	 <p>TRAMPOLINING CLUB COMING AFTER CHRISTMAS!</p>	
All Boys & Girls RUGBY Field (BS)	NETBALL AND FOOTBALL FIXTURES	Yr10 – 13 DofE PE1 (BS)		

*Please see the fixtures board for the latest fixture-lists and team news

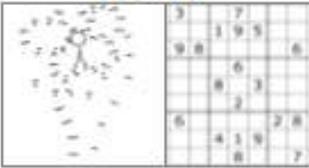
LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES



	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI
SPORTS HALL	ALL YEARS BADMINTON (SF)	Year 7/8 DODGEBALL (RBE/AM)	Year 9 DODGEBALL (SH)	Year 10/11 DODGEBALL (RAB)	ALL YEARS BADMINTON (CS)

Please play ball games in the designated areas. You are welcome to bring your own ball for use at break and lunch times, however there are balls available to loan from PE staff. Food will not be allowed inside the PE facilities, please use the eating areas before attending your club.

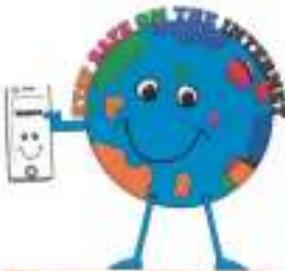
Lunch-time Activities in the Library

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



Service Six

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 pornography
- 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
- 27% 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 graphics 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