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# Rushden Academy Newsletter



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## Message From the Principal

Team Rushden - United we stand, divided we fall

Good afternoon

Due to increased numbers expected this September we are advertising early for Math's and English teachers. Did you know that if you have a degree you can actually train in schools to become a teacher and get paid? If you know someone or fancy a change of career, do please get in touch with Mrs Brainwood at [g.brainwood@rushden-academy.net](mailto:g.brainwood@rushden-academy.net) so that we can explain how. I am so pleased that our staff want to stay here, with such a national shortage

I am pleased (relieved) that we have strong, specialist teachers here that care.

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**TOVE LEARNING TRUST**

## Principal's Message Continued...

Year 12 and 13 exams went well this week along with the teaching and learning review in the Humanities department. We have been talking to pupils, looking through their work and observing Humanities lessons. We have observed some superb practice and pupils have been engaged in their lessons and learning well. The art now is to retain this knowledge and like everything in life if you don't practice it you forget it. It is highly important that our pupils work hard at school and at home, that they get into good habits in order to get a good education. We have high expectations and constantly demonstrate this throughout the day. Even when Team Rushden are leaving the gates we remind them of the need to look smart and be nice.

Not only do our school leaders say farewell to pupils at the end of the day but they are out and about everywhere, between lessons, break and at lunchtime. There is always a buzz around school at lunchtime, I can honestly say that I have never worked in a school where there is so much going on. The library is thriving, the performing arts area, modern foreign languages, art/photography, the inclusion area, the gym, the sports hall, the playgrounds and the canteen area are all busy too. There is so much going on and so many of our teachers are there to help our pupils with their studies. As for the long sunny days when the field is open and our pupils are enjoying the fresh air, playing sports or just sitting and socializing, it is oh so perfect! Right if I have not convinced you that it is the best job in the world then I do not know what would. Think about teaching and encourage your sons/daughters that this is may be a job for them.

Have a good weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs J Burton  
Principal

## GCSEPod

GCSEPod 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 they 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!



## Safeguarding - On-line Grooming - Breck's Last Game

Next week your son/daughter will be shown a film that highlights the risks of on-line grooming. The film is a major new project that is aimed at helping to protect boys from online grooming. Breck's Last Game is a film based on the real-life murder of 14 year-old Breck Bednar in Grays in February 2014 by Lewis Daynes. The film, which is being rolled out in secondary schools across the county, highlights the risks of grooming to teenage boys and asks the question 'Do you know who your online friends really are?' The hope of the campaign is that young people will take on the real life lessons from Breck's story so they are able to look after each other, keep safe, and reach their full potentials. At Rushden Academy our intention is to educate young people so they are empowered to make safer choices for themselves online.

The film has a classification of 15 but, as the film will be shown in a controlled screening and students have received advanced warning via assemblies that took place this week, it is appropriate to be shown to all pupils (see below). Please also find links below to resources that you can view to find further information about the film and the activities the students will be completing.

If you have are affected by any of the issues raised by the film you can call the police on 101 or Childline on 08001111.

Trigger warning

A trigger warning has been included before the start of the film, to alert the viewer to the fact that it contains potentially distressing material.

**Breck's Last Game is not a standalone product** – full resource packs have been produced for schools and it will only be shown to pupils in controlled screenings.

Why are you showing the film to children below the age of 15, when it has been classified as 15 certificate?

Both versions of the film and the trailer have been classified by the British Board of Film Classification which determined it would hold a 15 certificate. However, it is important to note that this would be the classification if shown in a cinema to an unsuspecting and "unbidden" audience. When you go to the cinema, it's usually to see a specific film and you know what classification it has been given. However, you do not have prior knowledge of the nature of the trailers and adverts that are shown before the feature film, so these adverts are given a classification to ensure they are consistent with the classification given to the feature film. Because of the way the film is being shown in schools – in controlled screenings, with advance warning to pupils and parents – it does not fall into the "unbidden" category.

It is also important to say: many children will be targeted much younger than 15 by online groomers – and that makes it even more important we show it to children as young as 11 or, in some cases, even younger.

Parent presentation: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1qtjUSIMvH8mgpwLmuvNA6XXRWw7wFQIQ4zhdGYvdOiU/edit?usp=sharing>

Information video: <https://youtu.be/9XorD8CevRI>

## Who's New to Team Rushden

Name: Miss A Savage

Date joined Team Rushden: January 2019



Job role: Admin Assistant in Main Reception

About me: I have been working in admin for 5 years since I left TENC sixth form in 2013. I was also a student at Rushden Community College, so I've come back to my roots! In my spare time I enjoy going to the theatre where I have seen many shows my favourite being Jersey Boys! I also volunteer at a local brownie group where I help children work towards earning badges and developing skills, I find this very rewarding.

## Lesson 6 Timetable for Year 10

Lesson 6 is now being offered to all year 10 students in the following subjects: - English, Maths, Science, French, History and Geography. These lessons are afterschool sessions that focus on specific topics in the given subject area. The purpose of these lessons is to give students extra help in topics that they might have struggled with as well as extending the learning for topics covered in class. I would strongly encourage all year 10 students to attend these sessions.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Week 1	French	History Geography	
Week 2	Science	English	Maths

## NCS Letter

Year 11 parents, can you please check your emails for a letter regarding NCS (National Citizens Service).

## PAN Questionnaire

Please find the link for the PAN questionnaire below.

<https://goo.gl/forms/rx5nljwZbJlZHb3J3>

## Year 11 Period 6 Timetable

Please find below the Year 11 period 6 timetable. These sessions provide an excellent opportunity to catch up on missed work, revise specific topics, increase grades, improve exam techniques and access additional teacher support.

This year the Year 11 Prom will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, please save the date in your diary. In order for your son or daughter to receive their invitation to the Prom they will need to attend at least 10 after school sessions with at least 50% of these from core subjects. If they reach 30 sessions then they will receive a £5 reduction on the Prom ticket price and 50 sessions will result in a £10 reduction, both of these must include 50% core.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1- Core Subjects</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Maths</b>		
<b>Week 2- Options Subjects</b>	<b>1. Travel and Tourism</b>  <b>2. Drama</b>  <b>3. French- Starting from January</b>	<b>1. Geography</b>  <b>2. History</b>  <b>3. ICT</b>	<b>1. Photography</b>  <b>2. Art</b>	<b>1. Childcare</b>  <b>2. Sport</b>	<b>The weekend</b>

## Year 11 Parents Evening Booking Open

Year 11 Parents Evening booking system is now live, please visit <https://rushden.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/> to book. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 24th January.

## Library Short Story Writing Competition

The lunch time Story Writing club in the library held a competition before Christmas for it's members. The challenge was to write a short story based on a traditional fairy tale but to tell it from a different point of view, such as the wolf in 'The Three Little Pigs' or one of the ugly step-sisters in 'Cinderella'. Our winner and runner-up chose two very well-known stories, 'Jack and The Beanstalk' and 'Snow White'. They both did a great job in re-telling the story but ultimately the winner was Leah Herbert in Year 8. Well done to Sophie Norton from Year 8 for claiming the runner-up position. Both students received a signed book and Leah also won a £10 WH Smith voucher.

Have a read of Leah's story below.

## Jack & The Beanstalk (The Lonely Giant)

Once upon a time there lived a lonely giant who lived all alone up in the beautiful blue sky. All he ever wanted was a friend. Every day he read books about friendship and wished he could have a best friend or even multiple friends.

One day when he was reading his books, he started to feel trembling and shaking, so he ran outside to see what was going on. All he could see was a huge green thing that looked like a beanstalk! At first the giant was very confused until he looked down and saw a small human climbing up the huge stalk. The giant had never seen a real human before, only in his books, so when he saw this tiny version he got immediately scared and ran away to hide. He ran all through each and every room until he spotted his giant wardrobe and decided to stay in there until he felt the human had gone. He sat in his wardrobe for what seemed like hours but eventually he couldn't hear anything and he decided to see if the human had done anything.

When he left the wardrobe everything seemed fine; all the rooms were the same... until he got to the kitchen. It was a huge mess! All the cupboards were open; all of the knives, forks and spoons were all over the floor. The giant was in shock and then he noticed something tiny was moving on the table and trying to hide under one of the bowls. It was the human! They both screamed and the small creature tried to run away, so the giant chased him.

As the giant was so huge and the human so tiny the giant caught up to the human easily. The giant grabbed the human by his t-shirt, took him to the living room and placed him carefully on the sofa. The giant asked, "Why have you broken into my castle?" The human was silent and just stared at the giant. The giant then went on to tell the child that he really wanted a friend and wasn't going to hurt him. After talking for a few minutes the human started to answer the giant, told him he was sorry and that he needed to go home. The giant agreed, although he was sad because he really wanted a friend. However, as the child was leaving and when the giant was looking the other way, the child stole one of the giant's magic golden eggs!

As the child was heading down the beanstalk, the giant realised what had happened and tried to go down after him but he was too heavy and ended up snapping the beanstalk. Both the giant and the human fell but the giant, being a kind creature, tried to break the child's fall with himself. It worked and the child was saved but, sadly, the child's mother just thought that the giant was trying to hurt her son and she left the giant on the ground to rot and die. When the giant did die, the mother and child sold the golden egg and became very rich. They lived a happy life but we can't say the same for the giant...!"

- Leah Herbert, Year 8

## English Faculty Year 11 Period 6 Timetable

The following timetable is based on how year 11 performed in their English Language Paper 2 mock. Each member of staff has taken a question to focus on and will teach the skills to excel in this question.

Session 1 takes place on Tuesday 15th January

Session 2 takes place on Tuesday 29th January

Session 3 takes place on Tuesday 12th February

Question Focus	Staff/Room	Sessions
Question 3	Miss Monkman E3	S1: Analysing structure S2: Analysing language S3: Language and structure together and key terminology
Question 6	Miss Neville E5	S1: Being critical S2: Using SITE S3: Offering judgements and solutions
Question 7B	Miss Fox E6	S1: Comparative terminology S2: Understanding ideas and perspectives S3: Finding similarities and differences
Transactional writing	Mrs Westley E9	S1: Understanding PALF (purpose, audience, language and form) S2: Paragraphing and SPaG S3: Developing points and structuring writing

## Safe Parking in Rushden Academy Car Park

Dear Parents / Carers

If you come into the car park to drop off / collect your son/daughter before or after school please be aware of where you are parking. Please do not park where you may be blocking the line of sight of the zebra crossing as this is a safety concern.

## 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*



## 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 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





## 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	

## PE ACTIVITIES AUTUMN 2018



AFTER SCHOOL (3.30-4.30pm)

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

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

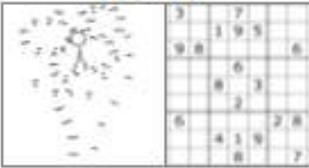
## LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES



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

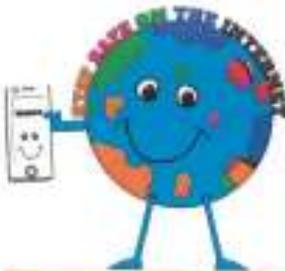
## Lunch-time Activities in the Library

Day	Activity
<b>Monday</b> 	<b>Philosophy Club</b> – Debate & discuss some issues that may affect you...would you eat a sheep if it could talk??
<b>Tuesday</b> 	<b>Short Story Writing</b> – Have some fun making up stories with other students...there will be competitions!
<b>Wednesday</b> 	<b>Chess Club</b> – with the help of our chess expert, Mr. Sims, come and learn or develop your chess skills.
<b>Thursday</b> 	<b>Tranquility</b> – come and have a quiet read, a quiet draw or get on with some homework...quietly.
<b>Friday</b> 	<b>Fill-it-in Friday</b> – 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:  
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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