



# Rushden Academy Newsletter

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### Team Rushden - United we stand, divided we fall

Good afternoon

Today Team Rushden are wearing mufti in aid of supporting the repair work at Stanwick Lakes. It is important that we support our community and I am pleased that the initial idea actually came from a year 11 pupil. Also today we were notified of a positive C-19 case in school. All pupils who had come into close contact were swiftly identified and are now self-isolating. It is essential that you keep your mobile/home contact details up to date, and that you support us by reminding pupils how to keep safe and to regularly lateral flow test, at home.



Yesterday, as part of Northamptonshire Police's initiative in preventing drugs from coming into schools, we were visited by the police and their drug's dog. The dog was incredibly hard working throughout and thankfully did not find any drugs. This is something we will continue to do as a school in taking all measures to protect our community.

Year 13 and Year 11 will continue with assessments, whilst we generate teacher assessed grades. If you are a Year 11 parent please expect a letter today regarding the plans post half term break. I am pleased to say that all examining groups are very much stepping up to the challenge.

We have recently conducted some pupil questionnaires, the feedback was very positive with pupils saying they feel safe in school, they are well looked after and that teachers make sure they do their best. They were positive about the staff who are not teachers believing they are friendly and helpful. As always they have given constructive feedback and we will address these areas too.

We are focussing on improving pupil oracy in school and urging pupils to read more, to discuss more, to talk and write in full sentences using good vocabulary. Please support where you can especially with reading fluency, there is a strong correlation between reading and success in exams. Clearly the more you read, the more you know.

Thank you once again for reading the newsletter and we wish you a happy, healthy bank holiday weekend.

Mrs J Burton  
Principal

## Year 11 May Assessment Timetable

You will only sit one of the two timetabled assessments during sessions 1 and 2. We will let you know which one closer to the time.

If you do not take the subject in any of the sessions you will go to normal lessons.

	Session 1 9am	Session 2 10.15am	Session 3 12pm	Session 4 2pm
Tuesday 4th May	English Language 45 mins	English Language 45 mins	Maths (calc) H 45 mins	Maths (calc) F 45 mins
Wednesday 5th May	Biology 35 mins	Biology 35 mins	Geography 45 mins	French Listening 45 mins
Thursday 6th May	History 45 mins	History 45 mins	Business GCSE Childcare French Reading 45 mins	Dance Paper 1 45 mins
Friday 7th May	Chemistry 35 mins	Chemistry 35 mins	Further Maths ICT 45 mins	Statistics 45 mins
Monday 10th May	English Literature 45 mins	English Literature 45 mins	Sport 45 mins	French Writing 45 mins
Tuesday 11th May	Physics 35 mins	Physics 35 mins	Business BTEC 45 mins	Dance Paper 2 45 mins

Please remember to bring black ballpoint pens, pencils, ruler, calculator, compasses, protractor and an eraser.

## Considerate Parking near Rushden Academy

Please be considerate when you park near Rushden Academy to drop off or pick up your child(ren).

Please do not park on the zigzag yellow lines next to the school. This can obstruct the flow of traffic and block the line of sight for pedestrians and drivers.

## Information About Annual Health Checks for People with Disabilities

**Do you know about annual health checks with your GP for people with learning disabilities?**

**Would you like to attend an online session with a local GP to find out more?**

Northamptonshire Carers is working with partners and local health care providers to encourage people with a learning disability to access their yearly health check with their GP.



They are holding an awareness raising session for people to learn more about annual health checks and for you to have the opportunity to provide feedback about your experiences. The first of these will take place on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 10.30am**.

If you are:

- interested in joining this session
- can't make this session but would like to join one on a future date
- would like more information about health checks

please [email Luisa](#), or ring 01933 677907 and ask for Luisa.

- ✓ Anyone who is 14 and over with a learning disability can have a health check once a year
- ✓ You do not have to be ill to have a health check
- ✓ You will get to know your GP
- ✓ You can ask your GP any questions about how you are feeling or about any medicines you take
- ✓ The GP can give you advice in a way that you can understand

## TENC April Newsletter

Have a look at the April Newsletter for TENC [here](#).

## Contact Details

Please ensure that Rushden Academy has your up to date contact details. You can use the SIMS Parent App to make any changes, or email the school at [info@rushden-academy.net](mailto:info@rushden-academy.net)

## WEDNESDAY WEBINARS



### **Parents and Carers with young people in Year 9 -13**

Join us for Wednesday Webinars designed for Parents and Carers and delivered by Aspire Higher. A session will be delivered at 10:30am and 6:30pm.

#### **21st April**

Student Finance: Repeat session of last terms Webinar. Explaining Student Finance from application to repayments.

#### **28th April 2021 10:30am only**

Student Finance: Hosted by a representative from Student Loans Company to answer general questions concerning the application process.

#### **5th May 2021**

Apprenticeships: Repeat session of last terms Webinar. An insight into different levels of Apprenticeships and where to apply.

#### **12th May 2021**

NSPCC: Online safety, hosted by NSPCC and Aspire Higher.

#### **26th May 2021**

Virtual tours: Support your young person to get the most from them.

**To sign up:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wednesday-webinar-aspire-higher-tickets-137200938701>



For further information email:  
[Aspirehigher@northampton.ac.uk](mailto:Aspirehigher@northampton.ac.uk)

## Music Update

With going back to specialist rooms we have been able to dive straight back into lots of practical music making!



Year 7s have finally got to experience the hustle and bustle of the Performing Arts block and have been looking at some key skills of reading traditional notation and applying this through playing some classic tunes on the keyboards.

Year 8s and 9s have been revisiting these same notation skills, learnt what seems a lifetime ago now, and applying them to progressively more challenging pieces of film music to get them back in the swing of things!

Last week's focus was Hedwigs Tune from Harry Potter, this week we have stuck with John Williams' fantastic compositions and have looked at Star Wars!



### Did you know?

When John Williams first played Steven Spielberg the simple E-F-E-F Jaws motif on the piano, Spielberg thought that he was kidding him. He wasn't. It continues to be famous in swimming pools worldwide.

**For any students that are interested in taking up instrument lessons this term - please get in touch with Mrs Brooks! We currently offer string, piano, guitar and singing lessons but if you are interested in another instrument please let us know and we will try and source the provision!**  
**R.brooks@rushden-academy.net**

## Meaningful May

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Make a list of what matters most to you and why	Do something kind for someone you really care about	Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do	Take a step towards an important goal, however small	Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together	Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful	Let someone know how much they mean to you and why
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today	Notice the beauty in nature, even if you're stuck indoors	What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today	Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times	Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you	Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder	Find out about the values or traditions of another culture
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Do something to contribute to your local community	Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger	Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better	Find a way to make what you do today meaningful	Send a hand-written note to someone you care about	Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful	Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Find a way to help a project or charity you care about	Share a quote you find inspiring too give others a boost	Recall three things you've done that you are proud of	Make choices that have a positive impact for others today	Ask someone else what matters most to them and why	Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful	Focus on how your actions make a difference for others
29	30	31				
Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight	Today do something to care for the natural world	Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future				

# Lockdown Roadmap Step Up!



COMMUNITY  
AMBASSADORS

free2talk

\*At the earliest date



# **DISABILITY FOOTBALL FUN!**

Come and join our coaches, Cameron and Kym, for some football fun on a Wednesday evening in a fun, safe and secure environment!

These sessions are for those who are aged 8 - 18 years old. Please register online at [ntfccommunity.co.uk/pl-kicks](http://ntfccommunity.co.uk/pl-kicks)  
If you have any further queries please contact Cameron Marshall via email at [Cameron.Marshall@ntfc.co.uk](mailto:Cameron.Marshall@ntfc.co.uk)



**Every Wednesday starting  
16th June 2021.  
Inc. School Holidays  
16:30 - 17:30  
(INDOOR SPORTS HALL)**



**The Pemberton Centre,  
H.E. Bates Way,  
Rushden,  
NN10 9YP.**

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**#PROUDTOBE**

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# Become a Youth Ambassador!

We are recruiting young people to join our youth ambassadors group

**Take part in creating and executing campaigns, getting other young peoples voices heard and be part in a wellbeing conference.**

To get involved or for more information email:  
[Leanne.conroy@free2talkcic.org](mailto:Leanne.conroy@free2talkcic.org)

You will receive accreditation through

- Youth Voice

**free2talk**

## How to Access Go4Schools

Go4Schools is the online system that Rushden Academy uses to track student attendance, student progress and assign homework tasks.

Students and parents can access this at home to keep up to date, by checking timetables and homework deadlines. Student progress reports will be published through Go4Schools 3 times a year.

Please follow the instructions below to access Go4Schools.

### Student access to Go4Schools

- ◆ Go to the Go4Schools student access page (on the top right of the Go4Schools home page)
- ◆ Type in your school email address in the first time user box (your computer login in followed by @rushden-academy.net)



#### **First-time User?**

If you haven't logged on to GO 4 Students before, type your email address and click the "please send me a password" button.

Email address:

Please note, if you are having problems with your password please contact your school. For Data Protection reasons we are unable to divulge or set passwords for students ourselves.

- ◆ 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) 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 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

## Check if You or Your Child has Coronavirus Symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result.

### Main symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- ◆ a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- ◆ a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- ◆ a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

### What to do if you have symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if:

- ◆ you're worried about your symptoms
- ◆ you're not sure what to do

## 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](#).

