



# 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

Good afternoon

This week the government announced a 4-week pause at Step 3. It is expected that England will move to Step 4 on 19 July 2021, although the data will be reviewed after 2 weeks in case the risks have reduced. The government will continue to monitor the data and the move to Step 4 will be confirmed one week in advance.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the transition days for Year 6 children and replace these with virtual events. Hopefully we will continue with their summer school and ensure they receive a good induction ready for September. They will start with us on Friday 3rd September, whereas the rest of Team Rushden return on Monday 6th September.

So that we can continue to deliver face-to-face, high quality provision to all students, please continue to ensure that your children use the lateral flow tests to test twice weekly and report the results. We are still planning for Sports day to go ahead this summer with students remaining in their year group bubbles. Unfortunately we will be unable to accommodate visitors this year and a risk assessment will be published on our website.

Students from Rushden Academy joined forces with five other Academy schools in the Midlands and Buckinghamshire to release a new charity single cover of 'Together', to support NHS Charities Together and boost their mental health. The charity single and music video involved five students from Rushden Academy and 25 others from schools in the trust. The charity cover is due to be released next Monday and can be heard via this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1qiyPP7IG8>

Finally we would like to wish Year 13 a very successful transition to their selected universities, workplaces and beyond. We hope that you enjoy your last day with us and all the planned activities. Mr Chapman and the sixth form team are very proud of all your achievements, very well done, we will miss you all!

Mrs J Burton  
Principal

## A Level Photography

This week we created a photographic wall to showcase our students work at the Chamber Gym, Riverside, Northampton.

The art work is a testament to our students hard work and dedication, and they should be very proud of their achievements.

Mrs A Owen

Head of Creative Arts & Director of KS5



## Section Taken From Rushden Academy Behaviour & Exclusion Policy

### **Unacceptable Behaviours**

To ensure an orderly and safe environment for all who work at the Academy there are some rules to which all must adhere and, if broken, will be treated as very serious matters and would likely lead to a fixed term or possible permanent exclusion .

This includes the following:

- Behaviour which places the pupil or others in danger. To include physical violence towards others or being a direct cause of harm through reckless choice
- Setting off the fire alarm other than in an emergency. Any form of vandalism or intent to damage school property
- Any form of physical, or verbal abuse in particular racist and homophobic comments and actions intending to cause harm. This can also include gathering in a large group intending to intimidate others
- Bullying type behaviours directed at others and in particular where actions by a pupil or group of pupils presents a pattern of repeated incidents of bullying type behaviours
- Bringing into school any harmful or illegal substances, including tobacco, matches and lighters, drug paraphernalia, psychoactive substances and vaping products
- Repeated smoking or vaping on the premises, or on the way to and from school
- Bringing onto the school premises any type of weapon, including any type of knife/ penknife or items that could be used as a weapon and not their intended purpose and any type of gun, including toy guns and replicas. This also applies to travel to and from school
- Using foul and abusive language directed towards others, in referring to staff, or within the hearing of staff
- Promoting and spreading extremism and hate verbally, graphically or via social media towards an individual or other groups based on race, religion, gender or identity, sexuality and disability
- Refusal to follow a reasonable instruction and continued non-compliance. Persistently presenting behaviours that disrupt the quality of teaching, learning and day to day management of the Academy
- Making malicious claims that prove to be unfounded against another member of the academy community be that another pupil or member of staff

## Students From Rushden Academy Join Five Academies To Release Charity Single Cover Of 'Together'

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The students' collective rendition of 'Together', originally performed by Christian pop duo For King & Country, with Tori Kelly and Kirk Franklin, pays tribute to all those who have suffered bereavement, loss, and rising levels of anxiety during lockdown.

The charity single and music video involved five students from Rushden Academy and 25 others from Grace Academies in Coventry, Solihull and Darlaston, Lord Grey Academy, and Elizabeth Woodville School North and South, who combined their musical talents to spread a message of hope to others.

Launched at a time when public singing is prohibited and students' mental health and resilience have been put to the test, the Song Project was organised by Grace Foundation's Ethos Teams, funded by IM Group, that work within specific Tove Learning Trust (TLT) Academies.

The students who took part in the project from Rushden Academy were Alyssa (Year 8), Tara (Year 9), Jorja (Year 9), Penny (Year 10), and Niamh (Year 11), and one of the students said:

*"It has been really fun to have something to focus on. It was a unique experience; it tested my confidence and I met new people."*

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## Students From Rushden Academy Join Five Academies To Release Charity Single Cover Of 'Together' Continued...

Commenting on the Project, Josh Noblett, Ethos Leader, Grace Foundation, commented:

*"We are there to listen when a student is having a difficult time, to help them navigate through mental health challenges, relationships and school, and to help build hope and aspirations for their future. Taking part in the Song Project has given students the chance to work collaboratively again, to focus on something that brings life and joy to themselves and others."*

Ellie Orton, CEO of NHS Charities Together, says:

*"Thank you, Grace Foundation for creating the wonderful song 'Together'. It's fantastic to see students come together to celebrate the resilience they've shown over the past year and use the opportunity to thank, and raise funds for, NHS Charities Together. The money raised will help us to continue to go the extra mile in supporting our NHS workers, volunteers and patients at the centre of this crisis and beyond."*

Principal of Rushden Academy, Jane Burton, said:

*"The Ethos Team are the glue that keeps on sticking!"*

View the charity single at: [www.grace-foundation.org.uk/together](http://www.grace-foundation.org.uk/together)



## Operating Theatre Live

Rushden Academy are hoping to host an Operating Theatre Live event once again. Students interested in becoming a doctor, nurse, paramedic, vet or just with a love of human anatomy will get an invaluable experience with hands on dissections of various animal organs. Parents can also attend if they wish by buying tickets.

At the event, Sam Piri and his clinical team will provide the opportunity for students to participate in the dissection of real organ specimens including a head & brain, lungs & heart as well as a digestive tract showcasing the stomach, liver, gall bladder, pancreas & intestines. The day is rigorously academic with students receiving an award-winning insight into how the body works and the challenges faced by the next generation of medical professionals.

All of the content is carefully matched to the main GCSE, A-Level & BTEC specifications and is relevant to the study students are undertaking in the classroom. The event operates in such a way that it appeals to students considering both medicine, dentistry & veterinary science as well as those considering: nursing, midwifery, paramedic science, occupational therapy, pharmacology, biomedical science and sports sciences.

Please use the form below to register your interest. The form is just to gauge interest and not a commitment to buy a ticket at this stage.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14Slrj2T8mtIW6PLkDSm4HCeCwsyy7\\_Yzi\\_y1y5A4eIY/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14Slrj2T8mtIW6PLkDSm4HCeCwsyy7_Yzi_y1y5A4eIY/viewform?edit_requested=true)

All returns need to be completed by 23rd June.









**WEDNESDAY 23 June 2021**

**10:30am and 6:30pm**

**For Parents and Carers**

Join us for the next Wednesday Webinar on:

**Year 11 - What's next?**

Join us for this session where we'll share out top advice to support you young person with what they choose to do after their GCSEs.

Knowing what options are available means that, come results day, you can help them with important decisions about Sixth Form, College or Apprenticeships.

**To sign up:**

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





## Year 11 Opportunities from 7th-26th June

After half term there are going to be several opportunities open to year 11. Some of these will be for pupils planning to continue their studies with TENC, some for pupils continuing with A-Levels elsewhere and some for those going to college.

All of the opportunities will be on the Rushden Academy website and you will be able to download those that are suitable. All of the information will be under the Curriculum tab at the top of the website and then the dropdown menu labelled Transition.

Please see the table below explaining the opportunities.

Who	What	Details
All year 11 pupils	Virtual Work Experience opportunities	Apply to be part of work experience, including some very famous companies.
All year 11 pupils	Post 16 Skills	What are the writing and research skills that you will need to complete your post-16 work.
BTEC and A-Level pupils	Short 6th Form tasks	These are a series of short tasks to get you thinking about your future course. They are grouped together by similar subjects and you can complete them in short sessions and tick off the ones completed.
A-Level pupils	GCSEPod Tasks	These are a series of subject specific tasks.
BTEC and A-Level pupils	Subject Progression Sheets	These tasks are more subject specific and include questions to think about, possible reading lists and tasks to help you to make the transition.
Extra maths and English	Keeping it fresh	These are a series of tasks and worksheets for anyone who thinks that they may need to re-sit their GCSE in either of these subjects.
TENC pupils	Induction week	From Mon 21st June to Weds 23rd June is the TENC induction sessions. This is an opportunity to meet the teachers, talk about the course and to find out what you will need to do to prepare for September.

## Year 10 Mock Timetable

From 21st –30th June if you do not have an exam you will be in your normal lessons. More information will follow later.

You will be told if you are doing English S & L. This will be a handful of students.

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

	P1 & 2		P3 & 4		P5 & Reg	
<b>Monday 21st June</b>	English Language	1hr45	Biology Paper 1	1hr15	French Reading	60min/ 45min
<b>Tuesday 22nd June</b>	Chemistry Paper 1	1hr15	Geography	1hr30	Maths Paper 1	1hr
<b>Wednesday 23rd June</b>	Business GCSE Drama 10B Music	1hr45 2hr 2hr	Maths Paper 2	1hr	German Reading	60min/ 45min
<b>Thursday 24th June</b>	Physics Paper 1	1hr15	History	1hr15		
<b>Friday 25th June</b>	Photography 10A Dance 10A German Writing	2hr 2hr 80min/ 70min	Photography 10A	2hr	Photography 10A	1hr
<b>Monday 28th June</b>	Photography 10C Childcare Drama 10C ICT French Writing	2hr 1hr 2hr 1hr 80min/ 70min	Photography 10C	2hr	Photography 10C	1hr
<b>Tuesday 29th June</b>	Art English S&L	2hr	Art	2hr	Art	1hr
<b>Wednesday 30th June</b>	Graphics English S&L	2hr	Graphics	2hr	Graphics	1hr

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PREMIER LEAGUE

KICKS



## FREE FOOTBALL COACHING!

Are you interested in coming to play football and receive football coaching free of charge?

We will soon be re-starting our Premier League Kicks site in Rushden! Make sure you come and join us!

Every Wednesday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm we will be at:

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

THIS IS FOR SCHOOL YEARS 7-13.

Due to COVID-19 regulations, participants **MUST** register in advance at: [ntfccommunity.co.uk/pl-kicks](http://ntfccommunity.co.uk/pl-kicks)

For any Premier League Kicks enquiries please contact us (text only) on 07848473528.



## GIRLS PLAY RUGBY TOO!

TRY SOMETHING NEW!!

RUSHDEN & HIGHAM RUGBY CLUB ARE  
STARTING ITS U12'S - U15'S GIRLS TEAM AGAIN  
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Starts:  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021  
12.30pm - 2pm

At: Rushden & Higham  
Rugby Club,  
Manor Park,  
Bedford Road, Rushden



For more information please contact  
Jo Griffiths on 07792-902390



## 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



## 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.



NORTHAMPTON TOWN F.C.  
#PROUDTOBE



## 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](#).



**WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?**

sex  
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

ChatHealth



#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/CAMHS/LIVE](http://WWW.NHS.uk/CAMHS/LIVE)

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Where Young Minds Matter

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR YOU, WITH YOU