

# Rushden Academy Newsletter



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## Message From the Principal

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

Good afternoon

Thank you for supporting the school over the last turbulent year in ensuring your children follow Team Rushden expectations and do their best to protect themselves and others from Covid-19. I am writing to explain the plans for re-opening in September and how year groups will have staggered starts due to schools undertaking the lateral flow tests.



In response to the government guidance pupils are expected to be Covid tested twice upon their return, between 3-5 days apart. Therefore, pupils will have slightly different start dates in September, but once they are in, they are in and back to normal, that is unless they test positive. As we have done previously, if pupils test positive, we will isolate and call you straight away. As you can imagine it is highly important that you keep your contact details upto date please.

### Return to school:

**Year 7** will start school on **Friday 3rd September**, they will need to arrive at school, using either gate for an **8.35am start** and will finish at 3pm. When they arrive in school on their first day, they will be directed to congregate in or just outside the Main Hall, depending on the weather. They return to school as normal following the timings below, on Monday 6th September.

**Year 8** will start school on **Tuesday 7th September**, they will need to arrive at school, using either gate for a **1pm start** and will finish at 3pm. When they arrive in school on their first day, they will be directed to congregate in or just outside the Main Hall, depending on the weather. They return to school as normal following the timings below, on Wednesday 8th September.

**Year 9** will start school on **Tuesday 7th September**, they will need to arrive at school, using either gate for a **9am start** and will finish at 3pm. When they arrive in school on their first day, they will be directed to congregate in or just outside the Main Hall, depending on the weather. They return to school as normal following the timings below, on Wednesday 8th September.

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## Message From the Principal Continued...

**Year 10** will start school on **Monday 6th September**, they will need to arrive at school, using either gate for a **11.25am start** and will finish at 3pm. When they arrive in school on their first day, they will be directed to congregate in or just outside the Main Hall, depending on the weather. They return to school as normal following the timings below, on Tuesday 7th September.

**Year 11** will start school on **Monday 6th September**, they will need to arrive at school, using either gate for a **9am start** and will finish at 3pm. When they arrive in school on their first day, they will be directed to congregate in or just outside the Main Hall, depending on the weather. They return to school as normal following the timings below, on Tuesday 7th September.

**Year 12** will start school on **Monday 6th September**, they will need to arrive at school, using either gate for a **9am start**. They will need to meet in the Sixth Form centre first.

**Year 13** will start school on **Monday 6th September**, they will need to arrive at school, using either gate for a **11am start**. They will need to meet in the Sixth Form centre first.

Once pupils are back in, they will start school and leave school at the same time but we will be operating 2 different lunchtime slots to avoid overly congested areas.

These are the normal timetable timings:

Years 7 and 8	
Form Time	08.35-09.05
Period 1	09.05-10.05
Break	10.05-10.25
Period 2	10.25-11.25
Period 3	11.25-12.25
Lunch	12.25-13.00
Period 4	13.00-14.00
Period 5	14.00-15.00

Years 9, 10 and 11	
Form Time	08.35-09.05
Period 1	09.05-10.05
Period 2	10.05-11.05
Break	11.05-11.25
Period 3	11.25-12.25
Period 4	12.25-13.25
Lunch	13.25-14.00
Period 5	14.00-15.00

All pupils will be tested and retested again in the first week. The pupils will be given Lateral Flow Tests to continue using at home until the end of September. We will await further information in September before we issue any other directives.

Existing pupils, not year 6 into 7, will only have to take lateral flow tests during the summer holiday, if they are using the school facilities.

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## Message From the Principal Continued...

A couple of points to note as pupils return in September:

- Attendance is compulsory
- We have high expectations regarding pupils wearing full uniform, please support us to maintain these high standards. Further information can be found on our website.
- The Covid-19 Risk Assessment will be updated over the summer and saved onto the website.
- The canteen & snack shack will be open from Friday 3rd September
- Pupils should bring in water bottles
- Extra-Curricular clubs will resume in September, full details will be circulated in September
- Here is the latest government guidance: [Step 4 update - what parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges](#)

Please stay safe and if you need any further information please contact us on 01933 350391 or [info@rushden-academy.net](mailto:info@rushden-academy.net)

Mrs J Burton  
Principal

## Sports Day is Back with a Bang!!!

On Wednesday we were able to treat ourselves to some form of normality when Sports Day returned for the first time in two years!!! The weather was on our side and the sun shone throughout on an action packed day of sporting activity. It was a fantastic day, with the pupils performing brilliantly. They displayed determination, perseverance and a great amount of effort. The Year 10's showed incredible determination to participate in each event despite the low attendance due to self isolation with some students taking part in at least 5 events!!!

Brandon F rose to the occasion and broke the discus school record by a whopping 12m, throwing the discus over 37m!!!! A massive achievement for a Year 9 student, hopefully he can beat his own record next year!!

Congratulations to the following form groups who were crowned victorious in each Year Group:

**Year 7 - Mr Routhorn**

**Year 8 - Miss Jepson**

**Year 9 - Mr Dunn**

**Year 10 - Mr Brainwood & Ms Hunter**

A massive well done to all students that took part over the course of the day, the PE department are very proud of your performances and even more impressed with your renditions of Sweet Caroline!! And no one will forget Mr Middleton and Mr Harris's dance moves!!!

## Sports Day 2021 Photos



# Team Rushden Standards for September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of the academic year, I am writing as a reminder of the key standards and expectations we have of our students prior to their return in September. The 4 key values of Team Rushden pervade all that we do and expect. The values surrounding being SMART, RESPECTFUL, showing RESILIENCE and being a TEAM PLAYER are fundamental in ensuring that as a school we continue to grow and work together towards excellence

## **Student Behaviour**

2020-21 has been a very challenging year following on from the lockdown period from March 2020 and then a further period of lockdown in January 2021. The disruption to learning this brought cannot be underestimated. For a few pupils returning to school it has been a further challenge of readjusting to routines and expectations. We will continue to support and challenge those that do not meet our values. As a Team we will continue to work together on ensuring that within classrooms the climate for learning is one in which accelerated progress plays centre stage and that student's focus in closing any learning gaps is not hampered by elements of low level disruption. In September, our key mantra will be 'Learning and Progress First'.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind all that the positive reputation of the school which we have been able to build within the community of Rushden is upheld by the conduct of our students on the way to and from school. We will always deal and address concerns that are reported to us and through our Behaviour and Exclusion Policy action will be taken should any of our students bring the name of our Academy into disrepute within our community.

## **Student Attendance and punctuality**

Despite all the challenges presented this year, it has been extremely pleasing to know that our students have shown a real commitment to attending school. Attendance was well over 94%. It is clearly a sign of positivity and resilience by our students and families to achieve this.

An area that we will be focusing on more strongly in September is punctuality, both to school in the morning and to lessons. It is a clear expectation that our students arrive at school in good time for the beginning of registration at 8.35am (Please note: That there is a staggered start to the week beginning 6th September to allow for asymptomatic lateral flow testing to take place). Equally, students need to transition quickly and with purpose between lessons and following the end of break time and lunch when returning to lessons.

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# Team Rushden Standards for September 2021

## Student Uniform

One of our key Team Rushden Values is about being smart and wearing our uniform with pride. This means that our uniform emphasises strongly the school culture we have and the values we hold. Our students represent the school within the community and it is important that they uphold our expectations as previously mentioned. We continue to insist that school shirts remain tucked in and that students arrive at school and leave school meeting this standard. For the majority of students this basic expectation presents no issues for them at all and has been wholeheartedly accepted as being central to our culture and values. It is now time for the minority to step up and be more aligned with our Team and SMART values.

As we have neared the end of term it is understandable that elements of uniform that no longer fits or tears are not being replaced until the new academic year. However, it is vital that in September our students arrive meeting the expectations and standards we have.

Students should not be wearing black jeans or jean-like material as school wear trousers. Leggings and jeggings are also not part of the school uniform.

In terms of footwear our line is that if 'it is black and can be polished' and is sensible for everyday wear it can be worn to school.

Please remember that the school blazer is an essential part of the school uniform and that hoodies and non school uniform jumpers and sweaters will be confiscated if worn in school.

We continue to address the issues of facial and more specifically nose piercings. These are not allowed in school and should not be worn. Our guidance is that retainers can be used for new piercings but we expect that by week 6-8 the piercing is unlikely to close during school hours and therefore no retainer should need to be used from this point forward. Therefore any student who currently has a piercing will no longer need a retainer and should be prepared to arrive in school with no piercing jewellery or retainer on show.

## The tools for school

The summer provides a great opportunity to refuel the pencil case with all that is needed to be ready for learning. This includes as essential items:

Black pens	Pencils	Colouring pencils	Rubber	Highlighter	Glue stick	Ruler
Protractor	Set square	Compass	Scientific Calculator			

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## Team Rushden Standards for September 2021

### Bullying at Rushden Academy

We continue to be proud of our record on matters related to bullying. There have been several student voice panels across all year groups and they have been unanimous in saying that bullying is not a problem and that it is rare at the academy. Students feel safe and are assured that if anything is reported it is dealt with. As an academy we follow the good practice set out by the Anti-Bullying Alliance in that all potential bullying incidents are assessed in terms of an incident being INTENTIONAL, that it is REPEATED, that it has clearly been HARMFUL and whether there is a POWER IMBALANCE. When students return in September they will all once again sign our Rushden Academy Anti-Bullying Charter as a sign of their commitment to ensure that bullying is not tolerated as part of Team Rushden.

The new academic year in September provides a further opportunity to continue to build our Team Rushden culture and ethos. Our aim is to ensure that Rushden Academy is recognised as a 'good' school. A school that the students, staff and community of Rushden can be proud of and a school everyone deserves. Let us as a community continue to work together to make this a reality.

Mr R Middleton  
Senior Vice-Principal

### PE Loyalty Club Draw

Over the course of this academic year students have been collecting PE stamps each time they attend an extra-curricular club. Once they have completed a card (attended 10 clubs) students are entered into the prize draw!! The draw can be seen on our social media platforms (Twitter and Instagram).

Congratulations to the winners and thanks once again to the businesses that have supported us and donated some brilliant prizes!



- ◆ A months membership at Freedom Leisure (Pemberton Centre and Splash) - Samuel C
- ◆ A climbing session at Rock Up x 2 - Harvey P & Amelia C
- ◆ A trampoline session with socks supplied by Flip Out - Esme G

A massive congratulations to all of you and thank you to the many students that attended every club this term! Keep up the great work when we return in September.

Mr S Harris  
Head of PE

## Rushden Academy Musical 2021

OMIGOD  
*You*  
GUYS

### The Rushden Academy School Musical **IS BACK!**

From September 2021 we are back in rehearsals for....



See the Performing Arts notice board for details  
First meeting Tuesday 14th September 3.15 in the hall

## Grace Foundation Charity Single

If you haven't listened already, have a look at the charity single released by the Ethos Team and Grace Foundation that features 5 students from Rushden Academy.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?  
v=m1qiyPP7IG8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1qiyPP7IG8)



The poster features the North Northamptonshire Council logo at the top left and the freedomleisure logo at the top right. The main title 'Xplorer Summer Events' is displayed prominently in large, stylized letters. Below the title, 'NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE' is written in a smaller, bold font. The poster details five event locations: Thrapston (Peace Park) on Monday 9th August 2021, Irthingborough (Central Recreation Ground) on Wednesday 11th August 2021, Rushden (Hall Park) on Tuesday 10th August 2021, Oundle (New Recreation Ground) on Thursday 12th August 2021, and a final location listed as 'Other' (not fully visible). It specifies that all events run from 10am to 12pm and require booking via email to Christopher.Bryden@freedom-leisure.co.uk. A note states that only £1 per child is required and cash is accepted. At the bottom, there is a cartoon illustration of four children playing outdoors: a girl with a ball, a girl in a pink dress, a boy with a stick, and a girl swinging on a swing. A small note at the bottom left provides information for parents about COVID-19 guidelines.

An advertisement for the Frontier Centre Summer Holiday Club. The top half features a purple banner with white text reading 'FRONTIER CENTRE SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB'. Below the banner is a photograph of a child climbing on a high ropes course against a blue sky with white clouds. To the right of the photo, the text '2nd August - 27th August 2021' is displayed above a paragraph describing the programme. The bottom half contains contact information and logos.

**MELODIES THEATRE ACADEMY**  
**MONDAY 9TH - FRIDAY 13TH AUGUST**  
**10AM - 2PM**

# JOIN US FOR 2020

Reception to Year 8 - working on pieces from Annie, Cats, Frozen, Mamma Mia and Matilda - £100 for Week  
 30% sibling Discount \*

Year 9 + - Six the Musical Workshop Day Wednesday 11th August - £20

Alfred Street Junior School Rushden 07958 722108

# A WEEK IN THE WEST END

**Summer Holiday Clubs 2021**

Book now on one of our exciting, action-packed Summer Holiday Clubs. Weekdays from 19th July to 13th August.

**Mornings: 9.00 - 12.00**  
 Canoeing Kayaking Raft building SUP

**Afternoons: 1.00 - 4.00**  
 Climbing Fire making Archery Axe throwing Bushcraft Shelter building

For more details go to: [www.neneextreme.co.uk](http://www.neneextreme.co.uk)

Or contact us at: [david@neneextreme.co.uk](mailto:david@neneextreme.co.uk) 01832 272050  
[www.facebook.com/neneextreme](http://www.facebook.com/neneextreme)

**JOIN US AT OUR  
 SUMMER TENNIS &  
 MULTISPORT CAMPS**

# FINEDON TENNIS COACHING

**16th August to 20th August**

**What is a Tennis Camp?**

Tennis Camps are...

- 5-hour days
- Filled with quality tennis coaching
- Suitable for children of all ages and standards
- Designed to keep the kids engaged whilst learning

**Times:**  
 Mini Tennis  
 (4-10 year olds) - 9am till 12pm

Junior Tennis  
 (11-16 year olds) - 12.30pm-3.30pm

**Cost:**  
 Numbers £25 per day  
 Non-Numbers £27 per day

We adhere to COVID-19 government & LTA guidelines

# YOUTH WORKS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES - JULY

	MON 26TH	TUE 27TH	WED 28TH	THU 29TH	FRI 30TH
MORNING	STREET DANCE 10AM - 12PM E2	STREET DANCE 10AM - 12PM E2	STREET DANCE 10AM - 12PM E2	STREET DANCE 10AM - 12PM E2	STREET DANCE 10AM - 12PM E2
AFTERNOON	ARTS AND CRAFTS 1PM - 3PM E2	COOKING 1PM - 3PM E5	COOKING 1PM - 3PM E5	NAILS 1PM - 3PM E2	NAILS 1PM - 3PM E2

# YOUTH WORKS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES - AUGUST

	MON 2ND	TUE 3RD	WED 4TH	THU 5TH	FRI 6TH
MORNING	ARTS AND CRAFTS 10AM-12PM E2	ARTS AND CRAFTS 10AM-12PM E2	MULTISPORTS 10AM - 12PM E2	MULTISPORTS 10AM - 12PM E2	MULTISPORTS 10AM - 12PM E2
AFTERNOON	CIRCUS SKILLS 1PM - 3PM E2	CIRCUS SKILLS 1PM - 3PM E2	MULTISPORTS 10AM - 12PM E2	MULTISPORTS 10AM - 12PM E2	MULTISPORTS 10AM - 12PM E2

ALL ACTIVITIES AT:  
THE WILLIAM KNIBB CENTRE, MONTAGUE STREET

## Stars of the Week

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



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## GCSEPod Summer Learning Programme

From the **26th July** and over the course of **3 weeks**, students and parents are invited to participate in engaging and interactive webinars, and gain access to interviews with subject specialists, resources, task sheets, podcasts and more.



Any student or parent can take part but they must register at [gcsepod.com/summerpod](http://gcsepod.com/summerpod) to get involved!





## 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.



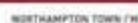
## Become a Youth Ambassador!

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



## 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



## 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 Fm  
**#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](#).

