

Rushden Academy Newsletter



Aspire, Explore, Succeed

24/09/2021

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Team Rushden - United we stand, divided we fall

Dear Parent / Carer

There was a lot of excitement in the Performing Arts block today as pupils heard that they had secured parts in the up and coming show, Legally Blonde. At the moment we look back on previous performances with awe and wonder and it is such a good feeling to be back on track this year!



The extra-curricular provision has once again started growing and it was good to see our pupils play Kin Ball in the Sports Hall and to see some Year 11s work on their Art coursework. We also had many pupils arrive back to school after completing a local gardening project too.



It is feeling almost 'normal' again but we must not become complacent with our health and safety measures. Please continue to do the Lateral Flow Test at home.

The virus is certainly having an impact on other areas besides health, we are noticing issues around food delivery and availability of certain products. So far it is not overly noticeable but we are keeping our eye on stocks.

We regularly have visitors in school, this week Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust came into school and were full of praise for the staff and pupils at Rushden Academy. I would echo their comments and add that Team Rushden pupils are welcoming, polite, they open doors and they ask how your day is going. They are absolutely delightful and a real credit to you!

Mrs J Burton
Principal

Using Google

Rushden Academy is a Google Education school, and we use a suite of online programs, similar to those produced by Microsoft.

We understand that pupils may have never used these apps before, so we have created some short videos to help you.

The videos can be found below by clicking on the link provided, and I hope this will help you get familiar with using the software. Students will be issued with a username and password to access the school computers in their IT lesson, and they will also be told how to use their individual school email accounts to log into Google.

Should you have any questions about using the Google Apps, please write a note in your child's planner and your child form tutor will support where possible.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLeNlymw8juS2u112V4529XTLG5jdUTU3c>

Breakfast Club has Reopened!



Breakfast club has reopened and is available to all pupils from 8:00am-8:30am. There is a selection of food available including toast, pastries, cereal, yogurt, fruit and a selection of fruit juices. Start your day in a great way!

Changes to Personal Development Programme 2021-22

This academic year sees the Academy commencing a new model for Personal, Social, Health, Relationships and Sex Education. In addition to 'Learning For Life' days, we are now delivering weekly PSHE lessons for all students to ensure we are meeting our statutory duties and providing opportunities to prepare our students for life beyond school. Further details are available on the Rushden Academy website.

<https://rushden-academy.net/index.php/kf/si/policies>

Book a Slot at our Open Evening

To book a slot at our open evening for year 6 students, please use the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/live-tours-tickets-174096135227>

Morrison's Gardening Points

Dear Parent/Carer

If you shop at Morrisons, or know family and friends who do, please could we ask that you register Rushden Academy for gardening points.

For every £10 you spend (in store or online) you will get a Grow Token that the school can redeem for a wide range of gardening and growing equipment.

You can either download the Morrison's app or log into your Morrisons online account to start collecting Grow Tokens. Simply scan your digital My Morrisons or physical card in store, or link your My Morrisons card to your online account to get Grow Tokens every time you shop. The collection period finishes on Sunday 24th October.

We have been developing our grounds with students and have a the eco committee growing our own vegetables and a sensory garden by the inclusion rooms being developed.

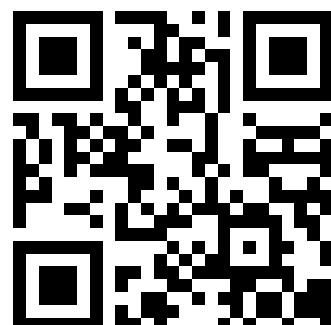


We would really appreciate your help to give us the opportunity to buy more tools etc. to help us to continue our eco committee work.

Click [here](#) for more information about the gardening points scheme or use the QR code (right) to download the Morrisons app.

With many thanks

The Eco Committee



Take It Further

Our new after school program of enrichment activities starts next week. All students have been given the opportunity to select sessions being offered this half term and next half term ranging from learning more about the holocaust to knitting. If students have not yet selected their options they need to go their forms Google classroom and read the timetable of events and then complete the Google form.

The first session is on Tuesday 28th in the lecture theatre, there will be at least 28 students learning about behavioural psychology. They will get a 45 minute introduction to key psychological studies connected to the world of criminal psychology. This will include looking at whether behaviour is more genetically based or learnt behaviour.

Assemblies This Week

This week the main focus of our assemblies was the work of our Ethos Team. Mr Noblett, our Ethos Leader, spoke about their work and outlined all the support available to our students which ranged from a 'listening ear' to drop in sessions at lunchtime.

We are very fortunate as a school to have the Ethos Team who (part of the [Grace Foundation](#)) working so integrally within our pastoral system. In addition to Mr Noblett, our Ethos Team consists of Mrs King who works closely with families and Mrs Benn who supports pupils as a Youth worker. Working together they provide significant support to help our students Aspire, Explore and Succeed.

Piercings

A small number of female students continue to arrive at school with facial piercings. Our Student Presentation and Uniform Policy clearly states that facial piercings are not allowed in school. Additionally, such piercings do not meet the health and safety standards required for PE.

Prior to the summer the academy outlined in a standards letter that action would be taken should students persistently fall foul of this policy.

It was also stated that following a period of time those wearing retainers to maintain the piercing should reach a position whereby this could and should be removed.

From Monday 27th September more stringent measures will begin to be enacted for those students who continue to have facial piercings or maintain retainers which have simply become an alternative to a metal stud or hoop.

We will no longer be accepting or tolerant of the range of excuses that have been used repeatedly to justify the continued wearing and displaying of facial piercings amongst members of the student body.

If your child has a facial piercing we would welcome your intervention over the weekend to ensure that our school policy is met.



OMIGOD you GUYS!



The Performing Arts Faculty have been fully back into swing, with auditions for Legally Blonde The Musical taking place earlier this week. We are excited to say that after recalls on Wednesday the musical is finally cast! Thank you to everyone who auditioned, the level of talent and dedication was amazing. We now have a full cast, chorus, dancers, orchestra, backstage crew and a production team full of students ready to start!

To follow along with all things Legally Blonde, follow our instagram for latest news and sneak peeks:
@RushdenAcademyPerformingArts

Rushden Academy Open Evening



Hayway Rushden Northamptonshire NN10 6AG

www.rushden-academy.net

Live tours – Come and visit Rushden Academy on Thursday 7th October

We warmly invite Year 6 pupils and their families to visit Rushden Academy to see what we have on offer to develop pupils outstanding character. We will showcase how we nurture Team Rushden values and prepare our pupils to be successful, self-assured, responsible citizens.

You will have an opportunity to visit all subject areas, to talk to staff and pupils and meet with leaders. We will send you away with links to the 2021-2022 prospectus & other important virtual information so that you can digest this in your own time. We appreciate that it is a very important decision to make and would like to help you make your informed decisions.

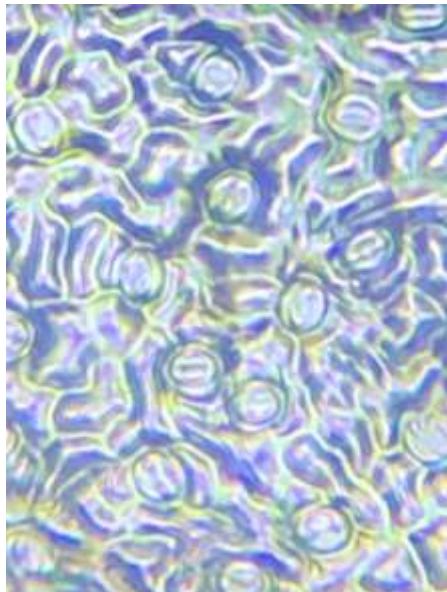
Please visit the school website www.rushden-academy.net from Monday 20th September to access the folder Year 7 2022. Here you will be able to book a slot for live tours on the evening of the 7th October. If you wish to speak with someone, please contact: 01933 350391 or email: info@rushden-academy.net

To book a spot on our open day, click [here](#).

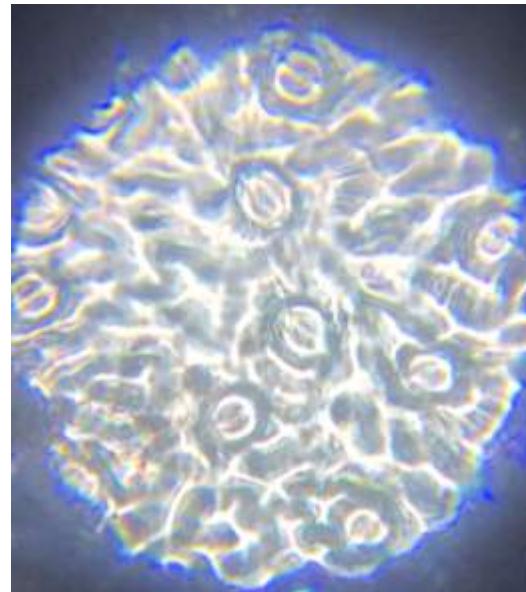
We are here to support you, please contact us on 01933 350391 if you would like a telephone call-back and further information.

What's Happening in Science

Mr Brainwood's Yr8 science have been looking at leaf stomata under a microscope. Here are 2 photos taken by students on a camera phone through the microscope lens



Alfie



Rhys

Music Update

We have been traveling the world in Year 7 and 8 Music, the performing arts block is filled with African Drumming and Indonesian Gamelan music on a daily basis!

Both these units of work focus on rhythms, group work and composition, introducing/recapping these key elements to ensure students have a strong base for progressing over the year. Year 9s have been introduced to music technology and have been starting to use a software called Bandlab for Education, this software is accessible from any internet enabled computer so any student that wants to use it in their free time can start creating their own projects as well as the work we are completing in class!

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, drum 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

Vaccinations for 12-15 Year Olds

As you are aware, this autumn all young people aged 12 to 15 years are being offered the first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. In preparation for this, North Northamptonshire Council have been working closely with colleagues in the NHS to ensure that vaccines are delivered in a way that causes minimum disruption to schools. As with other vaccines, the delivery will be led by the School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) who will begin liaising with individual schools in the coming days and weeks.

Should you have any additional questions, please refer to the DfE guidance which is below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-schools/covid-19-vaccination-programme-for-young-people-guidance-for-parents>

Buy Stationery in the Library

Our library has a small amount of stationery that can be bought during break and lunch times. Pop in and have a look at our selection while you browse for your next book.

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
Protractor/ Set Square	15p
Small Clear Pencil Case	40p
Large Clear Pencil Case	60p
Scientific Calculator (KS3)	£3.50
Scientific Calculator (KS4)	£7.50

The Library is open!

The Library is open for all year groups to use during break and lunch. Use the usual Library door.

You can use the Library to:

- do homework on a computer or at the desks
- read and/or take an AR quiz
- take part in a club activity
- play selected games
- have a quiet catch-up with friends

**NB: we are only open to Years 9, 10 & 11 for certain breaks;
please check the timetable below.**

6th form- Library is available if there are no classes in there

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	B	R	E	A	K
Yrs 7 & 8 10:05– 10:25	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
Yrs 9, 10 & 11 11:05– 11:25	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open
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Yrs 7 & 8 12:25– 13:00	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
Yrs 9, 10 & 11 13:25– 14:00	Closed	Open	Open	Closed	Closed
All Years Homework Club	Open 15:00– 15:50	Open 15:00– 15:50	Open 15:00– 15:50	Open 15:00– 15:50	Closed

Clubs in the Library

**Clubs will run during lunch-times,
starting on Monday 27th September.**

Manga Mondays



Top Trumps Tuesday

"What Are You Reading" Wednesday?



Tranquil Thursday

'Fill-It-In' Friday



**Homework, reading, jigsaw and games available
everyday at lunch-time
(no games on Tranquil Thursday).**

Extra-Curricular Clubs

		Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
	Lunch	Fitness Suite Netball	Fitness Suite	Fitness Suite	Fitness Suite	Fitness Suite, Drama and Music Intervention
	Monday	After School	School	School	School	School
	Lunch	Ethos Drop In	Ethos Drop In	Ethos Drop In	Ethos Drop In	Ethos Drop In
	After School	School Musical Rehearsals Football (Boys and Girls)	School Musical Rehearsals Football (Boys and Girls)	School Musical Rehearsals Football (Boys and Girls)	School Musical Rehearsals Football (Boys and Girls)	School Musical Rehearsals Football (Boys and Girls)
		MFL Film Club	MFL Film Club	MFL Film Club	MFL Film Club	MFL Film Club
		After School	KS3 Musical Rehearsals Performing Arts rehearsal space available Netball Rugby	KS3 Musical Rehearsals Performing Arts rehearsal space available Netball	KS3 Musical Rehearsals Performing Arts rehearsal space available Netball	Performing Arts rehearsal space available Netball
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						Photography, Art and Graphics coursework Performing Arts rehearsal space available Netball
						MFL Intervention
	Lunch	THRIVE Ethos Room	THRIVE Ethos Room	THRIVE Ethos Room	THRIVE Ethos Room	THRIVE Ethos Room
	After School	Performing Arts rehearsal space available Kinball Basketball	Performing Arts rehearsal space available Kinball Basketball	Performing Arts rehearsal space available Kinball Basketball	Performing Arts rehearsal space available Kinball Basketball	Performing Arts rehearsal space available Kinball Basketball
						Kinball Sport Studies and Childcare coursework
	Lunch	After School	Panto Rehearsals Dance Club	Panto Rehearsals Dance Club	Panto Rehearsals Dance Club	Panto Rehearsals Dance Club

School Lockers

Dear Parent/Carer

ILS provides lockers for Rushden Academy students.

The lockers are owned by ILS and are available for students to rent on an annual basis. Rental costs are £25 per year allowing use from September through to July.

Please note all bookings terminate at the end of the school year in July. We apologise but there is no discount for lockers booked late in the year.

The locker size is as follows:

Height: 450mm

Width: 300mm

Depth: 450mm

To guarantee a locker please book online at our website www.ilsschools.co.uk

Lockers for September 2021 - July 2022 are available to book online now.

All rentals are subject to our terms and conditions which are available during the booking process.

Please note we are a separate entity from the school and all dealings will be directly with ourselves.

Yours sincerely



Paul Nugent
Facilities Manager



Independent Locker
Solutions Ltd



School Day Timings

Years 7 and 8		Years 9, 10 and 11	
Form Time	08.35-09.05	Form Time	08.35-09.05
Period 1	09.05-10.05	Period 1	09.05-10.05
Break	10.05-10.25	Period 2	10.05-11.05
Period 2	10.25-11.25	Break	11.05-11.25
Period 3	11.25-12.25	Period 3	11.25-12.25
Lunch	12.25-13.00	Period 4	12.25-13.25
Period 4	13.00-14.00	Lunch	13.25-14.00
Period 5	14.00-15.00	Period 5	14.00-15.00

The 'HAPPY HEADS' project supports primary school aged children within their local schools and communities to build emotional resilience and develop a healthy mind so they can be happier and healthier kids.

'HAPPY HEADS' provides a safe place to talk and explore what children are worried about and every child receives a booklet to keep as a place to explore their thoughts and feelings, which can be used at any time when they feel stressed or anxious.

'HAPPY HEADS' especially supports Year 6 children to prepare for the transition from primary to secondary school, which is exciting but also often accompanied by palpable anxieties.

Children will:
Reduce Anxieties
Increase Confidence & Self-Esteem
Improve Behaviour
Feel Happier

(current areas covered in Northamptonshire:
Wellingborough, Corby, Kettering,
Baventry & South Northants)

For more information or to make a referral, please contact:
Service Six Service Hub Team: 01933 277520 or referrals@servicesix.co.uk
Or download our referral form
<https://www.servicesix.co.uk/make-a-referral-directly-to-service-six/>



PARENT/CARER 6 WEEK SKILLS BUILDING COURSE FOR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE FAMILIES

Our 6 week course is for parents/carers of children with ADHD. With sessions that will cover aspects of ADHD such as medication, sleep disturbances & linked conditions such as Anxiety, Autism, ODD (oppositional defiance disorder), Autistic spectrum etc. We help people to understand the additional struggles that come from raising a child with ADHD and discuss strategies on how you might support them without burning yourself out. Feedback from when we've run this before suggests that people benefit not just from the understanding skills and strategies but also the sense of community that comes from meeting other families in a similar position. Spending 6 weeks on this gives us a long time to work through things in detail, and see progress from week to week.

In conjunction with The ADHD Foundation

**£39.50 per family
(discounted rate)**

Presented by Jannine Perryman of
ADHD Wise UK

**Fri 24 Sept 10am online
every Friday**

To book your place please go to this link
<https://10to8.com/book/voiihuwqjzezgtuxye/1464440/>

or email Hayley at info@adhdwise.uk



Stars of the Week

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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](#).

