



# 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

Dear Parent / Carer

It is a relief to report that in-school Covid testing was finalised today; pupils will receive home testing kits early next week to continue testing at home. We will receive further government guidance at the end of September and will obviously keep you informed along the way.

Lessons have gone very well this week, we expect pupils to know more and remember more. If you could discuss what has been learnt at school, if you could encourage reading and ensure homework is completed, this will certainly help to develop independent, keen learners. It is vital that we work in partnership so please use the school planners and email system to keep in touch. We are in the process of contacting you to ensure we have 2 telephone contacts, if your details change please let us know.

Can you also encourage your son/daughter to walk or bike to school and use the Spencer Park Gate. The Hayway is such a busy road and the school carpark is a potential hazard. We are reviewing our site safety procedures again with the health and safety advisor to ensure we provide the safest environment. Please drive carefully, be highly vigilant and kind drivers.

As ever we value your support and feedback. We are really looking forward to this year, especially being able to do all the extra-curricular activities again. I personally cannot wait for the Legally Blonde performance, the Learning for Life Days, all the trips and competitions. How they have been missed!

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>

## Thank You to 2 Year 11 Students

Team Rushden wants to proudly mention the bravery and selflessness that two Year 11 students, Katie and Charlotte, showed on Monday. The girls helped an elderly lady who had tripped and fallen on The Hayway and hurt her head. They called an ambulance and supported the lady until it arrived. The girls demonstrated all the values that Team Rushden prides itself on. Well done! You are a credit to our school and local community.

## Rushden Air Cadet Squadron

858 (Rushden) Squadron of the Royal Air Force Air Cadets is fully back up and running and they are recruiting!

They offer children from 12 (year 8) – 17 fantastic opportunities to further their personal development and to do things that others only dream about.

Typically, cadets from 858 (Rushden) have taken part in activities such as adventurous training, BTEC's, UK and Overseas camps, flying, shooting, gliding, sports, leadership, fieldcraft, Duke of Edinburgh, first aid, radio communications and drill.

Their recruitment open night on Wednesday 15th September 7.30-9.00pm It will be an opportunity for young people to come to the squadron to see what we do and have a go.

<http://858aircadets.org.uk/>



## Rushden Academy Open Evening



Hayway Rushden Northamptonshire NN10 6AG

[www.rushden-academy.net](http://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](http://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](mailto:info@rushden-academy.net)

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

## 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](http://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



## School Day 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	
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## Rushden Academy Musical 2022



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

## 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

## What's Happening in Science?

We are so happy to have students back in lesson and working hard. This week has been a lot about getting students back into routines. All students have a separate book (green) for biology, (yellow) for chemistry and (blue) for physics, to help keep their work organised. We are also having a big push on presentation and self and peer marking.

In biology our students are currently learning about:

Year 7: What are we made of?

Year 8: Do plants eat?

Year 9: How do molecules move inside us?

Year 10: Can plants get ill?

Year 11: How did we evolve?

At the end of each unit students will be expected to produce a homework answering this question so why not get them to scan the QR codes below do some extra reading on the topic?

Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10



Year 11



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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

**workpays** **KICKSTART SCHEME**

# GET THE SKILLS, GET THE JOB!

**SIGN UP FOR OUR...**

## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE

**ARE YOU...**

- Aged 16 - 24
- NOT** in education,   
employment or training
- Living in Kettering,   
Corby, Rushden or  
Wellingborough

**THE COURSE...**

- Delivered virtually, so you can  
learn from home
- Runs 21st September 2021 -  
8th October 2021
- You'll get a **Level 1 Certificate  
in Customer Service**, PLUS  
employability skills and  
a **GUARANTEED**  
interview for a Kickstart  
placement

**GET A REFERRAL**  
Show this poster to your JCP Work Coach  
and ask them to refer you to Workpays!

**IT'S  
FREE!\***

\*Subject to eligibility and funding

## 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  
DRUGS  
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**

ChatHealth

#weareNHS

NHS  
Northamptonshire Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust

**CAMHS LIVE**  
#MYMINDMATTERS

WE KNOW IT CAN BE HARD TO GET HELP.

CAMHS LIVE CAN BE ACCESSED 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/CAMHSLIVE](http://WWW.NHS.UK/CAMHSLIVE)

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR YOU, WITH YOU

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Where Young Minds Matter