



# Rushden Academy Newsletter

Aspire, Explore, Succeed

14/10/2022

Message From the Principal



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

Dear Parent / Carer

The penultimate week of this half term has been a busy one with lots of great things happening across the school.

It was Mrs Smith's turn to deliver assemblies this week and hers centred on the theme of mental health, which is something I am fiercely passionate about. Her assembly encouraged students to reflect on how we define mental health and got them to think about it as an individual's mental capacity to cope with the demands of day to day life. There were also ideas and suggestions to help students look after their own mental health by taking regular breaks from things such as social media on phones which puts huge amounts of pressure on young people to look and behave in certain ways.

Aspiration remains a key focus for us and this week, Year 11 students were all invited to a meeting with either Mrs Owens or Mr Firth to discuss their plans for the future. Whilst we ensure that all students receive independent advice and careers guidance, it was pleasing to hear that many students are thinking about continuing their education with us next year as part of The East Northants College. These meetings lead nicely into our Class of 2023 launch evening next Tuesday at 5pm. We are welcoming all Year 11 students and parents to attend an event in the main hall where we will share ideas about effective revision strategies; key information regarding revision for maths and English; as well as providing all students who attend with a bag of resources including revision guides and planners to support their studies at home.

Year 7 parents and carers had the opportunity to meet with tutors on Thursday afternoon to discuss how their children have settled in so far and it was pleasing to hear and see so much positive feedback from tutors to their tutees. The new Year 7s have truly embraced our Team Rushden values and I am excited to see them pushing the boundaries in relation to future achievements.

The library has also been a hive of activity at break and lunch times with lots of students reading, completing sudoku puzzles or playing chess. I am a huge advocate for reading given the significant impact it has on boosting children's vocabulary and to see so many of our students taking every opportunity to read is genuinely heart-warming. I even had the pleasure of signing the first millionaire certificates for students who have already read a million words this academic year!

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## Message From the Principal Continued....

In the last week there have been a few students whose uniform has fallen short of our high standards and so please can I request your support with this by ensuring that your child is leaving the house in the correct uniform. There have been particular issues with students opting to wear leggings or dark jeans instead of the school trousers which they have been wearing previously. As always, your support with this is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Mr B Baines  
Principal

A Halloween-themed poster for 'Explorer' events. The top half features a large, glowing full moon in a dark teal sky, with several black bat silhouettes flying around it. Below the moon, the word 'HALLOWEEN' is written in a large, white, dripping font. Underneath that, the word 'EXPLORER' is written in a stylized, blue and red font. The bottom half of the poster is divided into two columns. The left column lists three events: 'Rushden (Hall Park) MONDAY 24 OCT', 'Thrapston (Peace Park) TUESDAY 25 OCT', and 'Twywell (Hills and Dales) THURSDAY 27 OCT'. The right column contains event details: 'ALL EVENTS FROM 11 AM - 1PM', 'Fancy dress welcome', '£1 PER CHILD TAKING PART', and 'No Booking needed!'. At the bottom, there is a contact email: 'Contact wesley.neville@freedom-leisure.co.uk for more information'. Three logos are at the bottom: North Northamptonshire Council, a triangular logo with 'EXPLORER' text, and the 'freedomleisure' logo with the tagline 'where you matter'.

## PE Updates

### Year 7 Football Match Report, Rushden vs Wrenn

The whistle was blown and Wrenn started the kick off strong. Rushden applied constant pressure with Taylor completing a great tackle. It's Rushden's time to attack and Taylor shoots, it's a great save by the keeper and now it's a corner.



Harvey's taking the corner and it's a great shot at the back post, Ben takes the ball, shoots and scores! GOAL! It's a great volley by Ben.

Its centre ball for Wrenn and they are being pressed hard by Harvey. Elliot takes the ball and plays it up the line to Harvey but as he tries to go around the other team he was challenged by an amazing tackle and it goes out for a throw in. It's a short pass to Taylor, he goes around the Wrenn he takes a shot and scores GOAL!!

Wrenn kick off again, but it's another great interception by Rushden. Elliot passes to Taylor, he shoots from outside the box, but it's another great save by the keeper and its goes out for a corner. Harvey's up to take the corner, whips it in but the keeper saves it. Another corner, this time to the far post, the defender hand balls, penalty. Kaiden goes up to take the penalty, he shoots a powerful shot to the left corner. GOAL!!

Substitution for Rushden: Taylor, Kaiden and Harvey to come off and Harry, Harvey and Daniel come on. Wrenn are not giving in, and are still trying to have fun.

Harry is on the break, shoots and GOAL!! Centre ball, pass to the attacker but Harvey tackles and he passes to Kaiden who shoots, the ball clips off the defender to go out for another corner. Harvey whips it in again and its another fabulous volley by Ben.

Whistle has been blown for half time.

Next half begins and Wrenn has made loads of substitutions. It's Rushden kick-off, whistle blown and there is great pressure from Wrenn. Rushden lose the ball and now Wrenn's on the corner and they get past, but I guess they can't get past Elliot.

Rushden's on the attack again, but it's a shot and a miss by Rushden. Goal kick and it's a big kick by the keeper, it's unlucky as it went out for a throw in.

Substitution for Rushden: Kaiden, Harvey and Taylor come on. Throw in for Rushden, up the line, blocked by the defender. Wrenn are playing some nice football!

Throw to Harvey, plays to centre, but it's a tackle from Wrenn. Wrenn try and pass but it's intercepted by Kia. Taylor goes in for a tackle but the ref says free kick. It is a lovely ball over the top to the striker, keeper got there, big kick. Dan to Harvey on the wing but the defenders are strong, gets passed up the line, ball is crossed but everyone misses.

Short pass to Harvey and now he is driving and plays it up the line, Taylor receives and he shoots but it scrapes the crossbar.

It's the end of the match, handshakes all around. Well played everyone.

Well done for your 5-1 win boys!!!

## PE Updates

### Netball

We had another fantastic turn out of approximately 45 girls for netball club this week and had some great, competitive games in preparation for the fixture this week.

### Fixtures - Away at Ferrers

This week our Year 8 & 9s and Year 10 & 11s played against Ferrers away. We went over in the mini bus after school and the girls were all excited and enthusiastic. We were only playing one school this week so we played a longer game of 4 x 10minutes.

We played a tough Ferrers team and found it hard but the girls in both games played extremely well and gave a great account of themselves. The games were also both played in great spirits and players of the match chosen by their opponents were Daisy (Year 11) and Thalia (Year 8).

Don't forget Netball Club on Monday if you would like to get involved and we have our last fixture of the season at Weavers against Weavers and Huxlow next Tuesday.

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**Competition Time!**

**Student Creative Competition**  
We are looking for students to submit a piece of work to celebrate Black History Month.

This could be an original piece of work or you can re-make someone else's.

Entries might include poems, artwork, stories, book covers, songs/rap or something different, try be as unique as possible!

**CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

*That is My Dream!*  
Langston Hughes & David Myers

**Deadline is Friday 4th November!!!!**  
Entries are to be handed in to Tutors

*Any Questions?*



### Numeracy Problem of the Week



Cheryl finds a bag containing 50 coins.

The value of the coins is £1.81.

If the bag only contains two-pence and five-pence coins, how many more five-pence coins are there than two-pence coins?

Last Week's Solution: 12

Join the Google Classroom code **f2esulr** to submit your answer

## Stay Connected Newsletter

Have a look at the Stay Connected Newsletter for October to see what is going on in our local area.

<https://www.nctrust.co.uk/help-and-protection-for-children/protecting-children-information-for-parents/Documents/Stay%20Connected%20Newsletter%20NCT%20October%202022.pdf>



# METICULOUS

Word Type:

Adjective

Synonyms:

- conscientious
- diligent

Antonyms:

- imprecise
- inaccurate

Definition:

meticulous means:

- showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise

Example:

- "Miss. Neville took a meticulous approach to marking."

## English Period 6 for Year 11

All year 11 are invited to the following Period 6 sessions after school to help them revise for their mock exams.

Wednesday 19th October			
Options	What?	Details	Where?
1	Poetry - falling in love	Exploring positive, romantic relationships in 1st date; Sonnet 43; The Manhunt	E6
2	English Language Paper 2 - Creative Writing	How to develop your use of description and using language techniques for effect.	E4

Wednesday 2nd November			
Options	What?	Details	Where?
1	Poetry - lost love	Exploring love that has been lost or broken apart in A Complaint, Neutral Tones and One Flesh	E3
2	English Language Paper 2 - Question 6	Exploring how to compare similarities and differences in ideas.	E2

Wednesday 9th November			
Options	What?	Details	Where?
1	Poetry - 'other' love	Exploring unconventional love in i wanna be yours, Love's Dog and She Walks	E9
2	English Language Paper 2 - Question 6	Exploring how to compare similarities and differences in perspectives.	E5

Wednesday 16th November			
Options	What?	Details	Where?
1	A Christmas Carol	Exploring the main events in Staves 3, 4 and 5 plus key quotations	E5
2	A Christmas Carol	Exploring use of symbolism in the novella and how to analyse it	E3

Wednesday 23rd November			
Options	What?	Details	Where?
1	A Level Literature	Calling all students interested in A level literature!	E9

## Year 11 Revision and Exam Preparation Event

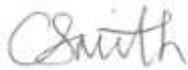
Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to you to make you aware of an opportunity for you and your son/daughter to attend a Revision and Exam preparation event on Tuesday 18th October 2022, in the Main Hall. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to find out more about revision techniques and how to access resources such as revision guides and revision materials. It will also provide parents and carers with ideas in how to support the exam periods.

Students will receive a free English and Maths revision guide for attending the event, totalling over £5.

This event will take place at 5pm in the Main Hall and we ask that all students and parents attending arrive from 4:45pm and sign up via the Eventbrite website. Link: <https://classof2023.eventbrite.co.uk/>

We thank you in advance for your ongoing support in your son/daughter's progress towards their GCSEs and their attendance to the event. We look forward to welcoming you on Tuesday 18th October 2022.



Yours sincerely

Mr C Smith  
Head of Year 11

## Free Swimming for Under 18s Over Half Term

Swimming pools across Northamptonshire, including Splash swimming pool in Rushden, are offering free swimming sessions to under 18s over half term. From Monday 24th October, to Friday 28th October, the 5 pools will offer a session a day where children can swim for free (timings below).

The sessions are available to anyone under the age of 18, however, under 8s will need to be accompanied by an adult.

- Corby: 11am - 12.30pm - Corby East Midlands International Pool, Parkland Gateway, George St, Corby NN17 1QG
- Rushden: 11am - 12.30pm Splash Leisure Pool, Station Road, Rushden, NN10 9SJ
- Thrapston: 11am - 12.30pm Nene Leisure Centre, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4JY
- Wellingborough: 1.35pm – 2.55pm Waendel Leisure Centre, Thomas Street, NN8 1DZ
- Kettering: 11am -12.30pm - Kettering Pool, London Rd, Kettering NN15 7QA

## Maths Period 6 for Year 11s

All year 11 are invited to the following Period 6 sessions after school to help them revise for their mock exams.

Monday 17th October		
Who for?	Topic	Where?
Sets 1 & 2 (Higher)	Index laws - negative/fractional	Mr Routhorn, M1
Sets 3, 4 & 5 (Foundation)	Index laws	Mr Glover, M2

Monday 31st October		
Who for?	Topic	Where?
Sets 1 & 2 (Higher)	Standard form	Mrs Evans, M5
Sets 3, 4 & 5 (Foundation)	Factors, multiples and primes HCF and	Mrs Gurnham, M3

Monday 7th November		
Who for?	Topic	Where?
Sets 1 & 2 (Higher)	Surds	Mrs Evans, M5
Sets 3, 4 & 5 (Foundation)	Expanding brackets (including simplifying)	Mrs Armitage, M4

Monday 14th November		
Who for?	Topic	Where?
Sets 1 & 2 (Higher)	Conversion graphs	Mr Routhorn, M1
Sets 3, 4 & 5 (Foundation)	Factorising - single and double brackets	Mr Glover, M2

Monday 21st November		
Who for?	Topic	Where?
Sets 1 & 2 (Higher)	Real life graphs	Mrs Evans, M5
Sets 3, 4 & 5 (Foundation)	Substitution	Mrs Gurnham, M3

Monday 28th November		
Who for?	Topic	Where?
Sets 1 & 2 (Higher)	Distance time graphs	Mrs Evans, M5
Sets 3, 4 & 5 (Foundation)	Two way tables	Mrs Armitage, M4

## Maths Period 6 for Year 11s

### Monday 5th December

Who for?	Topic	Where?
Sets 1 & 2 (Higher)	Perpendicular and parallel lines	Mr Routhorn, M1
Sets 3, 4 & 5 (Foundation)	Averages from frequency tables	Mr Glover, M2

### Monday 12th December

Who for?	Topic	Where?
Sets 1 & 2 (Higher)	Quadratic graphs inc roots and turning points	Mrs Evans, M5
Sets 3, 4 & 5 (Foundation)	Stem and leaf diagrams	Mrs Gurnham, M3

## School Photographs Ready for Year 7 & 10

Dear Parent/Carer

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card.

If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification.

If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions. If you no longer have the QR code, please contact Rushden Academy to get an access code.

**The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is 20th October 2022**

Regards

Vancols Photographers

## Year 11 Mock Timetable

### Dance and Drama Exams

These are your final Component 2 Exams. These marks will go towards your final BTEC grade next summer.

### Clashes

Students who have 2 exams at the same time will have one of the exams moved to a session where you do not have an exam. This will show on your personalised timetable which you will receive closer to the exams.

**If you do not have an exam you will be in your normal lessons**

	P1 + P2		P3 +P4		Reg + P5	
FRI 11th NOV	DRAMA (LTH) 2hrs (KJ) HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE (SH) 2hrs ICT (SH) 1hr 30mins	26 29 27	DRAMA (LTH) 2hrs (KJ) SOCIOLOGY (SH) 1hr 45mins	26 47	DRAMA (LTH) 1hr (KJ)	26
MON 14th NOV	DANCE (HALL) 2hrs (CP) FRENCH WRITING (SH) H 80mins F 70mins HISTORY (SH) 1hr 45mins	14 17 47	DANCE (HALL) 2hrs (CP) BUSINESS (SH) 1hr 45mins	14 58	DANCE (HALL) 1hr (CP)	14
TUES 15th NOV	DANCE (HALL) 2hrs (CP) DRAMA (LTH) 2hrs (KJ) GRAPHICS (CA6) 2hrs (LH) CHILDCARE (SH) 2hrs	14 26 15 17	DANCE (HALL) 2hrs (CP) DRAMA (LTH) 2hrs (KJ) GRAPHICS (CA6) 2hrs (LH)	14 26 15	DANCE (HALL) 1hr (CP) DRAMA (LTH) 1hr (KJ) GRAPHICS (CA6) 2hrs (LH)	14 26 15
WED 16th NOV	ENGLISH LANG Paper 2 (SH) 1hr 55mins	134	GEOGRAPHY (SH) 1hr 30mins	77	Normal lessons	
THURS 17th NOV	MATHS Paper 1 (SH) 1hr 30mins (calculator)	134	COMBINED SCIENCE Physics (SH) 1hr 15mins TRIPLE SCIENCE Physics (SH) 1hr 45mins	118 16	Normal lessons	
FRI 18th NOV	COMBINED SCIENCE Chemistry (SH) 1hr 15mins TRIPLE SCIENCE Chemistry (SH) 1hr 45mins	118 16	MATHS Paper 2 (SH) 1hr 30mins (non-calculator)	134	Normal lessons	
MON 21st NOV	ENGLISH LIT Paper 2 (SH) 2hr 15mins	134	FRENCH READING (SH) H 60mins F 45mins GERMAN READING (SH) H 60mins F 45mins	17 16	Normal lessons	
TUES 22nd NOV	COMBINED SCIENCE Biology (SH) 1hr 15mins TRIPLE SCIENCE Biology (SH) 1hr 45mins	118 16	MATHS Paper 3 (SH) 1hr 30mins (calculator)	134	Normal lessons	
WED 23rd NOV	ART (CA4) 2hrs (DC +SAN) PHOTOGRAPHY 10C (CA6) 2hrs (LH) GERMAN WRITING (SH) H 80mins F 70mins	26 18 16	ART (CA4) 2hrs (DC +SAN) PHOTOGRAPHY 10C (CA6) 2hrs (LH)	26 18	ART (CA4) 1hr (DC +SAN) PHOTOGRAPHY 10C (CA6) 1hr (LH)	26 18
THURS 24th NOV	PHOTOGRAPHY 10B (CA6) 2hrs (LH)	24	PHOTOGRAPHY 10B (CA6) 2hrs (LH)	24	PHOTOGRAPHY 10B (CA6) 1hr (LH)	24

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

## January 2023 TENC BTEC Exams

Date	Subject	Unit	Groups	Length	Venue	Start Time
Wednesday 11th January	Yr 13 PA	Unit 1	all	3 hours	Homeschool	9.00am
Wednesday 11th January	Yr 13 Health & Social Care	Unit 4	dbl/trp	3 hours	Homeschool	9.00 am
Wednesday 11th January	Yr 13 Sport	Unit 2	all	2.5 hrs	Homeschool	9.00 am
Wednesday 11th January	Yr 13 Business	Unit 2A	all	2 hours	Ferrers	1.30 pm
Thursday 12th January	Yr 13 Business	Unit 2B	all	3 hours	Ferrers	9.00 am
Friday 13th January	Yr 12 Sport	Unit 1	all	1.5 hrs	Homeschool	9.00 am
Friday 13th January	Yr 12 Health & Social Care	Unit 1	all	1.5 hrs	Homeschool	1.30 pm
Monday 16th January	Yr 13 Health & Social Care	Unit 2	all	1.5 hrs	Homeschool	9.00 am
Monday 16th January	Yr 13 Sport	Unit 22	dbl/trp	3 hours	Homeschool	9.00 am
Tuesday 17th January	Yr 13 Business	Unit 3	resits	2hrs	Homeschool	9.00 am
Tuesday 17th January	Yr 13 Applied Science Biology	Unit 1B	resits	40 mins	Homeschool	1.30 pm
Wednesday 18th January	Yr 13 Applied Science Chemistry	Unit 1C	resits	40 mins	Homeschool	9.00 am
Wednesday 18th January	Yr 13 Sport	Unit 19	trp	2.5 hrs	Homeschool	9.00 am
Wednesday 18th January	Yr 13 Applied Science Physics	Unit 1P	resits	40 mins	Homeschool	1.30 pm
Thursday 19th January	Yr 12 Health & Social Care	Unit 3	trp	1.5 hrs	Homeschool	9.00 am
Friday 20th January	Yr 13 Applied Science	Unit 3	all	2.25 hrs	Homeschool	9.00 am
Monday 23rd January	Yr 13 Applied Science Chemistry	Unit 5C	dbl	50 mins	Homeschool	1.30 pm
Monday 23rd January	Yr 13 ICT	Unit 1	resits	2hrs	Homeschool	9.00 am
Tuesday 24th January	Yr 13 Applied Science Physics	Unit 5P	dbl	50 mins	Homeschool	9.00 am
Tuesday 24th January	Yr 13 Applied Science Biology	Unit 5B	dbl	50 mins	Homeschool	1.30 pm

## January/February 2023 KS4 BTEC Exams

Date	Subject	Unit	Length	Start Time
Monday 30th January	Yr 11 Health & Social Care	Unit 3	2 hrs	1.30 pm
Wednesday 1st February	Year 11 ICT	Unit 3	1.5 hrs	9.00am
Thursday 2nd February	Yr 11 Childcare	Unit 3	2 hours	9.00am

## Home Learning

Dear Parents/Carers,

Home learning activities are set by all subjects, for all students as per the schedule below:

We set homework via our Google Platform, using an application called Google Classroom. This allows teachers to set really focused activities for all students, across a number of different learning platforms that we subscribe to to support our curriculum delivery.

We appreciate that communication regarding the home learning activities is crucial, so that you can support your child to complete their work by the set deadlines.

During lockdown, parents of older students may remember that we set-up a Google guardian notification which enabled parents to get a daily, or weekly (this is your choice) notification on tasks that have been set, with information on when work is due, and how many tasks are overdue.

We are currently in the process of setting up Google Guardian notifications for parents of all students in years 7 and 8, and we will be checking email addresses for other years on a rolling programme.

Over the next week, you should receive an email inviting you to be a Google Guardian. Please note that this may go into your Junk or Spam folder, so please check this regularly.

Once you have accepted this invitation, you will be able to confirm if you would like to receive daily or weekly reports.

The system does work better with google email addresses, so if you are yet to create an email account, we encourage you to set-up an account via the Google platform.

Further information on Google Guardians can be found here: <https://support.google.com/edu/classroom/answer/6388136?hl=en>

Should you have any issues with setting up or receiving your invitation (please allow a week for this to be set-up), then please email [info@Rushden-academy.net](mailto:info@Rushden-academy.net) and one of the team will be in touch to support you.

Thank you

## Go4Schools Parent App

We have now subscribed to the parent app for Go4Schools. You can download the app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store, and have access to your child's timetable, progress reports, attendance and behaviour information at the touch of a button.

For more information about how to create your Go4Schools Parent Account, have a look at the guide later in the newsletter.

Please note, we use Google Classrooms to issue and track homework, not Go4Schools.



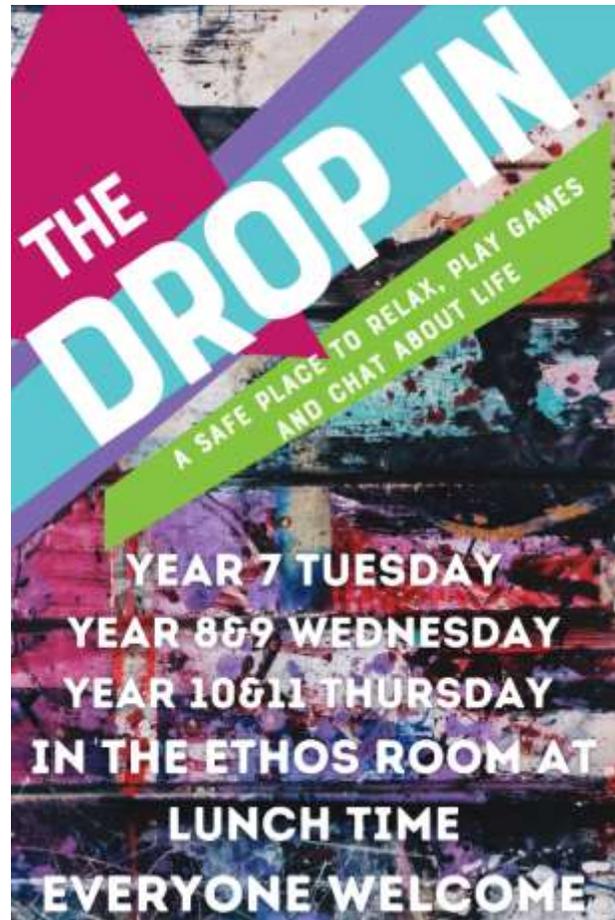
**THRIVE**

A SAFE PLACE TO EXPLORE THE  
BIG QUESTIONS IN LIFE

WEDNESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL 3-4PM  
IN THE ETHOS ROOM  
EVERYONE WELCOME

GAMES  
SNACKS  
DISCUSS  
EXPLORE  
FAITH

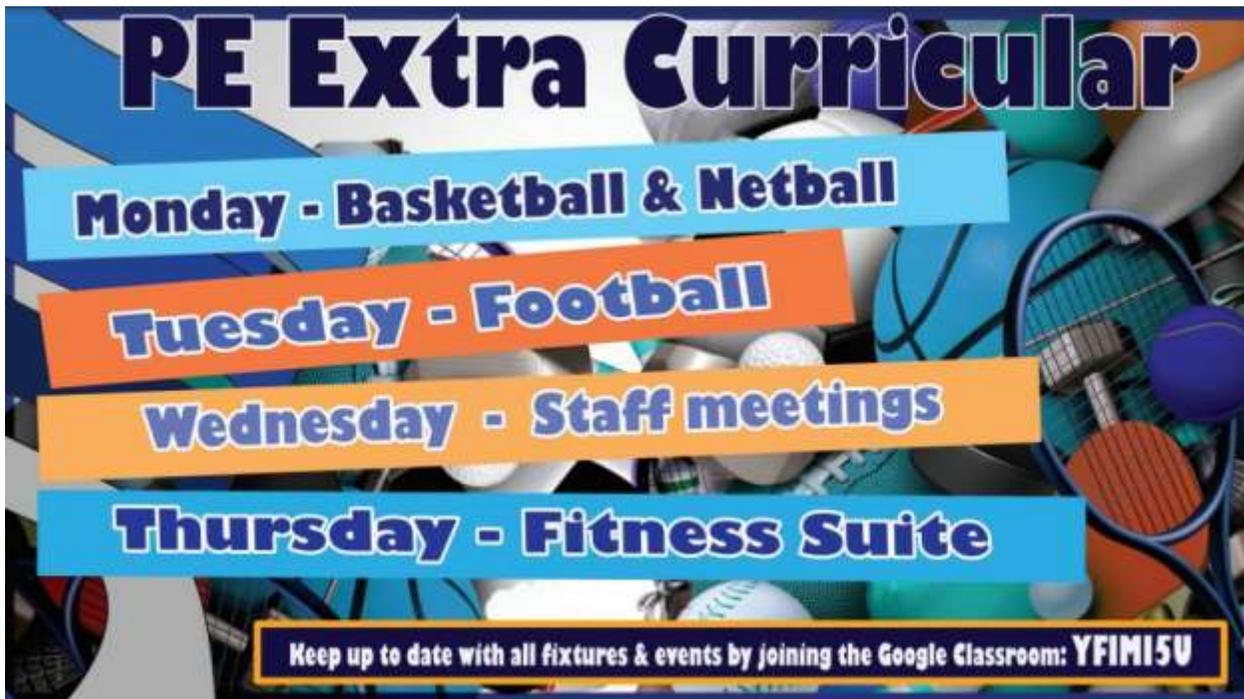
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**THE DROP IN**

A SAFE PLACE TO RELAX, PLAY GAMES  
AND CHAT ABOUT LIFE

YEAR 7 TUESDAY  
YEAR 8&9 WEDNESDAY  
YEAR 10&11 THURSDAY  
IN THE ETHOS ROOM AT  
LUNCH TIME  
EVERYONE WELCOME



**PE Extra Curricular**

**Monday - Basketball & Netball**

**Tuesday - Football**

**Wednesday - Staff meetings**

**Thursday - Fitness Suite**

Keep up to date with all fixtures & events by joining the Google Classroom: **YFIMI5U**

PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS

# Dance

## CLUB

**FRIDAY 3:10pm-4:10pm**  
Main Hall



YEAR 7  
YEAR 8  
YEAR 9

Come along and learn new moves in a fun and friendly environment

**FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT MISS PILGRIM**

[c.pilgrim@rushden-academy.net](mailto:c.pilgrim@rushden-academy.net)

Rushden Academy presents



# Performance Group

## DANCE

### MODERN DANCE GROUP

**Every Monday**  
**Starting 19th September**  
**3:10-4:10pm**

DANCE STYLES  
Contemporary  
Hip Hop  
Jazz

*Express yourself through the art of modern dance*

Register with Miss Pilgrim  
[c.pilgrim@rushden-academy.net](mailto:c.pilgrim@rushden-academy.net)

# Weekly Star of MFL

Each week the MFL department chooses one of its Stars of the Week to showcase.

This may be for producing a particularly impressive piece of work, making excellent progress, having great attitude to learning or otherwise representing one of the Team Rushden values.

This week's star is...  
**Thalia**

Thalia approaches every single lesson with the same excellent attitude to learning and with the biggest smile. Well done for always trying your best and making good progress.

Mrs Brainwood



## Performing Arts Update

### Drama

Year 8 have begun working on their assessment piece for the first half term. They have been looking at the play 'Sparkleshark' and have been using their previously learnt skills from year 7 and the new techniques they have been learning this term. They have been working incredibly hard and are displaying incredible talent to all of the Performing Arts staff. We believe they will give great performances for their assessments.

### Dance

Year 9's have been put to the test with learning choreography based on Janet Jackson's 'Rhythm Nation'. The students are challenged with having to isolate body parts to move only one at a time. The style of urban jazz has stretched and challenged all students' abilities, but has shown great resilience to produce fantastic group performances.

### Music

Year 7 students are nearing the end of their singing unit. This week in lessons we have focused on how we are going to be assessed. Students will be performing songs as a whole class for assessment, in order to ensure full participation and enjoyment we have spent lessons this week singing through a variety of songs suggested by students in the class. We have had some interesting and unexpected song suggestions including things like Rick Astleys 'Never Going To Give You Up'; Madness 'Baggy Trousers' and 'Let it Go' from Frozen! Along with many pop songs from recent years. We hope students have enjoyed this unit of work and we look forward to seeing how they perform in their assessments next week!

### Performing Arts Career of the week: Lighting Designer

A Lighting Designer will work with the Director, Artistic Director and/or Lighting Technicians to create the visuals for lighting, lasers, strobes, spots and sometimes video screens for a performance.

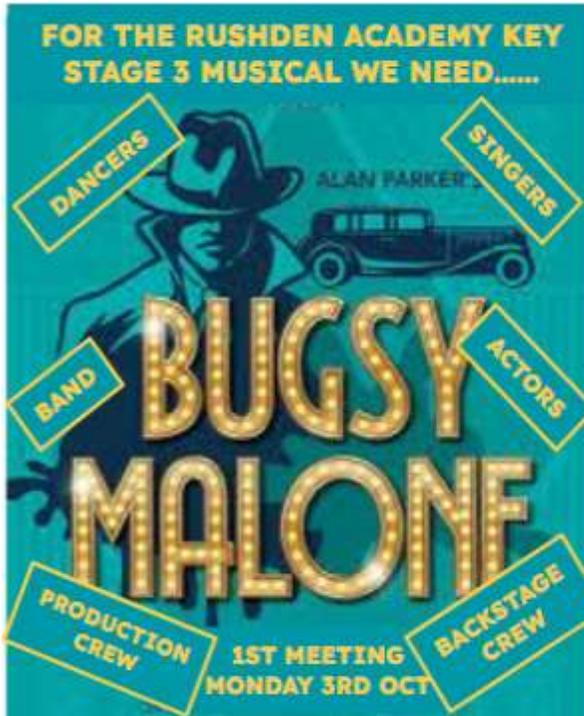
Estimated Annual Starting Salary: £27,467

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 other instrument please let us know and we will try and source the provision!

[r.brooks@Rushden-academy.net](mailto:r.brooks@Rushden-academy.net)



## Performing Arts Update



### Bugsy Malone The Musical

We have had our first rehearsal for Bugsy Malone and our audition prep session ran this Thursday.

The Performing Arts Department was blown away by how many of our KS3 cast are auditioning for main roles and took the opportunity to come and work together to help in the prep session.

Auditions will be held on Friday 14th October and for some of the cast it will be their first ever audition and we can't wait to see the talent we have here at Rushden Academy.

### Chicago The Musical: Teen Edition

The backstage crew for Chicago have been meeting every week in preparation for the whole school musical.

They have had sessions run by our sixth form stage manager and have been learning lots of new and exciting things backstage. For some members of the team it will be their first time being a crew member. They have been reading through the script this week and are already beginning to form ideas and props list that will assist with the show. They have been very organised and are completely on it.

The department is very happy with their progress and can't wait to see what ideas come to light for the show in the next few weeks.



## 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.

Please send me a password

- ◆ 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) in 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.

You also have access to the Go4Schools app that can be downloaded from the Apple Store or Google Play.

Mr P Bocking  
Assistant Principal

## Are you looking for a career change? Are you interested in training to teach?

Rushden Academy has a proven track record in successfully supporting trainee teachers on programmes leading to QTS. Many of our staff, past and present, have been trained at the school and an even larger number have completed main placements and second placements here before securing teaching jobs elsewhere.



As a school with a strong and successful record for training new teachers to the profession, Rushden Academy works closely with School Centered Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) providers to provide fully supported and mentored school placements on a variety of routes.

If you are interested in a new career or are looking for more information about routes into teaching, then please contact Gail Brainwood, Director for Learning on 01933 350391 or by email: [g.brainwood@Rushden-academy.net](mailto:g.brainwood@Rushden-academy.net)

## 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](#).

Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS

# WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

sex **DRUGS**  
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

CHAT Youth Counselling  
Starting Wednesday 3rd November

# CAFE AND CHAT

YOUNG PERSON'S EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING DROP-IN

EVERY WEDNESDAY, 4-8PM,  
30 MARKET ROAD,  
THRAPSTON NN14 4JU

IN A BIT OF A CRISIS? WE'RE HERE TO HELP. JUST COME ALONG

Need relationship advice? Having trouble at school? Just feeling a bit low? Come talk to us for free and confidential support and advice.

NEED TO CHAT TO SOMEONE IMPARTIAL ABOUT SOMETHING?

CHAT Youth Counselling

# MENTAL HEALTH DROP-IN SERVICES FOR 11-18 YEAR OLDS IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

If you find yourself needing support, we're here to listen and help in your time of need. Book an appointment by calling the numbers or drop in during our opening times.

Monday 4pm - 8pm  
the lowdown,  
3 Kingswell Street,  
Northampton, NN1 1PP  
01604 654385

Tuesday 4pm - 8pm  
Youth Works at Corby Mind,  
18 Argyl St, Corby NN17 3RU  
01536 518339

Wednesday 4pm - 8pm  
Chat,  
Souster Youth Building,  
30 Midland Road, Thrapston,  
NN14 4JU  
01832 274422

Thursday 4pm - 8pm  
Youth Works,  
47 Rockingham Rd,  
Kettering, NN16 9HX  
01536 518339

Friday 4pm - 8pm  
the lowdown,  
3 Kingswell Street,  
Northampton,  
NN1 1PP  
01604 654385

Saturday 10am - 2pm  
Service Six,  
15 Sassoon Mews,  
Wellingborough,  
NN8 3LT  
01935 277530

1-1 SUPPORT AND ADVICE

ALSO AVAILABLE REMOTELY

1-1 PARENT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

NHS Northamptonshire Healthcare  
the lowdown  
Youth Works  
CHAT

#weareNHS

Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS

# 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/0300CAMSLIVE](http://WWW.NHS.UK/0300CAMSLIVE)

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Where Young Minds Matter

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR YOU, WITH YOU