

RUSHEY MEAD ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



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Together We Make
A Positive Difference

Careers news

Year 10 Work Experience: 9th – 13th March 2020

Thank you to all Year 10 students who returned their completed application forms on time, 312 forms were received and have now been passed on to the Leicestershire Education Business Company (LEBC) to match suitable placements with the students choices, this is a fantastic result, thank you to all the form tutors who supported the students to complete these.

We held our Work Experience Parents Information Evening on Tuesday 17th September and had an excellent turnout of both parents and students. Parents were asked to submit questions about work experience before the event so that these could be answered during the evening. On the evening, Amber Bevins from LEBC spoke to parents about how they can support their child during work experience, a copy of the presentation is available on the Careers Guidance page on the Rushey Mead website - [here](#).

Post-16 Online College Application Launch – PS16

PS16 (Positive Steps) the new college online application system which has replaced UCAS Progress is not yet live for students to access, this is expected to happen by the end of September, once it has been launched all Year 11 form tutors will be given training on this to support the students with deciding Post-16 choices.

College Open Days

Dates have now been released for college open days, a link to these can be found on the Rushey Mead website, Careers Guidance page, lists are also displayed in the Careers library, on Show my Homework and each Year 11 form tutor has been given a list of dates. It is important that your son/daughter attends these open days to see what courses are available and what entry requirements each college has as these are different for each one. We will put a message on Show my Homework when all new college prospectuses have arrived, these will be available to collect from the Careers library.

Post-16 Information Evening – Tuesday 8th October

We are holding a Post-16 Information Evening for Year 11 students and parents on Tuesday 8th October where a number of local colleges, universities, apprenticeship and training providers will be attending to share information on their provision and answer any queries you have regarding Post-16 options after Rushey Mead. Further details of which providers will be attending will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Apprenticeship Evening – Tuesday 22nd October

On Tuesday 22nd October we are holding an Apprenticeship Evening where several companies who offer apprenticeship programmes after leaving school will be attending, Kevin Cox from Crown Packaging will be doing a presentation on what an apprenticeship is and how students benefit from these, if your son/daughter is interested in doing an apprenticeship after Rushey Mead we would encourage you to attend to get some useful information.

Forthcoming events:

Post-16 Information Evening – Tuesday 8th October (6-8pm R Band 6-7pm, M Band 7-8pm)

Apprenticeship evening – Tuesday 22nd October (6-8pm) **PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE – THIS WAS ORIGINALLY 29th OCTOBER 2019.**



Local Colleges Open Events for 2019/2020

COLLEGE	DATE	TIME
Cedars Martin Sixth Form Academy	Wednesday 2 nd October 2019	5.00pm – 7.00pm
Loughborough College	Saturday 5 th October 2019	10.00am – 1.00pm
South Leicestershire College (Wigston campus)	Saturday 5 th October 2019	10.00am – 1.00pm
Leicester College (all campuses)	Tuesday 8 th October 2019	4.00pm-8.00pm
New College Sixth Form	Thursday 10 th October 2019	4.00pm – 7.00pm
English Martyrs	Thursday 10 th October	5.00pm – 7.00pm
St Paul's Catholic School	Thursday 10 th October 2019	5.00pm – 7.00pm
Beauchamp College	Saturday 26 th October 2019	10.00am – 2.00pm
Loughborough College	Saturday 2 nd November 2019	10.00am – 1.00pm
Gateway College	Saturday 2 nd November 2019	10.00am – 1.00pm
Brooksby Melton College (Brooksby campus)	Saturday 2 nd November 2019	10.00am – 1.00pm
Beauchamp City Sixth Form (The Venue @DMU)	Saturday 2 nd November 2019	10.00am – 2.00pm
Brookvale Groby Learning Campus	Thursday 7 th November 2019	6.00pm – 8.00pm
(WQE) Wyggeston Queen Elizabeth	Saturday 9 th November 2019	10.00am – 2.00pm
City of Leicester	Thursday 14 th November 2019	5.30pm – 7.30pm
Brooksby Melton College (Melton campus)	Saturday 23 rd November 2019	10.00am – 1.00pm
Leicester College (all campuses)	Saturday 30 th November 2019	11.00am - 3.00pm
Gateway College	Tuesday 3 rd December 2019	5.00pm – 7.00pm
Loughborough College	Wednesday 4 th December 2019	4.00pm - 7.00pm

Lost property

We have already had a number of lost items without names in, please can we ask that all items are labelled to ensure the items can be returned to the students, e.g. bags, coats, water bottles and pencil cases.

If students have lost an item they should go to Student Support or visit lost property on Monday and Thursday after school, in the room next to the library.

Dropping off arrangements

Parents are reminded that the visitor's/staff car park, opposite the Owl and Pussycat pub should not be used for dropping and collecting students.

In addition, students should not be dropped off and picked up in the bus lane. This is highly dangerous and illegal.

We urge all families to drop students off in a safe place. Thank you for your support.

Rushey Rewards

This year is the first of our new rewards system. Based on the Rushey 1-2-3, students are rewarded for being kind, working hard and developing their whole self.

R1 – Kindness - For being kind (R1), students can receive a reward for the following acts:

Supporting an upset friend	Outstanding conduct in the community	Exceptional politeness to staff
Assisting new students	Reporting an incident for the benefit of others	Offering to help staff (unprompted)

Each reward is worth one point

R2 – Hard Work (Subject Specific) - For working hard (R2), students can receive a reward for the following acts:

Excellent contribution to class discussion	Going above and beyond	Classroom leadership	Being proactive/well organised
Exceeding expectations for class work	Trying their best	Resilience	High quality homework
Excellent engagement	Challenging themselves		

Again each reward is worth one point.

R2 rewards are logged as subject specific, so the rewards the students receive can clearly be seen as to which subject they are from.

The Rewards - For both R1 and R2, the points the students receive add up and when they reach certain thresholds, they receive Bronze, Silver and Gold tiered prizes:

Bronze – Students receive a certificate (for R2, this will state the subject they have achieved the Bronze total in).

Silver – Students receive a certificate but also three lunch queue jump passes.

Gold - Students receive a certificate, five lunch queue jump passes and a £2 voucher for money off food that can be used for one meal or several snacks over a few days. For R2, students will also receive a pin badge from the subject in which they reached gold to wear with pride on their blazer. All gold winners will also be put into a grand prize draw with the chance to win a big prize at the end of the year.

Year 11 students will also receive 50% off their prom ticket if they achieve a gold award in Year 11.

Principal Award

- * These will be given out based on staff nominations for achievements such as:
- * Exceptional work that deserves special recognition- this can be one off or for something overtime.
- * As a level up from gold, for students who surpass the total required to receive a gold reward.
- * For any student who achieves gold in all subject areas.

Rushey 3 – Develop whole self - These rewards are based on student participation in extracurricular clubs and events outside of their lessons and outside of school. Students complete their 'Rushey Passport' with each club/event worth different point values. The more the students do, the more points they will achieve and these points will lead to their graduation.

A graduation ceremony will take place at the end of the year, with students who are graduating with a first-class or upper second-class Rushey Honours attending the evening.

Divisional - Every reward point a student receives counts directly to the divisional total – every point matters and student's kindness, hard work and development of themselves will be key to which division is the winner! There will also be further divisional prizes to compete for with trophies available for:

Reading	Charity	Attendance
Sports	Quiz	



Year 10 Art trip to Birmingham

Year 10 Art/Photography students were lucky enough to visit the Custard Factory in Digbeth and to the Birmingham Museum (BMAG) as part of their GCSE project. Below is an account from two of the students who went on the trip.

The Birmingham trip was extraordinary. First we went to the "Custard Factory" in Digbeth and we saw lots of graffiti. I loved it when we were walking around the car park where there was lots of street art. There were massive pictures of people and there was lots of creativity used then we went to the Birmingham museum and Art gallery. There we saw art from 1400's to the present day including sculptures, paintings and furniture. I would recommend people going there because it's nice to look at and there is a gift shop. *Syonn TOBER*



As part of our GCSE photography coursework, we worked on producing photos as an example of each category - for example, texture, tone and composition ect. We visited Birmingham and explored the urban streets to inspire us to produce fabulous pieces of art and we learned about the art of graffiti around us. Followed by this, we made our way towards the BMag, an art gallery containing various unique monuments, some strange and many vintage pieces. We thoroughly enjoyed this trip and brought back many pictures and memories. *Sachin TOBOR*

Philharmonia Visit 16th September

On the 16th September, we had yet another fantastic visit from the Philharmonia Orchestra. They brought with them a virtual reality and spatial sound experience that places the user in the middle of the Philharmonia playing a piece by Mahler. This allowed them to look around and witness close up the outstanding musicians who have played on major movie and video game soundtracks and performed all over the world.

On the day there were four sessions. The first session was experienced by our year 7 music scholarship group. They had the VR experience followed by a practical music making workshop lead by the education team from the orchestra and one of their top violin players.

Our year 9 scholars then had a session on careers alongside the VR, looking at all the jobs involved with a project of that size. This was a fantastic opportunity for the year 9s as they will be choosing options soon. It showed that an orchestra like the Philharmonia is more than just the musicians involved, but support a whole range of careers.

The third session saw Rushey Mead Academy welcome one of our primaries from within the Trust, Abbey Primary Academy. Staff at Rushey Mead would like to thank Abbey Primary for attending and praise the outstanding behaviour and contribution that their students demonstrated, it was a real pleasure hosting them.

Afterschool the Philharmonia opened the experience up to the wider school community, and with the support of some of our year 9 scholars, we were able to fill a final session which included our school choir, drum club, some staff and other students just genuinely interested in experiencing what was on offer.

We would like to thank the Philharmonia for their ongoing support of our school, annually bringing in exciting opportunities for our students and praise all of our students who were involved for representing Rushey Mead Academy to highest of standards.



Forthcoming events

Tuesday 24th September - Year 6 Open Evening, 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Monday 30th September - PL Monday (school closes to students at 2.00pm)

Wednesday 2nd October - Awards Evening, 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Careers Evening - Tuesday 8th October, 6.00pm - 8.00pm



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Year 7 Intake

OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 24th September

6:00pm-8:00pm

Join us to find out more about Rushey Mead Academy, and why we've been judged to be 'Outstanding' since 2007.

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