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will be given
the chance to
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brightly”



Rushcliffe Post

Autumn Term
2019



What a busy Autumn term it has been...



The Principal's Letter



Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy and eventful term at Rushcliffe. In September, we welcomed 320 new year 7 students and record numbers into year 12. They have settled into the Rushcliffe community well and, along with the rest of the pupils, have achieved great things over the last 15 weeks or so. It's difficult to do justice to the number of fantastic events that have happened this term but I hope this issue of the Rushcliffe Post gives you a flavour.

Trips and visits remain a big part of life at the school. This term alone, pupils have visited Paris, Barcelona, Lille, Iceland, Belgium, Cadbury World, Twycross Zoo, Walesby Forest, Nottingham Playhouse, Southwell Workhouse, Hardwick Hall, The Houses of Parliament, The Broadway Cinema, Bosworth, Hagg Farm, The University of Nottingham, Gedling Country Park and so many more places. These trips allow pupils to learn in a different setting and provide lifelong memories. I'm fortunate to be surrounded by a staff team who go above and beyond each and every day to create these opportunities.

Our sports teams have continued to do well with football, handball and netball teams in particular performing well against other schools at both local and national level. So many of our pupils excel in the sporting arena and they have seen individual national and international successes in a number of sports including cheerleading, kayaking, canoeing and gymnastics. To do this takes a huge training commitment and they do this whilst also keeping on top of their studies; it is truly impressive.

We have continued to work closely with our local community. Our Sixth Form team were presented with the Community Champion Award at the Nottinghamshire Live Education Awards this month in recognition of the work our pupils have done through the YOPEY befriender scheme. Our Sixth Form students visit a local care home every week and spend time with residents suffering with dementia. It is something that benefits all involved and it is a joy to see the mixing of two very different generations. We also see this when our pupils visit Epperstone Court and spend time with residents there on all sorts of activities from flower arranging and gardening to serving Christmas Dinner and learning about local history together. Our musicians have also entertained at Epperstone, on The Avenue, at ASDA and at the Victoria Centre in the run up to Christmas. All these things go to show the positive input young people can make in the community.

In November, we were named in the top 10 schools in the East Midlands by the Sunday Times. We are proud of this achievement as it reflects the incredible performance of our pupils who are supported by a dedicated team of staff.

During December, we took part in the Spencer Academies Trust 'Warm Hearts, Warm Coats' appeal. We were overwhelmed with the generosity of the donations we received; it has meant that, across the trust, we have been able to help so many families. Thank you so much to all those who contributed.

I hope that you have a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas period with your families – and wish you the very best for 2020.

Yours faithfully

Damian Painton

Principal

Switch Off Fortnight

From 18 -29 November Rushcliffe school students took part in the EDF Energy Switch Off Fortnight. As part of this students learnt about the importance of reducing energy consumption and waste, as well as the impacts caused by over consumption.

The eco reps spent the first week discussing and promoting the Switch off fortnight, displaying posters around school, putting reminder stickers on light switches and running an energy quiz where form groups had to discuss the importance of energy consumption to help make pupils more aware of the topic of energy. The form groups who secured the highest score won a prize in each year group this therefore made pupils debate and discuss environmental initiatives which was a focus of the switch off week.

Also in the first week, our eco reps took part in energy audits at home to analyse energy consumption which they then discussed with their parents in hope to reduce their household energy consumption. As well as this they also took energy audits around school analysing classrooms, seeing if lights and interactive whiteboards were turned off when not needed. After they did this the results were analysed and Eco reps informed their form groups and teachers of what they needed to do to improve. The following week this was then repeated to analyse improvements that were made and to see if there was any further action required if the results did not change.

Before and after our Switch off fortnight, Eco reps carried out an energy audit and submitted the results to EDF energy. In total we saved 8 kwh/day which is equivalent to 0.8 kg carbon/day reducing the risk of being emitted into the atmosphere, this saved us £0.96/day financially. This may seem only a small contribution in the World's climate change problems, however if all the other 1446 schools took part across the country making similar savings, then this amounts to £506,678/year and 422,232kg carbon/year in savings. Therefore, showing that small changes can amount to having a much greater impact.

Rushcliffe Eco Committee and Eco Reps
Written by Melissa Kilner and Imogen Clarke (Year 12)



Lille French Market

On the 4th December, 50 students and 5 members of staff went on the French Christmas Market trip for 3 days. We travelled by coach to Dover where we took the ferry to Calais. The weather was beautiful, blue skies and sunshine on the white cliffs of Dover as we sailed off. After arriving in France we travelled on to our first visit: The Christmas Market of Arras, a beautiful town south of Lille. Students had a great time exploring the culinary delights as well as local crafts and gifts. On the second day students went to Lille University for a French language lesson, then we took a short walk through Lille, past the Christmas Market and the Old Town, to Euralille for a bit of Christmas shopping. We then travelled by coach to the cinema in St Omer where our students watched 'La Famille Adams' all in French, no subtitles! They also ordered their drinks and snacks in French, we were very impressed!



On our final day we visited the Nausicaa Sea Life Centre and a chocolate factory where students learned how chocolate is made and they decorated their own chocolate bar as well.

We had a thoroughly wonderful time and students were very much engaged with all the activities and had such a great time with their friends, taking in all the language, the scenery and the sites on offer. I am already looking forward to next year's trip!

Miss Van Der Velden

News From the Drama Department

The Drama department have had a busy start to the year. Rehearsals are well underway for the annual school musical, our subject ambassadors have been appointed and our Year 7 Drama club showcased their debut performance at the Christmas Concert.

A congratulations goes to Will Curtis, Evie Brown, Ella Nicholson, Jessica Brown, Sam Dean, Erica Kjaergaard, Molly Johnson, Charlotte Clay, Sophie Morris, Harry Ford, Georgia Smith, Elizabeth Lodge, Amelie Grant, Ben Bradley, Jonah Williams and Alice Such for being successful in their application to be a Drama subject ambassador. They have made a strong start to the Subject Ambassador programme, creating two displays for the department. For Black History month, they researched into black and ethnic minority actors who inspired them to raise the profile of these actors. To mark National Remembrance Day, the ambassadors also created a poppy wall display featuring names of films and productions based on war, as well as names of relatives they knew who had been affected by war.

On Thursday 5th December, the department took 40 year 7 students to see the Cinderella Pantomime at Nottingham Theatre Royal. It was an event enjoyed by all and was a great way to celebrate the achievements of the 40 year 7 students who had gained the most achievement points in Drama.



Miss Vale

Looking forward, we have lots of exciting events to come. The school musical, "School of Rock," promises to be an exciting event and will be showcased from the 5th-7th February.

We also have an exciting opportunity for 40 year 8 students to watch a theatre production of 'Private Peaceful,' a theatrical retelling of the Micheal Morpurgo classic at Nottingham Playhouse. The students with the highest achievement points and no behaviour points in Drama will be invited.

And finally for National Shakespeare Day in April, the Subject Ambassadors will perform a piece of modernised Shakespeare, directed by our sixth form ambassadors. Rehearsals are underway and we look forward to seeing it in the Spring term.

There are lots of exciting opportunities to become more involved in the New Year and we encourage students to take advantage of what we have going on in the Drama department.

A Busy Term for the Music Department

This half term has been a busy one for Rushcliffe Music department. In November we took the school swing band to Epperstone Court to perform some classic and contemporary jazz standards for the residents, both instrumental and vocal. It is always a pleasure to have the opportunity to perform for the staff, carers and residents of Epperstone Court and the kind words and appreciation is felt by the pupils who always look forward to visiting.



As December approached the department got into the Christmas spirit and spent three weeks touring Central Avenue, ASDA Superstore and the INTU centre with both the choir and one of the school wind ensembles to perform for the local and wider community. Over the space of seven performances, ten hours and countless carols the pupils raised an accumulated £930 for the Music department, which will be invested into the purchase of new musical equipment and resources.

Finally, Tuesday 17th December saw the return of Rushcliffe Music departments marquee sell-out event The Christmas Concert. The evening consisted of over 120 performers, two hours of music, mulled wine and plenty of festive cheer. We were very excited to be able to debut a whole host of new World Music ensembles, that showcased Indonesian Gamelan, Caribbean steel pans and Brazilian Samba, as well as showcase familiar favourites, such as swing band and Rushcliffe choir. There were also some notable solo performances, including Georgia Smith's rendition of *O Holy Night* and Teah Collins' saxophone performance of *Sonatina*. It was truly excellent to have a sell-out crowd and led by our first-class hosts Henry, Stephen, Georgina and Harry, a festive evening was had by all.



Extra-Curricular

At Rushcliffe Music department we aim to offer an ensemble for every musical ability. From January we have the following ensembles:

Monday – Samba group

Tuesday – Saxophone ensemble; lower school orchestra; upper school orchestra; world beats

Wednesday – Rushcliffe choir; string group

Thursday – Swing band

Friday – Steel pan group

If you want to know more about any of these ensembles just get in touch with the Music department. We offer many varied performance opportunities throughout the school year, as well as plenty of public and community performances, trips and visits.

Donate An Instrument

Forgotten flute? Lonely viola? Dusty double bass? Do you have a neglected instrument at the back of a cupboard or under the stairs? We will gratefully take any orchestral instrument, as well as guitars and saxophones.

This year at Rushcliffe School we are delighted to announce that instrumental tuition uptake has increased by 35%. Just over 10% of the school population are now having musical instrument lesson in school and with this increased demand we are struggling to get everyone an instrument.

That's where you might be able to help.

Perhaps you were once a keen trumpeter or clarinettist, but those days are behind you. Maybe you've upgraded to a higher quality violin but your first one still sits on a shelf. Or perhaps, for years, you've had a guitar that never gets played cluttering up your living room.

Donate your neglected instrument to Rushcliffe Music Department and breathe new life into it. We would be delighted to take these instruments off your hands, and ensure they are regularly and lovingly played by students excited by the opportunity to learn an instrument and take part in ensemble music-making.

If you think you can help, please do get in contact with the school. We look forward to hearing from you.



Mr Barraclough, Head of Music

Register and Be a Lifesaver Education Programme

In November the Sixth Form team and students were delighted to welcome Keith and Kay Sudbury and the team from ASSET (Adrian Sudbury Schools' Education Trust) back for the 9th year running. The Register and Be a Lifesaver Education Programme (R&BE) aims to teach 16 to 18 year olds how they can save lives by becoming blood, organ and bone marrow donors.

Following the presentation 58 Year 12 students successfully joined the Stem Cell register by completing the simple process of taking a swab from inside of the mouth the full process taking no more than 20 minutes.

Following the session Keith commented "What a response. 58 of your Year 12 Students came along to join the Stem Cell register. As only 1% of the general population is on the register, this is a tremendous response. Please pass on our sincere thanks."

We are already looking forward to welcoming the ASSET Team back in 2020. The Sixth Form Team



Twycross Zoo

On Friday 8th November, Year 8 pupils visited Twycross Zoo. I think I speak for everyone that went when I say it was an incredible trip and we all saw animals that we never thought we would. We all talk about Giraffes and Rhinos, but how many of us can actually say that we have seen these iconic animals? When we first arrived at Twycross, we had about an hour and a half to explore – that includes the large shop and the café. The actual zoo is absolutely stunning and enormous. The environment was a cacophony of roars and screeches and the habitats were huge and looked amazing. After lunch, which was eaten in the café, we had a talk about being environmentally conscious, including raising our awareness on deforestation and the trade of endangered animals. We also got to stroke a gigantic dung beetle and a dusty, but very cute, tortoise. Then we have a little more time to look around before we headed back home. A really fantastic day was had by all!



Written by Maddie Wright, 8B

Bebras

All students in Year 7,8 and 9, along with Computer Science students in Year 10,11,12 and 13, took part in a national computational thinking competition this half term. Students used their problem solving skills to solve a range of tasks. Willem Knights (7G) was the top performer in the school, scoring an amazing 184 out of 200 points. Thomas Brett and Jacob Dixon (Year 11) also performed well, scoring 171.

One hundred Rushcliffe students also managed to reach the top 10% in the Country in their age group meaning they will take part in the next round in February.

Congratulations to all those that were successful.

Mr Cottee



News from Philosophy & Ethics

Buddhist Centre Visit



During September, our GCSE Philosophy and Ethics students visited Nagarjuna Kadampa Meditation Centre in Northamptonshire. They spent the day experiencing life as a Buddhist. In the shrine room they got the opportunity to 'dress' a shrine whilst each aspect of its symbolism was explained. Mid morning we were lucky to meet with a Buddhist monk who spent time answering questions about her lifestyle. When she explained that she no longer listens to music because she feels she doesn't need it to fill a void in her life, she really got some of the students thinking. Their reaction was 'how can you live without music!?' After lunch we went outside to explore the

grounds (and play football!). We finished the day with a session on 'practical' meditation. We were shown how to create a Mandala with brass rings and coloured rice. Our guide explained how building the Mandala in itself is designed to be a meditative process – the act of putting it together allows you to focus on Buddhist principles and how you put these into practice. The students really enjoyed the day and it gave us plenty to discuss in our follow-up lesson.



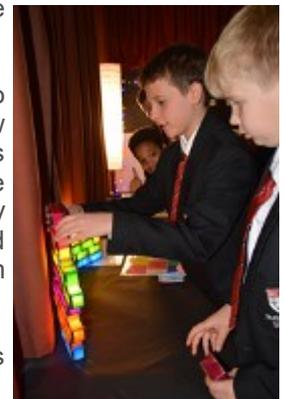
The Light Lounge for Year 7



For a week in November, room 114 was transformed into The Light Lounge for all year 7 students. The room was 'blacked out' and fairy lights were the only light source giving the space a special atmosphere. Each Form group got the opportunity to visit for an hour and experience some 'time-out' from the busyness of the school day. Various activities were designed to enable self-reflection in a positive way. The week was planned to coincide with the Sacred Space REAL Homework in order to give students ideas that they might like to include.

The Light Lounge gave students an opportunity to consider their talents and give some thought to how unique they are, to symbolically let go of their worries using pebbles and to think of less fortunate children around the world using a world map. The map also gave them the opportunity to light a 'candle' for their families around the world which made many children happy, silver questions marks invited more philosophical thoughts to be posted on the board and finally students could relax in the Star Den – a little corner of the room with cushions and a net canopy full of stars. All they had to do was 'chill' and they loved it!

We are exceptionally grateful to Mark Holden and Jen and a whole team of volunteers from Ruddington Baptist Church for The Light Lounge.



Guest Speakers

Some Year 9 groups had a talk in September from a member of the Humanists UK in which he explained the principle and lifestyle of a Humanist.

In October, Year 10 and 11 were visited by a member of Animal Aid who discussed the ethics of animal testing as well as her work as a vet.

Both speakers fuelled wonderful follow-up classroom debates.

As a department we are looking forward to welcoming more guest speakers to the classroom in the New Year. Many thanks to all who got in touch.

Mary Moran

Trip to World War 1 Battlefields of Belgium and Northern France

I was chosen to go on a trip which had been designed to keep the memory of WW1 fresh in the minds of young people to appreciate the scale and losses of the war.

We went to battlefields in Ypres in Belgium and the Somme in France. We got to see the trenches and no-man's land. We were also able to visit many different war cemeteries – from both sides- whilst we were there. . At Tyne Cot there were 12,000 war graves, including multiple graves for unknown soldiers. This highlighted to me that there was a huge loss of life on both sides during WW1.

We visited a war memorial in Ypres – for 54,000 soldiers who died in WW1 and had no grave- called the Menin Gate. Every evening at the Menin gate the last post is sounded and wreaths are laid to honour those who died during the war. I was very honoured to be chosen to take part by having the chance to lay a wreath at the Menin gate. I hope in the future I will be able to go on another excellent trip like this one.

By Freddie Day 10H



UK Senior Maths Challenge

On the 7th November, our brightest A Level mathematicians sat the UK Senior Maths Challenge. This challenging 90-minute multiple choice paper is sat by roughly 200,000 students throughout the UK and abroad.

Example questions include:

Jerome writes a list of 2019 consecutive integers. The sum of his integers is 2019. What is the product of all the integers in Jerome's list?

- A) 2019^2 b) $2019 \times 2020 / 2$ c) 2^{2019} D) 2019 E) 0

Bethany has 11 £1 coins, some 20p coins and some 50p coins in her purse. The mean value of her coins is 52 pence. Which could not be the number of coins in her purse?

- A) 35 B) 40 C) 50 D) 65 E) 95

The top 10% of all participants gain a Gold certificate (of which Rushcliffe had three), the next top 20% gain a Silver (we had eight), and the next highest 30% gain a Bronze Certificate (another 10 for Rushcliffe).

Follow on rounds are created for the highest scorers of this challenge, with the top 1000 performers taking part in the Olympiad Round and the next highest 6,000 scorers taking part in the Kangaroo round. Special mention must go to:

Ben Botting (Year 13) for gaining entry into the Olympiad Round – and spending 3.5 hours completing an incredibly challenging further 6 questions.

Oliver Holmes (Year 13) and Vincent Vanhegan (Year 12) for gaining entry into the Kangaroo Round.

All three of these students gained a Gold award.

Well done to all Year 12 and Year 13 participants, and watch out for the Intermediate and Junior Maths Challenges taking part further in the year. For more information please go to: <https://www.ukmt.org.uk/>

Mr Hardy



Year 10 Trip to Barcelona

In October the MFL department once again took a trip out to Barcelona. This study trip has now been run for many years and allows our Year 10 pupils studying Spanish at GCSE some valuable time in Spain and the opportunity to see some amazing sights and experience Spanish life.



This year 27 pupils together with Mr Cottell, Miss Roberts and Ms Harrison made their way from Luton Airport to Barcelona. Once there, the pupils stayed in Calella, a seaside town an hours drive from Barcelona's centre. There were four busy days and the trip included going to Figueras to see the Dali museum and ordering lunch in Spanish in the charming town centre. We also explored Barcelona seeing: the Sagrada Familia, Montjuic viewing platform together with a cable car ride, Las Ramblas, the world famous food market La Boqueria, Port Vell, Parc Guell, Nou Camp (home of Barcelona football team) and the chocolate museum. This year we made chocolate lollipops following instructions given in Spanish! Back in Calella the group were entertained by Flamenco dancers-and the pupils joined in showcasing their dancing skills! We also enjoyed a traditional tapas meal-but they would only serve us if we spoke Spanish.

All in all it was a busy few days, and it was lovely to see the pupils using their considerable language skills and growing in confidence. We look forward to taking our new GCSE pupils in 2020.

Miss Harrison

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

The Sixth Form raised £270 for Save the Children on Christmas Jumper Day (photo on front cover)



Rushcliffe Sixth Form Win Community Champions Award

Rushcliffe School Sixth Form were proud to be named "Community Champions" at the Nottinghamshire Live Education Awards. Taking place on Wednesday 11th December at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Nottingham, Mrs Frost & Mrs Desai were accompanied to the ceremony by two of our current Y12 YOPEY Befrienders. The award recognises and celebrates all of the students' volunteering work in partnership with the YOPEY befriender programme. The YOPEY scheme trains students to befriend residents of a local care home who are living with dementia and, through weekly visits, to forge friendships, having a huge impact on the lives of all involved.

Tony Gearing MBE Founder &



Chief Executive of YOPEY commented: "Well deserved, Rushcliffe 6th form! Our longest-running YOPEY Dementia Befriender scheme. 200 young people have eased loneliness & anxiety for about 500 care home residents over 6 years".

Sports News from the PE Department

As we approach the end of the first term, I wanted to share with you some of the successes we have had so far.

The Year 10 Girls Handball Team has qualified for the County finals and also qualified for the final of the Nottinghamshire Merit League without losing a game. Hopefully the first steps on the path to Regional and National Finals Day later in the year.

The Year 10 Girls Netball Team are also undefeated this year and have made it through to the 4th round of the National Cup where they will play local rivals West Bridgford! The U19 Girls Netball team won their County competition and have now qualified for the Regional Finals.

Last week the Rushcliffe Cross-Country Championships were held at Rushcliffe Country Park. We took 60 students from a mixture of year groups. We had some fantastic success with 18 students qualifying in the top 12 places in their age categories. This means that they will now represent Rushcliffe area at the County Cross-Country Championships in February.

Congratulations to all students on their success, we hope to have many more successes in the New Year!

Mr Shaw

Netball Success

Thank you to all of the Year 7 netballers who have dedicated their time and efforts every Wednesday at Netball Club since September. The PE Department are so pleased to have a growing team of 45 members and enjoy seeing all students progress from week to week.

A special mention to the Year 7 A team who won all of their matches at their first CVL tournament as a Rushcliffe student on 20th November.

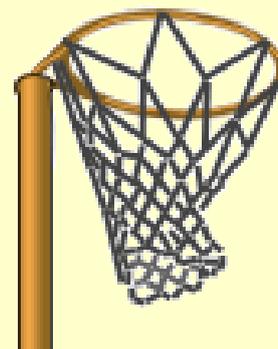
A big congratulations to the Year 8 netball team of whom 3 teams all beat West Bridgford in a local netball tournament. Your commitment in this second year of netball at Rushcliffe School is admirable and your success is clearly evident in your match outcomes.

I would also like to commend the Year 8 A team who have won their first round of the CVL netball tournament and are now through to the 4th round of the National SNS Netball Cup.

We couldn't be proud of the lovely, talented students who dedicate their time to playing netball. Keep up the good work ladies!

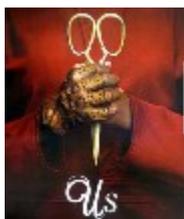
We look forward to continued success after Christmas!

Miss Cowell



Year 11-13 Media Studies visit to Cineworld

On a rainy Thursday morning earlier this half term, 60 media students visited the Cineworld Cinema at the Cornerhouse in Nottingham to watch "Us" by the director Jordan Peele, as part of the IntoFilm Festival.



The film was a high quality production, with lots of clever techniques and symbolism that sparked creativity and debate amongst our students. Jordan Peele has had a great deal of acclaim since the release of "Get Out" in 2017 and "Us", whilst being a completely different genre and style, had many of the same signature methods and messages. For example, in looking at 1980s America, he provokes thought as to social class, race, politics and family dynamics.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to see such a high quality cinematic production and left asking me when they would be going next! We await the next IntoFilm Festival to find out the answer to that question.

Mrs Summers, Head of Media Studies

Harry Potter Studios Tour - Textiles

In September the Year 10 and 11 Textiles students went to Harry Potter Studios to gain a deeper insight into the costume design industry. Students took part in a workshop where they analysed the garments and props used in the films of Harry Potter and worn by character such as Hagrid, Harry and Dolores Umbridge and then completed a design task on characterisation. Students engaged really well with all the tasks and enjoyed the workshop which was then followed by a tour of the studios.



Miss Weston

Vegan workshop

In November Lucy Parker from 'Lucy and Lentils' (Food blogger) came into school to deliver a talk and practical workshop on veganism. Lucy spoke to a range of year 9 and 10 students about her career and the work she does with food companies such as Sainsbury's and Cauldron foods. She also spoke about a vegan diet and then students had the opportunity to cook 2 vegan dishes. The workshop was very successful and was enjoyed by all.

Miss Weston

"We took part in a Vegan Workshop that lasted 2 hours and we made an absolutely delicious savoury dish and a tasty sweet treat. Lucy Parker of 'Lucy and Lentils' made a business as a Vegan Blogger providing advice, recipes and knowledge on her Instagram



Account and her website. She advises and creates dishes and recipes for personal clients including Sainsburys and cooks and shares many amazing dishes. First we made a vegan curry using different vegetables, spices and rice noodles. We then made a desert using bananas, popcorn and dark chocolate. We also talked to her about what it is like to be a vegan, how she became a 'blogger' and what her day to day work involves.

We really enjoyed this experience and hope to see Lucy again. It inspired us to make more vegan dishes in the future and provided an understanding of how career choices can be varied and diverse."

Olivia Lakin-O'Rafferty Year 9

Christmas dinner at Epperstone Court



As is tradition, on the 12th December the Year 10 students prepared, cooked and served a Christmas dinner at our local residential home. The day was a huge success with students being applauded for their fantastic efforts and hard work. They were a credit to the school and took time out to interact and support the residents so that a good time was had by all.

Miss Weston

Stride for Life

One hundred and twenty-five Year 10 female students took part in the annual 'Stride for Life' at Holme Pierrepont to raise money for Cancer Research. Rushcliffe staff who supported the occasion were incredibly proud of the large number who participated in this charity event and their enthusiasm and positivity throughout the race. Well done ladies!

Miss Cowell



Cycling Safety

At Rushcliffe School we are very proud of the fact that we have an increasing number of students that are choosing to cycle to school and we continue to encourage cycling as a way of developing a positive lifestyle choice for the students whilst helping to instil a safety message. We try our best to teach an element of safe cycling at school and we would like your support as parents to reiterate these key messages over the festive holiday.



- If your child has not been on a cycle training course we would recommend that they do so.

We have a limited number of free level 3 cycling courses available through the local council's road safety unit in the New Year. Contact the PSU if your child is interested.

- The school policy states that all students must wear a cycle helmet when riding their bike to and from school. Students are vulnerable and more likely to come off their bike. Helmets can be effective in reducing both head/brain injuries. Brain injuries are devastating and the effects can be life lasting.
- Make sure that their bike maintained and that they have working brakes, lights and bells. Wear Hi-visibility clothing especially at this time of year when the nights are dark.
- Cycle as a family and set a good example by wearing a helmet.
- Talk to your children about cycling safely and the risk of cycling inappropriately. We have had a number of reports from motorists that pupils are cutting up the inside of cars and have not been seen.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Also please take a look at the Nottinghamshire CC What's On Events page - use the link below.

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/events/search?searchType=Tags&query=cycling>

There are various sessions for children aged 3 years & upwards, including Balance bikes, Learn to Ride, Adult Learn To Ride, Cycle Skills, Bikeability Level 1 (off-road), Bikeability Combined Lv1 & 2 (off & on-road) and Bikeability Lv3 (advanced course on road).

Sessions are taking place at:

Nottingham Forest Football Club, NG2 5FJ (meet in car park by the Brian Clough stand)
Via East Midlands Highways Training Centre, NG22 8ST
Southwell Leisure Centre, NG25 0LG
East Leake Leisure Centre, LE12 6QN
Newark Academy Leisure Centre, NG24 3AL

Prices and full details are shown on the What's On listing – it would be great if you could share this link.

To book a space, please contact Road Safety in the first instance to check availability and suitability and then to make your payment. Places are only confirmed once payment is made. Phone Road Safety on 0115 977 4373.

Diary Dates: January -April 2020	6th January School Re-opens	9th January Y11 Progress Evening	20th January Y10 Progress Evening
30th January Y9 Options Evening	5th—7th February School of Rock Production	12th February Y13 Progress Evening	10th-14th February Y12 Work Experience
17th-21st February Half term	24th February School Re-opens	27th February Y12 Progress Evening	10th March Y8 (A-F) Progress Evening
18th March Y8 (G-L) Progress Evening	3rd April INSET DAY	6th—17th April School Closed	20th April School Re-opens

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