

RUSHCLIFFE
SPENCER ACADEMY

SIXTH FORM

Information for Applicants 2026

“Everyone will be
given the chance to shine brightly”



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Sixth Form Enrolment

Thursday 20th August 2026 - GCSE Results Day

Internal candidates: please collect results from 8.00am in the PAL Theatre and then come straight to the sixth form team who will be based upstairs in the PAL building ready to enrol you (8.30am until 12 noon). You will need to bring confirmation of your results with you.

New to Rushcliffe candidates: please collect results from your school and then come to the Rushcliffe Spencer PAL building where the Sixth Form team will be ready to enrol you between 11.00am and 1.00pm on Thursday 20th August 2026.

- Please bring your results and a reference from your form tutor or Head of Year with you if you have not already supplied one.
- Admission + log in details to aid the enrolment process
- You will also need to complete the enrolment forms at this time, so please bring all details of your address, contact numbers, next of kin etc.
- You will also be required to provide proof of identity/proof of age i.e. Passport / ID Card.

If for any reason you cannot attend the enrolment session you MUST let us know via email: sixthformoffice@rushcliffespencer.org.uk. Failure to do so may result in your place being offered to another student.

Rushcliffe Sixth Form will open to students on Thursday 3rd September – exact details for Y12 students will be sent out to you in due course.

General Information

Timing of the school day for Year 12 students

8.40 -09.00	Tutor time
9.00 – 09.05	Movement Time
9.05-10.05	Lesson 1
10.05-11.05	Lesson 2
11.05-11.30	Break
11.30-12.30	Lesson 3
12.30-13.30	Lesson 4
13.30-14.15	Lunch
14.15-15.15	Lesson 5
15.15	End of school
15.15 – 16.15	Twilight Session / Catch - Up Club

Other important information

1. You will be issued with an ID badge and lanyard which you will be required to wear at all times. This is in line with our safeguarding policy.
2. Sickness/Absence reporting. Any absences will need to be notified to the Sixth Form office by a parent or carer in advance if appropriate. The absence should be notified to Tracey Smith in the Sixth Form office either by telephone on 0115 9744050 or by email to SixthFormOffice@rushcliffespencer.org.uk.
3. Tutor Time is at 8.40 every morning: Monday to Friday in your form room and there will be an assembly on Wednesday.
4. Study facilities are available in school and Sixth Form building to be used during your non-contact time.
5. Once you have access to all our IT systems, you are expected to follow the schools IT guidelines (more on this in September), check your school e-mails every day, and check ARBOR frequently for resources / homework details.
6. You are expected to complete around 6 hours of independent/homework per subject. This equates to 18 hours independent study per week and most of which should be completed during the school day in your non-contact periods and / or at home.

16-19 Bursary Fund - Rushcliffe Spencer Academy

We want all of our students to be as successful as possible and to help them overcome any barriers that they may face, including financial. The bursary available to each student is dependent on the funds available to the Academy, which are allocated each year by the DfE, and the individual personal circumstances of the eligible students. The 16 to 19 bursary is a separate payment to any free school meals funding for which the student may be eligible, this is applied for directly through the relevant Local Authority.

There are two types of 16 to 19 bursaries:

- Bursaries for defined vulnerable groups
- Discretionary Bursaries – set by the Trust in line with the funding provided by the DfE

Vulnerable Bursary Grant of up to £1,200 per academic year

For students who are in care; a care leaver; or receiving Universal Credit because they are supporting themselves and someone who is dependent on them and living with them such as a child or partner or in their own right.

In order to be awarded the vulnerable groups bursary fund the Trust must submit a funding claim to the Student Bursary Support Service online portal, once eligibility and financial need have been assessed and confirmed.

Discretionary Bursary Award

An award may be available to students facing financial barriers to participation. This may form a contribution to the cost of travel, purchasing essential books, equipment or specialist clothing to enable participation.

This award is not intended to provide learning support, or to support extra-curricular activities where these are not essential to the study programme.

The Trust invites applications from all students who feel this applies, however students with a total household income below £25,000 will be prioritised.

The Trust will assess the needs of each individual student following application and confirm the award available to that student.

Use of the Bursary

The Bursary may be used to provide financial support for:

- Transport costs
- Purchasing equipment or resources for individual learners
- Assistance with educational trips for the study programme, i.e. field trips
- One off payments of additional costs that would otherwise prevent participation.

How to apply

- Check that the criteria set within the policy applies (copy on website)
- Complete the 16 to 19 bursary application (copy on website)
- Ensure all supporting information and documentation is included
- Submit the application to the Head of Sixth form no later than 30th September 2026

Additional Help

Under exceptional circumstances, students who are not automatically eligible for an award can also apply for help with one off course related expenses (proof of income or hardship will be asked for). Applications for additional help will be considered on an individual basis and are dependent upon available funds. Please contact the Sixth Form Office for more details.

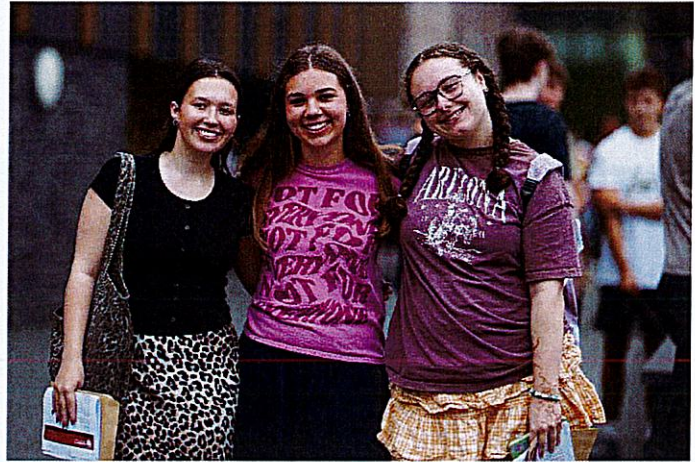
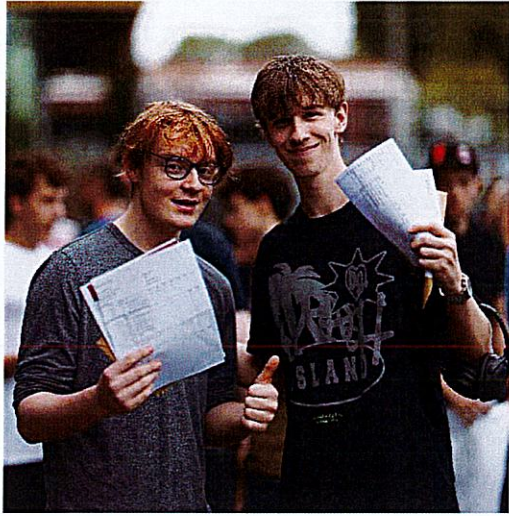
Free School Meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit
- Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right are also allowed to receive free school meals

Application for FSM can be completed via: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Destinations 2025

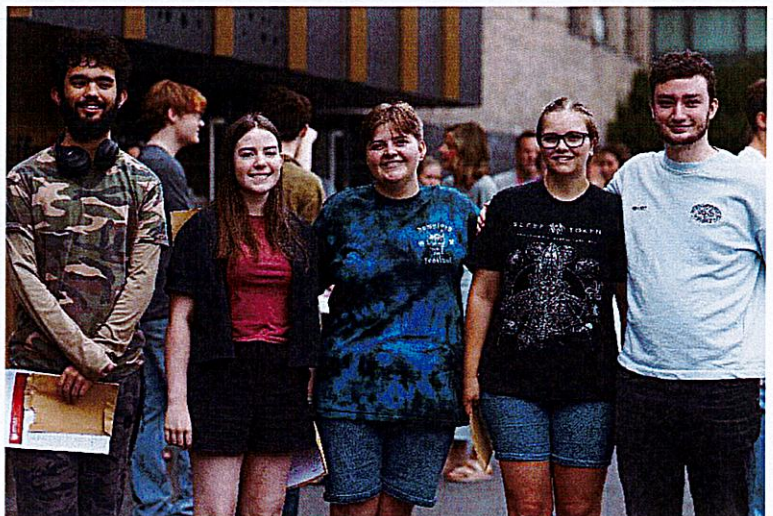
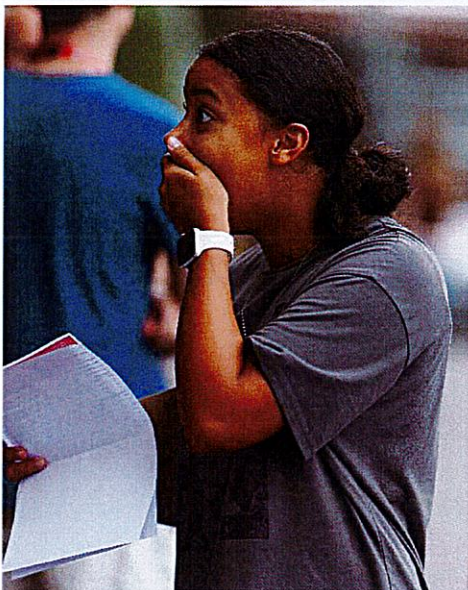


82% of our students went on to study at university

51% of our students went on to study at Russell Group Universities

4% of our students either went to an apprenticeship or into employment

14% took a gap year





Rushcliffe Sixth Form Stationery & Equipment for Year 12

The following stationery and equipment is required for when you start your studies at Rushcliffe Sixth Form in September.

SUBJECT	EQUIPMENT & STATIONARY REQUIRED
Applied Business	• Calculator is essential • Highlighters advisable
Applied Food Science & Nutrition	• A4 Ring Binder/ Lever arch file • Dividers (one set of 10) • A4 Notepad
Applied Science	• 1 A4 ring binder • 1 lever arch file with 1 set of 10 file dividers • A4 note pad or exercise book if you prefer • Scientific calculator (Same as GCSE is fine).
Art	• Basic art equipment, including drawing pencils • Folder to store/transport an A3 sketchbook.
Biology	• 1 A4 ring binder • 1 lever arch file with 1 set of 10 file dividers • Scientific calculator (Same as GCSE is fine).
Business Studies	• 1 Lever arch file with 1 set 10 file dividers and plastic wallets • A4 notepad • Basic calculator useful but not essential
Chemistry	• 1 Lever arch file with 1 set 10 file dividers • 30cm Ruler • Scientific calculator (Same as GCSE is fine)
Computer Science	• 1 lever arch file with 1 set of 10 file dividers
Economics	• 1 Lever arch file with a set 10 file dividers and plastic wallets • A4 notepad • Basic calculator
English Language	• 2 lever arch files with a set of file dividers. • Highlighters
English Literature	• 2 lever arch files with a set of file dividers (one for Year12 and one for Year 13). • Highlighters • Books to buy: • Year 12 - Othello (Heinemann Advanced Shakespeare: Othello: Amazon.co.uk: Seely, John, Shakespeare, William: 9780435193058: Books) • Year 12 - Death of a Salesman (Death of a Salesman: Amazon.co.uk: Arthur Miller, Enoch Brater: Books) • Year 13 - Kite Runner (The Kite Runner: Amazon.co.uk: Hosseini, Khaled: 9781526604743: Books), • Year 13 - Handmaid's Tale (The Handmaid's Tale: Amazon.co.uk: Atwood, Margaret: 9781784874872: Books) • York Notes for the texts above (not compulsory)
French	• 2 A4 Lever Arch files with plastic wallets • A4 lined paper AQA French A Level and AS Grammar and Translation Workbook ISBN 978-0198415534 Intouchables Film Study guide, ISBN 978-1510435667 No et moi Literary Study guide, ISBN 978-1471890079

	Intouchables DVD
Geography	• 1 A4 ring binder and pad of A4 lined paper for human geography • 1 A4 ring binder and pad of A4 lined paper for physical geography <u>Must be separate, you will have a different teacher for human and physical geography</u>
Health & Social Care	• 1 A4 ring binder • 1 lever arch file with 1 set of 10 file dividers • Set of highlighters.
History	• 2 A4 Lever Arch files and 2 sets of 10 file dividers
Maths & Further Maths	• 2 A4 ring binders • Pad of A4 lined paper • Scientific calculator. (A specialist A level maths calculator, including suitable statistical functions, will be required. This may be a graphical calculator. If you are unsure of what this could be, you may want to sort this out during the first half term.)
Media	• 2 lever arch files with a set of file dividers. • Highlighters
PE	• 3 A4 ring binders with 1 set of 10 file dividers
Phil & Ethics	• 1 A4 ring binder and pad of A4 lined paper for Philosophy • 1 A4 ring binder and pad of A4 lined paper for Ethics • 1 A4 ring binder and pad of A4 lined paper for Christianity • <u>Must be separate, you will have a different teachers for different aspects of the course</u>
Physics	• Scientific calculator (Same as GCSE is fine) • 30cm ruler.
Politics	• 2 A4 Lever Arch files and 2 sets of 10 file dividers
Psychology	• 2 A4 ring binders with 1 set of 10 file dividers • Set of highlighters.
Sociology	• 2 A4 ring binders with 1 set of 10 file dividers • Set of highlighters
Spanish	• 2 A4 ring binders with 1 set of 10 file dividers

All students are expected to come in every day with the basic equipment of pens, pencils, rubber, pencil sharpener & ruler.