

# RUSKIN

## Academy Newsletter

Term 6 2016/2017 Community and SMSC

### A message from the Headteacher...

It has been an incredibly exciting year at Ruskin and as ever, whilst the students have been working hard in the approach to their end of year examinations and assessments, they have also been involved in a number of opportunities and experiences beyond the classroom.

As an Academy, we model our motto of "Aim High, Show Respect" on a daily basis and make sure that our values are part of the fabric of academy life. At this time of year, we like to celebrate these values in a number of end of year showcases. The creative talents of our students were highlighted as they took to the stage for our inaugural Federation arts celebration at LPAC - and our Visual Arts evening was an immense success; the quality and craftsmanship on display was breath-taking. The Academy's commitment to health, resilience and leadership culminated in our annual sports day at the Meres; all students were involved as they took part in a six minute run for Cancer Research UK's Race for Life. Our sense of community is also something we value dearly, not just our Ruskin Family but our sense of a wider local and global community. The students have raised over £7000 this year for a variety of good causes, which is a tremendous effort. Thank you.

I would like to thank all staff, students and parents who have helped to shape our vibrant and warm Academy. Next year promises to hold much in store for us as we open our new Sixth Form build, develop our teaching hub and expand our successful National Baccalaureate programme into KS4 and KS5. In the meantime, I wish everyone a happy, relaxing and well deserved summer break.

Ms R Wyles

### Arts Festival Celebrates Students' Work From Across The Priory Trust



What better way to end the year but with a fabulous showcase of Performing Arts and Visual Arts work in a professional theatre! The penultimate week of term saw

the collaboration of the four Priory Trust academies at the LPAC (Lincoln Academy of Performing Arts) to celebrate the incredible work of our students. Students were able to enjoy watching the other academies' performances during the technical rehearsal - it was wonderful to see the academies coming together in support of one another. Each academy had two ten minute slots to fill for each Act and

Ruskin offered a varied repertoire that included Dance, Music and Musical Theatre. In the evening the students burst onto the stage with confidence and passion without a nerve in sight and performed their hearts out with pride. Truly amazing! Colourful, creative artwork was also on display at the theatre including some wonderful dresses designed and made by one of our Year 8 students.



## Ruskin Students Successfully Complete Qualifying Expedition



A huge well done to those Ruskin students who completed their Bronze DofE Expedition on 17th/18th June. Despite having to endure the hottest temperatures of the year so far, they showed true Ruskin spirit and continued on with utter commitment and smiles on their faces. The DofE states that the expedition section of the award should take young people out for their comfort zone and challenge them... suffering from hayfever, heat exhaustion, sore feet and blisters...there is no question they achieved this! A huge thank you to all our members of staff and volunteers, without whom the DofE Award Scheme wouldn't be able to run. A special mention goes to Mr Dale and Mr Greenfield who both passed their DofE assessors assessment - well done! Finally, thank you to all the parents, especially the Dads who missed out on their lovely children on Father's Day.

## Ruskin Knight Heads To Lincoln



A knight meticulously created by Ruskin students is featuring in the "Lincoln Knights' Trail 2017", celebrating the 800th anniversary of the Battle of Lincoln.

The winning design, following a hotly contested house competition, was submitted by Fausta Trimakaite in Year 7. Fausta has worked hard as part of a small team to produce the finished outcome which we all think looks amazing.

The knight initially formed part of a mini trail around the Lincolnshire show but has now joined the official trail and is located in the Waterside Shopping Centre Lincoln until 27th September. We hope you can make it to see our wonderful Ruskin knight in situ!



# Focus On Performing Arts

## 'Epic' Achievements For Talented Dancers at Aerial Workshop

Over the course of the last two years, four incredibly talented and hardworking students have been studying the Dance GCSE syllabus at the Academy as an extra-curricular class twice a week. All students recently completed the examination; three of whom are in Y10 and took the exam a year early! As a reward for their commitment, and as a means for these students to continue developing their performance skills, all four attended a private aerial workshop run by the highly accredited ArtsNK at

One NK in North Hykeham, Lincoln. Students had a fantastic afternoon learning techniques and tricks on both the silks and hoop equipment. There were many stumbles and bruises, but never a lack in determination from each student, consequently leading to the creation of some outstanding aerial work from all. Leader of the workshop, Amy Dalton, referred to the students' achievements in just one session as 'epic!' A truly inspiring and momentous day for four super star students!



## Performing Arts Multi-Media Programme



Following a successful day trip to Grantham College's multi-media suite last year, a longer programme was put into place for this year. It saw Performing Arts students commit to 90 minute after school sessions for 6 weeks, completing the preparation work before experiencing a full day in the editing suite. Covering the

basics of how to put up a tripod safely and manage the camera and then progressing to different shots (close up, long shot, wide shot etc) our students were then put into groups to work on a storyboard before getting other actors in to film around the Academy. Ruskin students were supported by the college lecturers and BTEC Level 3 Media students as part of their work placement. Our students had to think about the effects they wanted to create in their short film as well as remembering continuity with clothing and

props from week to week. Once all of the footage was ready they spent a day editing; adding sound, different effects and titles to their movie. All students completed the day with a finished product and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to work with others outside of the Academy community.



## Sixth Form Students Record Album!



On Thursday 22nd June, Sixth Form Music students went to Insonic Studios in Lincoln to record their 'Best of BTEC' album for their Music Performance Techniques

unit. Each student had to prepare a solo piece and also perform as part of an ensemble. Students experienced singing and playing live in a sound proofed room whilst listening to others performing live in a separate room through the headphones. They observed the sound engineer mixing the tracks and listened to recordings of themselves through the mixing desk. They also enjoyed the chill out room between recordings and a large BBQ pizza at

lunchtime! The Music students recorded 8 pieces in total and thoroughly enjoyed being Rock Stars for the day!



# Year 11 Party In Style At Belton Woods: Prom 2017



On Friday 30th June, Ruskin's Year 11 Prom was held at Belton Woods Hotel. It was a wonderful sight to see the students arrive; vintage cars, a Ferrari and a VW camper van were amongst the different modes of transport! A huge congratulations to Sam Collens and Holly Davies who were crowned Prom King and Queen. Students danced the night away...performing some pretty impressive moves!

Whilst we are obviously sorry to be saying goodbye to some

students, we are looking forward to welcoming back many of this great year group who will be joining us in Sixth Form in September!



## Year 11 Reward Trip To Alton Towers

On July 3rd, a group of Year 11 students visited Alton Towers as a reward for attainment, effort and achievement throughout this academic year. Monitored via students' individual 'Ruskin Passports' (an incentive scheme that is unique to Ruskin Year 11 students and logs all academic achievements and progress across the curriculum throughout Year 11), this reward trip is a real accolade for the students involved as they have achieved outstanding progress and effort this year.

The day at Alton Towers was a huge success with students enjoying the hair raising rides and finally being able to relax after the busy GCSE examination period. Mr Key even

managed to put his fear on hold and enjoy the (very sedate) Runaway Train!

Well done to all Year 11 students for all of their dedication and continued hard work in all subjects throughout the year. We wish you every success for the future.





## OPEN DAY TOURS: OCTOBER 2017

Following our exceptionally popular Open Day in June, we will be holding two additional Open Days: October 4th and October 18th with tours taking place in the morning and afternoon. Booking is essential so please let any parents of students looking to start in Year 7 in 2018 know to call 01476 410410 to book on!

## New Generation Of Ruskin Students Enjoy Transition Day



Over two hundred Year 6 students, who have successfully secured a place to join the Ruskin family in Year 7 from September, joined us for a jam-packed transition day on 4th July. The day started with a welcome assembly from Ms Wyles, with students then joining their form group for a tour of the Academy and to spend some time getting to know the new faces they will be spending, we are sure, seven very happy years with! Students filled out their 'Ruskin leaves' on which they detail their aspiration and dreams for the future, these will be revisited at various points during their years with us as we see them grow and flourish.

Our new students then attended normal 'taster' lessons for the rest of the day before their parents arrived at the Academy for their own welcome assembly. As everyone left after a busy day, it was wonderful to see so many happy and excited young people (and parents!) chatting about their experiences that day...and we are so looking forward to welcoming them back when they all start properly in September. Pictured are some of the beautiful pieces of artwork completed in a taster lesson with Miss Maloney.



## Sixth Form Showcase Performance Talents

On a very wet and blustery Thursday evening, Year 12 and 13 Performing Arts and Music students collaborated to entertain The Academy with an exhilarating showcase of talent! Students were tasked with the challenge of devising, producing, managing and performing in their very own production in just a few short weeks! Throughout the process, students learnt the value of working closely as a team with respect for each other's skills and talents. The day of the performance played host to nerves, excitement and some very diplomatic organisation! All of which culminated in a fast paced array of talent, illustrated through West End musical extracts such as Guys and Dolls and West Side Story, Pitch Perfect inspired vocal performances, dazzling tap dancing accompanied by music from 42nd Street and even the chilled tones of vocalists and musicians recreating tracks by The Beautiful South. The audience observed in awe. A truly spectacular evening highlighting the quality of performance talent at Ruskin.



## Record Numbers Attend Ruskin Open Day

The Ruskin Open Day held on Thursday 29th June was the busiest to date, with record numbers of parents and students attending. Thank you to everyone who attended and, of course, to our wonderful student and staff body who set up some fantastic classroom activities and conducted informative tours around our state-of-the-art facilities.



# Annual Visual Arts Exhibition

## Huge Success



Ruskin's Visual Arts departments hosted the second annual exhibition of GCSE and A Level work on the 12th July, celebrating the creativity, innovation and originality of our students. The Great Hall was transformed into an exciting gallery space, exhibiting a stunning collection of work from Art, Photography, Graphic Design and Product Design. Mr Martini, Head of Art said, "After all of the students' hard work it's great to see their outcomes mounted and presented for people to enjoy and it's wonderful to see the students showing them off to their families and friends".



## Y7 Accelerated Group Medieval Day



In July, the whole of Year 7 were treated to a medieval workshop organised and run entirely by Mrs Shelford's accelerated Year 7 group! Students were inspired by the recent Ruskin Renegade Knight, created to commemorate the Battle of Lincoln, and decided to get in the medieval mood themselves. The students put on a number of activities, from stain glass window designing to besieging a medieval castle! It was an action packed afternoon, which Year 7 thoroughly enjoyed. A huge thank you to the accelerated Year 7s, Mrs. Shelford, Miss. Simpson and Mr. Bateman for bringing the past to life.



Don't forget to follow us on Twitter and Facebook for more up-to-date news and events!

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## Open Evening Food Technology Competition Winners

A competition run by Food Technology was very popular at our Year 5 Open Day in June. The competition asked students to correctly identify the ten hazards in the food room. There were three lucky winners from various local primary schools and Mr Esam hand delivered their prizes the following day!



Pictured is a very happy prize winning student from Belmont Primary School. A huge well done to all those students who correctly identified all the hazards – it was a very tricky competition! Can you identify the ten correct hazards in this photo? (It's just for fun though...Mr Esam has run out of prizes!)



## Sewing Bee Club: New Members Welcome!



Running throughout the academic year, the Sewing Bee club is open to Year 7 and 8 students who are interested in working with textiles either as a fashion and accessories maker or as a soft furnishings designer. Mrs Spencer, based in VA6, has seven modern Janome sewing machines and two over locker machines - giving students access to professional equipment to get really creative! There is also plenty of beautiful fabric in stock, thanks to the kind donations from local firms in Grantham, however, students wanting to make their own clothes are encouraged to bring in their own. The club also offers a variety of skills related to textiles such as silk painting. Mrs Spencer is always on the look out for new students to join, with the aim of competing in the annual competition 'Sew in Fashion'. So, if you fancy making beautiful pieces as demonstrated in these photos please have a chat with Mrs Spencer in September!



## Ruskin Recognised At Annual Swimathon Awards

On Thursday 29th June, staff from Ruskin were delighted to attend the annual Rotary Swimathon Award Ceremony to collect two well deserved awards on behalf of Ruskin. Collecting the President's Community Shield, recognising Ruskin's extensive support for many Rotarian causes, along with The Youth Achievement Award, for raising over £1000 for the 2017 Swimathon, Mrs Sue Scott said, "It is wonderful to see Ruskin and its students receiving these awards. Community is at the heart of Ruskin and our students take the work we do for charity very seriously - we are delighted to have that hard work recognised by the Rotary".

# Students Victorious At Design Academy Awards



On Friday 23rd June, Year 11 students from The Priory Ruskin Academy went to the Drill Hall in Lincoln to showcase their GCSE Product Design Coursework at the Design Academy Awards. The students' design brief had been to design and make sportswear for a variety of different sports and activities including rock-climbing, mountain biking, dance, swimming, basketball, horse-riding and netball. Their effort and determination were rewarded on the night, winning the Best Collection and Best Sketchbook awards.

This is a huge achievement for the students who have worked tirelessly over the last 18 months to produce professional products along with packaging and advertising campaigns. They have learnt skills in Graphic Design, Product Design, Packaging Design, Manufacturing, Sewing, Photography, Printing, Advertising and Marketing to produce products that could easily be found in sport shops.

Mrs Greenfield, Product Design teacher at Ruskin said, "I am incredibly proud of all of my students for working so hard over the last two years. It has been wonderful to see them develop and grow into professional and forward thinking young designers. I hope in the future that they will go on to have a successful and rewarding career in the design industry".



## Outstanding Career Advice and Experiences Recognised For Second Time

We are delighted to announce that Ruskin have been awarded accreditation for Career Mark 6 for the second time. Mrs Scott works incredibly hard to provide Ruskin with a fantastic programme of events across year groups. From the University Fair at the Etihad Stadium to the NEC World Skills Show, from external speakers supporting with CV writing, job applications and budgeting to EON visiting to engage our students in the world of engineering, not to mention a visit from Lord Norton to speak to our Sixth Form Law students...these are just a few of the fantastic trips and inspirational speakers our students have enjoyed and which contributed to our Career Mark 6 success.

## Ruskin Praised For 'Aspirational National Baccalaureate Model'

Ruskin hosted the 'National Baccalaureate Summit' on Friday 30th June. Head Teachers and senior educational leaders from around the country heard testimonies from Ciara North and Kaan Yaldiz, two

of our Year 8 students who have successfully completed the KS3 National Baccalaureate. Tom Sherrington, Chair of the National Baccalaureate Trust, tweeted to his 48,000 followers, "Brilliant how @PrioryRuskin has developed a KS3 @NatBaccTrust model. Highly aspirational; amazing breadth". Mr Oliver and other senior leaders from Ruskin have now been invited onto the validating panel, to help continue the roll out of this exciting initiative across the country.



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# Primary Maths Workshop Day



On Friday 30th June, Ruskin once again hosted a series of mathematical workshops for local primary schools. 130 Year 5 students experienced a challenging and engaging morning at the Academy with activities involving shapes, algebra, estimation, spirals and 3D drawings...all approached in a variety of fun ways. Students gave glowing feedback on what was obviously a really informative and enjoyable day. A huge thanks must go to our Year 7 student helpers who assisted with the morning and who were a real hit! These workshops provide primary school students with an insight into life at secondary school, whilst ensuring work is age appropriate. We have received so much positive feedback but one email (from a parent of a little boy who isn't too keen on maths!) sums up the value these sessions offer, '...he thoroughly enjoyed the morning and it actually gave him the confidence to attempt working independently – his homework has not been the struggle it had been previously...he was delighted to receive an achievement certificate from the Ruskin Maths department'!



## Ruskin Bids Farewell To Year 13...

Thursday 6th July saw our Year 13 students gather together at the Eden Hotel for a final goodbye before they head off to their exciting new destinations! Enjoying a sit down meal and speeches, as well as being treated to a live performance by Soho Park (made up of current and ex students) and Mr Cairns on the karaoke, it was a great evening, spent with a fantastic bunch!

Some highlight destinations include:

Head Girl Aiste Stankeviciute (Nottingham)

Carla Haith and Megan Davies (Manchester)

Tom Milner and Aaron Emburey (Leeds)

Nathan Tang (Warwick)

Emily Broad and Kieran Barclay are starting sports apprenticeships from Inspire+.

## ...And Welcomes Its New Sixth Form Intake!

Over 120 current Year 11 students attended Ruskin's Sixth Form Induction to get a 'taste' of life in our Sixth Form, with over 25 students from the full range of other local schools set to join in September. Lunch hosted in the Great Hall, whilst enjoying a performance from our current very talented Year 12 Performing Arts students. We wish all these students all the very best with their GCSE results and look forward to working with them in the next stage of their lives.

We await, with great excitement, the opening of our new £2 million state-of-the-art Sixth Form Centre in January.

# YOU HAVE RAISED OVER £7,000 SINCE SEPTEMBER 2016!

Since the start of the 2016/17 Academic Year, you have helped The Priory Ruskin Academy raise over **£7,000** for over **10 incredible charities.**

From non-uniform days to cake sales, from fashion shows to coffee mornings, your donations have made a real difference.

## THANK YOU SO MUCH!





# Sports Digest Term 6

Well, the 2016-17 academic year has been jam packed with fixtures and school competitions giving rise to some fabulous achievements from both teams and individuals within Ruskin.

Term 6 has seen the athletics come to the forefront and this has brought some spectacular performances. Ruskin was particularly well represented in the combined events championships leading to three Ruskin students being selected for Lincolnshire to compete at the Anglians event; Joshua Crane, Luke Rowland and Lewis Davey. Lewis performed exceptionally well and topped the table to win the event against the best of three other counties athletes. This summer also saw two of our Year 11 students compete at the track and field national finals; Praise Olalere ran very well to qualify for the semifinals in the 200m and finished 5th, Lewis Davey in the 400m ran a PB and brought home the silver medal. This is a truly magnificent achievement and Lewis has been rewarded with his England vest to compete for the country in Ireland.

The Ruskin rounders team have competed in the district competitions with the U12 team finishing 6th and U14 team 4th in the district.

In recent weeks a number of Ruskin girls have trialed for the Boston United Football Development Squad; Mia Ellis and Millie Withers qualified for the second round, and Lily Welch has been selected for the full squad.

The big event of the season was the annual sports day on Friday 7th July. This saw the whole school at the Meres stadium giving students the opportunity to support their house and see some great competition. The event saw a full track and field event programme with some additional fun competitions on the side. The winning house overall were Knight

taking a good points score from the majority of events, Mrs Shelford was very pleased to raise the cup for the third year on the bounce. The highly competitive staff relay was won by Hepworth.

The next big date in the PE calendar is our annual awards evening which will take place on Wednesday 27th September. There will be some great accolades presented to our students, with fierce competition this year for Top Sportsman and Sportswoman as well as the much coveted 'Top Team'!

## Ruskin Take Home Gold and Bronze in

This year's Lincolnshire School Games were held on Sunday 9th July at the Meres in which Ruskin had two teams entered into the New Age Kurling category. After a magnificent opening ceremony it was time to compete... our first battle? Priory A vs Priory B! A great, competitive match with some very good shots and, after six ends, Priory A Team came out on top (Priory A 6 – Priory B 1).

Next up was Priory A vs St George's, another competitive game with some with both teams playing some excellent shots. After initially taking the lead, Priory A faltered when St George's came back fighting with the final score finishing: St George's 5 – Priory A 2. The final match saw Priory B take on St George's. Intensively competitive, St George's took the lead early on, however, after a pep talk from their team captain, Priory B came

back fighting with some good blockers and knockouts and finally won the match! (Priory B 5 – St George's 2 ).

Final scores of the day were:

1st Place Gold winners Priory A team with 8 points

2nd Place Silver Winners St Georges with 7 points

3rd Place Bronze Winners Priory B Team 6 points

A huge well done to all the players! And a massive thank you to parents and staff (especially coaches Mrs Luczak & Mrs Dixon) who gave up their Sunday to come along and support!

Keep up with the latest sports news on twitter by following @ruskinsport

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### KEY DIARY DATES FOR TERM 1 2017/18

Students Involved:

## TERM 1

Y7, Y12 ONLY	6th September	Term 1 2017/18 Begins
Y8—Y11 & Y13	7th September	Term 1 2017/18 Begins
ALL	18th-22nd September	Reading Week
ALL Welcome	26th September	Boden Party
ALL	27th-28th September	Photograph Days
Y6 Parents/Students	4th October	Open Day Tours
ALL	9th-13th October	Annual Awards Ceremonies
ALL	16th-20th October	Careers Week
Y6 Parents/Students	18th October	Open Day Tours
ALL	19th October	PD Day
ALL	20th October	Term 1 2017/18 Ends
ALL	30th October	Term 2 2017/18 Begins



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