

## A message from the Headteacher...

The summer term is always lively; from final exams to sports day, open evenings, charitable events and new intake days, the Academy becomes a hive of productive activity. The absolute constant in these events is the commitment and enthusiasm of staff and students. It is a real privilege to work within a community that is so passionate about all aspects of academy life and it is always a highlight on open days to see so many staff and students talk with such pride and engagement about Ruskin.

This term also realised a long held ambition of the Academy to hold a Creative Festival that truly celebrates and promotes our values through the curriculum. Our inaugural festival not only saw creativity shine, but it also afforded staff and students the opportunities to develop curiosity by exploring new disciplines and have the courage and passion to do so with enthusiasm. From Samba dancing, drumming and, as we have come to expect from our talented staff and students – an uplifting new display in the foyer to visits from poets, authors and environmentalists, Ruskin's unique energy and spirit was palpable.

The new academic year will see a continued commitment to our students in continuing to develop cultural and intellectual capital, but in the meantime I wish you all a restful, enjoyable and well deserved summer break.

Ms R Wyles

## Ruskin's First 'Creative Festival'

On the 9th, 10th and 11th July Ruskin held its first ever Creative Festival. For three days our normal timetable disappeared and students explored creativity across the curriculum through a plethora of incredible workshops and experiences. The aim of the Creative Festival was to highlight the fact creativity is not only the domain of the arts and it is not something only certain people with certain talents can enjoy - it is the way we think and see the world and how we apply our imagination in any situation. Creativity has a place in all aspects of human life; in science, the arts, mathematics, technology, language and business – it is everywhere! Students embraced their new and varied timetable – engaging with external workshops that included dance, drama, samba, poetry and singing, asking insightful questions to a visiting author and embracing the many cross-curricular workshops staff created and delivered. Thank you to everyone

who took part - to visitors who brought a new dynamic to the Academy, to staff whose creative thinking led to some truly inspirational sessions and to students who whole-heartedly embraced the festival - demonstrating that intangible but incredibly special 'Ruskin spirit' once again.



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On Friday 28th June Ruskin held a Year 5 Maths workshops. Students came from Huntingtower, Clifedale, the National and St Mary's with over 107 students attending in total. Thanks to all of those who attended and to staff that made it such an enjoyable and interesting event - as one Year 5 student said, "I didn't have a favourite part as it was all so good!".

## Belton Woods: Year 11 Prom

The Year 11 Prom was held at Belton Woods Hotel. The students arrived with style in sports cars, on the back of a motorbike and on a lorry! Girls were wearing elegant ball gowns and the boys looked dapper in their suits. The much anticipated awards were given out with Peter M and Jenny B winning Prom King and Queen. The highlight of the night was undoubtedly all the dancing; the dancefloor was never empty.



## Community: Ruskin Students Volunteer at Avery Lodge

A small group of students from Ruskin volunteered to help at the recent Avery Lodge Summer Fete. They gave up their Saturday afternoon to help run some of the stalls at the fete and Mr Esam donated some wonderful cakes and biscuits which he made to sell on one of the stalls. The students really enjoyed their afternoon and got to meet some of the residents and their families throughout the afternoon. They were a real credit to the Academy and it is always great to see students working

with the local community.

The students involved were Sophie G, Ruby W, Leo F, Shona M-H, Hannah R, Carl B, Ellie P and Roan T-F



## Year 8 students Special Guests at The Children's Book Awards



On Saturday June 6th four of our Year 8 students were invited to The Children's Book Awards in Kensington - an awards ceremony that celebrates up and coming authors and books

Selected as part of Mrs Chapman's reading group, the students had a wonderful day - getting chance to experience the buzz of London as well as enjoying the awards event at a swanky hotel!

Pictured from left to right, Gilraen, Verity, guest illustrator for Walker books PJ Lynch, Abigail and Ella

## Fundraising For Ward E39, QMC



As you will be aware one of our students, Charlie Tatchell, was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer earlier in the year. As a community we want to do all we can to support him and Ward E39 at QMC where he is receiving treatment. Various fundraising ideas including an afternoon tea event, Mrs Dodsworth completing an ultra marathon, soak the teacher (so popular we did it twice!), a non-uniform day and a sponsored walk (we aimed, as an Academy, to cover the distance from Land's End in Cornwall to John o' Groats in Scotland - 3518 times around our running track...in actual fact we managed to get there and back and there again!) raised a total of **£2673**.

We hope the money raised will prove valuable in supporting the fantastic work of Ward E39 at QMC and ensure Charlie and his family know they are very much in our thoughts.



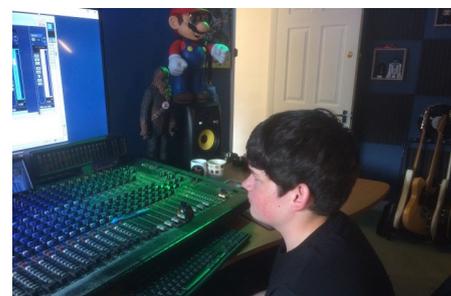
## Sixth Form Recording Studio Experience

On Friday 12th July, a group of Sixth Form students became pop stars for the afternoon and visited a recording studio in Grantham to record both solo and ensemble vocal tracks and learn about how professional sound engineers work.

They sang beautifully harmonised acapella versions of 'Oh Happy Day' from the musical film Sister Act and the R Kelly classic 'I believe I can Fly'. The solos they performed

were from a range of artists including Emilie Sande, Kodialine, Leona Lewis and Elvis and also the musical theatre hit 'Stars' from Les Miserables.

All these students have given their time generously to broaden their experiences and skill sets through enrichment activities in music and the performing arts, and thoroughly deserved their end of term treat!



## Careers: Highlights of 2018/19

This year we have given a warm Ruskin welcome to inspirational speaker David Dein (MBE), former co-owner and vice chairman of Arsenal, and enjoyed workshops delivered by The Skills Service, Duck Production & Guess the Profession. Students have attended an internal Careers Fair and external shows such as the Science Big Bang and Hair & Beauty (both held at the NEC Birmingham), university and apprentices fair, Sir Isaac Newton Lecture and much more. Next academic year's careers programme is looking better than ever with exciting events planned for all year groups. If you would like to find out more we have a wealth of information on the Academy website: [www.prioryruskin.co.uk/ruskincareerseducation](http://www.prioryruskin.co.uk/ruskincareerseducation).

## Peter Achieves 100% Attendance Award for his Entire 5 Years at Ruskin



Year 11 student Peter M was awarded with a special attendance prize after achieving a clean attendance record for his entire education at Ruskin. Since joining in Year 7 Peter has not missed a single day! Well done Peter and very best wishes for your future - we are sure you will remain as committed and hardworking in all that you do.

## Truth In Justice

On Tuesday 8th May, Year 9 GCSE Sociology students from Ruskin attended an event organised by Just Lincolnshire in commemoration of the life of Stephen Lawrence. The event focused on the history of hate crime and how the Stephen Lawrence case changed policing and the impact that it had on the criminal justice system. Students watched performances from students from De Aston school and then had the opportunity to discuss what they had seen with students from other schools and professionals from the police, victim support, courts and hate crime organisations. Miss Catnach, Head of Social Sciences at the Academy said, "The day provided students with an invaluable insight into hate crime. They were so engaged and I look forward to continuing our work on this subject in class".

## Health & Social Care Students Learn About the Life of a Paramedic

The Year 9 and 10 Health & Social Care groups were visited by an EMAS paramedic this term. The paramedic came in to explain the role of a paramedic as well as to inspire them to pursue a career within the Health and Social Care field. The students were shown some of the equipment a paramedic uses as well as being given a guided tour of the ambulance with an explanation of each of the pieces of equipment contained within it.

The students were genuinely inspired by the visit and it has given some of them a much better understanding of the roles and responsibilities of this profession and the route needed to be taken in order to get there.



## Farewell to Year 13

And so another Year 13 cohort leave us, heading off ready to embrace life away from Ruskin. In June we held our leavers' meal at The Angel and Royal Hotel to say farewell to this charming group of young people. Following a superb three course meal, annual awards were presented (and accepted with good humour!) and then students were left to celebrate the shared years they have enjoyed. We look forward to seeing students again on A-Level results day in August and to learning of their new destinations.



## Ruskin Puppy Update

We are delighted to announce that, following the non-uniform day we had in the spring term, Ruskin has adopted six puppies through Guide Dogs for the Blind. Each house, as well as Sixth Form and staff, can now look forward to updates on our pups and how they are responding to their training. This term we introduce...Molly, Milo and Charlie! Watch this space...we *might* be getting a visit from a special guest next term...



# Oxford University Step Up Programme

We are delighted that Ruskin has been selected, as 1 of 30 schools in the country, for the Oxford University Step Up programme. This means that next year New College, one of the largest of Oxford University's colleges, will be working with our Year 10 and 11 students on university applications and choosing the right A levels.

As a pre cursor to this a group of lucky Year 12 students were offered over-night accommodation at New College so that they could attend the university's Open Day on Wednesday 3rd July. Students enjoyed a tour including to the old library in Christ Church College which contains books so fragile and precious that an alarm goes off if someone touches them. The library holds the first ever edition of Charles Darwin's Evolution of Theory.

One Year 12 student who attended the open day said, "Walking the same halls as notable alumni such as Lewis Carroll (writer of Alice in Wonderland), was inspiring and gave me even more motivation to reach for my full potential academically".

As Year 12 students prepare themselves for university applications and A-levels next year we really hope they draw inspiration from the trip.



## Performing Arts Summer Showcase

Students across all year groups took to the stage in July for a full day summer showcase where students performed pieces they had been working on within class, extra curricula Performing Arts clubs, and independently in their own time. It was a sensational display of dance, drama, song, instrumentalists and musical theatre; from the incredible guitar playing skills of Joseph F, to the Michael Jackson moves in a homage from George Y. What a fantastic way to end the year and celebrate the unique talents of The Priory Ruskin Performing Arts students.

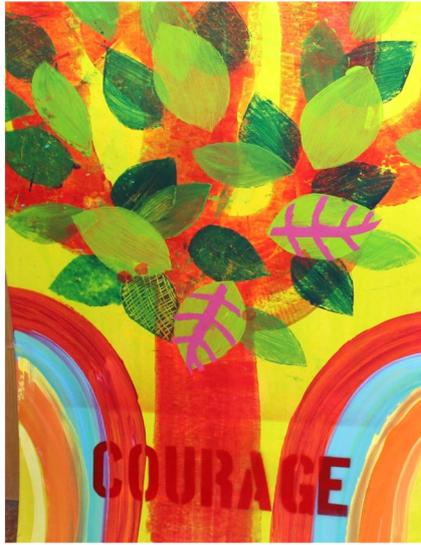


## Renaissance Reading Update

We have had some fantastic results with reading this year...including our very first student who has read over 3 million words in one academic year - well done to Chloe C in Year 8. She has read and quizzed over 60 books!

Over 10 students have read over a million words, this is also the most we have ever had in a year. Overall students have passed 3,168 quizzes earning the Houses 15357.8 in points and, with results just in, the final results for 2018/19 were...1st Knight, 2nd Morris, 3rd Hepworth and 4th Mackintosh. Well done to everyone.

# Ruskin Creative Festival: Photo Gallery



# YOU HAVE RAISED OVER £10,000

SINCE SEPTEMBER 2018

Since the start of the 2018/19 Academic Year, you have helped Ruskin raise over **£10,000** to support so many **incredible charities** as well as food collections and other charitable collections such as ring pulls and milk lids.

From non-uniform days to cake sales, from sponsored walks to coffee mornings and 'soak the teacher', your donations have made a real difference.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH!**



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## Advanced Maths Support Programme

On Friday 14th June, Dave Tuhey, from the Advanced Maths Support Programme, delivered a workshop to our Year 12 Mathematicians. He spoke about the various entrance tests universities might give to students who are wishing to apply for a maths-related degree. Mr Tuhey then provided a series of problem solving tasks to give students exposure to the sorts of questions. As Year 12s are currently starting the UCAS process, it was an exceptionally useful morning. The Year 12 students were a credit to the Academy, and the enthusiasm in the room was fantastic.

A question to think about: Can you take the numbers 1-9 and divide them into 3 groups, so that the largest number in each group is the sum of the other two numbers?

## 'Learn From The Past': Holocaust Survivor Visits Ruskin

On Wednesday 22nd May staff and students at Ruskin were honoured to welcome Simon Winston and hear his first hand testimony as a Holocaust Survivor.

His talk was followed by a question and answer session to enable students to better understand the nature of the Holocaust and to explore its lessons in more depth. The visit is part of the Holocaust Educational Trust's extensive all year round Outreach Programme, which is available to schools across the UK.

Simon, was born in 1938 in a small town called Radzivillov, then part of Poland, now in the independent state of the Ukraine. Simon, his mother and father, and his brother were forced to live in a ghetto and Simon experienced much brutality there. However, Simon and his family were able to escape from the ghetto where they went into hiding at a farm. They lived in very cramped conditions. When they were told they had been freed and the war was over, Simon and his family became refugees and spent two years in a Displaced Persons Camp before moving to England. Simon has remained in England ever since, sharing his story in order to highlight the importance of learning from the past.



## Rosie Award Sweeps the Board at Young Designer Awards

Ruskin Student, Rosie M, swept the board at the Lincolnshire Young Designer of the Year Awards on Friday 24th May hosted by Lincoln University. Wowing the judges with her innovative eco-friendly product packaging, the A-Level Graphic Communication student won three categories: Best Product Design, The Adobe Prize (awarded by the Head of Adobe Software) and the main prize of Lincolnshire Young Designer of the Year 2019.

Rosie's idea was inspired by the amount of litter she was shocked to see when she completed her Duke of Edinburgh expedition. She felt snacks available in the supermarkets all involved excessive packaging and so, drawing on this experience, Rosie designed packaging for several snacks made out of seed paper. This special packaging has seeds trapped into the layers of paper which can be rolled and buried into the earth to regrow as wild flowers after the snack has been consumed. This innovative solution not only reduces littering, it gives back to the environment, reduces landfill waste, reduces manufacturing costs in printing and raises awareness for pollution. Due to the texture of the seed paper, only minimal printing is possible therefore all-important nutritional information is contained on a website and app that is accessible via a QR code on the packet.



# Feature Article: A Letter to the Future

By Oliver K Year 10

Dear future generations,

Sorry. Sorry we left you with our mess of a planet. Sorry that we got caught up in our own doings, to do something. Sorry we listened to people with excuses to do nothing. I hope you can forgive us we just didn't realise how special the earth was, like a marriage gone wrong we didn't know what we had until it was gone...

For example, I'm guessing you probably know this location by the name of the amazon desert. Well let me tell you this was actually once called the amazon rainforest, there were billions of trees and... oh you don't know much about trees do you? Well trees are amazing, we breathe the air they create, they clean up our pollution, our carbon, purify water. Give us medicine that cures our diseases, food that feeds us.

Which is why I'm so sorry, to tell you that we cut them down. Using brutal machines, that's 50 percent of the world's trees gone in the last 100 years.

Why? For money.

Which brings me great sorrow, because most of us today don't even care about tomorrow. So I'm sorry we put profit over people, greed over need, using nature as a credit card with no spending limits. Leading animals towards extinction, stealing your chance to ever discover their uniqueness or become friends with them.

Sorry we poisoned the oceans so much that you cannot even swim in them. But most of all we had the nerve to call this destruction progress. See you can ignore this, but the thing about truth is, it can be denied not avoided.

So I'm sorry future generations. I'm sorry our footprint became a sink-hole and not a garden. I'm sorry we doomed you, and we couldn't find another planet in time to move to. What will be humanities fate? Destruction for money. I'm not sorry, this future, I do not accept it. We can redirect this.

How?

Let me suggest not to the branches of government or the politicians. We are the foundation, this generation. It is up to us to take care of this planet, our only home. Because to betray nature is to betray us, to save nature is to save us!

Because whatever you're fighting for, any type of equality, it will not matter in the least.

Because if we do not work together to save the environment, then we will be...

Equally extinct...

## Food Technology: Something's Cooking!



In Food Tech this term Year 7s have been busy making a healthy snack called Pizza Pockets. Using a tortilla wrap cut in half and filled with onion, peppers, pepperoni, BBQ sauce, cheese and spices. Many students are now making these at home.

Year 8s were given the chance to create a cake of their choice. Using a basic muffin recipe they then added 3 ingredients of their choice. We had some really crazy ideas and great results. Benjamin P and William A are shown with their cakes which included Coco Pops, marshmallows, Jaffa cakes and Oreo's!



## ICT: Creative Festival Fun

During the Creative Festival students in ICT learned how to make animation memes also known as GIF image files. They started by choosing their famous 'victim' (i.e. celebrity!) and they then chose different facial features for them that flew in to create a funny face. Once all of the animation was created they then extracted them as a GIF image file. The groups all had a lot of fun...with laughter echoing down the Hepworth corridor.



# Barcelona: Football & Netball Tour 2019



At the start of the Easter holidays ninety students from Years 7-13 travelled to Spain for the netball and football tour. The trip was an incredible experience for all involved with students enjoying specialised training, lots of competitive match play, a tour of Nou Camp Stadium, the opportunity to watch a professional game and time to explore both Barcelona and Girona. Following the huge success of this trip, a football tour to Real Madrid in the Easter holidays of 2021 has been arranged. This trip will be open to all current Year 7-9 students, including the September 2019 Year 7 student intake.



## Ruskin Sports Day 2019: One for the Record Books!

On Friday 5th July the Academy held its annual Sports Day at the Meres athletics stadium. We were again blessed with great weather, which made it an enjoyable day for all. We had some incredible performances this year, with 31 new Academy records being smashed amongst some greatly fought competition at the highest standards we have ever seen. We hosted over 100 races/field events this year, with the Sixth Form being heavily involved in both competing and helping out in the running of the events.

Spectators were also more actively involved this year with the introduction of the rowing event, where each House kept 2 rowing machines moving for the whole day. The winning team for this was Hepworth with over 40 thousand metres (26 miles+) rowed.

The final results of day were 4th Mackintosh, 3rd Morris, 2nd Knight and Hepworth narrowly winning by only 2 points to be the champions! A total of each athlete's points for each event was calculated and the winner of each age group were awarded the Victor Ludorum, this year these went to:

- Junior Victor Ludorum: J. West
- Intermediate Victor Ludorum: C. Plant
- Senior Victor Ludorum: C. Sharman
- Junior Victrix Ludorum: L. Hodgkinson
- Intermediate Victrix Ludorum: A. Mensah
- Senior Victrix Ludorum: N. Ashby



# Sports Digest Summer 2019

Ruskin's PE and Sports department has focused on the summer programme of rounders, cricket, athletics and tennis.

Athletics has proved very popular in the extra-curricular programme and this has resulted in both individual and team success. Individually 26 students from Key Stage 3 and 4 were selected to represent the district at the County Championships. In addition to this 9 students from Key Stage 5 were nominated to compete. Stand out performances in the County Championships were; Louie W 4th in JB 100m, Charlie P 3rd and Brandon A 4th in JB sprint hurdles, Evie A 4th in the JG 300m and 1st in high jump, Jake G 3rd in the IB 200m, Callum P 2nd and Jonasz G 4th in the IB Sprint Hurdles, Daniel A 3rd in the IB High Jump, Charlie S 3rd in SB 800m and 2nd in long jump, Jack G 1st in SB high jump, Gustavo L 1st in SB Triple Jump and 3rd in javelin, and Naomi A 1st in SG Javelin and Triple Jump. This is by far the best that our individual athletes have performed with all those students named above qualifying for the Lincolnshire team to compete at the Anglians. Unfortunately Cambridge failed to organize the Anglians which meant it did not take place which was extremely disappointing.



The Academy also took part in the Track and Field Cup entering teams for Juniors and Inters across the boys and girls, all athletes performed very well and the results saw both boys teams progress to the Regional B Final at Wakefield. At Wakefield the Junior Boys team were exceptional gaining a points score of 359 winning the event. The Inter Boys suffered two injuries which limited the scoring capability of the team, they finished a very

respectable 4th but certainly could have taken 2nd with a full complement. Ruskin's Athletics team were also selected for the Lincolnshire School Games, two teams travelled to the Meres Leisure Centre and took the gold and silver awards.



Mr Gunter travelled with the Lincolnshire athletics team selected for the English Schools Track and Field. Ruskin alumnus, Praise O, qualified for this prestigious event in the SB 100m. Praise ran his heat exceptionally well qualifying for the final in first place. In the final Praise got out the blocks superbly well leading for the first 40m, he was caught but successfully held onto 3rd place and took the Bronze medal. Lewis D also qualified for this event in the 400m but has now been selected for the European U20s where he will be representing Great Britain. A huge congratulations to both these young men who have the potential to reach great heights.

It has been another busy Summer term for tennis with Ruskin entering 4 teams into the Lincolnshire LTA team tennis leagues. We have travelled all around Lincolnshire playing our matches against some of the best players in the county, and held our own in every single match. Unfortunately we have not won any of the leagues this year, but we have a particularly promising Year 8 team who narrowly missed out in qualifying into the regional round eventually coming 3rd in the county.



The Academy also entered the national tennis tournament 'Road to Wimbledon' where we had a good number of students entering from Year 9 and below. Boys finalists were James T (Y7) and Matt D (Y9), with James being crowned the Academy Champion, and in the girls draw the 2 finalists were Sydney S (Y8) and Julia Z (Y7) with Julia eventually winning the tournament. This now means that the 2 winners qualify to play in the Road to Wimbledon County Finals held next weekend. We wish them both the best of luck in this. We also invited some of our most promising players to represent the Academy in the Grantham and District annual singles tennis tournament. All of our students did incredibly well with Alex H (Y8) winning the boys event and Megan R coming runner up in the girls. Alex H has had an incredible year both in and out of the Academy with his tennis, where he has been undefeated in all team matches for the Academy in both singles and doubles. He has also represented the Lincolnshire County Team and is now the number 1 player for his age group in the county, an incredible achievement and we hope to see him at Wimbledon in a few years time! Girls tennis has become increasingly popular this summer, with Ruskin entering two teams into the LTA Team Tennis Schools competition. Despite having several very close matches, the girls lost their games against Horncastle Grammar and Lincoln Minster.



The Year 7 and Year 8 Rounders teams performed well this year in the District tournament, coming 4th and 2nd respectively. Well done to all!

## KEY DIARY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2019

Students Involved	Date	Event
All	4th September	All Students Return - Term 1 2019/20 (Week A)
Year 11	19th September	Key Stage 4 Learning Evening
All	25th/26th September	School Photo Day
Year 6 Students	2nd and 17th October	Year 6 Open Mornings
Year 7	3rd October	Parent/Tutor Evening
Year 12/13	10th October	KS5 Learning Evening
Year 11	17th October	Year 11 Parents' Evening
All	21st - 25th October	October Half Term
All	7th November	PSHE Day
Year 11	21st November	Sixth Form Open Evening
Year 9	28th November	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Various	16th December	Carol Service
All	19th December	End of Term - Christmas Holiday