



RUSKIN

A PRIORY ACADEMY

TRANSITION GUIDE

2026

Welcome to Ruskin

We are delighted that your child will be joining us in September 2026.

At The Priory Ruskin Academy we pride ourselves on our caring, supportive approach and on the high standards of work and behaviour we expect from our young people.

We want the transfer process from primary to secondary school to be a smooth and happy one. We recognise this and understand that students and parents need to feel reassured, happy and safe during this transition period. This booklet aims to provide information which will help you through the transition process.

Mr L Briggs, Assistant Headteacher
Attendance, Primary Transition & Admissions Officer



The Academy Day

8:00am - 8:45am	Breakfast available
8:50am - 9:20am	Tutor time
9:20am - 10:20am	Period 1
10:20am - 11:20am	Period 2
11:20am - 11:40am	Break
11:40am - 12:40pm	Period 3
12:40pm - 1:20pm	Lunch
1:20pm - 2:20pm	Period 4
2:20pm - 3:20pm	Period 5

Curriculum Overview

The aim of the curriculum at Ruskin is to improve the life chances of our students so they become true citizens of the world. As such, the Ruskin curriculum provides intellectual challenge and rigour, broadens cultural and philosophical horizons and develops a keen sense of self-worth in our students ability to play a meaningful role as a global citizen.

In order to support this, students are set by ability from the start of the year. Key Stage 2 data from primary schools is used to support this setting. The groups are actively reviewed throughout the year to ensure students are correctly placed, by movement between sets.

Ruskin Academy Values

The Ruskin curriculum is values driven.

Our values are:

- **Wisdom**
- **Curiosity**
- **Generosity**
- **Courage**
- **Passion**



Mobile Phone Policy

We are a phone-free academy to **reduce distractions**, keep everyone in our community **safe** and to help your **wellbeing**.

Expectations about mobile phones are designed to be really clear and simple: **they should not be used, seen or heard** around the Academy, **gate-to-gate**, regardless of the time of day. Turn off your phone and put it away at the gate in the morning. Keep it off and away until you leave the Academy site.



**Phones off and
away at the gate**



**Make the most of
every minute by
avoiding distractions**



**Phones stay away
and off until out of
the gate**



Academy Uniform

- Blazer Navy blue with Academy badge.
- Skirt Harrow (mid) grey, knee length with stitched down pleat.
- Trousers Harrow (mid) grey, straight, classic style (no skinny, flares or turn ups). Module 6: Grey formal shorts can be worn.
- Shirt or blouse Sky blue.
- Academy tie Worn waist length.
- Jumper V neck, navy blue.
- Shoes Black with flat or low heels, heel not to exceed 5cm (no platforms or ballet style shoes).
- Socks Mid grey, white if worn with skirt (no logos or patterns).
- Tights Thick grey/opaque black in Years 7–9, students in Years 10 – 13 may wear natural coloured tights.
- Coat Black, grey or navy blue, plain in style, (no large logos or patterns).
- Hat Black or navy blue, plain in style (optional).
- Scarf Black or navy blue, plain in style (optional).
- Gloves Black or navy blue, plain in style (optional).
- Bag Black or navy blue, plain in style (no large logos or patterns), must be suitable to carry books and equipment (no handbags).
- Jewellery No jewellery, other than plain stud earrings.
- Earrings Plain gold or silver stud earrings. One plain stud in each lower ear lobe.

Additional Information

- Make up No make up to be worn by students, including nail varnish/false nails or eyelashes.
- Hairstyles No extreme hairstyles, hair to be of natural colour.
- Muslim hijab Black or navy blue.
- Hair slides/bands /Alice bands Black, navy blue or colour of hair.

All items of uniform must be clearly labelled

PE and Performing Arts Uniform

All students are expected to be fully prepared for PE and Performing Arts lessons. Students are required to have all the items below, unless specified as optional.

Indoor Kit

- PE polo shirt Blue, with Academy badge and logo.
- Shorts Blue Academy shorts.
- Socks White trainer socks.
- Trainers With non-marking sole.

Outdoor Kit

- Socks Navy blue outdoor socks.
- Outdoor trainers
- Football/rugby boots (studded boots)
- Shin pads
- Gum shield For rugby and hockey.

'Optional' Extra PE Kit

- PE midlayer top Navy blue (see website link below)
- Thermals Black or navy blue leggings/top, plain in style with no logos, to be worn as base layer.
- Tracksuit bottoms Navy blue, plain in style, no stripes or logos (worn at the discretion of the PE staff).

The optional mid-layer top can be purchased from Uniform Direct
www.uniform-direct.com

For Health and Safety reasons students are not permitted to wear any jewellery or retainers during PE lessons

Key Stage 3 Performing Arts and Music

- Performing Arts polo shirt Navy blue with Academy badge and Performing Arts logo.
- Shorts Navy blue, plain in style, no stripes or patterns.
- or
- Leggings Navy blue or black, plain in style, no stripes, logos or patterns.
- Footwear Bare feet or plain black ballet or jazz shoes.

Students with long hair must tie their hair back so that no part of it will affect their ability to participate safely.

All items of uniform must be clearly labelled

Academy Expectations

Ruskin Academy has a strict uniform code that sets out exactly what to wear. A list of clothing can be found in this booklet. In addition to this, you will find a guide as to how the Academy uniform should be worn.

We seek the cooperation of students to wear their uniform with dignity and maturity.

- Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- Trousers must be worn correctly and if required, the use of a plain black belt.
- Tie length must be to the waist. Knots must be tight, and cover the top button. Top buttons must not be undone.
- Skirts must be knee length. Skirts must not be rolled up.
- Blazers and jackets can be removed in the summer, at the discretion of the Headteacher.
- Sleeves must not be rolled up, but short sleeve shirts may be worn.

These standards must be observed whenever the Academy uniform is worn, including the journey to/from the Academy and when on Academy visits.

At the Academy we also have a range of pre-loved uniform which is accessible to anyone and encourage those who need this to contact main reception to arrange a time to view items. Please visit our website (under the Parents tab) for more information.

Uniform Suppliers

The Academy uniform can be purchased from:

UNIFORM DIRECT
www.uniform-direct.com

DOWNTOWN SUPERSTORE
Gonerby Moor, Grantham,
Lincolnshire, NG32 2AB
www.olderids.co.uk



Term Dates & Holidays 2026/2027

MODULE 1

Monday 7th September 2026 to Friday 23rd October 2026

Holiday: Saturday 24th October to Sunday 1st November 2026

MODULE 2

Monday 2nd November 2026 to Friday 18th December 2026

Holiday: Saturday 19th December 2026 to Monday 4th January 2027

Includes Public Holidays: Friday 25th December, Monday 28th December 2026 and Friday 1st January 2027

MODULE 3

Tuesday 5th January 2027 to Friday 12th February 2027

Holiday: Saturday 13th to Sunday 21st February 2027

MODULE 4

Monday 22nd February 2027 to Thursday 25th March 2027

Holiday: Friday 26th March to Sunday 11th April 2027

Includes Public Holidays: Friday 26th & Monday 29th March 2027

MODULE 5

Monday 12th April 2027 to Friday 28th May 2027

Holiday: Saturday 29th May to Sunday 6th June 2027

Includes Public Holidays: Monday 3rd & Monday 31st May 2027

MODULE 6

Monday 7th June 2027 to Wednesday 21st July 2027



Catering

We do not allow students to leave the Academy site during the Academy day. Students are encouraged to eat either a school lunch or a packed lunch in our purpose built dining facilities, either indoor or outdoor.

At Ruskin we provide high quality, reasonably priced, healthy food options at both break and lunchtime. Our food is cooked on site, using high quality ingredients, by our committed catering staff. We have a cashless catering system in place, which eliminates the need for students to carry cash throughout the day. Your child will be invited to register during their first week at the Academy.

EXAMPLE MENU

Breakfast Selection

Toast	50p
½ Bagel	50p
Croissant	80p

Break Selection

Paninis	£2.00 - £2.20
Fruit pots	50p
Croissants	80p
Filled rolls	£1.00
Filled Wraps	£2.20

Lunch Selection

Beef lasagne with seasonal vegetables & new potatoes	£2.30
Jacket potatoes with choice of fillings	£1.30 - £1.90 (Fillings include cheese, tuna, baked beans)
Roasted vegetable quiche with seasonal vegetables	£2.30
Pasta Salad	£2
Fruit Pots	50p
Desserts	80p
Muffins / Cookies	80p
Assorted drinks	50p - 80p

First Day at Ruskin

- You will need to bring a school bag, pen, pencil, rubber and ruler.
- You will **NOT** need to bring your PE kit or your Performing Arts kit.

If you feel a little bit worried about your first day at Ruskin, please note that we have lots of lovely staff and students who will help you throughout the day.

Ruskin Website

Visit The Priory Ruskin Academy website to get further information on Y7 Transition.

Go to www.prioryruskin.co.uk (Academy Information/Admissions/Transition)

House System

The House system is central to life at Ruskin. It not only encourages a healthy sense of competition through events such as Sports Day, subject competitions and House fundraising initiatives, but also helps to build a strong community spirit.

Younger siblings naturally follow older siblings into the same House, creating a sense of tradition, pride and belonging across families.

Our five Houses are:



**Hepworth
House**



**Knight
House**



**Mackintosh
House**



**Morris
House**



**Hockney
House**

Year Groups

At Ruskin, our students register in their year group block. Each block has a Head of Year and a non-teaching Pastoral Manager. Below are members of staff that you will need to speak to should you have any issues regarding your child.



Mr Moses
Head of Year 7



Mrs Watts
Pastoral Manager



Mrs Fearnley
Pastoral Manager





RUSKIN

A PRIORY ACADEMY

Headteacher: Mr B Key

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