



**RUSKIN**  
A PRIORY ACADEMY

TRANSITION BOOKLET  
2021



## Welcome to Ruskin

We are delighted that your child will be joining us in September 2021.

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.

**Mrs Rossington, Assistant Headteacher,  
Admissions & Primary Liaison Officer**

# The Academy Day

8:00am - 8:45am	Breakfast available
8:55am - 9:15am	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**



# Year 7 Term Dates & Holidays 2021/2022

## MODULE 1

Monday 6 September to Friday 22 October 2021

## MODULE 2

Monday 1 November to Friday 17 December 2021

### Bank holidays

Monday 27 December 2021

Tuesday 28 December 2021

Monday 3 January 2022

Academy closed - Wednesday 29 to Friday 31 December

## MODULE 3

Wednesday 5 January to Friday 11 February 2022

## MODULE 4

Monday 21 February to Friday 1 April 2022

### Bank holidays

Friday 15 April – Good Friday

Monday 18 April – Easter Monday

## MODULE 5

Tuesday 19 April to Friday 27 May 2022

### Bank holidays

Monday 2 May – May Day Holiday

Monday 30 May – Spring Bank Holiday

## MODULE 6

Monday 6 June to Thursday 21 July 2022

### **Staff Training Days**

Thursday 2 September 2021

Friday 3 September 2021

Tuesday 4 January 2022

## Uniform Code

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.
- Coats must be plain navy blue or black and without logos.
- Bags must be black or navy blue, plain in style (no large logos or patterns) and must be suitable to carry books and equipment (no handbags). Reflective strips (for safety reasons) can be used.
- Skirts must be knee length.
- Hair must not be dyed and no make up should be worn.
- Hair must be cut no shorter than a grade 4, with no edges/lines.
- 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.
- Jewellery plain gold/silver earring studs. One plain stud in each lower ear lobe.
- Scrunchies, Alice bands, winter hats, scarves and gloves must be plain navy blue or black. Hair slides either navy blue, black or the colour of the hair.

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

## 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

## 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).
- 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 (with trousers); 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 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).
- Bag Black or navy blue, plain in style (no large logos or patterns), must be suitable to carry books and equipment (no handbags).

### Additional Information

- Make Up No make up to be worn by students, including nail varnish/false nails.
- Hairstyles No extreme hairstyles, hair to be of natural colour.
- Muslim Hijab Black or navy blue, if worn.
- Hair Slides/Bands Black, navy blue or colour of hair.

**All items of uniform must be clearly labelled**

# P.E. 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/Skort Blue Academy shorts or blue Academy skort.
- Socks White trainer socks.
- Trainers With non-marking sole.

## Additional Kit for Outdoor PE

- Socks Navy blue outdoor socks.
- Outdoor Trainers
- Football/Rugby boots (studded boots)
- Shin Pads
- Gum Shield For rugby and hockey.

## 'Optional' Extra PE Kit (see website link below)

- PE Midlayer top Navy blue (see website link below)
- Thermals Black or navy blue leggings/top, 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).

Optional PE kit can be purchased from here: [www.printablepromotions.co.uk/product-category/club-shops/priory-ruskin-years-7-11-additional-kit](http://www.printablepromotions.co.uk/product-category/club-shops/priory-ruskin-years-7-11-additional-kit)

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

## Key Stage 3 Dance and Drama

- Performing Arts polo shirt Navy blue with Academy badge and Performing Arts logo.
- Shorts Navy blue, plain in style, no stripes or patterns.

## Drama:

Students will wear Performing Arts polo shirts with grey uniform skirt or trousers and have bare feet.

## Dance:

Students will wear Performing Arts polo shirts with navy shorts and have bare feet.

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**



## 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.

### EXAMPLE MENU

#### Break Selection

Filled rolls £1.00

Baguettes £1.50

Wraps £1.50

Paninis £1.70

Fresh soup & roll £1.00

#### Lunch Selection

Beef Lasagne with fresh vegetables £1.70

Vegetable frittata with fresh vegetables £1.70

Jacket potato with choice of fillings:  
1 filling £1.50 or 2 fillings £1.70  
(Fillings include cheese, tuna, baked beans)

Pasta salad £1.30

Fruit pots 30p

Muffins/cookies 60p

Assorted drinks 30p—70p

## 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](http://www.prioryruskin.co.uk) (Academy Information/Admissions/Transition)

## House Information

At Ruskin, our students are allocated a House as part of the House system on the first day of school in September. Each House has a Head of House, a Pastoral Manager and an Assistant Head of House (Year 7 only). Below are the members of staff that you will need to speak to should you have any issues regarding your child.

### Hepworth House



Mr P Murphy  
Head of House



Mrs T Smith  
Pastoral Manager



Miss C Foster  
Assistant Head  
of House Y7

### Mackintosh House



Miss J Catnach  
Head of House



Mrs W Taylor  
Pastoral Manager



Mr R Pilborough  
Assistant Head  
of House Y7

### Morris House



Mr L Briggs  
Head of House



Miss E Church  
Pastoral Manager



Mr N Moses  
Assistant Head  
of House Y7

### Knight House



Mrs M Jallow  
Head of House



Miss R Meadwell  
Pastoral Manager



Mr G Charles  
Assistant Head  
of House Y7



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