



RUSKIN
A PRIORY ACADEMY

TRANSITION BOOKLET
2022



Welcome to Ruskin

We are delighted that your child will be joining us in September 2022.

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 - 9:20am	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**



Year 7 Term Dates & Holidays 2022/2023

MODULE 1

Monday 5 September to Friday 21 October 2022

MODULE 2

Monday 31 October to Friday 16 December 2022

Bank holidays

Monday 26 December 2022

Tuesday 27 December 2022

Monday 2 January 2023

Academy closed - Wednesday 28 to Friday 30 December 2022

MODULE 3

Wednesday 4 January to Friday 10 February 2023

MODULE 4

Monday 20 February to Friday 31 March 2023

Bank holidays

Friday 7 April 2023 – Good Friday

Monday 10 April 2023 – Easter Monday

MODULE 5

Monday 17 April 2023 to Friday 26 May 2023

Bank holidays

Monday 1 May 2023 – May Day Holiday

Monday 29 May 2023 – Spring Bank Holiday

MODULE 6

Monday 5 June to Wednesday 19 July 2023

Staff Training Days

Thursday 1 September 2022

Friday 2 September 2022

Tuesday 3 January 2023

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, 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).
- 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: www.printablepromotions.co.uk/ and search for **Priory Ruskin**

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.

Dance & Drama:

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 £1.50
- 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 (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 Murphy Head of House	Mrs Smith Pastoral Manager	Mrs Taylor Assistant Head of House Y7

KNIGHT HOUSE



		
Mrs Jallow Head of House	Mrs Burrow Pastoral Manager	Mr Pilborough Assistant Head of House Y7

HOCKNEY HOUSE



		
Miss Foster Head of House	Mrs Watts Pastoral Manager	Mr Moses Assistant Head of House Y7

MORRIS HOUSE



		
Mr Briggs Head of House	Miss Church Pastoral Manager	Mr Lewis-Henderson Assistant Head of House Y7

MACKINTOSH HOUSE



		
Miss Catnach Head of House	Mrs Taylor Pastoral Manager	Mr Charles Assistant Head of House Y7





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