Section 42A of the Education Act 1997 requires the governing body at The Priory Ruskin Academy to ensure that all registered students are provided with independent careers guidance from Year 8 to Year 13. This guidance must be presented in an impartial manner, include information on a range of education or training options and promote the best interests of the students to whom it is given.

The Technical and Further Education Act 2017 (42B Education Act 1997) requires the academy to ensure that there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access all students in Year 8 to Year 13 for the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships (see Provider Access Policy).

The government's career strategy published on 4 December 2017, sets out a long term plan to build a world class careers system that will help young people and adults choose the career that is right from them. The statutory guidance "Careers guidance and access for education and training providers", issued by the Department for Education in January 2018 expands on the aim set out in the strategy to make sure that all young people in secondary school get a programme of advice and guidance that is stable, structured and delivered by individuals with the right skills and experience.