



# RUSKIN A PRIORY ACADEMY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Term 3 2017/2018 Community and SMSC

## A message from the Headteacher...

Welcome to this term's newsletter. Once again it has been a busy and exciting term at Ruskin with the students particularly focussing on their creative endeavours. The Arts are incredibly important to us at Ruskin; it affords creativity, individuality and talent an opportunity to really shine and I'm delighted that the offer provided to our students has been recognised by our gold Artsmark award. I'm always genuinely humbled by the quality of the work that the students produce and always look forward to the next installation in the main foyer!

As you will be aware, The Pavillion - our new Sixth Form and Sports Centre - is now close to completion; the building and facilities are superlative and we are looking forward to welcoming our students into this excellent new resource. We will also in the very near future be adding gates around the front of the site.

In the meantime, I wish you all a restful break and look forward to seeing you all next term.

Ms R Wyles

## Ruskin Awarded Prestigious Artsmark Gold Award

We are delighted that Arts Council England has officially awarded The Priory Ruskin Academy the Gold level Artsmark award in celebration of our commitment to arts and cultural education at a leadership level and the opportunities embedded across the Academy. The award recognises that our students have equal opportunity to plan, experience, participate in, and evaluate a diverse range of high-quality arts and cultural activities, as well as our partnerships with a wide variety of arts and cultural organisations.

"Your children and young people have an opportunity to further develop their knowledge, skills and understanding of arts and culture and you are working to share the expertise you have established. The panel recognise the commitment made to the arts by your school and the significant steps that have been made to increase the take up of GCSE arts subjects have been impressive. It is likewise good that you

have begun to form a wider range of partnerships and have implemented the Arts Award, which will give students autonomy and responsibility" said Amanda Rigler, Senior Officer, Arts Council England.

Mr Martini, Head of Art said, "It is incredibly important to us that students are given the opportunity to develop their creativity and use the arts to engage and develop into happy, self-expressed and confident young people. We are extremely pleased to receive this award in recognition of a lot of hard work and will continue to strive for the best possible creative arts education for each of our students".



**Artsmark  
Gold Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

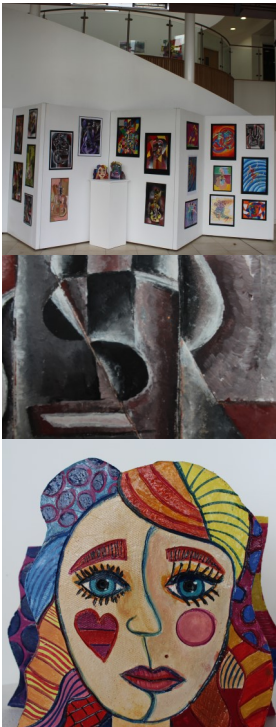


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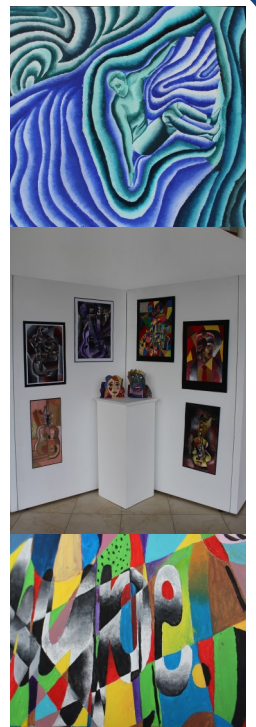
# Ruskin Foyer Transformed into Art Gallery



There has been an impressive display of artistic talent in school this term. Year 10 coursework outcomes for the GCSE Art course are currently being exhibited in the main foyer. The final outcomes from Miss Maloney's two GCSE Art groups were inspired by the Cubist and Futurist art movements. Each piece is an original composition generated by the students through their independent research, observational drawing and experimentation.

Every single student rose to the challenge creating some truly exceptional artwork.

Miss Maloney, Lead Practitioner for Art said, "It is greatly encouraging to find so many students attaining such high standards in Year 10. They have worked intelligently and skilfully to establish themselves a secure platform for even higher attainment in Year 11. Well done everyone!"



## Ruskin Students Enjoy Success in Young Writers Competition

Ruskin students have recently entered the Young Writers' latest poetry competition, called 'Truth or Dare' and we are delighted to announce that some of our students are being published in 'The Poetry Games: Truth or Dare? The East Midlands'! This is a great showcase of our students' and Academy's creative ability as well as providing a boost to students' confidence and enjoyment in writing poetry. Huge congratulations to our three, soon to be published, poets: Sophie Timms and Janeile Eardley and Connie Wright!

Published students are in with a chance of winning a prize, plus the top schools win prizes too! We've thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this competition, students have been inspired and motivated. If you'd like to continue to encourage your child to enjoy creative writing more at home, do have a look at array of free resources at Young Writers' website – [www.youngwriters.co.uk](http://www.youngwriters.co.uk) – this includes writing workshops, creative activity packs, book reviews and guest author interviews.

Young Writers has been publishing children's poetry and creative writing since 1991 and the Academy will receive a complimentary copy of the book once it is published, which will be available to view in the Academy Reading Room. We look forward to seeing our students in print!





# Impressive Swimarathon Achievements



Well done to all Ruskin students who took part in the Grantham Rotary Swimarathon on Saturday 3rd February. Students managed to swim a total of 902 lengths and the atmosphere in the Meres was electric...so thanks to our supporters. A special mention must go to Lucie Plant in Year 11 who swam in a lane alone - amazing effort and endurance! Ruskin students have so far raised over £700 with sponsorship money still rolling in - a great team effort!

## Academy Awarded NCS 'Champion School' Status

The Priory Ruskin Academy has been awarded 'Champion School' status by the National Citizen Service (NCS) as a result of its commitment to the youth programme. Since it began in 2011, almost 400,000 students have taken part in NCS nationwide, with recent research showing that it improves outcomes for teens, including increased likelihood of getting into university. Ruskin has always been committed to encouraging our students to take the opportunity to engage with the NCS and, as a result, the Academy was invited to attend an awards ceremony at the home of Leicester City FC, the King Power Stadium. Presentations were made to mark the efforts of schools within the East Midlands region who have supported the programme and gone 'above and beyond' in supporting young people to take part. Mrs Scott, who co-ordinates our NCS activities and collected the award on the Academy's behalf said, "We acknowledge the markedly positive effect that participation in NCS programmes has had on both our students and the school. We have seen a notable change in student wellbeing and engagement with academic work. The programme tackles three key social issues; social cohesion, social engagement and social mobility. We are delighted to have received a Gold Award in recognition of our outstanding engagement".



## Flame UK: House Christmas Card Recycling Competition

Here are all our old Christmas cards ready to send off to Flame UK for recycling. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the collection in what is one of our mostly hotly contested House

competitions of the year! Morris House was the ultimate winner (for the third year in a row). Well done and thanks to all who supported.





## Wembley: Women's FA Cup Final

We have a fantastic opportunity for students to attend the women's FA Cup Final on Saturday 5th May 2018 at Wembley Stadium. Included in the package will be travel to and from the stadium and a ticket to the game. The full price of this experience is £25.00. Students can get a letter from Miss Foster if they are interested.

### SOS Fashion Show

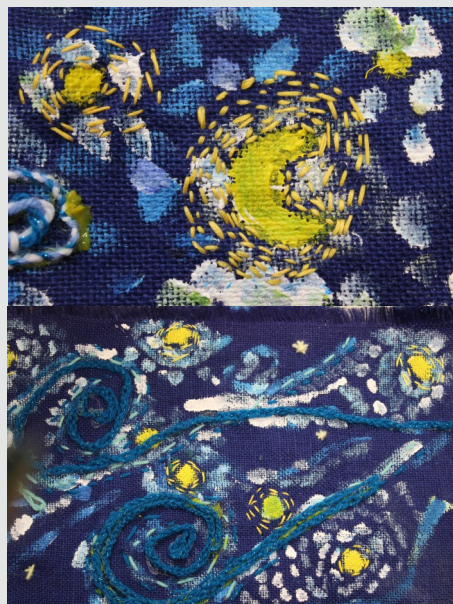


We are holding our annual SOS Fashion Show on Wednesday 21st March. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. A great night out with loads of clothes from popular brands on sale with up to 75% discounts! Tickets on sale at main and student reception (£3 adults and £1.50 under 16s). All profits from ticket sales will go [lifeline4kids](#).

## Fundraising FASHION SHOW & SHOPPING EVENT

**SOS** Charity  
Fashion Shows

## Year 7 Artists Create 'Mini Masterpieces'



Miss Maloney's 7B2 Art class produced some beautiful work in their sketchbooks studying the life and work of Vincent Van Gogh. They then produced individual textile pieces based on the directional brushwork in the painting 'Starry Night'. The whole class enjoyed developing skills in needlework, free machine embroidery, applique and even finger-knitting! The outcomes are truly stunning and every student worked hard to create a mini masterpiece.



## Entrepreneurial Hepworth House Bring Some Love to the Academy!

Hepworth House student council have been busy with their annual Valentine's Day themed fundraiser. The 'Love Cart' has been located around the Academy at break and lunch selling Lindt chocolates as well as raffle tickets to win a teddy bear and a box of chocolates!





# JOULES SECONDS

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IMPERFECT CATALOGUE RETURNS  
AND SAMPLES

## SALE

THURSDAY MAY 10TH  
6:00PM - 9:00PM

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WATCH THIS SPACE FOR TICKET  
SALES IN SUPORT OF

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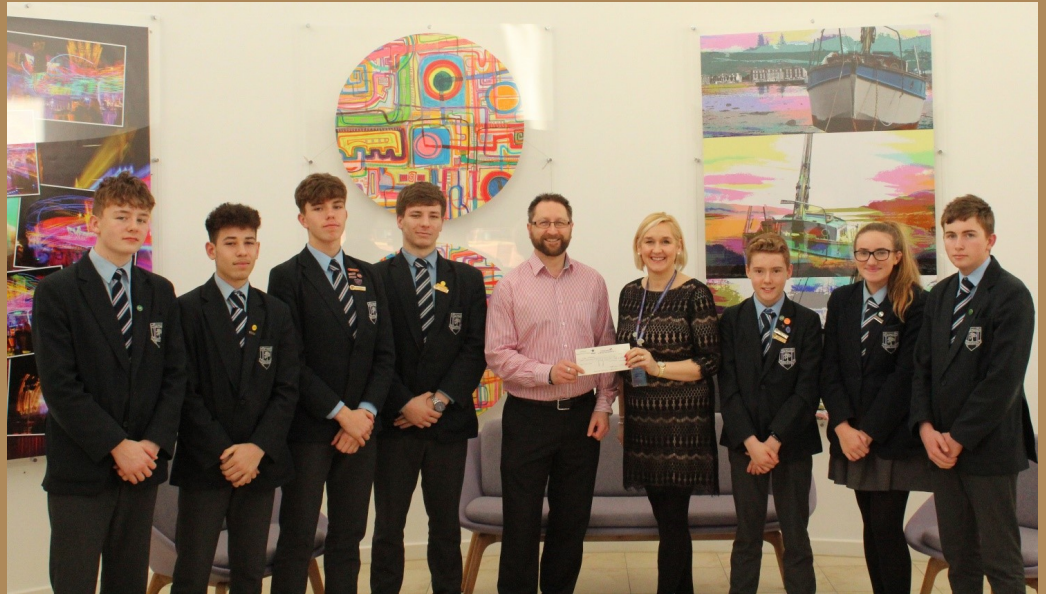
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# Ruskin Presents The Grantham Passage With Cheque For Over £1000

Following the success of Ruskin's Festive Evening held at the end of last term, Mrs Geeson and some student helpers from the night were delighted to welcome Andy Maddison from The Grantham Passage and present him with a cheque for £1023. Andy told the Academy, "The money you have raised has a massive impact on those who are less fortunate in Grantham and, as a charity, we are truly grateful that you hold this annual event". Mrs Geeson, who organises and manages the Festive Evening said, "The Festive Evening is one of our most popular charity events and draws in people from across the local community. It is therefore wonderful to see the money raised supporting the fantastic work of a local charity".



## Young Americans

After the immense success of our 2016 workshop and show, the Young Americans are returning to the Meres Leisure Centre in Grantham on March 6th and 7th 2018.

The event will be a celebration of The Priory Federation of Academies Trust, bringing together students from across the Priory Academies in two days of high energy performance and team work – it promises to be a huge amount of fun! We still have a small number of spaces available...students can see Miss Thompson to get a letter and find out more.

Members of the public will be able to buy tickets closer to the time...watch this space!

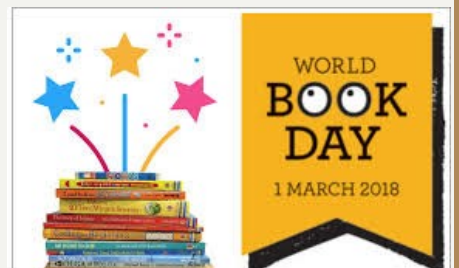


## Looking ahead to... Reading Week

A reminder to everyone that our next Reading Week will take place w/c 26th February.

The Academy has had loads of new stock delivered to the Reading Room so make sure students get ahead now and see Mrs Geeson to select one of our brand new titles!

As part of our continued commitment to ensuring our students are rounded and passionate readers we will be celebrating World Book Day on March 1st. Full details will be announced closer to the time and the annual £1 book tokens will be available in the Reading Room and at Student Reception.





# Sports Digest Term 3

What a term for The Priory Ruskin Academy! We have seen great individual and team success this term across a number of sports.



To get things started the U13 girls table tennis team have continued their quest, beating Cleveland, Derbyshire and Lancashire in the Regional Finals. This has led to them progressing to the National Finals where they will be fighting for the top national prize against three other counties. A superb achievement from a hard working set of girls; Lucy Bridle, Hannah Latter, Megan Rowley and Stephania Popa. We look forward to seeing how the finals go and wish the girls the best of luck. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Spencer and John Mapletoft for supporting the girls to this success.

On Saturday 3rd February three Ruskin athletes were selected to represent the county at the Anglian Schools' Cross Country Championships at Ipswich; Jake Weighill, Charlie Sharman and Johnathan Page. It was the first time that any of these boys had represented in a Lincolnshire vest in cross country and one they should be very proud of. We hope to see this success continue in future years.

The Year 11 boys football team have experienced a first for the Academy; playing in the quarter final of the National Cup against Ravens Wood School, Bromley. Reaching the last 8 is a superb achievement after beating a team consisting of a number of Peterborough United Academy players in the last 16. Ravens Wood were a step up; keeping the ball very well, moving with great

intent and starving Ruskin of possession saw Ruskin go 3-0 down in the first half. The second half saw Ruskin rise to the challenge ahead of them, dominate possession and produce a number of chances. Despite this we could not quite add the finishing touch and whilst chasing the game we conceded another late on. The game finished 4-0 to Ravens Wood. The lads did exceptionally well especially in the second half where lots of teams would have dropped their heads. Well Done! There is still chance of silverware in the county cup for this team.

Ruskin has continued to make great strides in Badminton. The KS3 boys and girls teams both progressed to the county finals after topping the district competition. Both teams played exceptionally well and fought for each and every point. The boys team came second to William Farr, after losing by one close game, whilst the girls went even closer coming second to Priory City of Lincoln by one point. A great performance and we will again try to go that step further next year.

In Netball the U13 and U15 Netball teams received their yearly invite to the DRET netball tournament. Both teams played to the top of their game, the regular training and commitment from the girls giving clear routines and set plays. The girls finished second to KGGS, a team they had previously beaten in the district league.

This term has also seen the annual district futsal tournaments take place; the Year 9 and Year 7 teams adapted well to the game and both finished in second place.





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## KEY DIARY DATES FOR TERM 4 2017/18

Students Involved	Date	Event
All	19th February	Term 4 - All students return (WEEK B)
Year 10 & Y12	19th February	Geography Trip Information evening 19:00 - 21:00
Year 11	21st - 23rd February	Y11 Mock Interviews with Rotary club
Sixth form	23rd February	Art trip to London
All	w/c 26th February	Reading Week
Sixth Form	28th February	H&SC tester day at Bishop Grosseteste University
ALL	28th February	PSHE Day
Year 8	1st March	Y8 Parents' Evening
Nominated Students	7th March	Children of Courage Awards
Year 12	8th March	Photography trip to Crufts
Year 8	8th March	Y8 Options Evening 18:30 - 20:00
Sixth Form	9th March	UK University & Apprenticeships Search Fair (Leicester)
Select Year 10	13th March	Maths Feast Trip (Regional Maths competition)
Year 8	16th March	Year 8 Options Choices Due
Year 10	16th - 19th March	Y10 trip Battlefield France & Belgium
Select Students	19th March	Rock Challenge
Year 12	22nd March	Y12 Parents' Evening
Year 8 & 9	20th - 23rd March	French trip
Sixth Form	29th March - 2nd April	PGL Trip
All	29th March	End of Term 4
All	16th April	Start of Term 5



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