RUSKIN A PRIORY ACADEMY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Term 5 2017/2018 Community and SMSC

A message from the Headteacher...

Summer is a busy time for staff and students alike; upper school are now in the midst of exams and I urge them to balance the many extra exam sessions on offer at the Academy with mindfulness, ensuring they work hard and take time to rest and recharge.

This summer, more students are completing their Priory Baccalaureate. The spirit of the Baccalaureate is very much captured in our newsletters; it centres around our key values of Wisdom, Curiosity, Generosity, Courage and Passion, with students gaining their Ruskin Respect badges in these areas and completing a personal study and reading log. Visitors to Ruskin always comment on the ethos of the Academy, the positive and friendly nature of staff and students and a real sense of family. I genuinely feel that our values are manifest in the day to day life of the Academy; the charitable work, artistic flair, sporting endeavours and academic rigour are apparent and this creates an incredibly special community.

Further ahead this term, we are delighted that Geoff Barton, the General Secretary of ASCL, will be officially opening the Pavilion. We will also be welcoming prospective new students to our Open Evening on 28th June and hosting the ever popular MJH Production, which this year is "The Phantom of the Opera".

Ms R Wyles

Ruskin Raises £1039 For LIVES From Popular Joules Sale



Ruskin held its first ever Joules sales on May 10th...and what a great evening it was! The sale, which featured Joules seconds and returns stock at fabulous prices, drew in people from across the local community and saw the Academy bustling with activity with people queuing up to get in. Central to the sale was the fact that all proceeds from ticket sales went directly to LIVES, the Lincolnshire charity whose local volunteers provide vital care in those first critical moments before the ambulance service arrive. The sale raised an incredible £1039 to support LIVES' work.

Nikki Silver, CEO of LIVES said, "We're delighted that the Joules event at Ruskin Academy raised such a significant amount for LIVES. In 2017 our responders helped 21,500 people in a medical emergency right across the county, getting there fast to deliver immediate care that saves lives. These very valuable donations help our responders stay on the road and mean we can keep them trained and kitted out with lifesaving equipment."

Mrs Geeson, who managed the event said, "It was wonderful to see so many visitors in the Academy enjoying an evening of shopping but also contributing to such a valuable local charity. I am delighted with the total amount raised – thanks to everyone who supported".





Don't forget to follow us on Twitter and Facebook for up-to-date news and events! Twitter: @prioryruskin Facebook: The Priory Ruskin Academy



Don't forget...the Academy are still collecting milk carton lids, ring pulls, stamps and old sportswear for various charities...please remember us as you put your recycling out!

A-Level Geography Students: PGL Isle Of Wight



Over the Easter bank holiday weekend, A-Level Geography students travelled to the Isle of Wight to 'PGL Little Canada', the trip was to allow the Year 13 students revision time and the Year 12 students had to complete their own research using fieldwork techniques.

After a long journey, students were delighted to see their lodge accommodation and had chance to explore and partake in some competitive team building games before dinner. The subsequent two days saw students using geography field equipment to gather data at Ventnor, Freshwater Cliffs and the PGL saltmarshes, as well as completing in depth revision sessions. The evenings consisted of team-building activities and a

chance to write up notes from the day. The students demonstrated they were adept at using hightech equipment and completing their investigations maturely and thoroughly to collect significant amounts of data for their independent investigations for the A-Level Geography course.

The final evening celebrated a successful and harmonious trip, with a campfire complete with marshmallows...and a pizza delivery! Before heading home, the final morning demonstrated the students had nerves of steel...taking on the challenge of Jacob's Ladder and the Giant Swing.



Young Writers: More Ruskin Poets Published



Well done to Year 8 students Rupert Pritchard-Jones and Adam Lawes who have been selected for publication in the next 'Young Writers' book.

Rupert's poem uses animal metaphors to describe lifestyle choices, with a message to young people to be who they want to be, whilst Adam's powerful poem explores the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.



UKMT Maths Challenges

The UKMT Individual Maths Challenges are lively, intriguing multiple choice question papers, which are designed to stimulate interest in Maths in large numbers of students. Ruskin entered all Year 8 and Year 10 top set students into the Junior and Intermediate challenges. Oliver Burton (Year 10) and Travis Clark (Year 8) both achieved Best in Year and each received a Silver certificate. In addition 8 Bronze certificates were achieved over the two year groups! Bronze certificates were awarded to Max Blakey, Daniel Buckeridge and Ethan Chambers in Year 10 along with James Seng, Adam Lawes, Dominic Johnson, Edun Dowse and Harvey Westwood in Year 8. Overall a very successful entry from our mathematicians in a competition which is extremely competitive and demanding!

Year 10 Hospitality: Angus Develops Popular Drinks Menu

After a successful cooking and service assessment with the Year 10 Hospitality group, Angus Brown was asked to research 3 different types of drinks. Angus worked out the recipes and, with a little help from Mr Esam and fellow hospitality student Peter Merryweather, he made enough drinks for the class and members of staff to sample and review. The first was a smooth hot chocolate with a hint of ginger and cinnamon, the second was a fresh strawberry milkshake made with ice cream and the third was a cranberry cooler made with ginger beer (alcohol free!). After much debate the cranberry cooler was the winner. Great work Angus and watch out Starbucks!



Slam Jam Success!

For the third year running, The Priory Ruskin Academy has successfully made it through to the finals of the Lincolnshire Slam Jam competition. This is a spoken poetry competition where students need to write and perform an original poem in a three-minute timeslot. The heats took place on Thursday 10th May 2018, with students Tristan Holdford, Libby Crisp and Steph Blease taking to the stage to share their spoken

poetry entries. Students faced stiff competition from the various Lincolnshire schools attending, but performed incredibly well. Tristan and Libby have made it through to the final competition which will take place on the 28th June 2018 at Lincoln Performing Arts Centre, at the University of Lincoln.



Health & Social Care University Visit

Health and Social Care students Grosseteste visited Bishop University on Wednesday 9th May. The students were introduced to some of the many Health and Social Care courses which are available at universities and were also given a guided tour of the campus. The day finished with interactive an communication workshop on giving the students chance to meet and get to know others with similar interests. The day was an opportunity for the students to think about future careers and get a taste of university life. The Year 12 students enjoyed this opportunity and it has helped them to understand career pathways which await them after their Sixth Form studies.

St Barnabas Hospice: Easter Chicks

A huge thank you to staff and students at Ruskin who raised £150 for St Barnabas Hospice though the sales of chocolate Chickens at Easter. We are always delighted to support one of our local charities.



Baccalaureate Students Demonstrate Community Spirit



Year 7 students were busy on 11th May...litter picking along Rushcliffe Road and around the Manthorpe Convenience Store. The students, who are working towards their Baccalaureate, completed the work as part of the Community element of their Silver Ruskin Respect.

One local resident spoke to the students and was delighted to see them out and about looking after the local area whilst the Manthorpe Convenience Store kindly gave the students a thank you card expressing their gratitude for 'a job well done!'. The group was supervised by Mrs Geeson and willing Year 12 volunteer, Millie. Abigail, a Year 7 student who took part said, "I really enjoyed it because I like helping the community". Well done team!

Year 12 Careers Workshops

Year 12 students have benefited from two workshops tailored as part of Ruskin's KS5 careers programme: *Researching Your Options* delivered by Nottingham Trent and UCAS delivered by Lincoln University. These valuable sessions gave practical advise to students on how to approach the search for a university and the UCAS process including deadlines, what to consider when applying and what a university is looking for in a personal statement.

Anna Roebuck: Recycle Workshop



Year 9 GCSE Art and Design students were inspired by a recycle workshop on 8th May when artist Anna Roebuck visited the Academy.

Anna is well known for her exemplary work as a community artist and her expertise is 'recycle art'. Anna taught students how to use waste plastic shopping bags to create plastic sculptures of fish and other sea creatures. The workshop not only taught students a new and exciting way of exploring the use of different materials but also increased their awareness of environmental issues caused by waste plastics, in particular the pollution to oceans and the damaging effect this has on sea life.

The completed group exhibit will be on show in the front foyer of the Academy on 24th June when we are showcasing work from our Visual Arts Department.



Day Tours: 9.30am - 11am & 1.30pm - 3pm Evening Tours: 5.30pm - 8pm Headteacher Address: 5pm, 6pm & 7pm **Email**: generalenguiries@prioryruskin.co.uk



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Thursday 28th June 2018

Year 9 DT Students Prepare For The Lincolnshire Show



Mrs Greenfield's Year 9 Design Technology students are getting excited about the Lincolnshire Show, taking place on the 20th & 21st June. Students are participating in a project to grow potatoes and make a potato based snack and, from the healthy looking potato plants growing at the Academy, the smells wafting from Mr Esam's room and the incredible packaging and marketing material taking over Mrs Greenfield's room, it's all going rather well! We can't wait to see what this talented bunch achieve at the show - watch this space as we will have a special feature in the next newsletter...



5k Colour Dash Raises Money For Hospice



A huge well done to Year 10 Knight student Jenny Bordelo who took part in a 5k Colour Dash raising money for St Barnabas Hospice, one o f the Academy's core charities.

Year 10 Careers Workshops

As part of Ruskin's careers programme, fifty Year 10 students took part in a skills service workshop on Mock Interviews and CV writing. Students were given a chance to develop their interview technique in a situation imitating a real life job interview.

This was followed by a CV workshop in which students were given a template so that they could begin to build and improve their own CV - ensuring our students are prepared for, and standout in, future employment and further education applications.

Sports Digest Term 5

Term 5 has seen Ruskin students focus on their summer activities within PE and extracurricular. Great numbers of students have been engaging in the summer extracurricular activities of tennis, athletics, cricket and rounders. Students have also begun their quest for success in the local and national based competitions.

The weekend of 11th and 12th May saw Ruskin students selected to represent the District badminton team at the National League Finals in Milton Keynes. Great credit should be given to these teams as we were selected for boys at both U16 and U14 as well as the girls U14 team. Teams play as a mixed team in the nationals; the U16s combining with KGGS found the level of competition challenging especially after Ruskin's number 1 Joseph Cant could not travel due to injury, and finished in 7th position. The U14 team travelled with great expectation after training especially hard in school and within Grantham Badminton Club. Qualifying for the semifinals the team faced the strongest team and lost by one point, this team were the eventual winners and



Ruskin finished in fourth. A great performance and there is certainly great hope for the future with this team. U16 players; Gytis Vysniauskas and Cameron Stothard. U14 players; Harvey Dobson, Leo Garton, Toby Fraser-Dale, Mia Ellis, Lily Welch and Megan Rowley.

In athletics students have been competing in the track and field cup as well as the track and field championships. In the track and field cup the Junior Boys team have qualified for their regional final which will be contested at Meres on Wednesday 13th June. At the district track and field championships Ruskin students were competing to gain their district representative places. The following students achieved this aim and will compete at the Lincolnshire Schools Track and Field Champs on Wednesday 6th June; Carl Bolland, Harry Johnson, Piotrek Kudla, Joshua Crane, Matthew Dewar, Georgina Smith, Jess Castell-Smith, Sophie Lai, Danny Yates, Molefi Jackson, Charlie Plant, Jonasz Gadomski, Brandon Allen and Millie Withers. A number of students have competed in the Lincolnshire Schools' Combined Events and I am pleased to report that Joshua Crane of Year 10 finished first in the county within the Inter Boys beating his closest opponent by 250 points. Joshua will represent Lincolnshire at the regional event on 16th and 17th June.

In tennis Ruskin's teams are competing in the National Schools Competition. The Year 7 and 8 boys team are making a great challenge for silverware, winning two of three of their group stage matches will see them continue in the competition. The girls matches will begin in the next half term. Last year Ruskin was awarded tennis school of the year.

Ruskin Sport: Table Tennis Successful Year

There have been some incredible table tennis successes this year. Congratulations to both players - your hard work and dedication have really paid off!

Lucy Bridle Year 7



U.12 Girls – 16th England,2018

Runner Up in U.13 Lincolnshire Individual Championships

Runner up in National Finals of Schools Teams Competition



Stefania Popa Year 8

U.13 Lincolnshire Schools Individual Champion

Lincolnshire Junior Girls Champion 2018

Runner up in National Finals of Schools Team Championships

Represented Lincolnshire Schools, finishing second in her group and making it to last 16 in England.

Keep up with the latest sports news on Twitter by following @ruskinsport

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KEY DIARY DATES FOR TERM 6 2017/18

Students Involved	Date	Event
Year 7 - Year 10	4th - 23rd June	End of Year Exams
All	11th - 15th June	Reading Week
Year 9 Geography Students	19th & 20th June	Fieldtrip to Lincoln
Year 9/Year 12/ Year 13	22nd June	Art Ceramics Trip
Year 10	22nd June	Trip to Nottingham University
Year 10	25th - 29th June	Y10 French Trip
Year 10	25th - 29th June	Careers Week
Year 10 Geography Students	25th June	Geography Fieldtrip
All	26th June	PSHE Day
Year 10 Geography Students	27th June	Geography Fieldtrip
Year 5	28th June	Open Day & Evening
Year 7	5th July	Y7 Parents Evening
All	6th July	Sports Day
Year 7 Hepworth	9th - 13th July	Hepworth French Trip
All	16th - 19th July	Rewards Days
All	20th July	End of Term 6

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