

The Priory Ruskin Academy Newsletter

July 2014

Headmaster's Report



Visual Arts and Sports Excellence

Dear Parents/Carers

The past two months have been very busy with the move into the new build. Students and staff have played a key role in making a successful move into the new facilities. Whilst the classrooms are complete, there is still work to do on the gardens, building a new restaurant area, forming the new playing fields and parking. We hope that most of the work will be complete by the October half term.

In addition to the build, we had a visit from Ofsted who graded us good in all four areas; achievement, behaviour, teaching and leadership. This is a great accolade to the dedication and hard work of the staff and students. We are not resting on our laurels and it is our mission to be outstanding in the next two years.

There has been an array of activities and curriculum trips out over the past four months. Please find an update of what's been going on at Ruskin in this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great summer holiday.

Mr Clive Shepherd
Headmaster

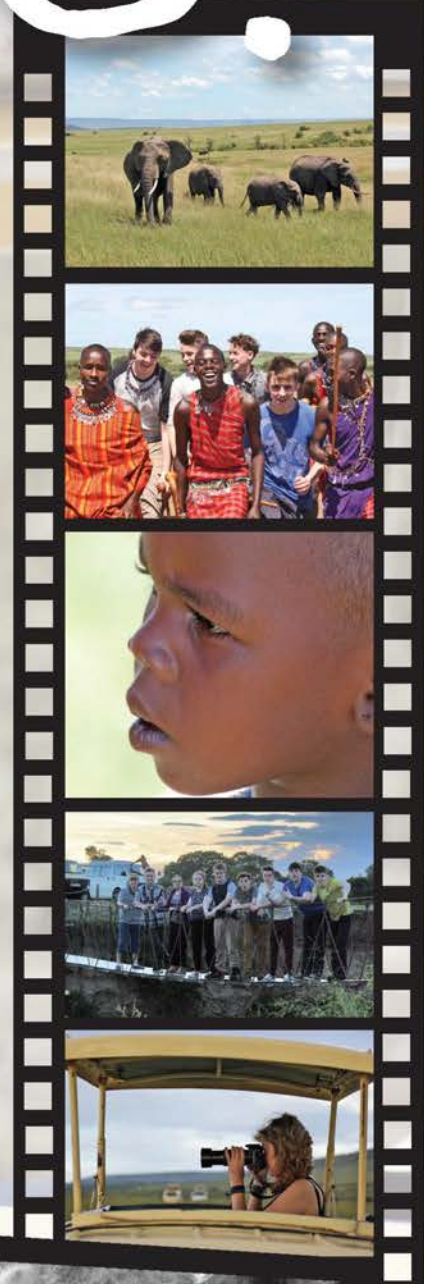


Top Stories this Term!....



JAMBO!

(SWAHILI FOR HELLO)



Photography Trip to Kenya

Mrs Renshaw-Turner

A group of staff and students from The Priory Ruskin Academy experienced the adventure of a lifetime over the Easter Holidays when they travelled to Kenya in East Africa for a week long safari. Flying overnight from Heathrow they landed at Nairobi Airport on Wednesday 9th April to be met by their safari guides from the travel adventure company 'Exodus'. Highlights of the trip included a 3 night stay in the Masai Mara at the luxury camp 'Ilkikiliani'. The group were incredibly lucky as they saw Africa's Big 5 (Lion, Leopard, Rhino, Elephant & Buffalo) in one game drive, something people try to do year after year and never achieve. The group also visited a Masai Village where they joined in traditional dances with the warriors and were given an insight into Masai life, being shown inside their huts to see where they live, sleep and prepare meals. The Ruskin students had taken gifts for the village children including mosquito nets, paper & pencils & skipping ropes which proved to be really popular when they presented them. The trip, which has been planned over two years was a huge success. Mrs Renshaw-Turner (Director of Visual Arts) who led the group, said "Without question this is the best school trip I have ever been on; I am already planning our next safari for 2016".



THE RUSKIN RUNNER

LATEST NEWS FROM OUR ASPIRING SPORTS SUPERSTARS

ALL ROUND SUCCESS



House Rounders

BTEC Sport Group

The Year 12/13 BTEC Sport Group organised the KS3 House Rounders Competition this term. It was a huge success, with the weather being fantastic and students keen to participate; there was some tough competition. Well done to everyone who participated, they showed great teamwork and fantastic sportsmanship.

SPORTS NEWS

Athletics

This year has seen a number of The Priory Ruskin Academy athletes showing great success. In the District Championships the boys' team finished a very respectable third and the girls finished in sixth beating local rivals William Robertson and Queen Eleanor of Stamford. A number of individuals performed particularly well, finishing in the top four and getting selected to represent the District at the Lincolnshire Championships:

- **Lewis Davey 2nd sprint hurdles and 1st in high jump**
- **Daniel Fielding 3rd 200m**
- **Robert McNulty 1st 300m**
- **Luke Neal 4th 800m**
- **Alex Mc Keag 4th Shot**
- **Harry Gibbons 2nd 200m and 3rd 100m**
- **Martin Susters 3rd 1500m**
- **Kain Hill 3rd Shot and Discus**
- **Hannah Perez 4th 300m**
- **Jasmine Bailey 3rd Shot**

New Girls Activities

New Yoga and Girls Cricket sessions a great success: Two new clubs have recently been added to the PE extra curricular timetable and have proved to be a great success. Thursday lunchtimes have seen Peter Morgan, a Lincolnshire Cricket Coach provide a session for girls cricket, the club has had a good level of attendance and the level of skill has increased significantly with a good girls cricket team quickly forming in KS3. The Yoga club on a Thursday after school provided by Amy from Positive Futures has had extremely positive feedback from the female students attending, they go back week after week and are seeing improvements in their physical fitness and having a great time doing it. These sessions will continue in September with new comers always welcome.

Cricket

At the time of writing, the current year 8 boys Cricket team still have the opportunity to win the Fred Truman league, after winning their first two games against St Georges Sleaford and Sir William Roberston School. The first match was a low scoring closely contested match, after limiting St Georges to 46 from their 16 overs, with excellent bowling of 3 wickets for 4 runs from 3 overs from Jack Gurney and 1 for 8 from both Lewis Daff and George Dudley from 3 overs apiece. It gave the batsmen an excellent chance of victory, to the credit of St Georges they bowled with great accuracy. It was not until the last over where victory was gained with 2 wickets left, Ciaran Durham top scoring with 11.

Against 'Will Rob' it was a much more comfortable victory with high quality fielding throughout limiting the opposition runs scored as well as a telling bowling contribution from the two year 7 boys in the team, Jared Hackney and Jemaule Gardiner. A deserved victory was never in doubt especially with Jack Gurney hitting a magnificent 33 which included 3 sixes. With two games remaining, against Carres Grammar and St Georges Ruskington, there is no doubt that it will be an exciting end to the school year for our year 8 Cricketers.

Ruskin Netball Squad

New for September 2014

Starting in September 2014 we will be looking for a girls netball team for each year group 7 - 11 to form a Netball Squad. Training sessions will be held at Lunchtimes and afterschool in preparation for regular weekly fixtures.

If you are interested in joining, then please see Miss Murphy or Miss Lynch for more information.



Priony Rustin PROM 2014



Prom 2014

Mrs Geeson

Friday 27th saw the Year 11 Prom take place here at The Academy. We were not let down by both dress and transport that our students arrived in to such an important event in the school calendar and a chance to say farewell (even though a lot of students are returning we are happy to say to our sixth form) and get dressed up to celebrate. The rain stayed away, students enjoyed a 3 course meal served and cooked by Pauls Restaurant from Bottesford and danced the night away.

Best dressed female award went to Aneta Horelicanova with best dressed male being David Olalere. Cute Couple Award went to the very cute Lucy Bishop and Jordan Lea-Hair with the prestigious wards of the night Prom King and Queen awarded to Vitor Lima and Ellie White.





PGL Trip to France - May Half Term

Mr Gunter

Wish you were here?



On the 23rd May 2014 36 students set off on an epic adventure. Packing bed sheets, sleeping bags and plenty of clothes that would get very wet and dirty the party boarded a luxury coach and set the satellite navigation to the South of France. A long journey ahead, but plenty to look forward to! The following day we arrived at Domaine de Segries, where students were introduced to their luxury camp where they would be staying for the next three nights. With no time to spare students were changed into wet wear and raring to get onto the Ardeche River and have their first experience of Kayaking on the white water rapids. However, prior to this was a surprise from the very enthusiastic and fun loving reps who decided to treat the party to a soaking from buckets and bottles, all great fun and a great way to break the ice.

were a few highlights in the evening as well; the nightly disco with 'Gangnam Style' being a constant hit, Robert McNulty as a very convincing robot, the food and William Wade's extremely energetic dancing.

Next stop Mimosa: On the fourth day we travelled further south onto Mimosa where we had the luxury of our very own beach, and another beautiful campsite! Again on arrival, we were straight into the activities, starting with Pico sailing on a not so warm and very windy beach. The next three days the weather was much kinder to us, beautiful blue skies and a drop in wind allowed all activities to go ahead as planned. The students experienced a wide variety of activities including Hobbie Cat sailing, canoeing, trenches, wind surfing, sun bathing, beach cricket, football, climbing and the superb banana boat. We did have one afternoon where there was a break in activities and we were given the opportunity to have a bit of a relax; some sun bathed while others undertook another session of trenches (ask someone who went), some had a dip while others turned Mr Sayle into the 'Sandman', and some dug a hole under Jack Palin's towel for him to fall into!

Onto the river: The first afternoon on the river was loved by all after a slightly apprehensive start by some. Students were paired up into their boats, choosing wisely as they would be together for the next three days. After the first session Miss Murphy was slightly concerned with her partner choice, Mr Sayle, better known as The Whale, managing to capsize on the majority of white water sections and some parts where it was actually very calm. The group very soon mastered the basics of paddling and were ready for the two much longer sections over the forthcoming days. Throughout the descent of the Ardeche Gorge the group travelled through spectacular surroundings; fifty foot cliffs either side of the river, eagles flying above, huge catfish swimming below and crystal clear water to dip your feet in when it got a little too hot.

The whole trip was a great success, all students gained a great deal of experience in activities they may never have come across, new relationships were formed with the help of the nightly disco and the group returned safe, just very tired. A massive thanks goes out to all the students who attended and made it such a fantastic trip, and to the teachers; Mr Gunter, Mr Cairns, Mr Sayle, Miss Murphy and Mrs Bray who gave up their spare time to give this opportunity to our students. Whilst away Miss Murphy captured a great deal of the antics on camera and created a DVD, the premier showing was shown on Wednesday 9th July. Hopefully it will soon be available on our website and Youtube page.

In total the group travelled a mighty 30 kms down river and finished with a finale where everybody took a swim with the fishes. Throughout the three nights at 'Segs' there



A rest before Kayaking another 12km





WHAT'S GETTING AT GUNTER?

This became a famous photograph of the trip, we thought a little fun needed to be had with it, so we want you to come up with two captions that could possibly explain both Mr Gunter and Mr Cairn's reaction.....

Write in the bubbles above, cut out and return to the P.E Department before 30th September 2014. Prize will be awarded to the best caption.



Related news....

Over 120 students have visited our French centre in Normandy this term. Students participated in historical visits to the Bayeux Tapestries, the D-Day landing sites and Arromanche Museum. Students and staff also enjoyed visits to the Souferroscope caves and the Cité de la Mer aquarium. Students were able to practise a little bit of their French in Bayeux market whilst buying souvenirs for home. In the evenings students enjoyed team building activities and games. We are incredibly lucky to have this excellent facility for our students to enjoy; it provides a fantastic cultural and educational experience. We look forward to more successful trips next year.

TOP TEN HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 MR GUNTER'S WAKE UP CALL
- 2 MY GARDEN SHED!
- 3 JETHAN CHILD- SURVIVAL CHILD
- 4 SAYLE THE SANDMAN
- 5 THE CAIRN'S CAPSIZE
- 6 COREY HALL'S TALE OF SURVIVAL
- 7 DUGGAN'S RENDITION OF "HEAVEN"
- 8 COREY HALL TRIES TO KILL MISS
- 9 MR SAYLE PUKES ON BUS
- 10 KUNG FU FIGHTING WITH DUARTE

Karaoke Cairns

My Garden shed, My Garden Shed, Is bigger than this
 Is bigger than this, My Garden Shed is bigger than thiiiiiss
 It's got a door, and a window, my Garden shed is
 bigger than this....

We are the Priory Ruskin Academy, and were here to sail the sea...
 We come from Grantham, Lincolnshire, England and were here to
 sail the sea, SAIL THE SEAAAA, SAIL THE SEAAAA

"When Mr Sayle puts a wetsuit on over his head, he looks like a roll-on deodorant!"



Sailing and Windsurfing



Harvey Fuller-Quote of the holiday



Burying Callum



Raft building



Performing Arts

Music Tuition Week

Miss Haywood

A fabulous opportunity was taken by some Performing Arts students, to go on an evening trip to the theatre (despite the World Cup and England playing) to watch a fantastic performance of *As You Like it!* Tolethorpe Hall is the home of the Stamford Shakespeare Company and a wonderful setting for 'open air' theatre to be experienced. A beautiful theatre with an open stage, set amongst nature where the birds sing in the background throughout the performance. The students were treated to a backstage tour from the stage door, dressing rooms, wardrobe department, make-up room, set store, through to walking onto the stage to face the auditorium. The Director answered all of their questions and explained how the actors continue with their performance, regardless of the weather and just get wet! As they say, "The show must go on!" Before the performance the students had time to enjoy the gardens and their picnics! They all enjoyed this delightful comedy and came out asking if they could go again to see another play. An absolutely enjoyable evening was had by all!



Summer School

Performing Arts Summer School

We are delighted to announce the launch of the very first Performing Arts Summer School at The Priory Ruskin Academy.

The week will be a fantastic opportunity to be inspired by musicians that have toured with 'Lawson,' learn the dance steps from your favourite pop artists and musicals and to get creative with your favourite characters in drama.

The week will culminate in a magnificent performance showcasing the week's talent and hard work. The summer school shall take place from the 18th-22nd of August and is open to ages 9-12 years.

To apply, please contact Miss Thompson by telephone at the Academy or email cethompson@prioryacademies.co.uk.

Places are limited, so do not delay your applications; we can't wait to see you there!

Halle Orchestra

Miss Haywood



During their music lessons this year, the whole of year 7 have been learning to play either a trumpet or a trombone with Mr Wyatt and Mr Bell from the Lincolnshire Music Service. This picture shows members of 7P2 enjoying their lesson!

To round this fabulous experience off, we were lucky enough to spend an afternoon playing our instruments with the world famous Halle Orchestra at the Meres centre. It was quite an event, with schools from all over Lincolnshire taking part!



Ruskin's Got Talent

Miss Haywood

This term, the Performing Arts department launched a House competition called 'Ruskin's Got Talent'. Inspired by the TV show, twenty six students entered the competition and scored points for their House with a range of singing, acting, dancing, instrumental music and a performance on a scooter!

Subtotal after round one:

Mackintosh

35 house points

Hepworth

30 house points

Knight/Morris

25 house points

Seventeen of the entrants were successfully put through into the next round and are being mentored by Miss Haywood, Mrs Jallow and Miss Thompson in the run up to the final.

The finalists are:

HEPWORTH

Gabriel Chambers
Rhiannon Ellerby
Kai Stathers
Zoe Acklam
Josh Atter

MORRIS

Oliver Mitchell
Molly Bunning
Jessica Vardy

KNIGHT

Josh Mayes
Ben Mayes
Loulsa Salter
Connor Singleton

MACKINTOSH

Charlie Corby
Jade Sinclair
Molly Hubbard
Chloe Colam-Johnson
Charlotte Daves

The final will be held during the last week of term and the winners will get to perform at the End of Year Assembly! Good Luck to all finalists and a massive thank you to all those who have taken part, mentored, judged or supported the event.

PRIORY RUSKIN ACADEMY PRODUCTION

This term, Priory Ruskin students have been rehearsing on Monday and Tuesday evenings with Matthew Hewitt, to perform three plays as part of the celebrations to officially launch the new Academy. Please see Matthew's bio below.

The three plays are all brilliant comedies and the audience will be amazed at the talent on show when the production opens to the public for three performances in early October. Tickets for the production will go on sale in early September. Some of our students will also get a chance to watch a matinee performance free of charge.

The first of the plays - 'The Dating Game' features fifteen different blind dates and what can go wrong does go wrong! From a girl who actually turns into a monkey on the date to discovering that your date is your cousin!

The second 'Romeo to Go' is about a teacher at a high school who has written a version of Romeo and Juliet for the students to perform in an assembly - It is a dreadful version of Romeo and Juliet but hilarious and the actors are equally as bad! This brilliant comedy is simply genius. To be able to act badly you must be a very good actor and the students deliver some outstanding performances.

The third play - 'The Casting' is about a group of High School students who are auditioning for lead roles in a musical - this play is not only extremely funny but also touches the heart strings as the students start to reveal their private lives both at school and at home. This production is a must see - if you only watch one production a year then let it be this one!

Matthew Hewitt



MATTHEW HEWITT

Matthew trained at The London Academy and later at The Bristol Old Vic Theatre School. He has worked extensively in musical theatre and television acquiring West End credits as Sammy in Blood Brothers, Rooster Hannigan in Annie and Joe Vegas in Fame. Other professional work includes national tours of Walking on Sunshine, From a Jack to a King, Wake up Little Suzie, in the Midnight Hour, One Step Beyond, Art, Audacity, Bouncers, The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged and Misery. Mainstream television for the BBC, ITV and Channel 4 include A Very Peculiar Practice, Help, Soldier Soldier, Sophia and Constance and Vanity Fair. Matthew has also directed over a hundred productions including the widely acclaimed production of Les Miserables at Grantham's Guildhall. He is Head of Acting at The Lincoln Academy of Theatre Arts and GAPA - The Grantham Academy of Performing Arts. Matthew started dancing at five and was finished by half past six! He is delighted to be working at the Priory Ruskin Academy with some of the area's most talented young people.

Support in Primary Schools

Transition Day

All of the staff at Ruskin welcomed our new Year 7 students on Tuesday 1st July for their `Transition Day`. Mrs Rossington has visited 20 of our feeder schools and met over 200 Year 6 students who are due to start officially on Wednesday 3rd September 2014. The children are extremely excited about coming to The Priory Ruskin Academy. One boy said he was "excited about making new friends" Another said "I am really looking forward to all of the sport" and a girl said she had been "really looking forward to seeing the new build". What an amazing time to start at The Priory Ruskin Academy!

Instrumental Day

Mrs Rossington

There was excitement in the Academy on Thursday 10th July when 110 primary school children arrived by coach from 6 different primary schools in Grantham.

They were all keen musicians and were joining us to participate in the first ever Priory Ruskin Instrumental Day. Mrs Rossington worked with Lincolnshire Music Service to organise this creative day for children. Throughout the day, students performed on their instruments as an orchestra, sang as a choir alongside The Priory Ruskin Academy Choir and performed on Samba instruments.

They performed a selection of music ranging from 'Viva la Vida' by Coldplay to 'Let it Go' from the film, Frozen. After an intense day rehearsing, the students performed all of the music to a full house in the new theatre.

The audience, parents of the children and Headteachers from the six primary schools, as well as governors from The Priory Ruskin Academy. The Headteacher from one of the Primary schools said, "I do hope that this is the beginning of many more events like this". Mrs Rossington wanted to say a big well done to the Full Choir from Priory Ruskin for their excellent support throughout the day.

Prefects

It is that time of the year again when staff consider very carefully who should be selected to be prefect in Y11. Prefects are chosen because they have demonstrated exemplary behaviour and commitment to the Academy during their time here. We would like to congratulate the following students on being chosen to be a Priory Ruskin Academy Prefect in the next academic year.

Evie Matchett
Chad Pestell
Jasmine Bailey
Adam Clark
Zoe Acklam
Joshua Dobbs
Scott Padgett
Harry Gibbons
Hollie Wright
Klaudia Kujawa
Morgan Heppleston
Adrianna Pluta
Josh Atter
Krisztina Szegedi
Kai Stathers
Nela Ondrejкова
Paul Nelson
Thomas Milner
James Tomlinson
Adam Walker

Daria Wasilewska
Amie Martin
Adam Egnor
Nadia Myciuk
Cameron Philpotts
Callister Hoggan
Lucy Frisby
Baris Topaloglu
Lewis Edwards
Chloe Turner
Zak Dean
Carla Haith
Connor Singleton
Chloe Spong
Joshua Westwood
Nathan Tang
Lauren Curry

Visit to Bishop Grosseteste University

On Wednesday 28th May a group of Y11 students, accompanied by Mrs Vance and Mr Arab, attended Bishop Grosseteste University for a day of maths intervention. As part of their preparation for their Maths GCSE and to raise aspirations, Ruskin students were given the opportunity to undertake some intensive maths revision in the lecture theatres of the university. The intervention took place throughout the morning and then after lunch the students were given a tour of the university campus by Bishop Grosseteste University students. It was a thoroughly useful and worthwhile day.

Geography Night Out, Mr Lennon

The annual Y11 Geography 'end of course bash' was another huge success; 20 Y11 students went to Arri88 for an All You Can Eat Buffet, followed by a few games of pool in Hunters pool hall. Rui Cardoso and Josh White won free meals, paid for by the super tight Mr Lennon, who is still reeling from parting with his money! Mr Lennon reportedly hammered James Carter at pool, unfortunately Oliver Hayward took revenge and thrashed Mr Lennon in return. Mrs Luczak, the whirlwind, and Mr Porter, the hustler, also showed off their pool skills and made the evening lots of fun! The evening was a nice way to say farewell to the Geography crew, who have worked very well throughout the course.

FUNDRAISING

Ruskin Dog Show 2014

A HUGE thank you to all the friends, family, colleagues & students that supported The Priory Ruskin Dog Show on Saturday 21st June. Blessed once again with amazing weather, the show proved to be a great success with both the Academy and wider community. A variety of stalls helped create a good old fashioned summer fete feeling with Mr Esam's Bar-B-Q and homemade biscuit stall proving to be particularly popular, or perhaps it was just his apron? There was a great turn out for the Dog Show, 25 entries across the 13 classes, keeping our Judge, Carol Murfin, very busy. This was the first time many of our handlers had taken to the show ring and it proved to be exactly what was intended, a Fun Dog Show, with a great atmosphere. Best in show eventually went to a gorgeous German Shepherd called Leo owned and loved by the Burnett family. We raised over £300 for Lincolnshire Essex & Trent Boxer Rescue, which is just fabulous.



Shoe Box Appeal

Without wanting to think about Christmas too much another very popular and worthy cause this time is the Rotary Club Shoe Box Appeal. Again last year all of the Academy took part with each tutor group providing a box to be sent overseas, a small token on our behalf but has such a huge impact on other people less fortunate than ourselves. We are also looking forward to having the sixth formers take a more active role within the Council now we are all in one building, some students have already shown huge promise in their organisation and teamwork skills.

St Barnabas "Chicks"

The Academy Student Council once again excelled themselves by selling on behalf of St Barnabas Hospice knitted Easter Chicks, each filled with a chocolate Egg. In total we sold 190 and have been informed by Tina Dingley, Assistant Fundraising Manager at the Hospice in Grantham that we outsold ALL the schools in Grantham! Well done to all who purchased, it certainly helped with the chocolate 'fix' needed after lunch!

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Looking ahead to fundraising and events coming up that the Academy Council are keen to share with you all is our very popular Macmillan Coffee Morning which we hope to extend to a whole day event on Friday 26th September. We made a staggering £398.00 last year and hope to match, if not better, that this year. Should anyone wish to donate raffle/tombola prizes or provide cakes (they don't have to be homemade) your donations would be most welcome. This event is open to all, more details nearer the time.

Renaissance Reading

Encouraging reading for enjoyment is a major priority here at The Priory Ruskin Academy. Over the last three years we have adopted and developed a system called Renaissance Reading (Accelerated Reader) which enables students to choose, read and take a mini test on a book that interests them.

In the first year 32% of students read at least one book, 66% in the second year and 70% in the third year. This year with the introduction of Eclipse, where students can now sign their book out to take home, and the launch of the reading weeks, we fully expect close to 100% of students will read and engage with 'at least' one book that interests them, probably many more. The reading weeks took place during the weeks commencing 5th May, 2nd June and the 7th July 2014.



The Reading Room

Reading Week - What is it?

Students read their own book for the first ten minutes of every lesson during the reading week. By the end of the week, including tutor time, they will have read for over 6 hours - much more, if they have also read at home. We trust this initiative, as well as many others to follow, will help to generate a love for reading that will help with them for the rest of their lives, as well as help them with their academic studies.

To help students reach their full potential with their Renaissance Reading a team of selective students have been given a role as Reading Ambassadors. They are based in each House Block and are on hand during tutor time to assist students with quizzing and choosing the right book.

The new Reading Room is also proving a popular place in the Academy, with a café style feel to it. Also, many students from Year 7 attend 'Rise and Read' from 8:00am in the mornings where they can enjoy a hot chocolate, latte or cappuccino whilst reading and quizzing.

Lost Property

We have a number of items, including from Academy and PE uniform, coats, bags and shoes, in our lost property in the pastoral unit. Students will be asked to claim their belongings by the end of term 6, which is Friday 18th July. Any unclaimed items will be recycled as spare kit, or disposed of. Please remind your son or daughter to come and have a look if they think they have lost anything this academic year. Thank you.

Academy Uniform Shop

Please be aware that the Academy shop is now on the Manthorpe site next door to Student Reception. Opening times can be found on our website.

A polite reminder that all items of Academy uniform should be purchased from the shop or can be ordered online to ensure that there is consistency with the colour of trousers and skirts.

The Academy uniform is as follows:

Girls: Academy Blazer, knee length Academy skirt OR Academy grey trousers, Academy shirt and tie, black shoes with either mid grey socks (if worn with trousers) white if worn with a skirt, opaque black or grey wool tights for KS3 and lightweight tights for girls in KS4.

Boys: Academy Blazer, Academy grey trousers, Academy shirt and tie, black shoes with grey socks.

Changes in SEN

New arrangements for supporting children and young people with Special Educational needs and disabilities come into effect this year. The government are making changes to the law that will affect the way the way you and your child receive support from your local council, health and social care services and your child's school. The Priory Federation of Academies has been working to ensure that your child continues to experience the highest levels of support to improve their learning and access the curriculum. The Department for Education have outlined the changes and how the changes may affect you in a letter that can be accessed at www.education.gov.uk/help/contactus. The Priory Federation will be publishing its response to the new legislation during September 2014. Please do not hesitate to contact our SENCO, Mrs A Wood, if you have any queries before then.

Communication!

Thank you to the hundreds of parents who have signed up for the new ParentMail facility at the Academy. We are continuing to develop this cost-effective way of communicating with parents and carers and in the new academic year, the majority of letters and newsletters will go home via ParentMail.

If you have yet to sign up, please do so as soon as possible to ensure that you get all the relevant information about your son or daughter. You will recently have received a verification text or email in order to do this. If for any reason you do not want to join, would you kindly email us at generalenquiries@prioryruskin.co.uk or telephone the Academy before the end of term to ensure that you receive paper copies instead.

facebook

The Priory Ruskin Academy now have an official Facebook page. This has been a big decision to move into social media, but we feel it will be an excellent tool to stay in touch with the community.

We hope to keep you updated about our great student success stories, latest news, important announcements and photographs from exciting events.

Please scan the QR code or search for Priory Ruskin Academy and "like" us.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

MODULE 1:

Wednesday 3rd September 2014
to Friday 24th October 2014

Wednesday 3rd September
Years 7 & 12 return

Thursday 4th September
Years 8 - 11 & 13 return
(all students in)

MODULE 2:

Monday 3rd November 2014 to
Thursday 18th December 2014

MODULE 3:

Tuesday 6th January 2015 to
Friday 13th February 2015