



RUSKIN
A PRIORY ACADEMY

TRANSITION GUIDE
2024



Welcome to Ruskin

We are delighted that your child will be joining us in September 2024.

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.

**Mr L Briggs, Associate Assistant Headteacher
Primary Transition & Admissions Officer**



The Academy Day

8:00am - 8:45am	Breakfast available
8:50am - 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 2024/2025

MODULE 1

Wednesday 4th September 2024 to Friday 18th October 2024

Holiday: Saturday 19th to Sunday 27th October 2024

MODULE 2

Monday 28th October 2024 to Friday 20th December 2024

*Holiday: Saturday 21st December 2024 to Monday 6th January 2025
Includes Public Holidays: Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th December,
Wednesday 1st January*

MODULE 3

Tuesday 7th January 2025 to Friday 14th February 2025

Holiday: Saturday 15th to Sunday 23rd February 2025

MODULE 4

Monday 24th February 2025 to Friday 4th April 2025

*Holiday: Saturday 5th to Monday 21st April 2025
Includes Public Holidays: Friday 18th and Monday 21st April*

MODULE 5

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 to Friday 23rd May 2025

*Holiday: Saturday 24th May 2025 to Sunday 1st June 2025
Includes Public Holidays: Monday 5th & Monday 26th May*

MODULE 6

Monday 2nd June 2025 to Friday 18th July 2025

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. Skirts must not be rolled up.
- No make up should be worn.
- Hair must be appropriate for school.
- 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.

At the Academy we also have a range of pre-loved uniform which is accessible to anyone and encourage those who need this to contact main reception to arrange a time to view items. Please visit our website (under the Parents tab) for more information.

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.
- 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 Blue Academy shorts
- 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

- PE Midlayer top Navy blue (see website link below)
- Thermals Black or navy blue leggings/top, plain in style with no logos, 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).

The optional mid-layer top can be purchased from Uniform Direct
www.uniform-direct.com

For Health and Safety reasons students are not permitted to wear any jewellery or retainers during PE lessons

Key Stage 3 Performing Arts and Music

- Performing Arts polo shirt Navy blue with Academy badge and Performing Arts logo.
- Shorts Navy blue, plain in style, no stripes or patterns.
or
- Leggings Navy blue or black, plain in style, no stripes, logos or patterns
- Footwear Bare feet or plain black ballet or jazz shoes

Students with long hair in all key stages 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. We have a cashless catering system in place, which eliminates the need for students to carry cash throughout the day. Your child will be invited to register during their first week at the Academy.

EXAMPLE MENU

Breakfast Selection

Toast	50p
½ Bagel	50p
Croissant	70p

Break Selection

Paninis	£1.70 - £2
Fruit pots	50p
Croissants	70p
Filled rolls	£1
Filled Wraps	£2

Lunch Selection

Beef lasagne with seasonal vegetables & new potatoes	£2
Jacket potatoes with choice of fillings	£1.30 - £1.90 <i>(Fillings include cheese, tuna, baked beans)</i>
Roasted vegetable quiche with seasonal vegetables	£2
Pasta Salad	£2
Fruit Pots	50p
Muffins / Cookies	80p
Assorted drinks	50p - 80p

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). 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



Miss Garfield
Assistant Head of House

HOCKNEY HOUSE



Mr Moses
Head of House



Mrs Watts
Pastoral Manager



Mr Charles
Assistant Head of House

MACKINTOSH HOUSE



Miss Catnach
Head of House



Mrs Taylor
Pastoral Manager



Mr Pearson
Assistant Head of House

KNIGHT HOUSE



Mrs Jallow
Head of House



Mrs Burrow
Pastoral Manager



Mr Johnstone
Assistant Head of House

MORRIS HOUSE



Mrs Taylor
Head of House



Miss Church
Pastoral Manager



Miss Drinkwater
Assistant Head of House





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