

Dear Parent/Carer

As a specialist Academy for Sport and Visual Arts, the Academy will admit up to 21 places on aptitude. Parents who wish to seek a place at the Academy for their child based on aptitude are asked to present their Year 5 child for an aptitude assessment.

To allow your child to participate in the aptitude assessments, please visit our academy website under Academy Information/Admissions to complete the online aptitude application form.

I would stress that parents must also complete a Common Application Form from the local authority in which they live. Full details of our Admissions Policy are published on [our website](#) and in the [Going to Secondary School in Lincolnshire](#) online booklet.

#### **Assessment arrangements for September 2027 entry – Sport**

##### Y5 Aptitude Assessment Dates – Sport

Assessment date Wednesday 8 July 2026

Assessment date Monday 13 July 2026

Assessment date Tuesday 14 July 2026

##### Drop off at Ruskin

3.50pm

3.50pm

3.50pm

##### Pick Up

5.45pm

5.45pm

5.45pm

The aptitude places should be considered as an additional entry route for your child, and does not constitute an application for a place at the Academy. Applications for a place at the Academy must be made in the normal way, via Lincolnshire County Council's Common Application Form. Should you wish your child to be considered for an aptitude place, please complete the online application form by Monday 6 July 2026.

- There is no preparation needed before the assessment. However, students will need to wear clothing appropriate for taking part in physical activities. This should be a plain kit (no local or national team or squad kit to be worn); they will also need to wear trainers with soles which will not mark the Sports Hall floor. They may also wish to bring a bottle of water with them.
- Students will need to know their home address, home telephone number and the name of their current primary school. This may be written on a piece of paper and brought with them on the day.
- Should you or your child require special arrangements – eg for access or SEND – please provide details on the attached application form.
- If your child is injured (e.g., has a broken limb) or unwell, please inform the academy as soon as possible. Arrangements can then be made for your child to take the assessment at a later date.
- **Please note:** we do not accept portfolios or references from coaches/teachers for the Sport assessment.

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## Sports Aptitude Protocols

### Arrival at the Academy

- When parents arrive at the academy, they need to drop their child off at the sports complex entrance (building directly left when entering the academy carpark). A member of Ruskin staff will be there to welcome you. At this point, parents will be informed of pick-up time which will be between 5pm and 5.45pm dependent on numbers attending that day.
- Students will be invited to enter the sports complex and placed into small groups. From here, students will move to the different tests as directed by a member of Ruskin staff.
- There will be a maximum of 60 students taking the test on each evening.

### Departure from the Academy

- Students will return to the sports complex for departure, only to be released when parents present themselves at time specified when students were dropped off.
- Parents will need to come to sports complex to collect their child.

## Assessment arrangements for 2027 entry – Visual Arts

### Y5 Aptitude Assessment Deadline – Visual Arts

All portfolios should be handed in to main reception by Friday 3 July 2026.

All portfolios must be in the form of a hard copy, not in a digital format.

- The aptitude places should be considered as an additional entry route for your child, and do not constitute an application for a place at the Academy. Applications for a place at the Academy must be made in the normal way, via Lincolnshire County Council's Common Application Form.
- If your child wishes to apply for a place with a Visual Arts specialism, they will be required to submit a portfolio of work which can include photographs, drawings, paintings or mixed media images. The portfolio may include images that have been produced at home or at school.
- The portfolio must be clearly labelled with the student's name, full address, telephone number and email address.
- The Visual Arts portfolios will be available for parents to collect from main reception on Tuesday 14 July and Wednesday 15 July. **Please ensure you collect your child's portfolio on one of these dates. After these dates, it may be disposed of.**

### **Vulnerable, extremely vulnerable children and those with protected characteristics**

If your child is vulnerable, extremely vulnerable or has protected characteristics, please could you inform us about this and we will endeavour to make appropriate adjustments.

We look forward to receiving your application and to seeing those parents who choose to bring their children for assessment.

Yours sincerely



Mr B Key  
Headteacher