



Friday, 20th November 2015



ROKEBY RECORDER

DARE TO BE THE BEST

YEAR 10 DEBATING TEAM

Last Friday our Year 10 debating team participated in the Pinsent Masons schools' debating day. Pinsent Masons is a major London based law firm and this is the second year they have held this event.

Competing for the Rokeby team was Declan Cawdron-Gray, Fawaz Shittu, Kwei Abloso, Bassam Ahmed and Yunes Lounis.

Our team felt a little unprepared as the students had put all their energy into preparing for a Transport for London debate a few days previously. This London-wide event had focussed on the role women played in the transportation industry and our boys did a great job for this debate.

This left us little time to prepare for the Friday debate, although on Wednesday a lawyer from Pinsent Masons came in to coach the students. Our topic for discussion was 'Should curfews be introduced in London for young people'; a topic that the boys strongly supported. We were arguing for the motion.



We were placed in heat 2 against Buxton School who were well prepared and were strong debaters. However, Declan and Fawaz opened our account extremely well and presented some strong points as to why curfews would benefit London. Kwei and Bassam interrogated the other team whilst Yunes rounded off our case brilliantly. We were declared the winner of the debate and were so good that we proceeded through to the final against Plaset Girls School.

The topic for the final was: "Surveillance is a good thing; if you have done nothing wrong then you have nothing to hide". Again we were arguing for the motion. It was a great final and Rokeby were definitely the crowd favourite. Unfortunately, the girls from Plaset were too good on the day and they were declared the winner.

A fantastic day for the school where the boys performed brilliantly. A big congratulations to Declan, Fawaz, Kwei, Bassam and Yunes.

Mr Costello

PENNY RACE ALERT

Rokeby's Penny Race is about to start! Every tutor group now has a red piggy bank to fill with as many pennies as possible' kindly donated to school by Reddington Limited. All proceeds will support our student exchange with Jubilee Boys' school in Ghana. There will be a competition between tutor groups in each year to see who can raise the most money. So what are you waiting for? If you find any pennies on the floor or spare change in your pockets you know what to do with it!

AI-Nowed Abdullah, 7R



To find out more about GhanaKuo, Rokeby's partnership with Jubilee Boys' School in Ghana and the exchange programme, please contact Ms Lawson. To support our fundraising efforts please also see our JustGiving page at www.justgiving.com/GhanaKuo



Our Values: Respect, Success, Passion for Learning, Personal Challenge, Harmony

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: "We have feelings and we have souls. Stop hating us because we were born different"

ROKEBY PARENT COUNCIL

Rokeby values parent-school communication and from experience we know that our students do better when parents and carers are involved in their sons' learning and the life of the school. This is supported by numerous pieces of research which show that parental involvement has a significant impact on student achievement.



We run a number of different parent groups, in various languages, and are adding regular Parent Information Sessions to our parents' calendar. In addition we are setting up a Parent Council. The Parent Council will be a forum in which parents can come together, meet each other and school staff and have a say on what improvements the school could make and how we could work more effectively together. A meeting will be held before the end of term (date to be confirmed). In the meantime, please get in touch with Ms Henderson if you're interested in finding out more.

Other parent meetings this half term include:

- Portuguese-speaking parents: Monday, 23rd November at 5.45pm
- Spanish-speaking parents: Monday, 30th November at 11am
- Urdu-speaking parents: Friday, 4th December at 9.30am
- Lithuanian speaking parents: Monday, 7th December at 5.45pm
- Parent Information session (homework): Monday, 14th December at 9.30am
- Polish speaking parents: Monday, 14th December at 5.45pm

Ms Henderson

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Wed, 2nd Dec, 4pm
Festive Concert

Wed, 9th Dec
Year 11 Mocks start

Fri, 11th Dec
Non-uniform day

Mon, 21 Dec
Christmas holidays

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Did you know:
90% attendance = 1/2 day missed every week.

90% attendance over one school year = 4 whole weeks of missed lessons!

How is YOUR tutor group doing?

Congratulations this week go to:

9B & 8Y with the best attendance at **99%** & **8O** with the best punctuality at **83%**

CLUBS & EXTENDED LEARNING

Rokeby's list of after school clubs and activities is available from reception or look on our website at www.rokeby.newham.sch.uk



DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: OLD SCHOOL

Hooray the new Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School, is now in the library! See Ms Hendrickson to reserve a copy NOW.

Eman Nadeem 9B
Student Librarian



WORD OF THE WEEK

This week our word of the week is

Vivacious

Can you find the meaning of this word and make a sentence? Once you have, come to the library and see me for a merit.

Ms Hendrickson