

ROKEBY GUITARISTS PERFORM AT THE BARBICAN

On Monday 11th of April, eight of our talented Rokeby students joined other young people from across Newham to perform on the main stage at the Barbican.



Students practising before their big performance

They performed two exciting guitar pieces and were conducted by the renowned conductor Matthew Scott Rodgers.



The Barbican

It was a once in a lifetime opportunity to play at such a prestigious venue! Well done to the all those involved: Nazih Pokkakkilath Navas, Adam Lounis, Reece Lukombo in Year 7; Nouredine Kheznadji in Year 8; and Brandon Vella, Wares Islam, Jeanzle Albalate Lerona and Julian Rovelo Connolly in Year 9.



Students getting ready to go

Rokeby's Music Department offers many opportunities to learn a musical instrument, including:

- Strings (Violin, Viola & Cello), Tuesday lunchtimes
- Guitar, Tuesdays after school
- Drum, Thursdays after school
- Piano, Fridays after school
- Singing Club, Friday lunchtimes

See **Ms McWha** for more details.

GhanaKuo

Fundraising efforts to support a reciprocal student exchange programme with Jubilee Boys School in Ghana had a big boost following the grant of £5,000



Rokeby offers a range of opportunities for parents and carers to come into school, to meet members of staff and other parents, to gain information on how school works and to raise any queries or concerns you may have.

Parent Groups

We run a number of different parent groups, in various languages including Bengali, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, Somali, Spanish and Urdu. These meetings are held in both English and the language of the meeting so all parents can take part. It's an opportunity for parents to ask questions and to find out about different aspects of school life.

Parent Information Sessions

The following sessions will be run this half term:

- **Understanding your son's progress** on Tuesday, 3rd May at 9.30am. It will be led by Mr McRoberts, Assistant Head Teacher and will cover how school monitors your son's progress and understanding the new grading system.
- **Supporting your son's writing skills** on Tuesday, 10th May at 11.00am. This will be led by Mr Skinner, Head of English and will address ways in which you can help to improve your son's literacy.
- **Post-16 qualifications and options** on Tuesday, 24th May at 9.30am. At this meeting we will discuss the various pathways students can take after leaving school, local post-16 provisions and the grades needed for various options.

Parent Council

The Parent Council is a forum in which parents 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. All parents/carers welcome. Just drop in.

Meetings this half-term are taking place on:

- Friday, 29th April at 9.30am
- Friday, 20th May at 9.30am

Coffee Mornings

Every Friday morning (when there isn't a Parent Council meeting) we run coffee mornings. These meetings are informal and offer parents the opportunity to pop in and ask questions or raise concerns or just simply meet other parents/carers.

For more information or if you have any queries, please contact Ms Henderson at sarah.henderson@rokeby.newham.sch.uk or call 0207 540 5620 ext. 107.

Positive Parenting Programme

Newham's Children's Services runs a programme called Teen Triple P. It's open to all parents, whether you have specific concerns or just simply want to pick up some new tips on parenting and building a positive relationship



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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:

10K with the best attendance at 99.3%

&

7Y with the best punctuality at **98.6%**

WORD OF THE WEEK

This week our word of the week is

Adherent

Can you find the meaning of this word and make a sentence?