

7<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome to the new academic year.

### **GCSE and BTEC results 2016**

There is much to celebrate! 64% of students gained A\* - C in English and 63% in maths (with over 20% of students gaining an A/A\*), 100% in biology, chemistry & physics, 76% in RE, 77% in sociology and 95% in drama.

Our five highest attaining students were Md Sadiqur Rahman, Enrik Maci, Ignas Serepka, Shazzan Chowdhury and Bader Iqbal who between them achieved an impressive 63 A\* - C GCSEs of which 51 were A/A\* grades!

The Government has changed the headline figures that schools are judged on from 5 A\* - C to attainment 8 and progress 8. Our attainment 8 is 4.92 and progress 8 is 0.49 (the Newham average is 0.38). This means that students attained an average grade C and made almost half a grade more progress than the national average across 8 GCSEs from key stage 2. This is a great achievement and a testament to the hard work of students, their families and staff.

It was not just year 11 students who took GCSEs this year. 21 boys from year 7 to 10 took GCSEs in Arabic, Bengali, Italian, Polish, Dutch and Portuguese. They all achieved an A\* - C including an amazing 14 A\* and A grades.

We are very proud of what our students have achieved. Almost all students have already secured a place at a college or school sixth form to further their studies. Students are going on to many different institutions including Newham Collegiate Sixth Form, the London Academy of Excellence, Leyton Sixth Form and NewVIc. Two boys, Shazzan Chowdhury and Ranjith Prabakaran, have won full scholarships to study at The City of London School.

### **Our new blazers**

All students now have to wear a blazer to school every day. Most parents/carers have already purchased one. If you still need to buy a blazer they are available from reception and cost £21/£22 depending on size. All students will be expected to have full school uniform including the blazer by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact your son's year co-ordinator if you have any queries or questions regarding uniform.

### **International School Award**

I am delighted to inform you that Rokeby School has been successful in gaining reaccreditation of the International School Award from the British Council and is accredited for the next three years 2016 to 2019. This is in recognition of the wide and interesting range of international activities carried out in the last year which have included opportunities for collaboration with partner schools, language learning, consideration of cultural and global issues, and professional development. All students in the school have been involved in the activities and many students have frequently taken leadership roles in these activities.

**Eid Ul Adha**

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September school will be closed to students and staff for the Muslim festival of Eid Ul Adha. I would like to wish all of our Muslim families Eid Mubarek.

**Keep up to date with all news and forthcoming events**

Lots of important information such as term dates, events, uniform details and curriculum booklets can be found on the Rokeby website and in our weekly newsletter, the 'Rokeby Recorder'. You can visit the website at [www.rokeby.newham.sch.uk](http://www.rokeby.newham.sch.uk)

**Help your son to achieve**

Please do not book holidays during term time or medical/dental appointments during the school day. There is a proven link between good attendance and academic achievement. Every lesson that a student misses will impact upon his progress at school.

**Finally...**

Just a reminder: all students should be wearing black formal shoes for school; trainers should only be worn for PE and at break times for playing sport. Blazers, jumpers, ties and PE kit are all available to buy from reception.

**Dates for this half term**

School closed for Eid – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Year 7 Meet the tutors – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 4.00 to 6.00 pm

Year 6 Open Morning – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 10.00 – 12.00 pm

Year 6 Open Morning – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 10.00 – 12.00 pm

Year 10 Information evening - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 4.00 to 6.00 pm

Year 11 Information evening - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 4.00 to 6.00 pm

Half term - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to working with you over the course of this academic year.

Yours faithfully,

Charlotte Robinson  
Headteacher