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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back after the half term break to all students and their families.

Oxford and Cambridge University Offers

We are very proud to announce that two ex-students who left in July 2014 have secured offers of places to Oxbridge colleges for September 2016. Subject to final A Level results in the summer Abed Akond is off to Oxford to study engineering and Maaz Vali is off to Cambridge to study mathematics. Our congratulations go to both students and their families, we are so proud of you!

Our BIG READ launch, World Book Day – Thursday March 3rd 2016

This term every student, member of staff and governor will be presented with their own personal copy of '**Wolf Brother**' by **Michelle Paver**. We are delighted that Michelle has agreed to come into school on the day to give a talk, meet some students and sign their books.

Also on March 3rd students will see many members of staff and all of year seven dressing up as a character from their favourite book. Students will try to work out which character or book the staff are representing and submit their solutions for a chance to win a book voucher.

Diversity Month

This month we have been celebrating 'Diversity'. Staff have delivered special lessons in each subject area and in assemblies. We have also developed a range of display work around the school, together with a 'thought of the week' and P4C enquiry focusing on diversity. We have also continued this year with our 'Get Over It' T-Shirt campaign, to help celebrate the diversity of our Rokeby School community. We wear the colours with pride! In recognition of all of our work around LGBTQ we have been invited to give a presentation at an upcoming Stonewall National Conference.

Blazers

In my last letter to parents and carers I announced our intention to make the school blazer a compulsory item of uniform from September 2016. We have agreed a new supplier and already have blazers in all sizes in stock that can be bought from reception. The blazers cost between £20 and £22 depending on size. Instead of replacing an outgrown or worn out jacket why not take the opportunity to get you son a blazer now?

Keep up to date with all news and forthcoming events

Lots of important information such as term dates, events, uniform details and curriculum details can be found on the Rokeby website. You can visit it at www.rokeby.newham.sch.uk

Parents' and Carers' Calendar

There are a range of meetings for parents and carers again this half term. *Please note there have been a couple of date changes from the calendar circulated at the start of last half term.*

Updated meeting details are as follows:

- **Parent Council Meeting** on Friday, 26th February at 9.30am
- **Spanish-speaking** parents' meeting on Monday, 7th March at 9.30am
- Parent Information Session: **Supporting your son's literacy** on Tuesday, 8th March at 9.30am*
- **Year 7 SEN** parents' meeting on Wednesday, 9th March at 9.30am
- **Polish speaking** parents' meeting on Monday, 14th March at 5.45pm
- **Spring Concert** on Wednesday, 16th March at 4.00pm
- **Parent Council** meeting on Friday, 18th March at 9.30am
- **Bengali parents'** meeting on Monday, 21st March at 9.30am*
- **Lithuanian** parents' meeting on Monday, 21st March at 5.45pm
- **Portuguese-speaking** parents' meeting on Monday, 21st March at 5.45pm

* date changed from the calendar circulated last half term.

We look forward to meeting with you. For any queries or further information, please contact Ms Henderson at sarah.henderson@rokeby.newham.sch.uk or call 0207 540 5620 ext. 107

Dates for this half term

Tuesday 1st March - Passport Day and year 10 & 11 conference

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day

Thursday 3rd March - Year 10 Parents' evening, 3.30 – 6.00 pm

Thursday 24th March – Last day of the spring term for students

Monday 11th April – First day of the summer term

Thank you for your continued support throughout this academic year.

Charlotte Robinson

Headteacher