



Friday, 23th September 2016



ROKEBY RECORDER

DARE TO BE THE BEST

Rokeby Parent Groups

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. You can get involved in a number of ways as there are plenty of opportunities to come into school to meet with teachers, school staff and other parents.

Parent Information Sessions

Every half term we offer 3-4 parent information sessions on a range of topics, for example: bullying and cyber safety, homework, how to support literacy skills at home, understanding your son's progress, guidance on the new assessment levels and how school tracks student progress, drug awareness and dealing with teenage behaviour.

Parent Council

The Parent Council meets once a month and is 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.

Coffee mornings take place every Friday morning. All parents are welcome to drop in. It's an opportunity to meet staff, ask questions, raise any concerns or to just simply have a cup of coffee and meet other parents.

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 Teacher Association

Our PTA is in its very early stages of development but the aim is to provide a more formal forum in which parents can work alongside school and support in areas such as organising social events and fundraising.

A **Parent Calendar** for this term will be available shortly on our website. In the meantime, if you have any queries please contact **Ms Henderson** on 0207 540 5620 ext 107 or email at:

sarah.henderson@rokeby.newham.sch.uk

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

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: "There is no path to peace.
Peace is the path"**

Welcome to our new Rokeby staff!



I am a member of the humanities department and teach RE and Geography. I was born in London, my parents were born in Africa, and my family tree can be traced back to the Gujarat in India. I studied Philosophy and Politics at University, and have Masters degrees in both Government and the Sociology of childhood and children's rights. Prior to joining Rokeby, I was a Year co-ordinator and Lead Practitioner at a local Newham school. I have enjoyed my time here so far, working with the boys and getting to know new colleagues and families. I have a number of different roles at Rokeby, and I have been most impressed with P4C at the school and seeing the boys tackling different issues sensitively, articulately and creatively. *Mr. Galoria, Assistant Headteacher*



I'm Miss Zoe from the humanities department, teaching both History and Geography to a wide array of students at the school. I have really enjoyed my initial start to the school year, meeting some fresh faces from both the study body and the staff cohort. Two years ago I decided to give up the surf, sand and sun in Sydney Australia, where I call home, to enjoy the riveting experiences London has to offer. It has been an eye opening and addictive experience

both living and teaching here, determining my decision to move here on a more permanent basis. Having parents who were originally from China and growing up in Sydney where there was a wide range of ethnicities, I look forward to creating more wonderful memories within the multicultural Rokeby School community.

Build your own PC

Looking for a custom built pc or desktop pc? A gaming pc or desktop computer? Then look no further. Come and join Computing department every Wednesday lunch time in G7 and learn how to build a PC from scratch. *Mr Milki*

Piotr To The Rescue



Piotr Fejdych in 11B is dying his hair purple next week. Piotr is standing up to help prevent cancer and needs your help, he is raising money for Cancer Research UK. Every morning from next week, members of the school council team will be going around to every class to collect your generosity. Don't worry, parents - if you would like to help Piotr with his mission, you can. Pop in to reception after school and donate!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Sat 1st October
Yr 6 Open Morning
10am-12 noon
Thursday 6th October
Yr 10 Information
Evening 4-6pm
Thursday 20th October
Y11 Information
Evening 4-6pm

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:

7K with the best attendance at **99.5%** AND the best punctuality at **99.6%**!

WORD OF THE WEEK

This week our word of the week is

distinction

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