

9<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to 2017 and a Happy New Year to all of the Rokeby community!

### **Top 25% of schools in the country for progress**

It is official - Rokeby is in the **top 25%** of all schools for value added progress in 2016. In early December, all schools received their summary report for the 2016 Key Stage four examinations from the Department for Education. We are so proud of our students' achievements.

### **Outward Bound**

Our partnership work with The Outward Bound Trust continues this year. The Trust is an educational charity that uses the outdoors to help develop young people. Twenty four year nine students travelled to Aberdovy in Wales for five days of hard physical activity in early December and forty eight year eleven students will have this opportunity in January. This is an amazing chance for students and staff as they nurture a sense that anything is possible and walk away with renewed optimism, raised aspirations and improved self-esteem.

### **Rokeby Charity Collection**

In December, students and staff at Rokeby collected an amazing £570 which was donated to *Crisis at Christmas*. In addition to donating money, students also had the opportunity of donating food to increase the supplies in the Rokeby food bank which has been set up to support our own families who are in need. A massive thank you to everyone that participated.

### **Show My Homework**

In November 2016, we introduced a new way of setting and tracking homework, using a computer based programme called 'Show my homework', whereby all parents/carers can view the homework set for their child. We sent an introductory letter to all parents and carers which explains how to log on, as well as personal log in details for both themselves and their children. Feedback from the launch of Show My Homework has been very positive. If you have still not received your parent/carer login details or require further information or support in regards to accessing Show My Homework, please contact Mr. Galoria via the school reception.

### **Reading at Rokeby**

World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March. This year's Big Read is *Northern Lights* by Phillip Pullman. Students will be taking part in activities around this book, closer to the time. Just a reminder that students should have their reading book on them at all times. This term, **DEAR (Drop Everything And Read)** will be period 5. Students are encouraged to choose a reading book from the Key Stage 3 and 4 Challenging Reading Lists, which can be found in the library and on our website.

### **Parents' and carers' meetings and events**

Enclosed with this letter is a Parents' Calendar for this half term which includes a programme of meetings and events for parents and carers. We still have three places left on our 8 week Parenting Course starting on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January. If you are interested please contact Sarah Henderson as soon as possible to book your place. At the bottom of the Parents' Calendar there is a reply slip requesting updated contact details. If you have changed your phone number or use email and we don't have these details, please update the enclosed slip and return to reception. For any queries regarding any parenting events, contact Ms Henderson at [sarah.henderson@rokeby.newham.sch.uk](mailto:sarah.henderson@rokeby.newham.sch.uk) or phone on 0207 540 5620 (ext 107).

### **Finally.....**

I would like to ask all parents and carers to continue to support the school by sending their son/s to school in full uniform each day with the necessary equipment to learn in lessons. Students must wear BLACK FORMAL SHOES and their BLAZER to school every day. Students must also bring a bag that can hold A4 size books.

### **Dates for your diary**

Tuesday/Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> – Yr 10 English and maths exams

Friday January 13<sup>th</sup> - Yr 11 mock results afternoon

Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup> - Yr 9 Options evening

Thursday February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Yr 11 Parents'/Carers' evening

Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Non-uniform day

February 13<sup>th</sup> to February 17<sup>th</sup> – half term

Thank you for your continued support throughout this academic year.

Yours faithfully,

Charlotte Robinson  
Headteacher