

7<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back after the half term break. The GCSEs are now in full swing and year 11 students continue to study hard! It was very pleasing to see that lots of boys attended the revision sessions held during the holiday to do some last minute revision and practise exam questions.

Students will be able to collect their results on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August** from **10.00am** at school.

### **National Maths success**

The United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Junior Challenge is aimed at students in Years 7 and 8 in England and Wales. It is a great way to test and enhance students' problem solving skills.

A group of students from KS3 were selected to take part in this year's UK Junior mathematical challenge and we are very proud to announce that certificates were awarded to a total of 15 students. Huge congratulations to **Donatas** and **Isabah** in year 8 who both won a gold certificate. Thirteen other students won silver and bronze certificates. Well done to all of our superb mathematicians.

### **Minimum and aspirational grades**

You will be aware that all students are issued with minimum and aspirational targets at the beginning of each year which are based upon their prior attainment. These grades help us to motivate students and to make sure that work being set for them is challenging. At the moment we are refining the grades so that they are more individualised. Further details about this development will be available at Parents evening and printed on your son's achievement cards. Another way to find out more is by attending our ethno-linguistic Parents' meetings this term in Lithuanian, Spanish, Bengali, Somali, Romanian, Bulgarian and Urdu. Timings and dates are in the parents/carers calendar enclosed with this letter.

### **Student Leader Election**

The election for Rokeby's next Student Leaders took place at the end of last half term. All candidates prepared short campaign films which were viewed during registration. Staff and students then had the opportunity to vote for their favourite. Congratulations go to **Mihajlo Treskavica** (year 10) who will be our new student leader and **Mir Tasin** (year 9) who will be his deputy leader.

### **Ramadan**

For our Muslim students, Ramadan is a period of prayer, increased religious devotion, self-reflection, self-control, charity-giving and expressing goodwill to others. Most noticeably it is a time of fasting and control over the need to eat and drink during daylight hours. As always, it will be a decision for families, parents and individual students whether they are of an age to fast, for how long they will fast and if they are legitimately exempt from fasting.

Fasting during exams can have a profound impact on the performance of students, which is all the more significant due to the commencement of GCSE examinations for our year 11 students, who have worked hard over the past 5 years in preparation for their final assessments. Therefore, please ensure your son is well prepared, ready and understands the likely effects on his body during fasting and that he manages these challenges well.

We would like to wish all our Muslim families a very good Ramadan.

**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.

**Dates for this half term**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Induction Day  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Year 7 English & maths exams  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Year 8 English & maths exams  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Year 9 English & maths exams  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Year 10 exams  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Year 7 to 10 Awards Evening  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July - International Celebration  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July – KS3 Graduation  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Passport Day  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Last Day of Term

**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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



Charlotte Robinson  
Headteacher