



Friday, 14th July 2017



# ROKEBY RECORDER

DARE TO BE THE BEST

## GHANA KUO GOES TO GHANA!



After three years of fundraising, myself and the Ghana Kuo team finally set off to Ghana. We arrived at the Kotoka International Airport in Accra and we transferred to the Partner Schools Worldwide New Haven Hotel. We have to thank the cook, Augustine for her scrumptious cooking, our taste buds were enlivened by a variety of foods we hadn't tasted before including yam chips, rice balls and peanut soup and bean stew. We travelled from Accra to Cape Coast and visited the chief to show our respect and ask for his permission to stay in Cape Coast. We then went to Jubilee Boy's school, our partner school, to meet the staff and our buddies, they were very welcoming and made us all feel right at home. Over the next few days we painted and tidied up the school nursery, played football and table tennis with our buddies, observed one of their maths lessons and taught our own lessons on English, Maths and Biology. In exchange they taught us about the ten regions in Ghana. We also had a dance and drum session which was a lot of fun. We visited Kakum National Park where we crossed the rope bridge, Hans Cottage Crocodile Sanctuary where we had the opportunity to touch the crocodiles and go on a boat ride, Cape Cost & Elmina Castle, the local market and the beach which had an attractive view of the sea. Overall, it was a impressive and emotional trip overall, I am very grateful to have had the chance to experience a different part of the world.



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



**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:** *If you are walking down the right path and you're willing to keep walking eventually you will make progress.*

## Rokeby & Lister WW1 trip to France

On July the 7th and 8th, 16 Y9 Rokeby students, along with myself and Mr Cook, travelled to key memorial sites for World War One. 100 years on from the famous battle of Passchendaele, the humanities department thought that it would be apt to visit Ypres where the slaughter of men from all over the world took place.

Together with listening to the eerily beautiful Last Post Ceremony, during which the dead of World War One are remembered every night, students were also



given a chance to explore the town of Ypres and to try Belgian delicacies such as chocolate and waffles. We also travelled around the French and Belgian countryside visiting a variety of heritage sites and cemeteries. One of the most unique was the wellington Quarry, a famous underground quarry tunnel system where primarily soldiers from New Zealand were based before the battle of Arras. Additionally, we explored the trench system at Bayernwald, the area in which Hitler was to

make his name in the German army. Perhaps most interestingly for some of our students were the two cemeteries at Neuve-Chapelle; one for Indian soldiers who fought bravely and died at this location and one for Portuguese soldiers who supported Britain and her empire in their efforts. Another point of interest was the Tyne Cot cemetery where we discovered the name of Walter Tull, the first black British soldier. The weekend was an incredible success with wonderful weather

which were in stark contrast to what soldiers may have suffered in the long winters of 1914-1918. The students were impeccably behaved and were sensible in the hostel that we stayed at, showing respect and politeness to the other schools staying there. The students found the trip moving and informative and would recommend it to their peers as they were able to find out about the full horrors of the great war for those brave men and women involved. We will remember them. **Mr Cole**

## Greenhouse stars train in the Isle of Wight

The last week of June saw the annual Greenhouse Sports reward trip to the Isle of Wight. Boys who have shown the most commitment and hard work throughout the year in both their table tennis and school studies were

chosen to be a part of the week long training camp. Together with 50 other Greenhouse participants and 8 coaches from across London GH schools the trip provided the young people with a variety of new experiences and a



chance to develop STEP skills in a different environment (Teamwork, problem solving, self-reflection and self-discipline).

A typical day saw the boys in the table tennis hall for 5 hours in the morning where the week long camp was focused around improving technical skills, self-reflection and resilience. The afternoons were spent doing vari-

ous activities on and off the camp site. Activities such as orienteering, swimming, ten-pin bowling and games on the beach were enjoyed by the boys. At some points it was a real struggle to get the boys out the swimming pool and into the training hall!

It was a fantastic week and it was great to see the boys in different environments, not just in the school setting. The boys loved the trip and cannot wait to have the chance to visit again next year. Well done Terrique, Jeanzle, Julian, Harris and William. Keep that commitment and hard work going boys and let's get ready for the 5 week summer training camp ahead.

If anyone is interested in playing over the summer please find Coach Ash to get the details. **Coach Ash**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**Mon 17th July**  
*KS3 Graduation*

**Tues 18th July**  
*Passport Day*

**Fri 21st July**  
*Last day of term*

## 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:

**10K** with the best attendance at **99.2%**  
&  
**70** with the best punctuality at **99%**

## WORD OF THE WEEK

This week our word of the week is

**Plenipotentiary**

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.

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