

6th September 2017

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome to the new academic year and Eid Mubarek to all of our Muslim families who celebrated Eid Ul Adha last week.

Results 2017 - third year of improving grades

We have had some fantastic results from our year 11 boys and this is our third year of improving headline figures! 62% of students gained A*-C (now 9-4) in both English and maths up from 55% in 2016. Many subjects performed very highly including: 100% in biology, chemistry & physics, 82% in statistics, 100% in further maths and 71% in English literature.

Our three highest attaining students were **Bassam Ahmed, Ernest Nkansah-Badu and Stanley Wilding** who between them gained a mind-blowing 35 A*/A grades! What is even more astounding is that they were each awarded **three grade 9s** in English language, English literature and maths; a coup only achieved by 2000 students in England this summer.

It was not just year 11 students who took GCSEs this year. 45 boys from year 7 to 10 took GCSEs in Arabic, Bengali, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish and Urdu. They almost all achieved an A*-C including an amazing 37 A* and A grades.

We are very proud of what our students have achieved. Almost all students have already secured a place at a college or school sixth form to further their studies. Students are going on to many different institutions including Newham Collegiate Sixth Form, the London Academy of Excellence, NewVIc, Leyton Sixth Form and Seven Kings.

Keep up to date with all news and forthcoming events

Lots of important information such as term dates, events, uniform details and curriculum booklets can be found on the Rokeby website and in our weekly newsletter, the 'Rokeby Recorder'. You can visit the website at www.rokeby.newham.sch.uk

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. The three boys who achieved the highest results at GCSE this year all had 100% attendance in year 11. Every lesson that a student misses will impact upon his progress at school.

Parents' meetings

Please find enclosed our Parents' calendar for this half term which details all our meetings and events for parents. As you can see there are plenty of opportunities for you to pop into school to meet with staff, ask questions or raise any concerns you may have. This half term we're offering regular coffee mornings, as well as opportunities for our new Year 7 parents to come in and get to know the school. There will be a drop-in information session on homework for all parents and due to the success of our last course, we're running another 'Being a Parent Course' in partnership with Newham's Headstart programme (starting on Tuesday, 26th September). Please see the information attached. For more information on any of the above, please contact Ms Henderson.

Free School Meals

Have you applied for free school meals? Applications are very simple and are made online at <https://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Free-school-meals.aspx>

You may be eligible if you claim benefits or child tax credit. If you need help making an application you can pop into school on Friday mornings at 9.45am and ask for Ms Henderson. You will need to bring your National Insurance number.

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. Blazers, jumpers, ties and PE kit are all available to buy from reception.

Dates for this half term

Year 7 Meet the tutors – Wednesday 20th September, 4.00 to 6.00 pm

Year 6 Open Morning – Saturday 7th October, 10.00 to 12.00 pm

Year 10 Information evening - Thursday 5th October, 4.00 to 6.00 pm

Year 11 Information evening - Thursday 19th October, 4.00 to 6.00 pm

Half term - Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to working with you over the course of this academic year.

Yours faithfully,



Charlotte Robinson
Headteacher