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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half term break!

### **Successful Alumni**

I am very proud that three former Rokeby students have successfully completed their sixth form studies at the London Academy of Excellence and are now starting degrees at University. Charles Adomako is studying maths at Warwick, Abdul Kawser is studying Chemistry at UCL and Aaman Kudhail is studying maths at Birmingham. Well done to all three of them!

### **Philosophy for Children (P4C) champions**

14 boys from years 7 to 10 have recently taken part in level 1 P4C training along with new members of staff. They will lead their first enquiry in November. The latest P4C session which took place for all year groups in October, was centred upon the theme of resilience, as part of Rokeby's first ever resilience month, in conjunction with Headstart. Resilience month was a huge success and a large number of positive achievement points were awarded to students who demonstrated resilience both inside of subject lessons and in wider school life.

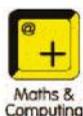
### **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award winners**

Following our recent successful assessment expedition to Dover, 32 students from Y10 and Y11 are currently working hard to complete their qualification. The Award allows participants to develop their self-confidence, sense of identity, independence, responsibility, teamwork, problem-solving, presentation and communication skills. The Award will be offered to a new cohort of Y9 students in December. More details will be available in the Rokeby Recorder soon.

### **Veal Kasach school - our new global partner**

In addition to our successful partnership with Jubilee School in Cape Coast, Ghana, Rokeby is expanding its international work by sponsoring Veal Kasach School in Cambodia. This sponsorship is facilitated by United World Schools, a non-government organisation whose mission is to improve education opportunities for children living in remote areas where no schools exist. In addition to building the school, UWS train local people to become teachers and build a well and toilets for the whole community. Veal Kasach School was built in 2016 in a village where there are almost 250 children not in school. More information about this exciting opportunity for the Rokeby community to make a global impact will be on the website very soon. If you would like to receive further information or to get involved, please contact Ms Lawson: [sarah.lawson@rokeby.newham.sch.uk](mailto:sarah.lawson@rokeby.newham.sch.uk)

### **Parents' Calendar**





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We value 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. This is supported by numerous pieces of research which show that parental involvement has a significant impact on student achievement.

Please find enclosed with this letter a copy of the autumn parents' calendar. For more information, contact Sarah Henderson on 0207 540 5620 ext. 107 (Mon, Tues and Fri) or email [sarah.henderson@rokeby.newham.sch.uk](mailto:sarah.henderson@rokeby.newham.sch.uk)

### Photographs

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November all students will have their photograph taken individually. In a few weeks each student will be given a proof copy to take home so that you can decide whether you would like to buy some copies for friends and family.

### Dates for the term

Thursday	16.11.17	Year 9 Parent/Carer Evening, 3.30 to 6.00 pm
Thursday	16.11.17	Student photographs
Monday	20.11.17	Year 11 future steps week
Thursday	30.11.17	Former Year 11 Awards Evening, 5.00 to 6.30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>01.12.17</b>	<b>Learning day - school closed for students</b>
Monday	04.12.17	Year 11 mock exams begin
Friday	08.12.17	Non uniform day
Monday	18.12.17	Festive concert, 4.00 to 5.00 pm
Wednesday	20.12.17	Last day of term
Wednesday	03.01.18	First day of Spring Term

### Medical appointments

We ask that all parents/carers try to make medical and dental appointments outside of school time. If this is not possible and your child must attend an appointment during the working day then wherever possible request a time that results in your child missing either part of a morning or afternoon **but not** both.

### Keep up to date with all news and forthcoming events

Lots of important information such as term dates, events, uniform details, curriculum details and the latest copy of the **Rokeby Recorder** can be found on the Rokeby website. You can visit it at [www.rokeby.newham.sch.uk](http://www.rokeby.newham.sch.uk)

Thank you for your continued support throughout this academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Robinson  
Headteacher

