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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the new academic year.

### **GCSE Results 2018**

We have much to celebrate! You may have seen the very positive press coverage in the Newham Recorder and the Newham Magazine of our GCSE results. 70% of students gained a 9-4 (A\* - C) in English, 68% in maths (with more than a quarter achieving 7-9, A\*/A), 100% in further maths, 75% in statistics, 100% in biology, chemistry and physics, 68% in history, 77% in sociology, 68% in RE, 64% in resistant materials, 73% in PE, 78% in Russian and 85% in music.

Our five highest attaining students were **Hamza Sheikey, Emmanuel Beltazar & Edoardo Beltazar** who between the three of them gained an impressive 43 GCSEs of which 38 were graded A\*/A (7-9).

It was not just year 11 who celebrated. 11 year 10 boys took further maths and all passed with A\* - C grades. 40 students from years 7 to 10 took GCSEs in a variety of languages including Arabic, Bengali, French, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Urdu. They all achieved A\* - C including 35 A\*/A (or the new 9-7) grades.

### **Parent Governor Election**

We currently have one vacancy for a parent governor. Being a parent governor can be a truly rewarding experience, giving the opportunity to get more involved with running and setting the direction for our school. With this letter, you will find additional information about the role of parent governor and how to apply. Nominations must be received by 10am on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

### **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](http://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 over 95% 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 for all parents on supporting your son's progress and homework. Due to the success of our last course, we're running another 'Being a Parent Course' in partnership with Newham's HeadStart programme (starting Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October).





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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 19<sup>th</sup> September, 4.00 to 6.00 pm  
Year 6 Open Morning – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 10.00 to 12.00 pm  
Year 10 Information evening - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 4.00 to 6.00 pm  
Year 11 Information evening - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 4.00 to 6.00 pm  
Half term - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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

