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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to 2019 and a Happy New Year to everyone in the Rokeby community.

Ofsted Inspection

On Tuesday 18th December we were visited by two inspectors from Ofsted. They spent the day in the school talking to students and staff and visiting lessons. A letter outlining their findings will be published, towards the end of January, on the Ofsted website (www.ofsted.gov.uk). You can also access it using the link on the home page of our Rokeby website. Despite it being the last week of a very long term, all students and staff were very proud to show the inspectors how we always 'Dare to be the best'!

Rokeby and Outward Bound

Twenty-four Year 9 students took part in our annual adventuring educational trip to the Outward Bound centre in North Wales. The centre is located in a small town called Aberdovey which is surrounded by the famous Snowdonia National Park. Boys had to write an application prior to the event stating how they thought the trip would benefit them both personally and in the school context in order to secure their place. This trip, as always, was a fantastic success. The boys pushed themselves to the limit throughout the week and stuck by the visit motto which focuses on mentally and physically: 'digging deep'. The activities included: mountain hiking, rock climbing, canoeing, team building sessions and taking a plunge into the freezing Atlantic Ocean. Each member of the group showed strong creativity, determination and team work skills. It was clear to see that this was a challenging experience for the Rokeby students but an experience they will remember for life. Thank you to everyone involved for making this trip happen it was truly a fantastic week. And thank you to Ms Hobbs and Mr Adams for leading the groups.

Rokeby Charity Collection, United World Schools

In early December, students and staff raised an incredible £770 over two charity days at school: non-uniform day for students raised over £650 and Christmas Jumper day for staff collected a further £120. The funds will be split between our Cambodian partner school (United World Schools, UWS) and the NSPCC. In addition to donating money, students also had the opportunity of donating food to increase the supplies in the Rokeby food bank which has been set up to support our own families who are in need. A massive thank you to everyone who took part. Parents will also have the opportunity to contribute to both causes as we will have collection boxes available at school events. More information about how UWS work to provide schools in remote areas of the world is available at www.unitedworldschools.org.

Parents' and carers' meetings and events

Enclosed with this letter is a Parents' Calendar for the half term which includes a programme of meetings and events for parents and carers. For any queries regarding any parenting events, contact Ms Henderson at sarah.henderson@rokeby.newham.sch.uk or phone on 0207 540 5620 (ext 140).





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Finally.....

I would like to ask all parents and carers to continue to support the school by sending their son/s to school in full uniform each day with the necessary equipment to learn in lessons. Students must wear **BLACK FORMAL SHOES** and their **BLAZER** to school every day. Any other coat must be **BLACK/DARK BLUE**.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday & Wednesday 8th and 9th January - Year 10 English and maths exams
Wednesday 9th January - Year 7 visit to the Theatre Royal, Stratford
Friday 11th January - Year 11 mock results afternoon
Thursday 17th January - Year 9 Options Evening
Thursday 31st January - Year 11 Parents'/Carers' evening
Friday 1st February - Non-uniform day
18th February to 22nd February– half term

Thank you for your continued support throughout this academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Robinson,
Headteacher

