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Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy Diwali to all of our Hindi families!

### Moving schools

You may have recently received a letter from the London Design and Engineering UTC providing information about the different options available for students at the 'beginning of year 9 or year 10'. Whilst you may be interested in moving your son because this school appears to be offering a vocational based approach to teaching and learning, we would advise you to consider the pros and cons of moving your son to any new school part way through his secondary education before making any decision to apply for a transfer.

A student who transfers to another school mid phase will need to:

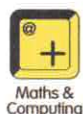
- Leave behind existing friendship groups he has formed
- Establish new friendship groups with students who may have already been together for a number of years
- Get to know new buildings; expectations; staff and curriculum
- New teachers will need to get to know the young person's preferred learning styles from scratch and this will take some time

If you are considering moving your son because you think this might help him with a future career in Design or Technology, it is worth remembering that these subjects are available as part of the curriculum in most schools including our own. Careers in Design and Technology also require good grades in Mathematics, which is very strong in our school.

Other useful documents which you may wish to consider before choosing to apply for any school are the relevant OFSTED reports. You can find the latest OFSTED report for Rokeby School through this link: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/23/102777>

The relevant link for London Design and Engineering UTC is:  
<https://files.api.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50040492>

We really do want your son to remain a student at Rokeby School but do appreciate that parents need to make decisions based on the best interests of their children. If you are considering moving your son to any new school, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you before you make a firm decision.



### **Declaration of Result of Parent Governor Elections**

I would advise you that as a result of the recent election the following parent has been elected as Governor of Rokeby Governing Body: Mr Mohammed Feroz. If you wish to contact your representative this should be done through the school in the first instance.

### **Parents' calendar**

We value parent-school communication and from experience we know that our students do better when parents and carers are involved in their son's 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. 140 (Mon, Tues and Fri) or email [sarah.henderson@rokeby.newham.sch.uk](mailto:sarah.henderson@rokeby.newham.sch.uk)

### **Photographs**

On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 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.

### **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. Evidence of the appointment should be shown to their form tutor.

### **Dates for the term**

Thursday	31.10.19	Student photographs
Thursday	14.11.19	Year 9 Parent/Carer Evening, 3.30 to 6.00 pm
Friday	22.11.19	Learning day - school closed for students
Thursday	28.11.19	Former Year 11 Awards Evening, 5.00 to 6.00 pm
Monday	02.12.19	Year 11 mock exams begin
Friday	13.12.19	Non-uniform day
Tuesday	17.12.19	Festive concert, 4.00 to 5.00 pm
Wednesday	18.12.19	Last day of term
Monday	06.01.20	First day of Spring Term

Thank you for your continued support throughout this academic year.

Yours sincerely,



Charlotte Robinson, Headteacher

# PARENTS' CALENDAR AUTUMN TERM 2019

November			December		
Mon	4		Mon	2	
Tues	5	Parenting Course (9.30-11.30am)	Tues	3	Somali-speaking parents' meeting (10am)
Weds	6		Weds	4	
Thurs	7	Parent drop-in (10am)	Thurs	5	Parent drop-in (10am)
Fri	8		Fri	6	
Mon	11		Mon	9	
Tues	12	Parenting Course (9.30-11.30am)	Tues	10	Bulgarian-speaking parents' meeting (5.30pm) Romanian-speaking parents' meeting (5.30pm)
Weds	13		Weds	11	
Thurs	14	Year 9 Parents' Evening	Thurs	12	
Fri	15	Understanding your son's progress (9.45am)	Fri	13	Non uniform day
Mon	18		Mon	16	
Tues	19	Parenting Course (9.30-11.30am)	Tues	17	Winter Concert (4pm)
Weds	20	Inspiring Futures Year 7	Weds	18	
Thurs	21	Parent drop-in (10am)	Thurs	19	Christmas holidays
Fri	22	<i>School closed: Staff training</i>	Fri	20	
Mon	25		Mon	23	
Tues	26	Spanish-speaking parents' meeting (10am)	Tues	24	
Weds	27		Weds	25	
Thurs	28		Thurs	26	
Fri	29		Fri	27	

**Year 11 mock exams:** Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December

**Return to school:** Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Please note:** Occasionally we have to change the dates of meetings due to unforeseen circumstances. Please check our website which keeps all meeting times up to date. Details of any changes are also emailed to parents, so if we do not have your email address please send a message to [sarah.henderson@rokeby.newham.sch.uk](mailto:sarah.henderson@rokeby.newham.sch.uk) detailing your name and your son's name. Thank you