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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back after the half term break to all students and their families.

### **Rokeby at the Six Nations**

Great news! Our Y9 rugby team have won a national competition run by the RFU (Rugby Football Union). The team made a short movie, which was released on Twitter, explaining how rugby helps them to be better people. They talked about the Rokeby Values and being resilient. The movie was viewed by thousands of people across the country and won first place.

The prize is an opportunity to play a rugby game at Twickenham – the home of English rugby. Following the game, the teams will be invited behind the scenes to have lunch together. Then, the team will return to the pitch to form the guard of honour for the England and Wales men's teams before their Six Nations Match. This is definitely a once in a lifetime opportunity and something that the boys will remember for a long time.

### **World Book Week**

To celebrate World Book Week we have planned a wide variety of events:

#### *Literature Trail*

Each department has chosen an author to represent for the week. They will decorate their department areas to celebrate that author. Students will have to match departments and authors in the literature trail.

#### *Young Writers Book Launch*

A group of young writers from KS3 and KS4, inspired by workshops led by Vaseem Khan, have written a book of short stories. This has been published and will be officially launched by the students and Vaseem Khan on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

#### *Parent Bedrock and Accelerated Reader Workshop*

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, parents/carers are invited to a series of workshops on supporting progress through Bedrock and Accelerated Reader. Both programmes are used to support students' progress in literacy across the school. These workshops start at 11:15 am in the library.

#### *Literacy Feast*

At lunchtime on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, all of the winners of the 2020 Rokeby Book Review competition will be sitting down to a literacy themed feast in the library.

#### *Year 7 Spelling Bee*

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March all of year 7 will have the opportunity to take part in a spelling bee. Ms Hendrickson and Ms Ward will be organising the event to promote the importance of literacy.





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### *Our BIG READ 2020*

On March 2nd every student, member of staff and governor will be presented with their own personal copy of 'The Missing' written by Michael Rosen. The author will be coming into school to talk to students about the book

### *Staff/Student Quiz*

Students will see many members of staff dressing up as a character from their favourite book on World Book day. Students will try to work out which character or book they are representing and submit their solutions for a chance to win a book voucher.

### *The Literacy Film Festival*

Throughout the week, a number of different movies will be screened after school in our literacy film festival. Movies include Wonder, Swallows and Amazons and Holes.

### *Visit to Canning Town Library*

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, a group of students will visit Canning Town Library to look at ways to link school and community libraries.

For more information about any of the events, please contact Ms Hendrickson on [shantelle.hendrickson@rokeby.newham.sch.uk](mailto:shantelle.hendrickson@rokeby.newham.sch.uk)

### **Improving Literacy for all**

If your son is in KS3, part of his weekly English homework is to complete two lessons using a programme called Bedrock. This programme is specifically designed to improve your son's tier two vocabulary. As mentioned above there will be a workshop for parents on Tuesday 3rd March, at 11:15 am, run by the Head of English and the Head of Literacy to give you more information about Bedrock. There will also be a workshop after this for the parents of students who are taking part in the Accelerated Reader lessons, to help improve their reading, this workshop starts at 12:00 p.m. Letters have been sent home so please return the slip if you would like to attend. We look forward to seeing you then.

### **Year 9 Immunisations**

**Immunisations will take place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March for Year 9 students.** Please make sure your child comes to school on that day as these are important vaccinations. All parents have been contacted and if you have explicitly not given consent then your child will not be immunised, but please bear in mind that these are important for your child's health. If you have any queries please call the main school number and someone can help you.

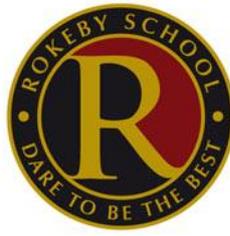
### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Please remember that your son needs to be in school every day before 8.30 am, ideally by 8.15 am. Please avoid taking your son out of school for any reason. If he is not in school every day on time, his learning will be affected.

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

Lots of important information such as term dates, events, uniform details and curriculum details can be found on the Rokeby website. You can visit it at [www.rokeby.newham.sch.uk](http://www.rokeby.newham.sch.uk). Also enclosed with this letter is your copy of the Spring Term Parents' Calendar.





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### Dates for this half term

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Year 11 Future Pathways  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Year 10 Parents' evening, 3.30 – 6.00 pm  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March - Spring Concert, 4 pm  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March– Year 11 mock exams  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Year 8 Parents' evening, 3.30 – 6.00 pm  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Last day of the spring term for students  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – First day of the summer term, all students in school by 8.25 am.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this academic year.

Charlotte Robinson,  
Headteacher

