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# ROKEBY RECORDER

DARE TO BE THE BEST

## GCSE SUCCESS 2020

Congratulations to our ex-Year 11 students! We are very proud of their achievements, especially in light of the unprecedented challenges they faced this year; they demonstrated resilience and determination throughout. Thank you to all the staff and parents who have given them the support they needed to achieve success. Below are some lovely quotes and motivational messages from some of the students. Good luck to you all as you progress with the next stage of your education.



'Rokeby has been great at instilling in me a hardworking spirit which I think will help me towards my future career as an aerospace engineer'. *Idris*

***Always stay driven and your goals await***



'I had an amazing experience at Rokeby: great school with absolutely amazing teachers. Without them I would not have been able to achieve the grades that I got. I loved studying Maths and English and thanks to Rokeby I am on my path to study Astrophysics at university'. *Amaan*



'I joined Rokeby in Year 10. I was predicated 3s & 4s but I got 7 and above in all subjects. At Rokeby I could focus and the atmosphere for learning was great for me'. *Jaiden*

***Put the work in and reap the rewards***



'I am extremely proud of the results I have achieved and they mean I can choose what I want to do next. I will never forget my time at Rokeby, including being a Philosophy for Children Champion. I will take these experiences and achievements with me going forward'. *Luc*



'I enjoyed my time at Rokeby. The teachers really helped and provided support for me and I cannot thank them enough. The after school activities really helped me to focus and put me in the right direction'. *Taylor*



'Rokeby is a caring and helping community, it is truly one of a kind and I owe my current results to the teamwork and cooperation between staff and students'. *Donatas*



'The environment helped me achieve the amazing grades that I got. I really appreciated the teachers pushing me, as well as the after school sessions that I went to. I took part in the school basketball team which helped me build my confidence and develop resilience'. *Adam*



'I am over the moon with my results! I thoroughly enjoyed being at Rokeby, being a P4C Champion and captain of the school football team. My family are really proud of me and I am so grateful to them, my friends and all of the teachers that have worked with me. *Reece*

'My son now has his choice of 4 prestigious sixth forms and colleges'. *Rokeby parent*

'Thank you for looking after my son, we are so proud of what he has achieved'. *Rokeby parent*

*Our Values: Respect, Success, Passion for Learning, Personal Challenge, Harmony*

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

*You are in charge of your mind. You can help it grow by using it the right way.*

## STORIES FROM LOCKDOWN

During lockdown, Rokeby remained open to the children of key workers and vulnerable students. During their time in school, in addition to the curriculum, students' days were offset by extra-curricular activities and considering positive social actions to benefit our community.

This prompted our Design & Technology department to work with students in manufacturing PPE equipment for front line workers. They manufactured 100 visors in one day, which were collected by Peter Richardson from One Source for wider distribution. A fantastic initiative. Well done to all those involved! **Mr Laher**



## STAR STUDENTS

### GCSE Russian students

Since day one of lockdown, our GCSE Russian class were keen to start online learning and explore new ways of working.

A special mention to **Natnael, Behram** and **Erik** who had 100% attendance and participated in 49 online Russian lessons, with other students close behind! Students were not only working on their Russian language skills but also agreed to get involved in trying new hobbies to broaden their skills and spend their time productively. I was really impressed with students' enthusiasm and eagerness to contribute to a collective class project. Look out for a display of the students' lockdown work which will shortly be put up outside F6.

**Ms Dambrauskiene**

### A special mention to:

**Kaif (Year 8)** who really engaged with Computer Science. He was always present and on time for online lessons and even led the learning for some of the sessions. He was always positive, well-mannered and his detailed replies to questions helped others to understand. **Mr Uddin**

**Ellias (Year 8)** who showed great commitment to his learning during lockdown. He completed a writing task to a very high standard and produced a fantastic short story. **Mr Rio**

**Manjit (Year 9)** who demonstrated fantastic commitment to engaging in his online learning across all subjects. He exhibited exceptional focus and really took ownership of his learning; he communicated exceptionally well via SMHW and google classroom. **Mr Milki**

### An opportunity which created some fantastic independent learners

When lockdown happened we all were worried about the education and welfare of our students. While for some there was a short 'pause' to their learning, for many it was an opportunity to adapt to new ways of studying.

Two classes, who demonstrated exceptional determination and commitment to their work were my current Year 11 science groups. They took great responsibility for their learning and despite initial concerns they really benefitted from lockdown in terms of becoming skilled independent learners.

During our Google meet sessions these students were able to acquire new knowledge quickly and apply it in their answers. At times, many of them led the learning and explained scientific concepts to their classmates. They were able to complete end of unit tests under exam conditions and marked their work using the mark schemes provided. Students were very focused and they prioritised their learning despite social and technical barriers.

These two groups of students showed how resilient, strong and willing they are to reach their GOAL. I am confident the new normal will not cause any disruption to their outstanding learning.

**Mr Aziz**

### A final word of motivation

'My results go to show that despite ups and downs, as long as you put in the effort you will always have something positive to show for it. Thank you Rokeby!'. **Jheels (Ex-Year 11 student)**