



ROKEBY RECORDER

DARE TO BE THE BEST

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Rokeby has a long established relationship with the City law firm [Pinsent Masons](#). In recent years we have worked collaboratively on a number of projects to promote career opportunities in the city to our students.

Last week, Mr Galoria and six Year 10 students took part in a 'fireside chat' with Lord Hastings, former Global Head of Corporate Citizenship for KPMG international and Head of Public Affairs at the BBC. Students joined a live stream discussion between Lord Hastings and a senior partner at the law firm to discuss Black Lives Matter (BLM) and the responsibility large corporate firms have in ensuring equality of opportunity. The event was organised and hosted by Pinsent Masons as part of their Equalities & Diversity Month programme.

Mohamed (100), who took part in the event says: "The stream was full of people watching from around



the world. It was inspiring and informative to watch. The speakers talked about BLM and how big business can impact our future. We also learnt a few things about Lord Hastings, such as he used to be a Sociology and Religious Studies teacher at a secondary school in west London and that he is now Deputy Head of UNICEF. He also spoke about watching and being inspired by Martin Luther King's powerful speech as a child ('I have a dream').

The discussion also covered BLM, George Floyd's death, white privilege and emerging markets such as Nigeria, which in 10 years time is predicted to be a fully-grown economy, with a vast population and a lot of technology. Finally they talked about driving equity into business and that it is the responsibility of business leaders to do something and not sit back and leave things to the politicians".

Mr Galoria & Mohamed (100)

#HELLOYELLOW



Staff across the school celebrated World Mental Health Day last Friday; an international day to promote global mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma.

The [Young Minds](#) campaign [#helloyellow](#) encourages schools to wear yellow for the day as a fun way for young people to understand that it's ok to reach out for help. Across school, whether staff wore subtle splashes of colour or shone like the sun from head to toe, together we showed young people that they're not alone.



At Rokeby, we understand the pressures many of our students face on a regular basis, including negative body image, exam stress and peer pressure, especially relating to social media. This has been compounded by the current pandemic, which for some has created new mental health problems and for others has exacerbated existing anxieties. In school we want to ensure our students do not feel isolated and overwhelmed and campaigns such as [#helloyellow](#) send out messages of hope and unity.

Mr Virk



Respect, Success, Passion for Learning, Personal Challenge, Harmony

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"It always seems impossible until it's done"

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

Year 10 drama students recently completed some great classwork. They were given 15 minutes in their groups to create their own 3D theatre building using an allocated set of objects.



They were required to label all the parts of a theatre building using their terminology cards. Ms Noelise, Head of Drama, said "I was really impressed with what they produced but more importantly by how they worked collaboratively, how they communicated their ideas, delegated and thought creatively in order to complete the task on time". Both groups presented their work confidently and made really good use of key terminology in their descriptions. Great work Year 10!

Ms Noelise

SMALL STEPS

Rokeby is taking steps wherever possible to play its part in supporting wider environmental change.



Our new picnic benches are made from 100% recycled plastic, as are our new school ties. Each [eco tie](#) is made from yarn produced from two recycled plastic bottles on looms powered by solar panels in the north of England. This reduces the amount of plastic going to landfill and the amount of particles polluting the ground and getting into our food chain - an all round cheaper and more sustainable solution!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

This week footballer Marcus Rashford launched a petition calling on the public to support his campaign to end child food poverty. The petition calls on the UK government to increase access to free school meals to all families in receipt of universal credit and to continue providing support during the holidays.

The petition has already been signed by over 86,000 people. If over 100,000 signatures are reached, the government will consider the petition for debate in parliament. For more information or to sign the petition, [click here](#).

#endchildfoodpoverty

MATHS QUIZ



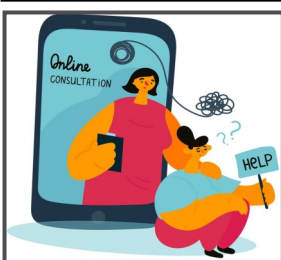
Can you select 32 DIFFERENT positive numbers whose mean average is 32?

What is the largest possible value that one of these numbers could be?

The first student to see Mr Fox with the correct answer on Monday wins a prize.

Mr Fox

STUDENT REMINDERS:



CALENDAR

W/b Mon 19th Oct.
Yr7 assessment week

W/b Mon 26th Oct.
Half term

[View all events](#)

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Did you know:

90% attendance = 1/2 day missed every week.

90% attendance over one school year = 4 whole weeks of missed lessons!

How is YOUR tutor group doing?

Congratulations this week go to:

7B with 100% attendance

WORD OF THE WEEK

Can you find the meaning of the word below and make a sentence?

Word: Rasp

How about really challenging yourself and making a sentence in your language subject.



Grincement (m)



Chirrido (m)



скрежет

Once you have made your sentence(s), see your English teacher and/or your language teacher for an achievement point.