



ROKEBY RECORDER

DARE TO BE THE BEST

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TALK TO LEARN

Talk to Learn is a cross-curricular Key Stage 3 activity which involves collaborative work across departments. Each term a topic is chosen for study, research, writing and discussion. The learning culminates in a debate involving eight students who present their arguments for or against the topic in question. This term's motion was *Protest only divides people*. The debate took place in front of the rest of the year group who then put forward their votes at the end of the session. Student judges, **Onesi, Daniel and Tanbir** (Year 10), write:

"Talk to Learn is an opportunity for students to participate in a formal debate over a specific motion, to build their skills and to boost their confidence.

As Talk to Learn veterans, we judge how students express their views in the debate. This was an exceptional opportunity as the three of us were able to witness such a spectacular debate. All the students were articulate, demonstrated excellent teamwork skills and responded well to points of information. This debate was streamed live so all students could spectate and encourage their peers, whilst following social distancing. It was a close debate with both sides arguing very good points and responding well to the questions that their peers gave them. In the end the proposition just edged it and were victorious.

We were very impressed with the students' debating techniques and the arguments that they presented. It showed how advanced they are - their teachers must be very proud of what they achieved!"

Congratulations to this term's winners: **Julius Ofori, Joel Agyemang, Risan Rahman and Samuel Ogunleye**.



WE'RE LOOKING FOR

Student Leader 2021/22

Could it be you?
Do you have what it takes?

Deadline: 21st May 2021
Interviews: 28th May 2021

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Since their appointments, student leaders Kamer and Zubair, have both done some excellent work despite being elected during lockdown.

As they haven't been in position for a whole year, Zubair will continue as Deputy Student Leader next academic year. However, as Kamer is in Year 11, we are recruiting for another Student Leader to take his place.

Interested applicants should speak to Ms Hobbs and complete an online application form by **21st May**.

[Further information & role description](#)
[Application form](#)



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

Brilliant Club, facilitated by the **National Tutoring Programme**, is providing additional English intervention for students in Years 9 & 10.

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The tutorials have been really useful in helping me to push myself in English. The work we have done on descriptive writing has helped me to make real improvements. The tutors are specialists and they make the lessons really interesting.

Brendan (Year 9)

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The intervention has changed the way I write. The tutor helped me to use simple and effective techniques to improve my writing and make it more impactful. The tutors are very intelligent and can help with anything.

Asa (Year 9)

Quotes from current Year 9 students participating in Brilliant Club.

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INDEPENDENT STUDY SKILLS PROGRAMME



Auditory learners learn best through hearing. Tips include:

Work in groups - find others with the same learning style as you and arrange study sessions together. You can use techniques such as word association games and debates;

Be creative - try making up songs or rhymes to memorise difficult information; this will help you to recall the information during an exam;

Present your work - give presentations on your study material to your family and friends;

Record your notes - make sound recordings of your notes/study material and listen to them during your day. This is useful as you can revise on the go, for example on the way to school;

Listen to blogs & videos - there are many blogs and revision resources that you can download. Again this is something you can listen to when you're out and about.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Students who are eligible for free school meals will receive an email next week regarding a supermarket voucher (£15), to cover the May half term holiday.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Feud

querelle (fr)

contienda (sp)

вражда (ru)



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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

The electric light did not come from the continuous improvement of the candle.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Did you know:

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

Congratulations to:

7E with 89% attendance & 7R with 100% punctuality



Kooth offers online mental health support for young people who are feeling stressed, anxious or low. Students can also email Rokeby's [well-being team](#).