



ROKEBY RECORDER

DARE TO BE THE BEST

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INTERNATIONAL PHILOSOPHY 4 CHILDREN



Last week Rokeby hosted its first virtual P4C (Philosophy 4 Children) session with our partner school, Aburi Girls Senior High in Ghana.

Year 9 students and their peers engaged in what turned out to be a brilliant debate. Both sides demonstrated superb critical thinking skills, an ability to reflect, an enthusiasm to explore ethical issues and an openness to learn from each other.

The students also had the opportunity to ask about their partner schools in a Q&A session at the end. This is the start of many cross-curricular activities that we intend to carry out in collaboration with Aburi Girls School. Watch this space!

"I felt the session was an overwhelming success and we delved into deep ideas and bonded well with the Ghanaian partner school. Overall it was an incredible experience." **Zubair 9E**

"The P4C session allowed me to really see different perspectives and reasons for what actions one might take in certain situations." **Amanveer 9E**

"The session was amazing. I learnt things about Ghanaian culture and it was interesting to find out how different our countries are". **Nabil 9B**

"This was an unique experience and I really enjoyed finding out about their take on school life. I appreciated the opportunity I was given to meet students from Aburi Girls". **Taisir 9B**



Meanwhile, Rokeby's P4C Ambassadors continue to work with local primary schools to deliver sessions to Year 5 students.

I'd like to say a huge thank you. Your students are such great ambassadors for your school. They had our pupils hooked, like they were in the palm of their hands. Our pupils left in deep philosophical thought!

Ms Aloum
Deputy Headteacher
New City Primary School



Please take the time to check out some of Rokeby students' fantastic artwork which is currently on show in the [Art Matters 2021](https://artmatterslondon.org) online exhibition.

The exhibition showcases some of the incredible talent of young people in Newham.

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WORKING WITH WORMS

Worms play a crucial role in the environment. In fact, Charles Darwin called them *the intestines of the soil* as they can eat up to 75% of their own body weight every day and turn waste into rich and fertile soil.

Year 7 enjoyed making a wormery in science this week with Mr Zigimantas and learnt first hand how worms convert plant waste into bio-rich compost.

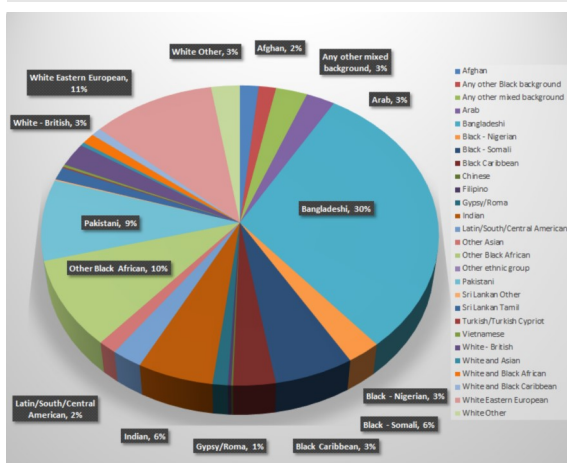
I loved working with worms - it was a very educational experience! I learnt a lot about how food is made into fertilizer. At first I was a bit scared of the worms but then working with them made me realise that there's nothing to be afraid of.

Matas 7E



CYCLE CONFIDENT TRAINING

Eighteen Key Stage 3 students took part in cycle training last week thanks to [Cycle Confident](#). Organised by Rokeby's Youth Travel Ambassadors in partnership with Transport for London, the week-long level 1 & 2 course taught students essential road safety skills and built their confidence in cycling on busy roads.



CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSITY

As part of our ongoing partnership with the University of Exeter, Mr Thomas and Ms Lawson presented at a recent conference regarding the collaborative work we have undertaken over recent years, which explores linguistic diversity and community cohesion.

I was blown away by the statistics that you shared regarding the demographics at Rokeby; your students are holding such a broad range of lived experiences already and the complexities of teaching such diverse cohorts is huge.

I love that the research and partnership work focuses on building pride and celebration. A brain that is holding multiple languages has a special view on the world.

Sarah Campbell, Associate Director for Arts & Culture
University of Exeter

SCHOOL UNIFORM

To ensure your son has the **correct school uniform** for the start of the Autumn term (on 4th September 2021), please use the following link to purchase uniform from Rokeby's online shop [School Uniform Shop](#)

WORD OF THE WEEK

Sapid

sapide (fr)

sápido (sp)

глупый (ru)



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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Speaking up doesn't always make life easier.

But easy never changed anything.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Did you know:

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

Congratulations to:

9E with 100% attendance & 7E with 99% 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](#).