



ROKEBY RECORDER

DARE TO BE THE BEST

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Celebrating World Book Day



Rokeby School celebrated World Book Day with great enthusiasm this year. Staff and students came together to read **Hunt for the Golden Scarab** by M. G. Leonard, creating a shared literary experience across the school.

It was an eventful week filled with engaging activities. Highlights included a visit to the Shakespeare's Globe, as well as a special face-to-face session with the author for our Year 10 students, where she spoke about her writing journey and kindly signed copies of her books. The enthusiasm from students and staff made the week a wonderful celebration of reading, storytelling and the power of books.

Ms Dainty

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



Pinsent Masons Mentoring Programme

The Pinsent Masons mentoring programme officially launched on 26/02/26, breathing new life into the "Spring Sprint" leading up to May exams.

Research indicates that students with professional mentors gain significantly more confidence regarding their post-16 options. Beyond sharing revision and action-planning strategies, mentors provide mindset coaching and "workplace resilience" techniques to help students navigate the high-pressure GCSE season.

For the students of Rokeby, the programme serves as a powerful reminder: their postcode does not define their potential - their ambition does.

Ms Bailey-Clouston



Science Week at Rokeby



Rokeby School celebrated Science Week with a range of engaging activities involving both students and staff. The highlight of the week was an exciting exotic animals display, where everyone had the opportunity to see and learn about a fascinating variety of animals up close.

It was wonderful to see the courage and enthusiasm shown by both students and staff as they interacted with the animals. The event brought great joy and curiosity across the school and made Science Week a memorable experience for all.

Mr Aziz

Inspiring Piano Masterclass for Year 7 Students

Year 7 students at Rokeby School had the exciting opportunity to take part in a special piano masterclass on 10th March'26, led by a former Rokeby student who is now studying at the University of Birmingham.

The session was designed to introduce students to key musical skills while also inspiring the next generation of young musicians. Throughout the masterclass, students took part in a range of engaging activities, including rhythm exercises, practising scales and exploring how these fundamental skills support musical performance.

The workshop culminated in students learning and performing a classical piece together, allowing them to apply what they had learnt during the session and experience the satisfaction of developing a piece of music from start to finish.

We would like to thank our visiting pianist for returning to Rokeby to share their passion for music and inspire our students.

Ms Dainty



Celebrating Success on Number Day!

We are delighted to announce that Robiul Tapadar (Year 10) has won the Amazon voucher prize for this year's Number Day Quiz!

Number Day was a fantastic opportunity for students to challenge themselves, apply their mathematical thinking and enjoy solving a range of tricky and exciting problems. The quiz tested numerical skills, logical reasoning and quick problem-solving and Robiul rose to the challenge brilliantly.

His performance stood out among many strong entries, showing not only accuracy but also determination and focus. Winning the Amazon voucher is a well-deserved reward for his hard work and enthusiasm.

Well done, Robiul!

Mr Ocran



Rokeby School Celebrates Pi Day with Pies and Pi Facts

Rokeby marked Pi Day with a fun celebration involving both staff and students. At break-time, the staffroom enjoyed a selection of pies - a playful nod to the famous mathematical constant π (pi).

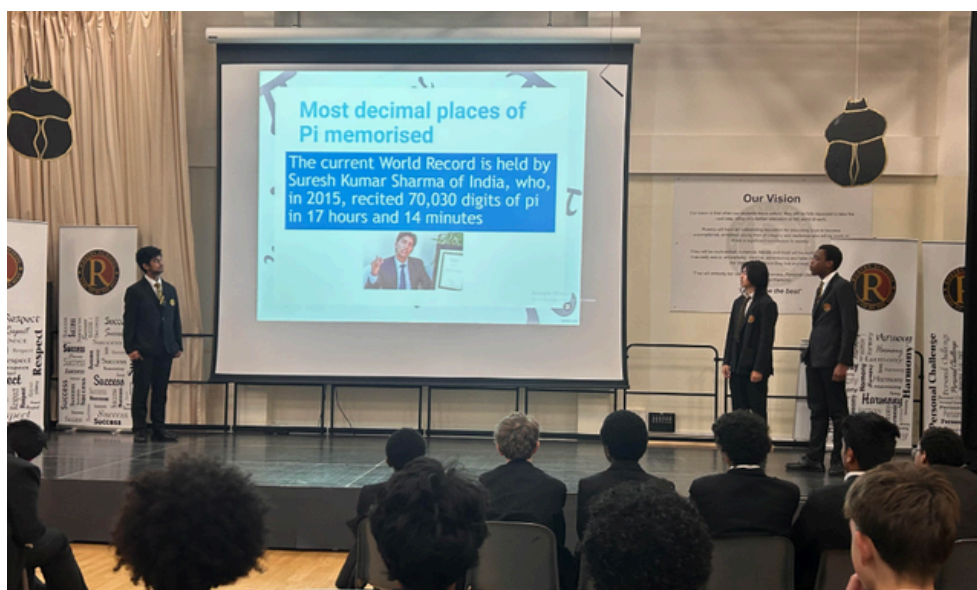
Students also took part by learning some interesting facts about Pi. They discovered that the digits of Pi are infinite and never repeat and that mathematicians have calculated Pi to over 100 trillion digits.

Pi Facts:

- **Infinite Digits:** The digits of Pi never end or repeat.
Record Breaking: As of 2022, Pi has been computed to over 100 trillion digits.
- **Appearance in Nature:** Pi appears in formulas beyond geometry, including physics, engineering and statistics

It was a great way for the Rokeby community to celebrate mathematics together while enjoying a slice of pie.

Mr Uddin



Routes into Languages Spelling Bee Regional Final

On Tuesday 10th March, the MCFL department was proud to host the Routes into Languages Spelling Bee Regional Final for the third year running. Schools from across the East of England attended the event, creating an exciting and competitive atmosphere throughout the evening.

Our finalists - Ismail, Ageesan (7Y) and Yusuf (7R) - represented the school brilliantly. Their impressive knowledge of Spanish and French vocabulary, phonics and spelling was clear to see and they performed with great confidence. Although they narrowly missed out on places in the National Final, they should be extremely proud of their achievements.

The event was a fantastic evening enjoyed by students, staff, and visiting schools alike.

Special thanks go to Ms Baldassarre for organising the Spelling Bee programme and running the heats, and to the members of the MCFL department for their help with judging and calling. We would also like to thank Ms Joshua, who became an honorary member of the department for the evening while judging the German competition.

It was a wonderful event and a great celebration of language learning.

Ms Jenkins

Awards for KS4



On Thursday 5 March, KS4 celebrated their success across all subjects, with many students also receiving pastoral awards. These students have demonstrated through their hard work and consistency that we truly value our school motto: “Dare to be the Best.”

Well done to all the students who were recognised and congratulations to everyone involved. For many teachers, selecting nominees was a difficult decision due to the high standard of effort and achievement shown across the year group.

Ms Hussain and Ms Bailey-Clouston



U13 Junior NBA Basketball

Congratulations to the year 8 Basketball team for their brilliant performance in the first round basketball match in the Junior NBA competition against St Bonaventure's. After an end to end match to kick off this year's Junior NBA competition, special shout out to player of the match Bubacarr Ceesay.

Mr Morse



Poetry

Devil's Trap by Anxhelo 7R.

O people who were destined to fail,
I made you all prevail,
I gave you land and riches,
So why do some have cuts and stitches,
While others have abundant riches,

Cannons and swords are ruling,
Greed is deceiving,
While others are grieving,
Of fallen soldiers,
People making Range Rovers,
Man has fallen too deep,
Money is what devils reap,
When you notice, you don't even make a peep,

People falling,
Wars appalling,
Lives are crueling,
While thrones keep ruling,
Soldiers are dying,
For deals they're fueling
Mankind is falling,
Because the devils ruling,
When you give man everything,
Everything's, not enough...



Poetry

Corruption of Man by Ayan 7R

Spirit cat, sent by God to protect the Earth,
Earth was now the spirit cat's turf,
Earth plain and dry, pale and would die,
But he sought meaning in a meaningless world,
For a story to be told,
But to no avail, Earth had no tale.
He, would not let it fail,
He slayed his soul in the cold,
Blood on the ground, berries grew, nourishing the land.
Life had formed, to let the Earth run, and have fun.
His soul was bestowed to all the land,
But greed had infected man's hand,

Pollution but no solution,
Roots and bushes didn't grow in fruition,
The seas plea, while humans form royal decrees.
They left history behind,
Left for no one to find,
But it will come back to them in due time.

Resources abundant,
Nature not funded,
Trees become dry, forests cry
Man, is full of lies.



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Wellbeing

WHY DO PEOPLE SOMETIMES FIND IT HARD TO TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH?"

Many things can make it hard to talk about mental health.

People often worry about being judged or misunderstood if they open up.

There might also be a lack of knowledge about mental health, making it tough to express feelings.

Talking about mental health can be seen as weak and can also be seen as embarrassing.

Encouraging open conversations and creating a supportive space can help make these discussions easier.



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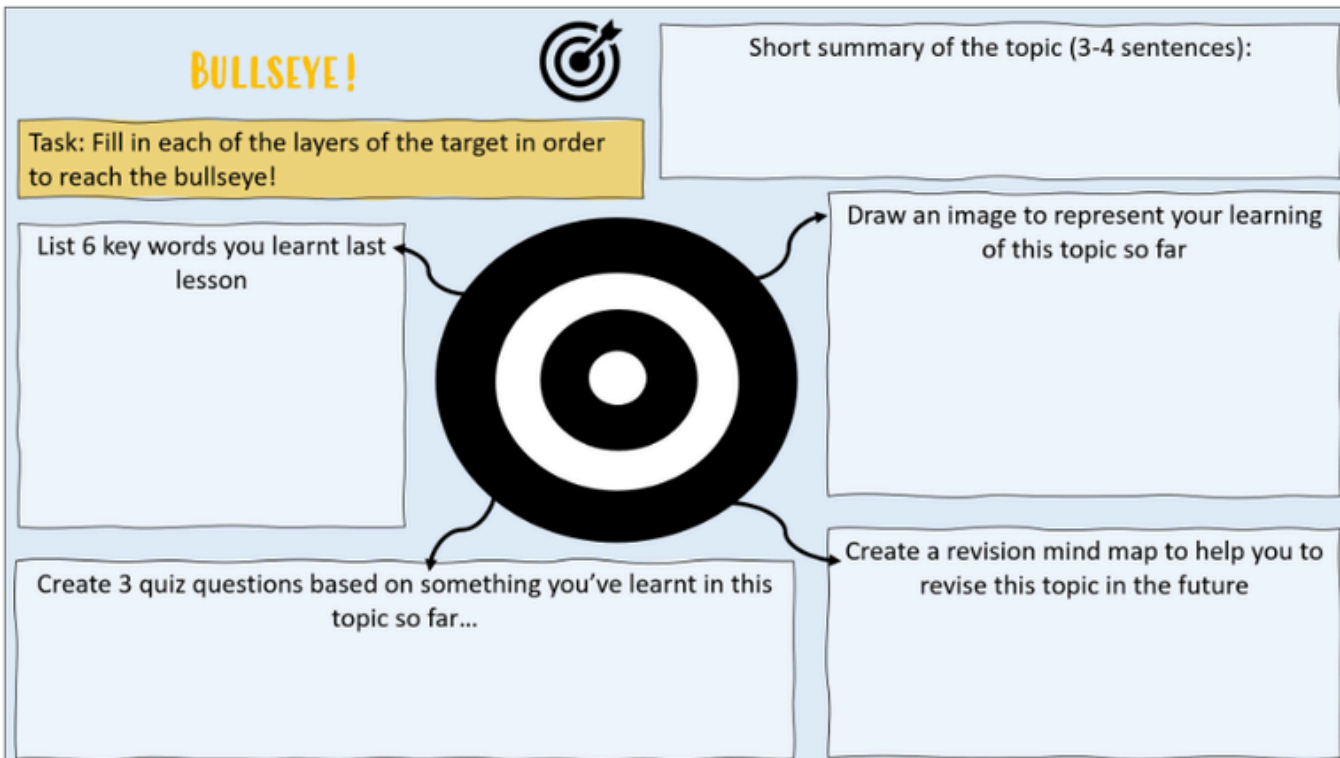
Protecting Children Online

The Internet Safety 101® website (InternetSafety101.org) serves as a digitally-based internet safety resource dedicated to educating, equipping, empowering, and engaging parents, educators, and adults. It provides the necessary knowledge and resources to safeguard children from internet dangers, such as pornography, predators, cyberbullying and threats associated with online gaming, social networking, digital devices and artificial intelligence.



Attention Year 11 Students:

Ms Bailey-Clouston's Weekly Revision Tips: With GCSEs coming up, each department will share a simple, proven technique every week. Try them out, find what works for you, and keep practicing.



Bullseye is a great way to summarise a topic.

Use this technique to check what you know and spot any gaps before going back to lessons.

Put the key ideas in the Centre, important details around them and weaker areas on the outside.

It's a simple and effective way to finalise your learning for any topic.

Year 11 Mock Exams March 2026

	Monday 16th March	Tuesday 17th March	Wednesday 18th March	Thursday 19th March	Friday 20th March
Period 1 & 2	Art All Day	English Language Paper 2 1h 45m	Maths Calculator 1h 30m	Normal Lesson	School Closed
Period 3 & 4	Art All Day	Geography Paper 2 1h 30m	RE 50 m	Normal Lesson	
Period 5	Art All Day	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	
	Monday 23rd March	Tuesday 24th March	Wednesday 25th March	Thursday 26th March	Friday 27th March
Period 1 & 2	Chemistry Paper 2 1h 45m / 1h 10m	Spanish Listening 1h / 45m	Computer Science Paper 1 1h 30m	Design Technology 1h 45m	Food & Nutrition 1h 45m
Period 3 & 4	History The USA, 1954-75 1h 30m	Sociology 1h 45m	French Listening 1h / 45m	GCSE PE 1h	CNAT Sports Studies 1h 15m
Period 5	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson	Normal Lesson

* When you are not involved in an exam you must go to your normal lessons*

MCFL Film Club



Every Thursday Lunchtime

At 13:30




In Spanish with English Subtitles

Rejoignez notre Club de Pétanque!



 **Quand ? Tous les jeudis à 13h30**

 **Où ? Salle de classe de français, G1.**

 **When ? Every Thursday at 1:30pm**

 **Where ? French classroom, G1.**

Rokeby School Lunch Menu

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

Lemon & Herb Piri Piri Chicken with Spicy Rice

TUESDAY

Mexican Style Beef Lasagne, Garden Salad & Homemade Garlic Bread

WEDNESDAY

Lemon & Thyme Roast Chicken, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy

THURSDAY

Chicken Tikka Masala with Pilau Rice & Coriander Salad

FRIDAY

Chip Shop "Fryday" Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas & Tartare Sauce

VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

Piri Piri Quorn, Macho Peas and Spicy Rice (VE)

TUESDAY

Vegetable & Mixed Bean Lasagne, Garden Salad & Homemade Garlic Bread (V)

WEDNESDAY

Roasted Squash & Feta Pie, Seasonal Vegetables or Salad (V)

THURSDAY

Crunchy Topped Macaroni Cheese, House Salad or Seasonal Vegetable (V)

FRIDAY

BBQ Bean Burger with Garden Peas & Chips (VE)

DESSERTS

MONDAY

Spiced Pineapple Cake with Vanilla Sauce

TUESDAY

Apple Strudel & Custard

WEDNESDAY

Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce

THURSDAY

Cookie Dough Fruit Crumble

FRIDAY

Fruit, Jelly & Yoghurt Pots

Fruit and Jelly Pots Available Daily

HOMEMADE SOUP & FRESHLY BAKED BREAD Available Daily

JACKET POTATOES Topped with a Choice of: Cheese, Tuna or Beans Available Daily

Rokeby School Lunch Menu

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

Traditional Sausage & Mash with
Onion Gravy

TUESDAY

Chicken & Tomato Pasta Bake
Served with House salad

WEDNESDAY

Hand Carved Roast British Turkey,
Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables,
& House Gravy

THURSDAY

Sweet & Sour Chicken with Fried Rice

FRIDAY

Chip Shop "Fryday" Fish, Pizza or
Fishcake & Chips with Peas & Tartare
Sauce

VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

Vegan Sausage & Bean Casserole
(VE)

TUESDAY

No Waste Cauliflower Cheese Pasta Bake
(V)

WEDNESDAY

Cheese, Leek and Potato Pie (V)

THURSDAY

Chinese Vegetable Stir-Fry (VE)

FRIDAY

Vegan Quorn & Ranch Slaw Burger Served
with Chips & Peas (VE)

DESSERTS

MONDAY

Dutch Apple
Cake

TUESDAY

Warm Blueberry
Sponge

WEDNESDAY

Apple & Mixed
Berry Crumble
with Vanilla
Sauce

THURSDAY

Banana Pudding
with Custard

FRIDAY

Fruit, Jelly &
yoghurt Pots

Fruit and Jelly Pots Available Daily

**HOMEMADE SOUP &
FRESHLY BAKED BREAD
Available Daily**

**JACKET POTATOES
Topped with a Choice of: Cheese,
Tuna or Beans Available Daily**

Rokeby School Lunch Menu

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

Kung Pao Chicken, Wholegrain & White Egg Fried Rice

TUESDAY

Mac n Cheese Bolognaise Served with a House Salad

WEDNESDAY

Salt & Pepper Roast Chicken, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy

THURSDAY

Chicken Korma with Pilau Rice

FRIDAY

Chip Shop "Fryday" Fish,, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas and Tartare Sauce

VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

Asian Vegetable. Soya Bean & Noodle Stir Fry (VE)

TUESDAY

Plant Based Bolognaise with Wholegrain Pasta & House Salad (VE)

WEDNESDAY

Smashed Butternut Squash Mac and Cheese with Slaw and Garden Salad (V)

THURSDAY

Cauliflower Bhaji Served with Pilau Rice & Minted Yoghurt (V)

FRIDAY

Chickpea, Carrot & Sesame Burger, Asian Slaw, Chips & Peas (V)

DESSERTS

MONDAY

Chocolate & Banana Brownie

TUESDAY

Oaty Apple Crumble & Custard

WEDNESDAY

Sticky Lemon Sponge & Custard

THURSDAY

Baked Churros with Chocolate Sauce

FRIDAY

Fruit, Jelly & Yoghurt Pots

Fruit and Jelly Pots Available Daily

HOMEMADE SOUP & FRESHLY BAKED BREAD Available Daily

JACKET POTATOES Topped with a Choice of: Chees Tuna or Beans Available Daily