



ROKEBY RECORDER

DARE TO BE THE BEST



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**Save The Date
Upcoming Events
for the Autumn Term**



17th September 2026
Meet the Tutors (Years
7-11), 3.30 - 6pm

**23, 24, 30 September
& 1st October 2026**
Year 6 Tours for
prospective parents

3rd October 2026
10am - 12 noon
Open Morning

October 2026
Black History Month

**19th - 30th October
2026**
Half Term Holiday
(2 weeks)

20th November 2026
NCL Staff Learning Day
(school closed to
students)

18th December 2026
Last Day of term

A full list of [term dates](#)
and [events](#) can be
found on our website.

Philosophy for Children: Global Warning



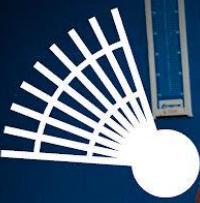
On Tuesday, a distinct atmosphere of focused inquiry took hold at Rokeby School. Rather than sitting through a standard lesson on climate change, students gathered for a special Philosophy for Children (P4C) session led entirely by their peers—the school's P4C Champions.

The initiative put student leadership at the absolute centre of the conversation, using philosophical inquiry to tackle one of the most pressing global challenges of our time: climate change.

Stepping away from traditional teacher-led instruction, the Rokeby P4C Champions took charge of guiding their fellow students through the Community of Inquiry process. The Champions introduced a thought-provoking visual stimulus comparing natural disasters and the impact of climate change. Working in a circle, students were coached by the Champions to push past factual queries and dig into deeper conceptual issues. Rather than stepping in with answers, the student facilitators kept the focus on reasoning: asking peers to ground their points with evidence, challenge assumptions respectfully, and build upon one another's ideas.

Extra Curricular Sports

NEWHAM SPORTS CLUB
SATURDAY SPORTS






**FREE
BADMINTON**

SATURDAYS **YEARS 7 - 11**



ROKEBY & EASTLEA STUDENTS
ONLY 18 PLACES
INDOOR TRAINERS
RACKETS PROVIDED

BOOK YOUR PLACE
10.00AM - 12.00PM

12 SATURDAYS · FROM 12 SEPTEMBER 2026
ROKEBY SCHOOL · BARKING ROAD · LONDON E16 4DD
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NEWHAM SPORTS CLUB
SATURDAY SPORTS






**FREE
FOOTBALL**

SATURDAYS **ROKEBY & EASTLEA STUDENTS**




YEARS 7 - 8 - 9
10.00 - 11.30AM

YEARS 10 & 11
11.30AM - 1.00PM

13 SATURDAYS · 5 SEPTEMBER - 12 DECEMBER 2026
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 Rokeby PE Clubs 			
	Morning 7.30-8.30 am	Lunch 1.30-2pm	After School 3.15-4.15pm
Monday	Basketball coach K	Table Tennis Greenhouse	Table Tennis Greenhouse all ages Mr McKenzie to 4.45 pm
Tuesday	Table Tennis Greenhouse sportshall		Table Tennis Greenhouse all ages Mr McKenzie to 4.45 pm sportshall Basketball coach K sportshall all ages
Wednesday	Basketball coach K Table Tennis Greenhouse	Table Tennis Greenhouse	Football year 10 Astro - Mr Sheriyar Table Tennis Greenhouse all ages Mr McKenzie to 4.45 pm Football year 9 Astro - Mr Seidu Futsal - open to all 4.15pm onwards invite only
Thursday	Basketball coach K	Gym Mrs Bland	Table Tennis Greenhouse all ages Mr McKenzie to 4.45 pm
Friday	Basketball coach K	Table Tennis Greenhouse	Football year 7, 8 Astro - Mr Sheriyar
Saturday	Basketball coach K 10.30-12.30 must sign up to attend Football, Years 7, 8 & 9 - Saturdays, 10.00 to 11.30am must sign up to attend Football, Years 10 & 11 - Saturdays, 11.30am to 1.00pm must sign up to attend Badminton, Years 7 to 11 - Saturdays, 10.00am to 12.00pm (only 18 places) must sign up to attend		

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Information for Parents/Carers

HOUSE OF K.I.N.G.s

PERFORMING ARTS | LEADERSHIP | LIFE SKILLS

House of K.I.N.G.s Saturday School empowers young men to grow into confident, creative, and purpose-driven leaders. In a safe and inspiring space, students explore drama, spoken word, music, and movement while building resilience, self-awareness, and strong values. Our programme blends performing arts with leadership and real-world skills, equipping our K.I.N.G.s to express themselves, lead with integrity, and create positive change.

 **House of K.I.N.G.s Saturday School**
Ages 7-11: 10:00am - 11:30am
Ages 12-18: 11:30am - 15:30pm

 **19th September - 12th December 2026**

 **UEL's Royal Docks Centre for Sustainability**

REGISTER TODAY!



    Supports Community Leadership
ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

 **ANGLO EUROPEAN SCHOOL**

OPEN EVENING

YEAR 7 & INTERNATIONAL SIXTH FORM

Thursday 24 September 2026

16:30 - 20:00



 **LEARN MORE**

 www.aesessex.co.uk  Willow Green, Ingatestone, Essex, CM4 0DJ



Please note that due to the new school building programme, parking will not be available on the school site.

Interested in becoming a teacher?

Apply now

Train to teach in one of our secondary schools

 **NEWHAM COMMUNITY SCITT**

Email: traintoteach@ncltrust.net

Visit: www.ncltrust.net/train-to-teach

 **Eastlea** COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Culture Within Newham: Luminarium at Central Park



Step into a world-famous Luminarium by Architects of Air – a fully accessible artwork inspired by nature and Islamic architecture.

See: Bright colours, glowing light, beautiful patterns

Touch: Soft walls, open spaces, safe pathways

Hear: Quiet music, happy voices, moving footsteps

Feel: Calm, curious, inspired.

For: Everyone!

Dates: 24th - 27th September

Admission: Free

Learn more on the [Luminarium Project Page](#).



Information for Parents/Carers



Fathers and Male Carers Service



Stronger Dads. Stronger Families. Stronger Newham

Being a dad is one of the most important roles in the world, but it can also feel overwhelming, isolating, and sometimes lonely. **That's where we come in.** We are here for fathers and male carers across Newham. Whether you're a new dad, a separated dad, a stepdad, a grandad, or a man caring for a child in any capacity, you belong here. **This is a space where dads are welcomed, valued, and supported.**

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Navigating Family Court
Tue 22 Sep 2026 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm
For dads dealing with legal family disputes



Time Out for Fathers
Wed 14 Oct 2026 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm
For fathers with children aged 0–5 years



Dads Matter: Looking After Your Mental Health
Thu 10 Sep 2026 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Free workshop for dads and male carers



Incredible Years – Parents Course
Tue 22 Sept 2026 | 10:00 – 12:00 pm
Parenting programme to support relationship building



Saturday Fun for Fathers, Male Carers & Children
Every 2 weeks (Saturdays) from 18 Jul 2026 | 10:00 – 12:30 pm
Sports, activities and time together at Shipman Family Hub

To find out more about how we support Fathers and Male Carers, contact dads@newham.gov.uk

Visit our website page by scanning the QR Code:



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Saturday Fun for Fathers, Male Carers & Children

Sports, games, activities and time together!



Every Saturday during term time | From 18 July | 10am–12:30pm

Join us for a relaxed and friendly Saturday morning filled with activities for your family.

Take part in:

- Football, table tennis, dodgeball and pool
- Arts & crafts and board games
- Workshops and group activities

Location: Shipman Family Hub & Youth Zone, E16 3JH

No need to book – just come along.

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Changes to free school meals

From September 2026, Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility will expand across England.



All families receiving Universal Credit will qualify, removing the current £7,400 income threshold.

There will be two benefit-based FSM categories:

Targeted FSM
For pupils in households in receipt of Universal Credit with earned income below £7,400 per year.

Expanded FSM
For all other households in receipt of Universal Credit.



Families are encouraged to apply once during their child's time in a state-funded school in Newham. Unless your name or National Insurance number changes, there is no need for you to reapply.

Eligibility is reviewed regularly using details provided on your latest application.

Only pupils receiving **Targeted FSM** will continue to attract Pupil Premium funding and access to **Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)** programmes.

Transitional protection will end on 31st August 2026, from 1st September 2026 all families must meet the targeted or expanded eligibility criteria to remain entitled to free school meals for the remainder of the academic year.

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INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Term dates and calendar

A reminder that our term dates and calendar, which includes all key dates for the year can be found on our [website](#).

Term dates for 2026-27

Autumn Term	
Autumn Term 1	Wednesday, 2nd September 2026 to Friday, 16th October 2026
Half Term Holiday	Monday 19th October 2026 to Friday 30th October 2026
Autumn Term 2	Monday, 2nd November 2026 to Friday, 18th December 2026
Additional Closures	Tuesday, 1st September 2026: School Staff Learning Day Friday, 20th November 2026: NCL Training Day
Spring Term	
Spring Term 1	Monday, 4th January 2027 to Friday 12th February 2027
Half Term Holiday	Monday 15th February 2027 to Friday, 19th February 2027
Spring Term 2	Monday, 22nd February 2027 to Thursday, 25th March 2027
Summer Term	
Summer Term 1	Monday, 12th April 2027 to Friday, 28th May 2027
Half Term Holiday	Monday, 31st May 2027 to Friday, 4th June 2027
Summer Term 2	Monday, 7th June 2027 to Friday, 16th July 2027
Additional Closures	3rd May 2027: May Day Bank Holiday

FREE BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club runs from 7.30am to 8.30am and students wishing to attend Breakfast Club should arrive via the Main Gate entrance.



GENERAL SCHOOL LINKS:

[Term Dates 2026-27](#)



LUNCH MENU



Innovate

Innovate [Menu](#)



FASHION STOP
SCHOOLWEAR

You may like to know that the school's uniform supplier, Fashion Shop, now has a website where you can order uniform. Here is the [link](#) to the website.

PARENTING SUPPORT & RESOURCES

[Mental health support: adults](#)

[Mental health support: children & young people](#) [Free Money Management Courses for Adults](#)

[Support for those struggling financially](#)

[Support for those worried about winter fuel costs](#) [Community Health](#)

[Champions: Help With Money](#) [NHS Talking Therapies](#)

[Well Newham Directory of Services](#)

[Newham Parenting Programmes](#)

[Moving Up: Support for parents of children moving up to a new school](#)

[NEW Best Start in Life Parent Hub Website](#)

['What I wish my parents or carers knew ...': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives](#)

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