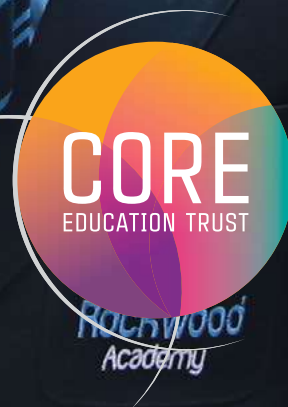


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HEADTEACHER



DEAR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND COMMUNITY,

What an excellent autumn term we've had, full of an array of achievements

from both students and staff. Our students have participated in some amazing experiences both in and outside the classroom. We are sharing some of the highlights in this newsletter for you to enjoy. All members of the academy and local community should be very proud of our students' achievements.

Rockwood is a high achieving academy and a delightful place to learn and grow. It is a place where students' talents and abilities are nurtured and where they develop their ambitions and the power of self-determination through our values of Collaboration, Opportunity, Respect and Excellence. The academy has been very settled and purposeful, and majority of students are making the expected progress with some achieving well beyond their targets. I would like to say thank you to my colleagues who work extremely hard every day to ensure we do the best for all students.

At Rockwood we make a significant effort to provide students with a wide variety of extra-curricular activities ranging from sports teams to music performances. A flavour of the events which have taken place during this autumn term include the Duke of

Edinburgh, Mosaic mentoring, Cadets, School of Tennis.

We are excited about the prospect of receiving the news very soon that Rockwood and Nansen have successfully been named in the Guinness book of World Records after attempting the world largest fencing lesson; you can watch the video on our academy website. At the end of term of this term, our year 10 & 11 students will be on an excursion in Snowdonia as part of the geography field trip.

I'd like to show gratitude to all those who have recently supported the Winter Festival performance where our students showcased their talents, as well as Christmas Jumper Day. Our aim is to provide an education which creates opportunities for our students to become academic, confident and characterful young adults.

I'd like to wish you and your families a happy and restful Christmas break.

Ms Sofia Darr Headteacher



AMBASSADORS



On the 11th of October our Core Ambassadors from Rockwood Academy, Nylah Butt and Ahmed Alasow, attended the official CORE headquarters to meet their fellow ambassadors from the CORE trust academies. It is fair to say that this is leadership taken to a whole new level, as students were able to discuss the key values of what makes us a CORE family. Watch this space for further developments on how collaboration is the key to more opportunity, respect and excellence.

CORE VALUES

COLLABORATION

'5 SOLDIERS' DANCE PROJECT

On Friday 13th October 2017, a group of our students performed in front of a live audience at the Golden Hillock Army Barracks as the opening act for the renowned '5 Soldiers' dance show. The '5 Soldiers' project was a collaboration with the Rosie Kay Dance Company. The performance highlighted the experiences of soldiers who had served in recent conflicts. Our students were so amazing that they have been invited back to open the show when it returns in 2018. A special well done goes to the following students:



OPPORTUNITY GUINNESS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT



A total of 300 children from Rockwood Academy and Nansen Primary School joined forces on Wednesday, 27th September to collaborate on a very special world record attempt – the largest ever fencing lesson.

The feat took place at Rockwood Academy shortly after noon and was staged to mark

National Fitness Day, a major initiative by not-for-profit sports body ukactive, whose aim is to get more people more active more often.

The event also celebrated a deepening partnership between CORE Education Trust academies, national physical activity provider Premier and ukactive.

In order to set the world record, the lesson had to last for 30 minutes and exceed 250 participants. Independent auditors monitored the attempt and details are to be submitted to Guinness for approval as a bona fide World Record.

Ben Peggs, one of the country's leading fencers said: "It's incredible that we managed to get 300 kids fencing with a sword in their hands and they all listened

and showed an interest in learning new skills."

"Traditionally fencing has been quite difficult to break into but there's now a range of cost effective kit which is making the sport more accessible. The great thing about fencing is that it encompasses so many aspects of different sports – you have to be fast, dynamic and be able to think on your feet."

Ben's most recent accomplishment was the silver medal at the British National Championships in April 2016, after taking a gold medal in the Men's Foil Team Event at the European Games in Baku in June 2015.

We are expecting to hear very soon from Guinness as to whether we have been successful.

RESPECT POPPY SALE

In the run up to Remembrance Day prefects sold poppies and collected donations for the annual Poppy Appeal. Students attended assemblies on Remembrance Day and discussed the importance

of the day; they learnt that 11th November marks the end of the First World War. On the day we remember and thank the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve for our freedom. Students also proudly wore their poppies, wristbands and pins as a symbol of remembrance.



EXCELLENCE GCSE RESULTS 2017

In the top 3% of schools nationally.

In Summer 2017, Rockwood Academy proudly announced its GCSE results, commending its students and staff for achieving the most successful year in the academy's history since the new measures.

The School Performance Tables, published by the Department for Education, has confirmed this success and establishes Rockwood within the top 3% of schools across the country for progress in GCSE performance. This is an impressive outcome that is testament to the hard work and commitment of Rockwood students, staff and parents. The exceptional result continues an upward trend in the academy's performance and represents a remarkable achievement for us all.

The school has performed above the national average in every headline measure, achieving a Progress 8 score of +0.82, classified by the DfE as "well above average." Our Attainment 8 score of 46.9 points was significantly greater than the national and local averages of 44.2 and 45.8 points respectively.

Also impressive was the number of students that achieved the coveted Grade 9-7 results. At Rockwood, 23% of students achieved these top results, which compares well to 20% across England.

Headteacher, Sofia Darr, said: "It is fantastic to see the academy's success now publicly recognised by the DfE. We are very proud of our community and continue to extend our congratulations to our Year 11 alumni who have

successfully secured places in further education and training. Since joining the school, I have continued to be impressed by the dedication of all of the staff here. I have no doubt that the teachers and students will continue to consolidate and build on this year's success and I look forward to working with them and parents to continue driving our academy forward."



CURRICULUM

ART Year 7

This term year 7 pupils have been exploring the festival of the Day of the Dead. The MFL and the Art department joined forces to create a co-curricular activity day, when pupils learnt key words and traditions of this festival in Spanish and create their own Day of the Dead masks.

Key Stage 4 Art

During this term, all of the GCSE pupils have been working relentlessly hard looking at themes of structure, portraiture and pattern as well as many others. They have been using a wide range of materials to create interesting and engaging study pages in their sketch books. For the year 11 group their exam papers will arrive in January 2018. Let's wish them good luck in working on their new project and creating

beautiful and inspiring work.

On 7th December the Year 11 GCSE Art group embarked on a trip to the Tate Modern Art Gallery in London. What better way to do research and be inspired through immersion in great Art.

Ms G Codona, Head of Art



Year 11 - Textiles

Students are currently working in their sketchbooks on their coursework portfolio. Their theme, Places & Habitations, has allowed each student to explore a range of mixed media & contemporary artists. This gives them inspiration and ideas, helping them to develop their own style and pieces of Textile Art. Ms Nanglu

BUSINESS & ICT

The busy start to the academic term has seen students in the Business Department learn about entrepreneurship and the qualities required to be a successful entrepreneur. The topic proved to be extremely popular and saw the students come up with their own top five qualities needed to be successful entrepreneurs.

Confidence

Self-awareness, conviction in ability to succeed, action-oriented, pro-active.

Promoter

Communicator, speaks boldly, storyteller, ambassador, persuasive, enthusiastic.

Creative thinker

Firing off many ideas, curious, quick learner, exploratory, imaginative, alert.

Risk-taker

Optimistic, rational decisions, charismatic, confident, will to win, can deal with complexity.

Determination

Persistent, eager to act, confront obstacles, not deterred by roadblocks.

Mr Finnedan, Head of ICT



CAREERS Year 10 careers NEC visit

To support their career's journey further, the year 10 students visited The National Skills show on Thursday 16th of November 2017 at the National Exhibition Centre. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to engage in conversations with employers and further education providers about future ambitions and routes available to them once they leave the academy.

Students commented on how they had gained confidence in pursuing their dream careers and found the event very informative.

Mr Malik, Director of Learning and Outcomes

CITIZENSHIP

As part of the extended citizenship curriculum Rockwood Academy year 10 & 11 students were offered the opportunity to attend the prestigious UK Active National Summit on the 1st November 2017 in Westminster. The UK active National Summit is the biggest gathering of physical activity stakeholders from across the UK, delivering ambitions for a healthy, active nation with physical activity at the heart of the preventative health agenda.

The 2017 summit examined how society can harness the powerful benefits of physical activity. Physical activity was discussed as being one of the solutions to the collective health and wellbeing of the

nation, and its role in supporting issues such as an ageing society, social cohesion, and shaping the future health of children and young people.

Students discussed their experiences of education and reflected on what they feel might be improved with alternative approaches to the curriculum in primary schools. They proved themselves as very eloquent and confident public speakers.

Zain Rafiq, Asaif Ali, Humna Shezad and Sapna Haidar represented the academy on an international stage, providing their views regarding the subject in hand.

Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson congratulated the students on pioneering the UKActivist movement.

Mr Malik, Director of Learning and Outcomes





DRAMA

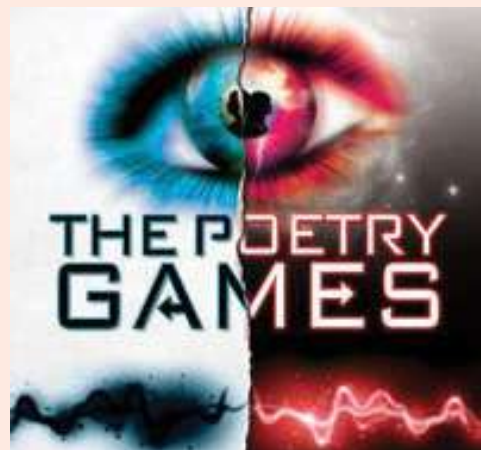
In Drama lessons this term, students have been very busy understanding what An Inspector Calls is and doing a written paper on it as well as rehearsing scenes from it. We've also looked at different types of stages that are used in the world of theatre. Year 10 have started component 1 of their GCSE Edexcel Drama course and are creating their own performances based around their carefully selected and varied stimuli: taken from war, a robbery and make-up. Both year 9 and 10 enjoyed rehearsing and performing Mark Wheeler's play 'Scratching the Surface' recently, which opened up their eyes to alarming statistics and shocking anecdotes around teenagers who are self-harming. We also looked at other teenage issues such as anxiety, depression and anorexia.

Mr Lewis, Teacher of English/ Drama

ENGLISH

Our wonderful Year 7 and 8 students have been creating poems for the Poetry Games Competition this term, producing poems on topics they feel passionate about. They have either chosen to be part of Team Truth, writing from the heart and sharing their thoughts and emotions, or Team Dare, whereby they have voiced an opinion for something they believe in. We are really proud of their efforts with these poems and hope to see some of them published!

Mrs Mahmood, Head of English



GEOGRAPHY

Geography meets Library on a Desert Island.

Year 7 pupils have worked hard on their "Survival" topic in geography, and, in collaboration with the library, listed their three desert island books. The result is this display which can be found outside the library.

Well done to the prize winning entries received from Sara, Natasha, Nylah and Mahdi.

Year 11 Geography Field Trip

As part of their GCSE Geography course Year 11 students will travel to Wales in December to apply their field work skills in the beautiful surroundings of Betws-y-coed. They will undertake geographical enquiries collecting data and showing an understanding of both physical and human Geography.

Ms Taj, Head of Geography



HISTORY Black History Month

The history department at Rockwood Academy was pleased to offer students the chance to recognise, appreciate and celebrate the anniversary of Black History Month. During their History and SMSC sessions students explored the contributions of key influential figures

that have shone and continue to shine as a beacon of light for the ongoing struggles for justice and equality.

Year 8 Black Country Living Museum Visit

On 7th December 2017 the students in Year 8 travelled to the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley. The students stepped back in time experiencing what life was like in 1830 when the first

industrial landscape anywhere in the world emerged in the Black Country. Experiences included visiting a hardware shop and watching a silent movie featuring Laurel and Hardy. On return Adam Khan stated that he had a fantastic time. This sentiment was shared by the rest of the Year 8 students.

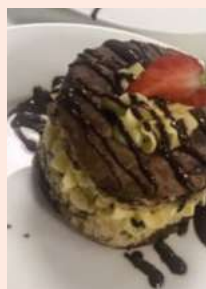
Mr Singh, Head of History

HOSPITALITY & CATERING

Cake & Bake Show Manchester Event city
Year 10 Catering & Hospitality

Students had a fantastic time, sampling sweet & savoury treats, watching live demonstrations from professional chefs and bakers. Students took photos with Great British Bake off winner Candice Brown and Selasi. There was an amazing array of cakes & bakes demonstrating high skills, presentation techniques and creativity.

Ms Chattaway, Teacher of D&T



MATHEMATICS

All students have embraced the addition of numeracy activities during form time. The maths department also highly recommends for all students to supplement their learning experiences in the classroom by accessing Maths Watch and My Maths outside of academy hours.

Mr Makwana Head of Maths

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

European Day of Languages

This was one of the many comments expressed by the Rockwood staff members after students from Years 7 & 8 took part in the annual European Day of Languages on the 26th September 2017. Rockwood celebrated its cultural and linguistic diversity by embracing over 38 languages spoken all around the world, some of which included languages the students had never heard of before, such as: Yoruba, Zulu & Quecha!

Students took part in a competition in which they had 2 days to find out what language staff members were representing around school. Each staff member had a designated sticker to wear with a greeting in a foreign language and students had the challenge to find all 38 within the 2 day deadline. It would be fair to say that the staff felt like celebrities for the day as students bombarded them for signature requests during the fierce competition!

In addition to this, students also used

their own time to independently research the names of countries where the languages were spoken and consequently found out that Yoruba is actually spoken in West Africa!

It was a very competitive event but the following students were crowned Champion Linguists! Each winner received a personalised certificate and a special lunch with our Headteacher- Señorita Darr! A massive well done to the 2017 Champions!

Gold award: Sahra Nadif 7E

Silver award: Khadija Bibi 7T

Bronze award: Leena Hussain 7E

Overall it was an extremely successful event and we look forward to next year where there will be more opportunity for Rockwood Academy to show off their linguistic talents.

Día de los muertos

It is fair to say that language cannot be detached from culture. This is why as a Modern Foreign Languages Department



we have decided it is a great idea to encourage the celebration of important festivals in Spanish culture.

Therefore, at Rockwood Academy Year 7 Spanish students have been celebrating "El Día de los Muertos"; this has been a great way to familiarise our students with Hispanic cultures, traditions, and diversity. Students have been creating, designing and making a range of projects to represent their understanding of "The Day of the Dead". Some students have even been baking cakes / cookies, whilst others have painted and created great pieces of art work such as skulls/cemeteries.

"It was great to see pupils engaged, motivated and buzzing with excitement around the school!"

Ms Anjam, Head of MFL

MUSIC

Students at Rockwood Academy have been really excelling in the music department this term. With over 100 students taking extra music lessons, the school is alive with the sound of plenty of different instruments. From strings to brass, woodwind to dhol drums and everything in between, it seems that there is something for everyone here!

Well done everyone! Keep practising!

Winter Festival 2017

Many of our talented students will take to the stage on 15th December 2017 and perform at the Rockwood Academy

Winter Festival. Individual students as well as ensembles will sing and play seasonal music. The audience can expect a programme brimming with crowd pleasers to tap and sing along.

Miss Wilkins, Teacher of Music



PE DEPARTMENT

This academic year we have started a partnership with Premier Education to work with our students and parents on sport and wellbeing. Strengthening our PE provision, Lee Allwood and Jess Bennetts are not only supporting students in making progress in lessons, but they are also running a large variety of lunchtime and after school sporting activities ranging from football to table tennis and many more. Fixtures against the other CORE Education Trust schools will take place in the new year. Please check our website for further information. Ms Morrison, Head of PE

RE Peace and Reflection corner



Here at Rockwood Academy, we understand that our students come from a wide range of religious backgrounds, cultures, traditions and beliefs. We think it is pivotal to embrace such diversity. As a result, the RE department have set up a peace and reflection corner in the main hall for students to access during lunch and break times. The peace and reflection corner has many interesting artefacts from different religions, textbooks and leaflets for students to learn more about religion and diversity as well as a space for pupils to pray, think or even reflect.

Mr Nore, Director of Learning & Outcomes / Head of RE

SCIENCE Science Open Evening

On the 5th of October the Science department were super thrilled to be able to show off their weird and wacky Science skills to Rockwood's prospective Year 7 students, as part of the Year 6 Open Evening. The Year 6 students watched with awe and wonder as the experiments gave them a flavour of what's to come for them as a Rockwood scientist. Well done to all those who risked their lives, yet ignited passion and intrigue for the newbies.

Year 7 Trip to the Natural History Museum

The whole of Year 7 travelled on 7th December to London to experience learning outside the classroom. The students were inspired by the vast array of exhibits and returned to Rockwood enthused about Science. Natasha Kausar explained that she had been most impressed by the meteorite exhibition and had enjoyed the life like dinosaurs on show.

Triple Science

Selected students who have made exceptional progress in combined sciences will have the opportunity to extend their studies to triple science in the spring term.

Mr Hussain, Head of Science



KS3 PASTORAL MANAGER MESSAGES



YEAR 7 – MS SHAHEEN

I am extremely honoured to be the Pastoral Manager for Year 7. Moving from primary to secondary can be very stressful time, however, Year 7 have come in with a positive mind set towards learning: they have made good friends and developed positive relationships with their teachers.

EVENTS

A total of 300 children from Rockwood Academy and Nansen Primary School joined forces on Wednesday, 27th September to collaborate on a very special world record attempt – the World's largest fencing lesson. Year 7 had a fantastic day of which they thoroughly enjoyed taking part and learning a sport that was new to them.

On 7th December the whole year group set off to London to visit the Natural History Museum to experience learning outside the classroom.



SUCCESSSES

Nylah Butt represents not only Year 7, but Rockwood Academy as CORE Ambassador and will shape student experiences trust wide.



YEAR 8 – MS WALKER

It has been a wonderful start to the new academic term for our Year 8 pupils. Whilst education is at the forefront of the Academy: extracurricular activities have further shaped the experiences our pupils have received. On a weekly basis, Year 8 pupils are encouraged to take part in Fitness, Badminton and Fencing classes which have been a huge success. I am extremely honoured to be part of the journey that the pupils are on.



EVENTS

Rockwood Academy continues its partnership with the CCF and is proud to announce that a large number of Year 8 pupils are now involved in taking part the programme and the opportunities it has to offer.

The whole year group travelled to the Black Country Living Museum on 7th December to experience first hand what it was like to live during Victorian times.

SUCCESSSES

On Friday 13th October 2017, one of our Year 8 pupils, Alisha Khan, along with a group of year 9 students danced in front of a live audience at the Golden Hillock Army Barracks as the opening act for the renowned 5 Soldiers dance show. Well done Alisha!

KS4 PASTORAL MANAGER MESSAGES



YEAR 9 – MR ALI

Year 9 have settled in well this term and are showing great commitment to their chosen GCSE courses. Many students are now in the second of year of the Cadets programme. I look forward to joining them on the weekend residentials once I have completed my training.

EVENTS

Year 9 students proudly represented the academy in the 5 Soldiers project. Students are looking forward to attending the 101 Dalmatians performance at the REP theatre as their reward.

SUCCESSSES

Malaika Ali 9B was the student of the term.



YEAR 10 – MR KHAN

I am excited to be the new Pastoral manager for year 10. I have received a warm welcome from the students and families. I am delighted to join the Rockwood team on its journey from good to outstanding.

EVENTS

I was delighted to hear about the experiences my students had at the NEC Skills show. They are keen and motivated to do well in their studies.

SUCCESSSES

Aleshaba Rukhsar 10S was the student of the term.



YEAR 11 – MR DHILLON

I've only been at Rockwood for a short while however I am pleased to say the year group is well focused on their goals and aspirations. I am delighted to see so many students attending intervention sessions after hours and on Saturdays.

The mock week proved to be a real success with pupils experiencing their GCSE papers as if they were the real thing! As they say: prior preparation prevents poor performance!

EVENTS

Tate Gallery visit took place this term allowing students to explore different artists and learn outside the classroom. The Geography field trip is planned at the end of this term for both year 10 & year 11 students.

SUCCESSSES

Zain Rafiq, Head Boy represented the academy at the UKActive summit in London and impressed the audience with his insightful analogies.



CO-CURRICULAR

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME AT THE ACADEMY - CLUBS



As the term co-curricular suggests the activities that we offer outside the timetable are aimed at enhancing the curriculum or to equip students with skills that support them in accessing the curriculum. Being able to explore the love for Science through attending Science club or building up resilience by learning a new and perhaps difficult sport, are only 2 examples of how students benefit from the activities on offer. Our aim is that every student in the academy has taken part in at least one activity during the academic year.

This term students have enjoyed a great variety of new lunchtime and after school activities as part of our revised, extensive co-curricular programme. There is something on offer for everyone every day of the week. As a new and exciting aspect of the programme, team sports will go 'competitive' next term when our students will be playing matches against other schools. For further detail please visit the published programme on our website.

Mrs Maes-Prior, Deputy Headteacher



LIBRARY

The library has proven to be exceptionally popular at break and lunchtimes and the student librarians are doing a marvellous job helping with the running of the library. This year the school library has been successful in bidding for a grant from The Foyle Foundation to restock the fiction, Accelerated Reader and graphic novels shelves. This support has been gratefully received and there are some delighted pupils who have been eagerly anticipating the arrival of the new books. At the start of the academic year each form group has received a book box and reading has now become an integral part of the form time programme. The Accelerated Readers programme continues to run this year and the academy has also invested in Lexia – a phonics led reading skills programme. But the library is not just about books. Many students use the library to do their homework or to conduct research using the computers. Others meet with friends to play board games and to take part in the board games tournaments.

Ms Cook, Librarian



PARENT ENGAGEMENT

AFTERNOON TEA WITH THE HEADTEACHER

On 18th October 201, Ms Darr welcomed parents to the first Afternoon Tea with the Headteacher. Ms Darr presented her vision for academic, characterful and confident students and shared an overview of the opportunities on offer for students and parents.

Mrs Maes-Prior - Deputy Headteacher



PARENT LITERACY AND NUMERACY CLASSES

Run every Wednesday from 9.00 to 12.30 pm

Parent classes have successfully been running for 10 years, with a tutor from Mathew Bolton College working alongside with the parents of children from Rockwood Academy.

The course starts from P levels up to Level 2. Every year, the parents enrol at the school and are encouraged to join classes to build up their own self-confidence and also enable them to participate in their child's learning.

Ms Abhi - HLTA

YEAR 10 AND 11 PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

On Thursday 23rd November, Rockwood Academy hosted the first Parent Information Evening for Year 10 students followed by the Year 11 Parent Information Evening on Thursday 30th November. It was a great turnout with parents, students and teachers working collaboratively to ensure the fantastic outcomes for August 2018 and 2019. One parent commented: 'There have been so many changes to the GCSEs over the last few years. I felt quite lost before the information evening, but now I have a much better understanding and feel that I can support my daughter.'

Mrs Munton - Assistant Headteacher



PARTNERSHIPS

YEAR 7 SUMMER PROJECT

The New Year 7 students were given a project to complete over the summer holidays as part of their induction. They had to complete a series of tasks to the best of their abilities. This stretched and challenged the individuals in various ways by enhancing the skills they brought over from primary school. When they were submitted in September, there were 8 winners within the Year group. Their work exemplified the Rockwood CORE values as well as the hard work and effort they had put into it over the summer holidays. The winners in Year 7 were:

Mohammed Ali Tayibah Zaynab Raja Idris Khan
Samiya Islam Hafsa Hussain Hamza Ali
Shannon Salim Hammad Asrar

Mrs Maes - Prior - Deputy Headteacher



CADETS

The academy started its second year of cadets in September with an intake of 29 new cadets. Since joining as cadets; students have received training in navigation, drill and weapon handling. They also took part in a day's training where they were introduced to and learnt how to cook army rations, as well as the art of camouflage and concealment. The year 2 cadets have been busy learning how to teach, which they put to use training the new cadets on the training day. They have also recently started their leadership training to help prepare them to become better leaders and mentors.

Mr Newbrook - CCF Commander

MACMILLAN CHILDREN IN NEED

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We held our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning on Monday 2nd October 2017. Parents and staff who attended the coffee morning were treated to a large variety of cakes donated by our staff, students and parents. We raised £157.91. A special thank you to the students who helped to set up run the coffee morning



Children in Need 2017

Children in Need on Friday 17th November 2017 saw our students come to school in their trainers, our staff come to work in yellow and lots of cake was donated and eaten by all which resulted in Rockwood Academy raising an amazing £465.32. Thanks to the efforts of our staff, students and parents.

World Aids Day

Rockwood students proudly wore red ribbons to raise awareness and funds in support of the Terrence Higgins Trust.

Ms Bi-Baroo - TA

NEC Wheelchair Masters 2017

Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 had the fantastic opportunity on 2nd November 2017 to attend the NEC Wheelchair Masters and observe tennis excellence. What a privilege to see the reigning Paralympic champion Gordon Reid in action!

Mr Newbrook
Outdoor Educational Co-ordinator



LITERACY FOR LIFE

As part of The Literacy for Life project last year, I set Summer Holiday homework and a challenge for all students to build a Castle and bring it in on the first day back in September.

There was a promise of a prize for the best castle.

Noor produced an amazing castle which he designed; he worked with his father over the holiday in the construction of the turrets. This was a real team effort and Noor was SO proud. His prize....the beautiful goblet from Warwick Castle.

Well done Noor...and Dad.

Ms D Arnold - Teacher of English



MP VISIT TO THE ACADEMY

On 20th October 2017, our students explored the British Value of Democracy during a visit with the local MP Liam Byrne. This was a fantastic opportunity to discuss topics such as equality, justice, aid and doing more to protect the world's children. These are issues which matter most to our young people. Our students enjoy the regular visits by their MP as they are ambitious and want to make a difference in their local community, but also nationally. This is highlighted by the number of partnerships the students are engaging in and the charity work they do. The MacMillan Coffee Morning and the Children in Need Fundraiser are just 2 examples. In the run up to the Winter Festival (15.12.2017) the students will raise money for homeless people in Birmingham. Ms Bi-Baroo - TA

HEAD BOY AND GIRL



Head Boy and Girl meet Chair of Governors, Dr Steve Ball

On the 19th of October our Head Boy, Zain Rafiq, and Head Girl, Fatima Munir, had the pleasure of meeting with the Chair of Governors, Dr Steve Ball. The students had the opportunity to proudly showcase the academy and spoke with honour and pride about their positions as role models and leaders within the school. We are sure that Zain and Fatima will continue to have a very busy and productive year ahead as representatives of our Academy.

HELPING THE HOMELESS



Rockwood Academy in Conjunction with the Salvation Army Presents:

The Winter Shoe Box Campaign in Aid of the Birmingham Homeless

Please bring in a filled shoebox, or any smaller contributions you are able to make.

See your form tutor for a list of suitable items.

Please bring in your donations by Wednesday 13th December



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