



PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
15th November 2010

ROKEBY BOYS AT WAR MEMORIAL SERVICE

The moving remembrance ceremony at the New Malden War Memorial on Sunday 14th November was attended by the Worshipful Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames. The head boy and deputy, Osama Salam and Matthew Bailey had the honour of laying a wreath in memory of Ian Willoughby Bazalgette who was a former pupil at Rokeby School.

Squadron Leader Bazalgette, DFC, RAFVR was awarded the Victoria Cross during World War II. The V.C was instituted by Queen Victoria in 1854 and awarded for overwhelming acts of heroism. It was and remains Britain's highest award and continues to be the only decoration that can be awarded posthumously; to both commissioned and non-commissioned ranks of all three armed forces. Rokeby School is proud of Bazalgette's achievements and one of our houses bears his name.

A great many service people from the small town of New Malden were lost in both the First and Second World Wars and the war memorial acts as a constant reminder of the sacrifice made by these brave men and women in the cause of freedom and democracy.

Mrs. Millar, Head of History who organized the wreath laying said, “It is so important for our young people to honour and respect those who made and continue to make the ultimate sacrifice for their country.”

Rokeby School is an Independent Preparatory Boys School located on the Coombe Road Estate, George Road in Kingston. Educating boys from 4 to 13, Rokeby’s impressive facilities deliver first class opportunities in the academic arena, sports and the arts. Rokeby has an outstanding record of success in Common Entrance and Scholarships to leading Independent Schools.

ENDS

Notes to Editor:

1. Boys’ Preparatory Education from 4 to 13
2. Impressive facilities delivering first class opportunities in the academic arena, sports and the arts.
3. A determination to offer these opportunities to each and every boy entrusted to us and to help them to engage with the learning; and
4. A strong basis for achieving well in many areas and gaining access to some of the finest secondary schools in the country.
5. Rokeby has an outstanding record of success in Common Entrance and Scholarships to leading Independent Schools.

For further information contact:

Tracy Ward, Marketing & Communications Manager, Rokeby School, George Road, Kingston Upon Thames, Surrey KT2 7PB. Tel: 0208 942 2247

www.rokebyschool.co.uk

Attached Photo (from left to right):

Photo 1:

Deputy Head Boy – Osama Salam and Deputy Head Boy – Matthew Bailey