



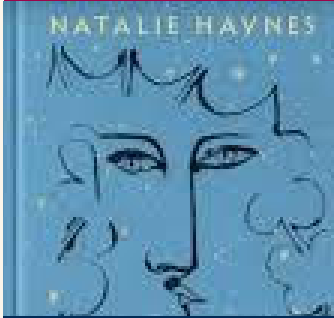
ROEDEANIAN
SOCIETY

The Roedeanian



Autumn 2020

Developments at Roedean 2020



Sixth form Classicists had the opportunity to attend a webinar given by author Natalie Haynes.



Macmillan Coffee Morning - over 1000 pieces of cake were made by the catering team, and over £330 raised.



Year 7s enjoying the fantastic September weather on the School Farm.



House 3 activities for Mental Health Awareness Week.



Congratulations to the School's new Prefect Team.



Enjoying the new Cricket Cages - kindly donated by an OR.

Alumnae Events



Congratulations to OR Jean Noble (pictured with her paintings at the Mall Galleries) on having two paintings accepted for this year's Society of Women Artists open online exhibition.



ORs Catherine Winders, Lauren Tarry and Teresa Outhwaite - their first meeting altogether since 1991!

Introduction

Welcome to the latest edition of The Roedeanian magazine. In this extraordinary time, against a changing and challenging background, we are delighted to have started the school year and ensured the continuation of education at Roedean for all our girls. After twenty-four weeks of absence from the Roedean site, it is truly wonderful for the fields, corridors, and classrooms to be full of smiling faces and excited voices once more.

At a time when so many other things are uncertain and concerning, our commitment to continuing as much as possible, as normally as possible, will provide the girls with much-needed stability and certainty as we continue to emerge from this crisis. I am immensely proud of the great strides forward Roedean is taking, and I have no doubt that you share this pride.

Despite restrictions life at Roedean continues to be busy and varied. We were very proud to support Black History Month this October, and celebrated with a week long programme of events, culminating in a day conference celebrating Black History. I would like to thank all our girls and staff throughout the School who are shining a light on our shared history and providing a platform for more voices.

I am also thrilled that we have now published our new book 100 Roedeanians. Inspired by the 100th anniversary of the suffrage in 2018, the girls researched and wrote about ORs who inspired them. The result is this book, the proceeds from which will support the Secret Garden Library at St. Marks Primary.

With best wishes

Oliver Blond
Headmaster



Available for pre-order
from [Roedean.co.uk/shop](https://roedean.co.uk/shop)

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School Highlights

Roedeian Prefects Attend the Girls' Leadership Summit at Roedeian South Africa

On Saturday 5 September, both Roedeian Head Girls and other Prefects attended the Girls' Leadership Summit 2020, hosted by our sister school, Roedeian South Africa. The summit, which was virtual for the first time, aimed to give girls a platform on which to be able to discuss women in leadership and the injustices impacting young female leaders in our world today.

Eden, one of our Head Girls, really enjoyed the experience: 'A diverse panel of brilliant speakers, including students from Roedeian South Africa, shared their views about topics such as climate change, the Black Lives Matter movement, and role of women in the COVID-19 pandemic. It was incredibly inspiring to hear from such strong and intelligent female role models, speaking about issues they see in the

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ROEDEIAN SCHOOL (SA)
INSPIRING A LIFE OF SIGNIFICANCE

Service in Leadership



5 September 2020 | 12pm



world and are passionate about changing. This was an extremely beneficial event for some of our Prefect team to be involved in at the beginning of this academic year, as we would also like to create a school in which every girl can be the leader she wants to be. Ideas such as redefining leadership and the power of collective actions over individual ones only scratch the surface of what we have taken away from the summit. Therefore, we would like to say a huge thank you to Roedeian South Africa for hosting us, and to Dr Barrand for organising our participation.'

The Roedeian Spirit

In this extraordinary time, staff at the School continue to work tirelessly to ensure the school is 'COVID Secure', and we are proud to support the BSA's COVID-Safe Charter. This is a valuable and reassuring initiative, demonstrating that the School has taken all reasonable steps and undertaken rigorous planning to ensure the safety of our students and staff. The principles of a COVID-Secure School and Working Environment are designed to make everyone in our community feel safe and comfortable at Roedeian.

As we progress through this period of a second lockdown in England, we are continuing to review all of the measures in school to ensure the safety of all of our staff and students, while continuing to provide the girls with an as close to normal school experience as possible. We are proud that the School already had in place many of the required measures and practices.



Times are not easy, but our purpose is as strong as ever, and it is even more important at the current time to recognise that the role we have in educating and caring for the next generation is one of the most important.

Everyone in our community has been supporting each other to adapt to the new environment. Despite the restrictions and changes to the school day, the buzz, enthusiasm and community spirit remains the same, and we continue to be delighted be able to offer on-site and in-person learning.

For more information on Roedeian's principles, and prevention plan, for a COVID-Secure School and working environment, please see the Roedeian Community Network.

<https://community.roedeian.co.uk/news/school-news/454/454-Roedeian-is-back>



Black History Month (and event)

We are very proud that Roedeian supported Black History Month this October. Roedeian celebrated with a week long programme of interactive events and exhibitions that enabled staff and pupils to all learn more about the rich histories and cultures that constitute Black History. The week ended with Roedeian's conference celebrating Black History. This event for the whole school brought ten excellent speakers to School, all speaking remotely, including two ORs, to discuss this subject from a range of perspectives.

If you would like to read more about how the School supported Black History Month, and the conference, please log on to the [Roedeian Community Network](#).



Ashlyn's Research Paper

Congratulations to Ashlyn (Yr13), who has undertaken independent research into how well the decoupling theorem works with a quantum computer - she wrote this up as a research paper, which has been accepted by the 2020 International Conference on Energy Science and Engineering Thermophysics, and will be published - what a remarkable achievement!

Ashlyn was also the first in the Year 13 cohort to submit her university application form this year. She is applying to the very best universities in the UK to study Engineering, and, given her accomplishments already, she will certainly go far!



ROEDEAN AT A GLANCE

A LEVEL RESULTS 2020
 39% A* | 79% A*-A | 94% A*-B | 100% A*-C | **43% OF ALL GCSES GRADE 9**

GCSE RESULTS 2020
 72% 9-8 | 89% 9-7 | 97% 9-5 | 99% 9-4 | **78% ACCEPTED BY FIRM CHOICE**

3 TOOK UP PLACES AT OXBRIDGE

76% GOING TO TOP RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITIES

39% ARE GOING TO STUDY STEM SUBJECTS AT UNIVERSITY

4 TOOK UP PLACES TO STUDY MEDICINE

20 DIFFERENT SPORTS

PROCESS OF FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT

THE HOUSES 2014 | MAIN SCHOOL 2015 | SIXTH FORM CENTRE 2016 | SCHOOL FARM 2017 | ALL-WEATHER PITCH 2018 | ARTS & LIBRARY 2021

3 SUBJECTS OFFERED AT KS3

128 DIFFERENT CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1 320-SEAT THEATRE

1 FLOOD-LIT HOCKEY PITCH

1 SCHOOL FARM

3 SUBJECTS AVAILABLE AT GCSE

1 25M POOL

1 ON-SITE CAFE

14 MUSIC ROOMS

3 SUBJECTS AVAILABLE AT A LEVEL

1 PITCH & PUTT

2 DANCE STUDIOS

1 CHAPEL

12 TENNIS COURTS

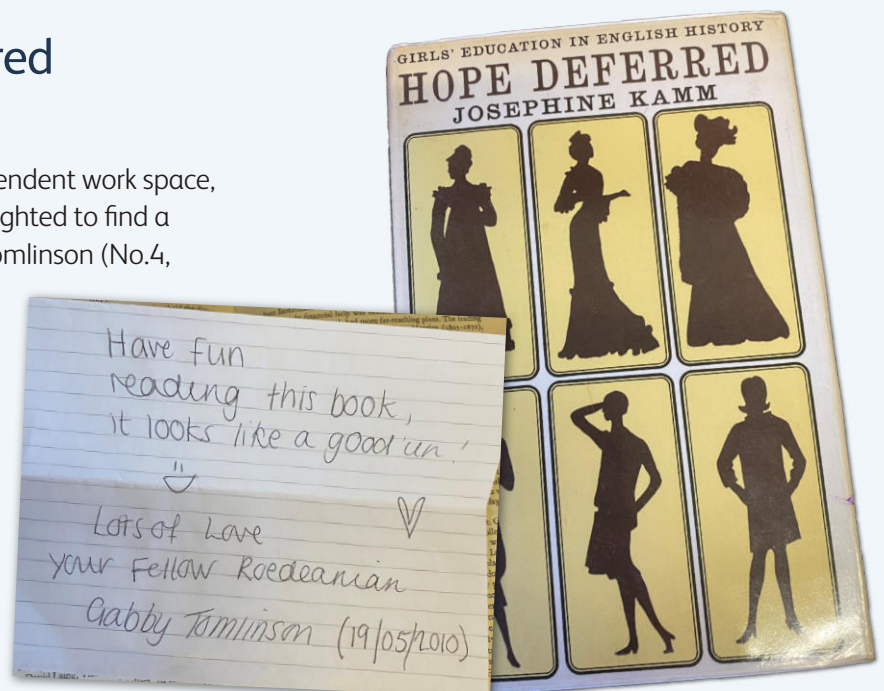
1 SPORTS HALL

INDEPENDENT DAY AND BOARDING FOR GIRLS AGED 11-18
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A blast from the past discovered in the Old Ref....

Year 12 are loving having the Old Ref as their independent work space, and students Kate and Holly were surprised and delighted to find a 'time capsule' note from Old Roedeanian, Gabby Tomlinson (No.4, 2007-12) in the book 'Girls' Education in English History'. Gabby had written the note in 2010 and left it inside the book for future Roedeanians to find. Sadly the mint that she left in a second book had disappeared!

Kate and Holly have since been in touch with Gabby to let her know that her note has been discovered. Gabby says 'I was so thrilled!!....I sent them on the hunt for my other clues. One was gone but one remains! Hilarious!'



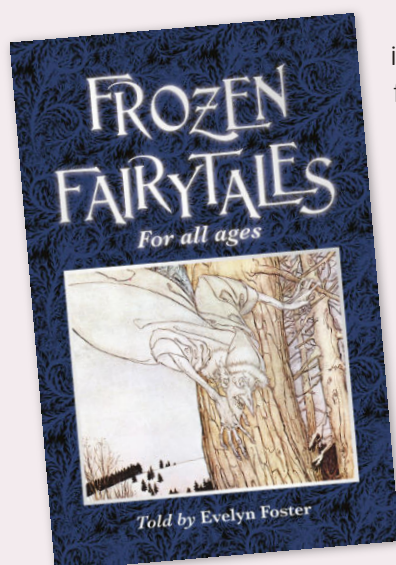
Evelyn Foster

(Former Staff, 1990-97)

Congratulations Evelyn on the publication of her book, *Frozen Fairytales For all ages*, a collection of uplifting wintry world tales for those of any age who love the Frozen films! The book contains material about Frozen



itself, as well as a fairytale where the hero is a doctor, which is apt for these times! Evelyn has worked as a storyteller and actress, as well as giving lectures on fairytales. Available to order from all good book shops or Country Books.



Juliet Mabey

(No.4, 1967-72)

Congratulations to Juliet on receiving an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours, for services to publishing. *"It was a huge surprise - and an incredible honour - to receive an OBE for services to publishing in the Queen's Birthday Honours this year. My husband and I set up Oneworld in 1986 to publish authors from all over the world, for readers everywhere, and we've been incredibly lucky to receive a number of prestigious prizes over the years for both our fiction titles (the Booker and Women's Prizes among others) and for our non-fiction books (including the FT & McKinsey Business Book of the Year and Royal Society Science Prizes). This new award speaks to our efforts to build a truly global stable of authors with diverse voices and perspectives over the last three decades, but it's important to remember that publishing is very much a team effort, and I'd like to emphasise that this honour also goes to Oneworld's fantastic staff and our brilliant authors."*



"I have found Juliet to be incredibly helpful when publishing related questions crop up. She has always been kind enough to offer advice to fellow Roedeanians and I wish to say a huge congratulations on her OBE"

Spirit de la Mare (No.1, 1997-2002)

Layla Moran

(No.4, 1995-2000)

We are delighted to announce that Layla Moran has been nominated for the PinkNews Politician of the Year Award 2020 for her dedication to championing LGBTQ+ equality. Layla, the first ever British MP to come out as pansexual, campaigns to ensure all citizens of the LGBTQ+ community feel valued and protected. Earlier this year, Layla tabled a motion in Parliament to ban LGBTQ+ conversion therapy calling the Government to make it a criminal offence to force individuals to partake in, or be sent abroad, for these conversations. We wish Layla the best of luck and can't wait to hear the final result.



Kirstin Duffield

(Cropper, No.2, 1984-89)

We are so pleased to announce that Kirstin Duffield, CEO of Morning Data, has recently won the London Market Professional of the Year at the Women in Insurance Awards 2020.

This year, the awards showcased women across the insurance sector who have led inspiring responses to the Covid-19 pandemic despite the difficulties faced. The newly extended judging panel also celebrated Kirstin's commitment to building a successful business, her passion for the Insurance sector as well as her drive to change culture and be a Champion of women. A very well-deserved award, congratulations Kirstin!



Tanya Streeter

(Dailey, No.3, 1986-91)

We are always delighted to bring you news of ORs, and in this issue, we share with you the latest adventure from Tanya Streeter.

A world-record free-diver, TV personality, and environmentalist Tanya's love for the ocean first blossomed growing up on the Cayman Islands without a TV to distract her. In 1997, Tanya discovered her natural talent for free-diving whilst on a spear fishing trip with friends on the Cayman Islands, and just one year later beat the Women's No Limits Diving Record of 370 feet.

In 2002, Tanya set out to break the Men's No Limits World Record. The lead up to the record attempt had not gone quite to plan; a sinus infection and bruised eardrum made training beforehand painful. Then in final preparation before the race, during a breathing technique known as packing, Tanya took in too much air and lost consciousness briefly. Despite this, Tanya successfully beat the existing men's record by 13 feet on a single breath, a depth so deep Tanya's support team needed highly specialised equipment.

Following her retirement from free-diving, Tanya began a career in adventure and wildlife TV presenting, and even spent 8 days filming alone in the wild in Botswana.

Today Tanya focuses on her work as an environmentalist, and is determined to bring awareness to and reduce plastic pollution in our oceans. You can find Tanya's feature length documentary 'A Plastic Ocean' on Netflix, which brings to life the consequences of our global disposable life, and hear all about her freediving on the brand new DeeperBlue Podcast 'How to accidentally set a freediving world record with Tanya Streeter'.

Listen to Tanya's podcast here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=torKe8qPg_4



Jann Colledge

(Chin, No.4, 1996-2000)

Congratulations Jann on the publication of three picture books, Didi Dodo, Messy Bug and Messy Bug Returns, all written for ages 3+. After leaving Roedean, Jann studied medicine at the University of Cambridge, and began writing and illustrating books to read to her



daughter after she was born. What began as a hobby has grown into a passion, and Jann wants to inspire children to create a better tomorrow. Didi Dodo is an illustrated story about family and love, written to teach children about extinction and tolerance. Messy Bug and Messy Bug Returns are about a naughty bug who likes to leave litter wherever he goes. Jann is currently working on her next picture storybook, and has also completed a novel written for 7-9 year olds which she hopes to release by Christmas next year. For more information please visit www.knottedbooks.co.uk. You can also follow Jann's story on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. @JColledgeAuthor



Zina Saro-Wiwa

(No.3, 1986-94)

Congratulations to Zina, whose work 'Table Manners' was chosen to be showcased in Times Square during November. Zina's "eating performances" expand to larger-than-life proportions

across the screens of Times Square every midnight in November. Featuring individuals from the Niger Delta region, Table Manners (2014-2019) is an ongoing series in which the simple act of consuming a meal is staged as a celebration of community, tradition, and a collective act of memory. Further details about Zina's work can be found on her website zinasarawiwa.com



Catching up with OR friends

As with many things in life at the moment, we are having to think of new ways of keeping in touch with friends across the world. We were delighted to hear of two groups of OR's virtual get-together's.



Worldwide Zoom reunion!

Over the years a small group of girls from our class in No 1, who left school between 1965 and 1967, met occasionally for a chat. In 1999, in celebration of our fiftieth birthdays, one of this group decided to locate and contact everyone with the intention of arranging for as many of us as possible to meet. She managed to ferret most of us out and organised a luncheon in central London which was a resounding success. Even several of those living abroad flew in for this historic reunion. Ten years later the group enjoyed meeting again for another wonderful luncheon and in 2019 we enjoyed our third get together of some fifteen classmates in celebration of our seventieth birthdays: this time most were joined by their husbands. Even those living in Australia, New Zealand and the US flew in and enjoyed the warmth of our lasting and very special friendship. It was a marvellous experience.

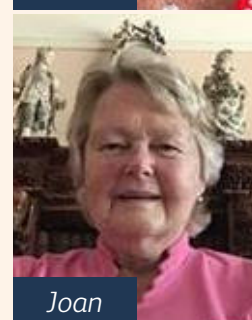
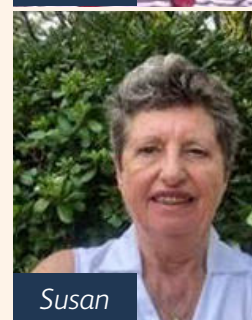
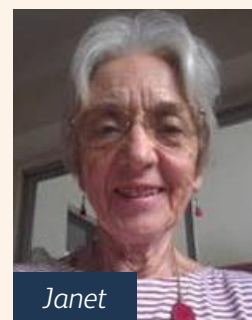
A few weeks ago, the suggestion of arranging a Zoom meeting was met enthusiastically. On Sunday 30 August, fourteen OR friends from No.1 met for an amazing Zoom session that lasted for close on three hours. Despite the various time zones which spanned the globe, everyone arrived on time, drink in hand! Our host made a perfect job of organising us. The atmosphere was unforgettable and quite magical...

Everyone was asked to give a short talk about what had been happening in their lives that had impacted them. This was followed by a brief question time. What an extraordinary range of topics was covered! It was fascinating to find that many of us share the same passions and causes despite living in different corners of the earth. One OR Zoomed from New Zealand, another from Australia, two from the US, one from Spain and another from Belgium. The rest were from around the UK. We enjoyed our 'catch-up' so much that we are already planning to have another Zoom reunion and hope that other ORs might be inspired by our experience!

Celebrating 80th birthdays online.

We were thrilled to hear about the online reunion between Janet Marson (Leslie Smith, No.4, 1952-58), Joan Orr (McGowan, No.4, 1952-58), Jackie Rokotnitz (Sawyer Hammer, No.4, 1953-57) and Susan Ryan (Plummer, No.4, 1954-57) who all celebrated their 80th birthdays this year.

'All of us were in House 4 between 1954 and 1957, during the time of Tiddle (Miss Middleton). This year we have all celebrated our 80th birthdays, and were going to meet in the summer to celebrate at Jackie's in Asheville, NC. Janet and Joan were flying over from the UK, and I live in Greenwich CT. Then Covid-19 arrived and all travel was out so we decided to get together via Zoom. We well remember singing 'Forty Years on' at Roedean ... is there a song for 'Sixty-Three years on'?' Susan Ryan



Obituaries

Sheila Curtis

(Mittell, No.2, 1937-42)

Sheila attended Roedean from 1937-42, which included a period when the school was evacuated to Keswick in the Lake District. Sheila always spoke with great fondness of her time at the school. She was Head Girl and also a member of the lacrosse, cricket, tennis and swimming teams.

After Roedean Sheila went to Bedford College where she qualified both as a teacher of physical education and as a physiotherapist. On completing the course she took a job teaching at Queen Anne's, Caversham. At this time she played lacrosse for the South of England and was a reserve for the all England team.

In 1948 Sheila married the Rev John Curtis, living initially in the Birmingham area and by the end of 1954 was mother to two daughters and two sons. They moved to London in 1960 and from 1961 Sheila taught at Palmers Green High School, becoming deputy headmistress in 1972.



Following the death of her husband in 1978, Sheila turned to physiotherapy working at Edgware Hospital in north London and later at Basingstoke Hospital after she had moved to Berkshire. She specialised in working with geriatric patients with a passion for ensuring that people had the best quality of life they could achieve in their final years.

On retirement Sheila moved to Tunbridge Wells to be close to some of her grandchildren. She was an active member of the local community and King Charles the Martyr Church.

She kept in touch with Roedean through the ORA and made her last visit back to the school in 2016. Sheila leaves four children, nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Sheila Curtis 6 July 1923-10 June 2020.

Simon Curtis.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 3 December 2020
6.30 pm

ORA Christmas Drinks

The ORA's ever-popular Christmas Drinks is having to take on a new dimension this year due to COVID restrictions, and will take the form of a virtual/online event. Please do register your interest on the Roedean Community Network where more information is available, or email membership-secretary@oldroedeanians.co.uk.

Monday 18 January 2021
6 pm

ORA Annual General Meeting

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, the ORA are planning for a virtual event.

For more information and booking, please contact us on alumnae@roedean.co.uk or call us on 01273 667398

Postponed and Cancelled Events

We hope to be able to start holding physical events again before too long; in the meantime we can help to organise virtual events, or regional events in countries where this is possible.

For more information, please contact us on alumnae@roedean.co.uk or call us on 01273 667398.

Keep in touch

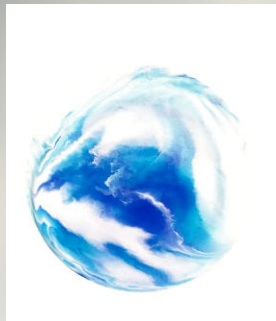
We are always interested to hear what our community are getting up to, whether that is a new business venture, a book being published, an award you have won, or perhaps you have got married or have connected with another member of our community in some way. So please do get in touch with anything you would like to share on these pages, or if you would like to be added to our online Business Directory or Virtual Bookshop.

You can contact our Communications Manager, Harriet de Bene, on hdb@roedean.co.uk.

The Old Roedeanian's Christmas Shopping Guide

Struggling to decide what to buy your loved ones for Christmas this year? Want to support a fellow OR? Below are a few gift ideas from some of our fantastically talented OR community. From candles and jewellery to bestselling novels, we hope that you will find something for all of your friends and family!

Art, Gifts, Food and Homeware



Alice Mary Mathilda

Alice McGilligan
(No.4, 2004-10)
Stunning paintings, prints, illustrations and cards inspired by the ocean. Alice's Etsy is www.etsy.com/uk/shop/AliceMaryMathilda or visit her website. alicemarymathilda.com



Cafune Handbags

Celine Day Lau
(No. 4, 2006-08)
Cafuné is a modern accessories label that offers timeless designs. **Special offer for OR's – use code ROEDEANIAN at the checkout for 15% off.** ca-fune.com



Gabriella Shaw Ceramics

Gabriella Shaw
(Rohan, No.2, 1961-67)
Specialising in hand painted bespoke pottery and personalised china items. **Special offer for OR's – use code OR2020 at the checkout for 10% off your order.** gabriellashawceramics.com



Rock & Ruddle

Alexandra Rock
(Idreos, No.4, 1974-82)
Rock & Ruddle offer bright and beautiful natural bristle hairbrushes and combs. www.rockandruddle.com



Apothenie Candles

Nichola Hinton
(Birch, No.4, 1990-97)
Gorgeous luxury poured candles made with 100% natural essential oils. www.apothenie.co.uk



Clarissa Hulse

(No.1, 1978-86)
Clarissa designs beautiful and luxurious homeware from her studio in North London, with an emphasis on botanical imagery and bold colour. clarissahulse.com



Jing Tea

Catherine Archer
(No.1, 1986-92)
Beautiful handcrafted teaware and the world's finest Asian teas, as well as tea tastings which encourage exploration, learning and a real connection with the origins of tea. jingtea.com



Scarlett & Mustard

Sandy Ruddock
(Watson, No.4, 1979-84)
Top quality sweet and savoury condiments, bursting with flavour, from the heart of rural Suffolk. **Special offer for OR's – use code ROEDEAN15 at the checkout for 15% off your order.** www.scarlettandmustard.co.uk



The Company of X

Beatrix Ong
(No.3, 1992-94)
Really good things, made in really good ways. www.thecompanyofx.com



Sheena Kandhari

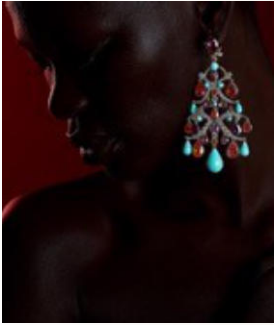
(No.2, 1988-90)
Sheena has created 4 bespoke pouches featuring wellbeing products from Neal's Yard Remedies. All pouches are £25. For more information please email sheenakaur75@gmail.com or visit uk.nyorganic.com/shop/sheenakaur/area/shop-online/category/christmas-gifts



The Oak Tree and Acorn Company Ltd

Rebecca Watson
(Nicholls, No.3, 1980-86)
A gift company that specialises in supplying a range of quality, desirable gifts at affordable prices.
www.oaktreeandacorn.com

Jewellery



Anabela Chan
(No.1, 1995-2003)
Stunning award-winning jewellery and magical objets d'art.
anabelachan.com



LeSter Jewellery
Aishleen Lester
(No.3, 1991-96)
With a background in fine art, founder and designer Aishleen has developed a reputation for her exquisite fine jewellery.
le-ster.com

Music



Roedean School Carol Service 1953 CD

Transferred from recently discovered vinyl records, and available to buy for £12 in aid of the Old Roedeanians' Scholarship Fund. For more details, and to purchase a copy please go to the [Roedean Community Network](http://RoedeanCommunityNetwork).

Roedean Shop

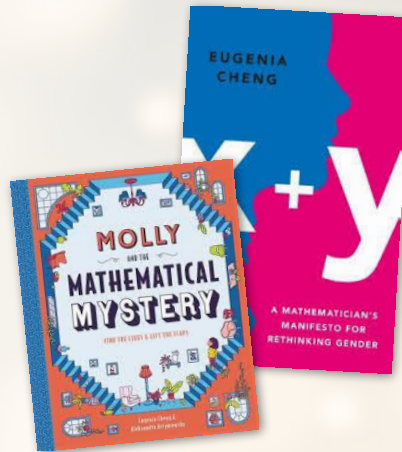
Be sure to have a look at our online shop for the School's range of gorgeous branded merchandise, featuring items using our bespoke illustration of Roedean by artist Katie Cardew, and of course to buy your copy of 100 Roedeanians. To view the shop online please go to: roedean.co.uk/shop



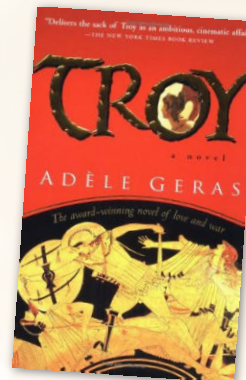
Books



Clare Boyd
(No.1, 1987-91)
Clare's latest unputdownable suspense novel 'My Perfect Wife' was published earlier this year. Clare's books are available from all good bookshops, and follow her on Instagram @claresboyd for book news and links to buy.



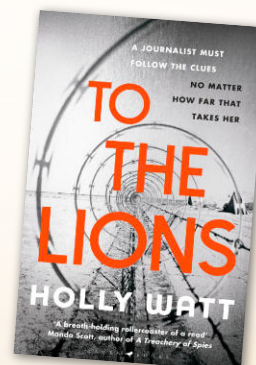
Eugenia Cheng
(No.4, 1987-94)
Mathematician, pianist and author – Eugenia's fourth book 'x + y: A Mathematician's Manifesto for Rethinking Gender' was published earlier this year. Eugenia has also written her first children's book 'Molly and the Mathematical Mystery' aimed at 7-9 year olds. Available at all good bookshops.



Adèle Geras
(Weston, No.3, 1955-62)
Adèle writes books for young children, teens and adults. Adèle's historical novel 'Dangerous Women' comes out in March 2021, under her pseudonym Hope Adams. Available from all good bookshops.



Clare Pooley
(No.4, 1982-87)
'The Sober Diaries' author Clare writes from her kitchen table in Fulham, London and her debut novel 'The Authenticity Project' was published earlier this year. Available from all good bookshops.



Holly Watt
(No.3, 1995-2000)
Journalist and author, Holly's first novel 'To The Lions' was published in 2019 and won the 2019 CWA Ian Fleming Steel Dagger. Her second book, 'The Dead Line' is out now, and available from all good bookshops.



Roedean sunset



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