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Autumn 2021

Developments at Roedean 2021



2020 and 2021 Leavers Garden Party



House 4 blackberry picking and baking!



Bin Bag Fashion



Wild Fridays



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ORs Seema Sharma and Tracy Coult



OR Tennis Day



Class of '75 catch up at Polesdon Lacey



Shanta Sundarason visits the School with fellow ORs Sasha Glynn and Liz Kunzler

Introduction

Welcome to the latest edition of The Roedeanian magazine. We are delighted to be back together again, all girls and staff are back on site for the first time since 20th March 2020 – over 18 months ago! It has been wonderful to see everyone’s excitement, whether new to the School or returning, at coming together as part of our community.

We were pleased to have welcomed a team of six highly experienced ISI Inspectors to Roedean in November. This provided an opportunity for us to show the strengths of our School and community. Over the course of a week, the inspection team spoke to a vast number of individual girls and staff members, observed very many lessons, as well as analysing all our academic results and achievements. We can say, in all honesty, that Roedean’s education has been rigorously reviewed from every angle and in every respect. We look forward to hearing the findings, and to sharing these with you all.

We were also thrilled to officially open the new Theatre. It has been refurbished wonderfully and the improvement is outstanding. We cannot wait to enjoy a wide range of performances and events here – thank you to everyone who contributed to the hugely successful transformation. A full thank you will be included in the Winter Roedeanian magazine.

I am immensely proud of the great strides forward Roedean is taking, and I have no doubt that you share this pride.

With best wishes

Oliver Blond
Headmaster



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School Highlights



Autumn Roedean Symposium

It was a true pleasure to welcome back OR Roya Zeitoune (Dabir-Alai, No. 2, 1991-96), Head of Culture & Trends at Youtube, to speak to a jam-packed Keswick Hall full of Year 12 and 13 girls for our Autumn Roedean Symposium. Roya began by sharing her unconventional career path which has included teaching in an inner-city comprehensive school, working as a counsellor in a South American juvenile prison as well as working as an undercover reporter for BBC's Panorama documentary series. The last 11 years have been spent working for Google, with 8 of those at Youtube. Roya shared how a large part of her role is to understand, and to make others understand, what makes online content so popular. She discussed how platforms such as Youtube give those who are often marginalised from mainstream media an opportunity to share their voice and build a community. The girls finished with a philosophical debate on online community guidelines and whether open platforms such as Youtube help or hinder society. A huge thank you to Roya for speaking so eloquently and for inspiring our Sixth Form.



Roedean one of the top 20 all-girls' schools for Cricket

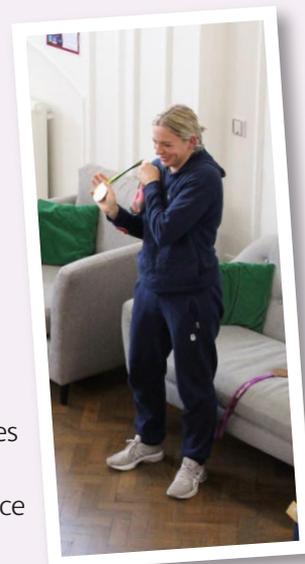
Roedean is proud to have again been included in *The Cricketer* magazine's Top 20 all-girls' schools for cricket in the country. The guide will be published in December's issue of *The Cricketer*.

Olympic Hockey Champion returns to Roedean

We were delighted to welcome Kate Richardson-Walsh back to Roedean. Kate won Gold as Captain of the GB Hockey team at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, and we are incredibly lucky that she and her wife, Helen, are the School's Sports Ambassadors. Kate worked throughout the day with 50 prospective students on a Hockey Experience Day, with the support of Roedean Staff and our Year 9 Sports Leaders. Our visitors had a fantastic skills-focused day. In the morning, they moved around a carousel of five activities, working on ball-carrying, backhand passing, shooting, jab-tackling, and



strength and conditioning. After lunch, Kate spoke about her experiences in sport, focusing on the central importance of working hard and having fun as part of a team. The girls loved it, particularly when they got to see her Olympic Gold Medal which she won at the 2016 Games in Rio, and we are already looking forward to her next visit!



Brighton to Bulgaria Bag Pack

Last half term, it was brilliant for Emily, Olivia, and Megan to be able to complete the task they had set themselves in September 2020. They were finally able to meet Simon Streater, who runs the charity Door of Hope, in person and not via a Teams link. They, and a few friends, filled the 125 bags with stationery, in a record time:



'We started this project over a year ago, and there was so much we could do in isolation, like writing and illustrating the book, raising the money, and ordering the educational materials. But the one thing we couldn't do until the situation relaxed a bit, was actually packing the bags. So it felt amazing to meet Simon from the charity, and to put all the materials in the bags themselves. To see our CAP project and all the hard work come to fruition is brilliant, and it feels great to know that the children in Bulgaria will have their bags in time for Christmas!'
Megan and Olivia (Year 13)

Take Your Seat!

Thank you to everyone in our community for your fantastic support of the *Take Your Seat* appeal. We are still adding up some final donations, but we are delighted to say that we have beaten our £75,000 target.

Whether you supported through a donation, attended the Showcase in October, or encouraged others to support, you have helped us achieve this, so thank you. We will be including a donor list in the Roedeanian Winter issue to thank you all in full for your incredible support.

The refurbished Theatre looks absolutely stunning, and the girls are thoroughly enjoying being able to make use of the enhanced facilities. By not just reaching our target, but exceeding it, we will be able to ensure school funds can be directed to other projects to benefit the girls.



We were thrilled to perform a fantastic showcase in aid of the *Take Your Seat* appeal in the newly refurbished Theatre. It was wonderful to see the girls return to the stage in the stunning new auditorium, and we are delighted to be returning to a full programme of events and performances.

Andrea Shields

(Bradford, No. 1, 1983-88)

The concept for *Shields Edit* started in 2017, when Andrea wanted to launch a label that would combine quality fabrics with print led designs that were also made in England. When moving away from London, whilst Andrea was searching for the perfect pair of pyjamas, the label finally was launched.



"I was looking to replace an old pair of pyjamas and wanted to find a pair that were print led, 100% cotton, a flattering cut (including pockets!) and to be made in England. I couldn't, so this gave me the impetus to start myself and produce the first "edit."



A lot of Andrea's inspiration came from moving to the countryside, being surrounded by nature, which is reflected in her designs. All the designs are digitally printed onto premium Aegean ring-spun cotton, then made into a variety of robes, pyjamas, camisole tops and shorts. The emphasis is always on a feminine cut to flatter and enhance, whilst also being supremely comfortable.

As a happy by product of being manufactured in England, *Shields Edit* has incredibly low carbon emissions, and the packaging is fully recyclable, using tissue paper which is printed with soy-based inks, on FSC-certified paper, 100% compostable and made from recycled materials. For further information please see the website www.shieldsedit.co.uk or follow on Instagram [@shieldsedit](https://www.instagram.com/shieldsedit)

Liz Kunzler FCSI

(No. 1, 1980-87)

Congratulations to Liz who was shortlisted for *Financial Adviser of the year* and *Woman of the year, Investment Advice* at the Professional Adviser Awards. Liz's firm Raymond James also scooped up the award for *Contribution to Gender Diversity*. What a fantastic achievement!



Rebecca Hall

(No. 4, 1996-2000)

Earlier this year, we were excited to announce that OR Rebecca Hall's directorial debut, *Passing*, had been acquired by Netflix, following its debut at the Sundance Film Festival. We are delighted to now be able to share that the film was released worldwide on Netflix on 10 November. *Passing* is a black and white period drama, following the story of two mixed-race childhood friends who reunite in adulthood. The two friends are leading very different lives, with Irene living as a Black woman, and Clare "passing" as white.

Congratulations to Rebecca!

10 Questions with... OR Margot Chaundler OBE

(Wilkin, No. 4, 1962-67)

This month we were delighted to talk to Margot Chaundler OBE, a former member of the School's Council of Trustees.

One of the first women to be appointed to the Administrative Class in the Ministry of Defence, Margot was appointed OBE in the 1991 Gulf War Honours and served in a range of appointments for 25 years.

She has also served on the Board of Governors of several schools and currently serves on the Board of Governors at Haberdashers' Aske's School.

You can read Margot's interview [here](#).



ORA Heritage Projects

By ORA Vice President Noelle Chase (Thompson, No. 4, 1970-75)

The Heritage of Roedean surrounds us in the very fabric of the School buildings and its artefacts. As Roedeanians you are steeped in its history.

Today's Roedeanians may be surprised to hear that when you return to school in 10, 20, 50 years time walking (walk, don't run!) down main corridor will feel perfectly natural ...as if you have never been away. The artefacts described below have been part of your school days.

The ORA have identified five Heritage Projects that we think past and present Roedeanians would like to see conserved and restored, and might be keen to contribute to.



Chapel beneath these ensigns? The ORA would like to restore them so they may once again hang in the chapel. The School has a long association with HMS Vernon, which occupied the school as a training establishment throughout World War 2. The HMS Vernon ensign, left with the school in 1945, and flown from the flagstaff on D Day is also in need of restoration so that it can be re-hung along side the ensign donated by HMS Vernon's Commanding officer in 1985 when the school celebrated its centenary.

Sundial

The sundial (astrolabe) occupies the focal point on the front terrace. It was given to the school by its architect Sir John Simpson to commemorate his daughter Clara's time at the School (Clara Carrick Simpson, No. 4, 1897-99). It originally carried a touching inscription to his daughter, long since eroded.



Friezes

We must save the Sylvia Lawrence friezes. Above the fireplaces in the House Mistress's Drawing room of Nos 1, 2 and 3, you can see wall paintings by the younger sister of the School's Founders between 1898 and 1905 whilst she taught art at Roedean.



Ensigns

In 1914, girls visited 4 naval war ships anchored in the channel; HMS Collingwood, Neptune, Hercules and Canterbury. Each ship was presented with a white ensign, which was flown at the Battle of Jutland. In 1919 the ensigns were returned and hung in the Chapel. Think how many Roedeanians have sat in



Fountain

The fountain in the Chapel cloisters was given to the school in 1906 by OR Muriel Abbott (No. 2, 1894-99). The marble is chipped and cracked, the inscription is missing and the pedestal removed. The pipe work and electrical wiring all need replacing.

Tiles

In the 1920's and 30's under the guidance of art teacher D B Martin, girls created the very beautiful tiles that adorn the walls in the studio.

Coloured painted ceramic tiles and brown 'intaglio' tile depicting scenes of school life are now badly in need of preservation.

The ORA has taken advice from specialist conservators and obtained estimates for the repair, conservation and restoration of all these Heritage Projects.

We are now in a position to commence fundraising. If you would like more information on any of these projects or to make a pledge however large or small PLEASE contact us at heritage@oldroedeanians.co.uk. We would be delighted to hear from you.



Ingrid de Andres

(Davenport, No. 3, 1961-66)

I think that one of the greatest achievements of Ingrid was to cope with me! During her career she joined me many years ago in a company called *Inter Equipos Navales* in Madrid, where she was Export District Manager. During her time at the company she achieved 65% of all sales, as well as getting the biggest contract in the history of the company by selling our equipment for 16 new ships for the Nigerian National Shipping Line.

Many people remember her here in Mallorca with love. She created a not-for-profit association called "Spirit of Spain" which encouraged foreign residents on the Island to learn about Spanish culture. Her idea was very simple: on the first Saturday of every month we would visit a place of interest on the Island followed by a nice Spanish meal in a restaurant. The visit could be from an old archaeological site to a wine cellar. While Ingrid was President, we had 117 members from 17 nationalities. We had to limit the number because it was becoming difficult to find a restaurant that could cope with so many people!

Ingrid loved Roedean, and throughout the years she kept in contact with various friends she made at school.

She wanted to be cremated and her ashes deposited in the sea, in the Malgrats Islands Natural Park, and to pour a bottle of whisky in her honour, which we did.

The most surprising thing was that a few days later, a whale entered the park, and encircled slowly three times the place where we put Ingrid. We have never had whales in these waters, but Ingrid loved whales... coincidence....?

I could write many pages about my dear wife, lover, friend and companion. My last reflection is that in many ways, her best achievement was that she really made me the person that I am, and I could have never found a better person with whom to share my life.

Julio de Andres



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 2 December 2021 6.30 pm	ORA Christmas Drinks Traditional ORA Christmas Drinks will be held on Thursday 2 December 2021, 6.30 pm till late at The Antelope, 22 Eaton Terrace, London, SW1W 8EZ. This is a fun and informal chance to catch up with old friends and meet new people over a glass or two of wine. All ORs are invited. RSVP membership-secretary@oldroedeanians.co.uk
Saturday 4 December 2021 10 – 1 pm	School Christmas Fayre This year the fayre will be 'White Christmas' themed and you are all welcome to join us for a magical time shopping, playing festive games, and the ever popular photobooth.
Wednesday 8 December 2021 11.45 – 2.30 pm	Christmas Carol Service You are invited to join us to start the festive season at Roedean's traditional Carol Service in our beautiful Edwardian Chapel. The service will start at 11.45, and will be followed by a light lunch of soup and a hot dessert in the Old Ref. The event is fully booked but to join the waiting list please email alumnae@roedean.co.uk .
Friday 4 February 2021 4 – 5.30 pm	Founders Day You are warmly invited to join us for our annual Founders' Day and Commemoration Service. During this service we remember all of those we have lost in the last couple of years, and celebrate the legacy of our Founders and past Head Teachers. If you would like to attend this service, please contact alumnae@roedean.co.uk .
Thursday - Saturday 24 - 26 March 2022 7 pm	Romeo and Juliet Roedean Upper School presents Shakespeare's most famous play, Romeo and Juliet. Join us in the Roedean Theatre for this much anticipated production, set in an eclectic world of Jazz, Swing and The Golden Age of movies.

Obituary

Dr Jean Ross Colston

(No. 3, 1945-49)

Jean was born in 1931 in central London to Eric and Cathie (nee Ross) Colston. When she was eight, she and her two younger brothers, Ian and Colin were evacuated to stay with H W Hoover and his wife on their estate in North Canton, Ohio, USA. Their father was managing director of Hoover in the UK. They set sail from Southampton in 1940 in the company of their nanny and remained happily in North America until August 1944, 6 weeks after D-Day. Jean loved the outdoor life and activities which America had to offer even at this young age. Her Yankee bike was her pride and joy! She and Ian were moved to a boarding school in Canada in 1943. Their parents thought that this would better prepare them for English schooling on their return, and the three siblings, Ian and Jean from Canada and Colin from the USA, returned to Liverpool in 1944. Much of Jean's independence of spirit and love of sport was nurtured in North America.

Jean completed her schooling at Roedean before being admitted to the Royal Free Hospital Medical School, where she qualified in 1957 in its original buildings in Bloomsbury. She cut a dashing figure in her little red MGTD drophead sports car in 1952. She enjoyed fast, beautiful cars throughout her life. It was at the Royal Free that she met her life's companion and fellow rheumatologist, Mary Corbett. They were both senior registrars at the Middlesex Hospital. Mary died in 2009.

Jean was a straight-talking, no-nonsense woman but extremely kind and generous to friends, colleagues, and patients. A former consultant haematologist colleague at the Central who cared jointly with Jean for patients with sickle cell disease recalls Jean's 'remarkable ability to establish a wonderful rapport with distressed and challenging patients'. Jean also ran a highly regarded GP practice-based rheumatology service in Willesden. Her



friends and colleagues remember her clear, beautiful handwriting and concise clinical notes.

She was an active member of the British Association for Rheumatology and Rehabilitation. In 1968 she was elected to the Editorial Board of the Journal Rheumatology and appointed deputy editor in 1969, working with Dr Douglas Woolf as editor. Her approach, as with most aspects of her life, was meticulous and highly valued. She acted as secretary to the Editorial Board until she stepped down in 1979.

In her youth Jean was a keen sports woman and dancer. These passions lasted into her later life. She was an intrepid skier into her seventies.

She relished her 90th birthday but her health declined and she died peacefully three months later. Jean is remembered with great affection by her brothers as a born leader and a strict but caring older sister, always there to help and support them.

She is survived by her brothers Ian and Colin and their families and her much loved Godson, Martin.

Martin Colston

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, 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.

By Frankie - Frankie Galvanoni Campbell
Handmade traditional soap products that turn everyday moments like washing your hands into something lovely. [View...](#)

AliceCoxCreative - Alice Cox
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Nemesis eHZO - Corinne Gee Turner
Facilitating a healthier world through rapid elimination of harmful microbes without harming the environment. [View...](#)

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Apothene Candles - Nichola Hinton
[View...](#)

Denise Cheuk - Tendresse Design
[View...](#)

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 fantastic gift ideas from some of our incredibly talented OR community. From soaps and chic vintage clothing to bestselling novels, we hope that you will all find something for all your friends and family. And for more inspiration, have a look at our OR Christmas Shopping Guide from last year, which contains lots more wonderful gift ideas.

Gifts, Food and Art



By Frankie
Frankie Galvanoni Campbell
(No. 3, 1992-97)

Gorgeous handmade soaps and creams. *By Frankie* creates natural products that turn everyday moments into little luxuries. Special offer for ORs – use code ORs at the checkout for 15% off orders over £45 (offer runs until the end of the Christmas period) byfrankie.co.uk



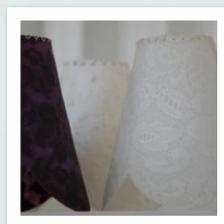
The Bajan Kitchen
Tamara Spencer (Purvis, No.3, 1987-93) and Sophie Domenge (Morrison, No. 3, 1984-91)

Heirloom recipes sauces created in Barbados, going back over three generations. *Bajan Kitchen* is based in Wiltshire, and uses the freshest, most natural ingredients to create products for you to enjoy! thebajankitchen.com



Alice Cox Creative
Alice Cox (Keswick, 2008-09)

Handmade bespoke face masks, earrings, accessories and clothing all made by independent designer Alice Cox. alicecoxcreative.com



Lizzie Lee Lighting
Elizabeth Tindall (Lee, No. 1, 1985-92)

Stunning eco lighting, and lampshades made from recycled plastic. lizzielee.com



Felicity Flutter
Felicity Flutter
(Cole, No. 3, 1967-71)

Watercolour Seascape Paintings inspired by living near the coast. Giclée reproduction high quality Prints and Greeting Cards available via Felicity's website. felicity-flutter.co.uk



The Periodic Table of Brilliant Women and Girls
Sarah Dixon (No. 2, 1983-91)

The amazing Periodic Table of Brilliant Women and Girls is available to order online. A booklet is available detailing the achievements of these pioneers and role models, as well as a poster. brilliantwomen.world



Clarissa Hulse Christmas Gifts
Clarissa Hulse (No. 1, 1978-86)

Clarissa's bold beautiful designs on a selection of fantastic Christmas gifts such as jigsaw puzzles, glasses cases, travel cups, cards and scarfs. clarissahulse.com



Paint Box
Emma Lousada (Gasson, No. 1, 1978-84)

Forget painting by numbers - express yourself with a Paint Box kit, containing everything you need to relax, unwind and have fun. Create something that is uniquely yours to decorate your home or gift to a loved one. www.paint-box.uk
Instagram [@paintbox.uk](https://www.instagram.com/paintbox.uk)



Mixed Tapes
Dominique Waller (No. 3, 2001-06)

Mixed Tapes specialises in recyclable packaging featuring unique designs to make your letters and parcels pop! www.mixedtapes.co.uk
Instagram: [@mixedtapeshq](https://www.instagram.com/mixedtapeshq)

Clothing and Books



Preloved Style

Dominique Waller (No. 3, 2001-06)

Preloved Style is founded by a preloved fashion devotee with a desire to make fashion more sustainable. They focus on sourcing and curating the best luxury and high street treasures with a view to give them a new lease of life.

prelovedstyle.com

Instagram: [@prelovedstylehq](https://www.instagram.com/prelovedstylehq)



Viva Soul London

Vivien Minto (Reynolds, No. 4, 1969-74)

Viva Soul London is your one-stop shop for all things vintage, be it an affordable addition to your wardrobe or a vintage-inspired gift for a loved one.

vivasoullondon.com



Shields Edit

Andrea Shields (Bradford, No. 1, 1983-88)

Luxurious edited runs of womenswear. Proud to be created, designed and made in England.

shieldsedit.co.uk



Holly Watt

(No. 3, 1995-2000)

The Hunt and the Kill is a searing, page-turning, pulse-racing thriller that sees Casey on a hunt around the globe as she pursues a major exposé into pioneering medical research and drugs that could change the world. It is the third book by Holly featuring Casey Benedict.



Tess Osborne

(Carr, No. 4, 1972-78)

Tess's first children's book *The Big Wall Feeling* brought to life with illustrations from her daughter, Zoe, was sparked by Tess' strong sense of justice, and zero tolerance for prejudice. A magical story that can be enjoyed at any age.



Jann Colledge

(Chin, No. 4, 1996-2000)

Jann has published three wonderful picture books, *Didi Dodo*, *Messy Bug* and *Messy Bug Returns*, all written for ages 3+. For more information please visit www.knottedbooks.co.uk.

Roedean Merchandise

We have a gorgeous range of merchandise available online via community.roedean.co.uk/shop.

The range includes Roedean branded items such as pens, key rings, hessian tote bags and Penelope Bear, as well as prints, tea towels and greetings cards featuring an illustration of Roedean by artist Katie Cardew. We also still have copies of our fantastic book "100 Roedeanians", which includes biographies and photographs for 100 of our most notable Old Roedeanians. Profits from sales of the book go towards our support of the library at St Marks' Primary School in Brighton. UK and International postage are available, as well as the option to click and collect from the school.

Roedean merchandise will also be on sale at the Christmas Fayre!



The Roedean Buff

A unique multifunctional headgear, warm in winter, cool in summer, great for sports and so many different ways to wear it! At only £14 each, email parentsguild@roedean.co.uk to order yours!



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