

# Rosebery School *Alumni*

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**May 2018**

Dear Alumni,

It is difficult to believe another school year is nearly over and that our senior students are now in the middle of their examinations.

Once again this year, our students have been engaged in so many enriching activities beyond the classroom, including trips to Japan and South Africa. We have had huge numbers complete their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards, our House leaders have organised fundraising activities which have raised over £15,000 for various local and national charities and many of our students have represented Rosebery in sport, music, debating and engineering competitions.

Rosebery is now part of a multi academy trust, GLF, and I am delighted that we have been leading the school based teacher training this year, something which is so critical to the future of Rosebery. As you will be aware, teachers are in very short supply currently, so we are trying to do all we can to generate interest in joining the profession. Please do take a look at the GLF SCITT website or arrange to visit us, if you are interested in finding out more about becoming a teacher.

I continue to be very grateful for the ongoing support of alumni. This year we have formalised our tracking of our ex-students through Future First and I am very grateful if you have signed up. This will allow us to deploy your skills, wisdom and talent to greatest effect with the students on whom it will have the greatest impact. We are very excited about how inspiring and eclectic our alumni body is and I am convinced that you can have a tremendous impact on the continuing success of the school.

As always, you are welcome to visit Rosebery whenever you wish. I hope to have the opportunity to meet with you soon.

Best wishes

Ros Allen  
Headteacher



# ROSEBERY DAY

Rosebery School celebrated its 91st year. Rosebery Day is traditionally the 7th May each year. The school celebrated with a whole school picnic, music and dancing in the quad area. It looks a bit different now to how it did in 1974!



## LATEST TWEETS Rosebery Day 1927



**Rosebery PE dept & Enrichment**  
@RoseberyPEdept

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A brief history for Rosebery Day. School sits on an area of land given to the borough by Lord Rosebery. It's the product of the amalgamation of Rosebery Grammar School for Girls and Epsom County School for Girls. It was founded in 1927 on its current site. Happy 91st Birthday 🎈

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## Y8 HISTORY TRIP TO BATTLEFIELDS

In the year when the world will mark the 100th anniversary of Armistice which brought WWI to an end, 150 of our Year 8 students enjoyed a stimulating, engaging and thought-provoking trip to the battlefields of the Somme. We will be thinking of how to mark the centenary of Armistice in November 2018 as a school. *'We will remember them'*.

### An account of our history trip written by Daisy (Y8)

As if waking up at 4am in the morning wasn't bad enough, we had to drag our tired parents and a three course gourmet meal in the car to go to France - however we had a great time exploring the beautiful monuments. Although it was admittedly hard eating a flaky Tesco croissant on a moving vehicle, nearly all of us managed to without throwing up.

First we started by passing by some French villages and Miss Devonish pointed out the piles of unexploded ammunition that people had left out in their garden - there was loads! Then we moved on to Thiepval - it was amazing how many names there were on the memorial. Behind the colossal monument there was a large cemetery. On the left side of the cemetery there were 300 graves of the French soldiers and on the right side there were 300 British (just a small amount of the casualties in the battle of the Somme). At least half of the graves at the cemetery were unnamed and "known unto God". This meant soldiers buried were not able to be recognised. We laid our poppy wreath in the middle with a message the class had written.

After Thiepval we went to Beaumont Hamel. The grass was super uneven and had massive craters from the mines and explosives which really helped us to get a sense of how the soldiers would've felt and what weapons they were dealing with. We then took a quick last look at the information then piled back on the bus for food and to head to the next destination.

Finally, we arrived at Vimy and went eight meters underground into the communication tunnels. It was sort of creepy underground (especially when they turned off the lights to try and scare us!) but it was amazing seeing how far they went each way and being told how they were used for digging under the German trenches and blowing them up from underneath. We went back to the surface and took a look at one of the huge craters caused by one of those bombs and took a tour around for a while. Afterwards, we took another look at the museum then took a quarter-hour drive to the monument itself.

When we got there the monument was way bigger than we expected and had loads of names on it as well. We took a few class pictures on our phones and then took a look around at the names before walking back to the coach before heading home.



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# NEWS



We're delighted to include an email which we've recently received. If you'd like to include an article in the next Newsletter, please email me [cathy.finegold@rosebery.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:cathy.finegold@rosebery.surrey.sch.uk) – we're always interested to know how you've been getting on after life at Rosebery School.

Dear Rosebery

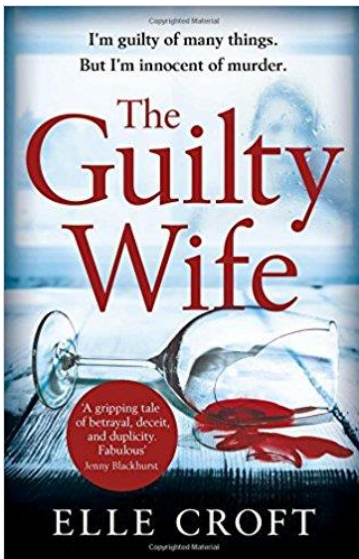
I wonder if you might be interested to hear that Lauren Faller, who left after A levels in 2003, and was a close friend of our daughter, has had a book published.

She now lives in Australia and Croft is her married name. I knew the book had been published just before Christmas, but was surprised and pleased to see it on display in Epsom library yesterday.

I think it's unlikely that any of the English staff who taught her are still with you, but the present teachers might be interested. Knowing how difficult it is to break into the publishing world, I think she's done brilliantly and might be an encouragement to other pupils.

Barbara Renew

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/35478368-the-guilty-wife>



**I'm guilty of many things.**

Bethany Reston is happily married. But she's also having an affair with a famous client. And no one can ever know.

**But I'm innocent of murder.**

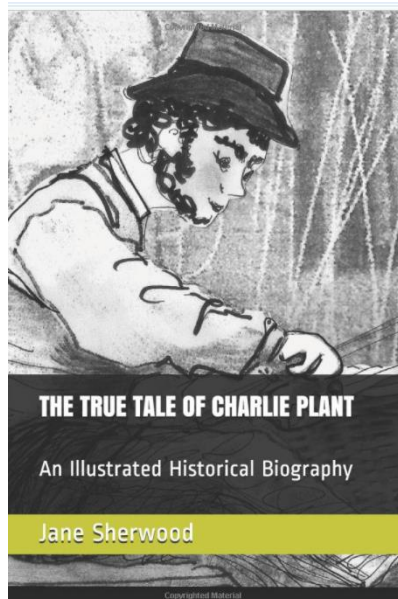
When Bethany's lover is brutally murdered, she has to hide her grief from everyone.

But someone knows her secret. And then one day the threats begin.

With an ever-growing pile of evidence pointing to her as the murderer, the only way she can protect her secrets is to prove her innocence. And that means tracking down a killer.

*An unbelievably gripping game of cat and mouse - with a twist you'll never see coming. Fans of Friend Request by Laura Marshall, Sweet Little Lies by Caz Frear, The Perfect Neighbours by Rachel Sargeant, The Secret Mother by Shalini Boland and Close to Home by Cara Hunter will love The Guilty Wife.*

Jane Sherwood, also an ex-Rosebery student, has a recently published book, 'The True Tale of Charlie Plant'. This is a family history, including local history of the Kingston area, plus a chapter based on 'Derby Day'. The illustrated version is on sale for £4.50 on Amazon...well worth the cost.



An illustrated biographical novel based on documentary evidence centred on the Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames in the 19th Century. Charlie, a workhouse boy unknowingly came from a well-connected Quaker family. The book focuses on his journey through life, the skills he learned and the people he met including his wife, children and grandchildren. He suffered hardship and poverty but never lost his trust in people and always found a way to put bread on the table by working as a basketmaker and wherryman. The book is a result of over twenty years' research and is contextualised with reference to real events and people. It gives an insight into the life of the poor in Victorian times with particular reference to the Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames in Surrey. The author was born in Kingston Hospital and lived in the borough until she was 19 years old, within walking distance of all the places mentioned in the story. The book is aimed at teenagers and adults. The author has also illustrated the text with montages combining her own drawings with drawings and paintings contemporary to the time. The story would appeal particularly to anyone interested in family or local history and if you are a Kingstonian you may even recognise some of the characters.

Jill Ottway, nee Jill Brown when she was at Rosebery, started training as a teacher but gave up. She eventually became a staff member at Wisley Gardens and is now in charge of various aspects including the orchid collection and the organisation of the 'new plants' display at the Chelsea Flower Show.



## CAREERS

Alumnae are great role models for current students and are often well placed to offer practical support to them as they start looking at future career options. Current students can benefit from their skills and experience. Many of our alumnae have supported our careers events in the past. This year was no exception.

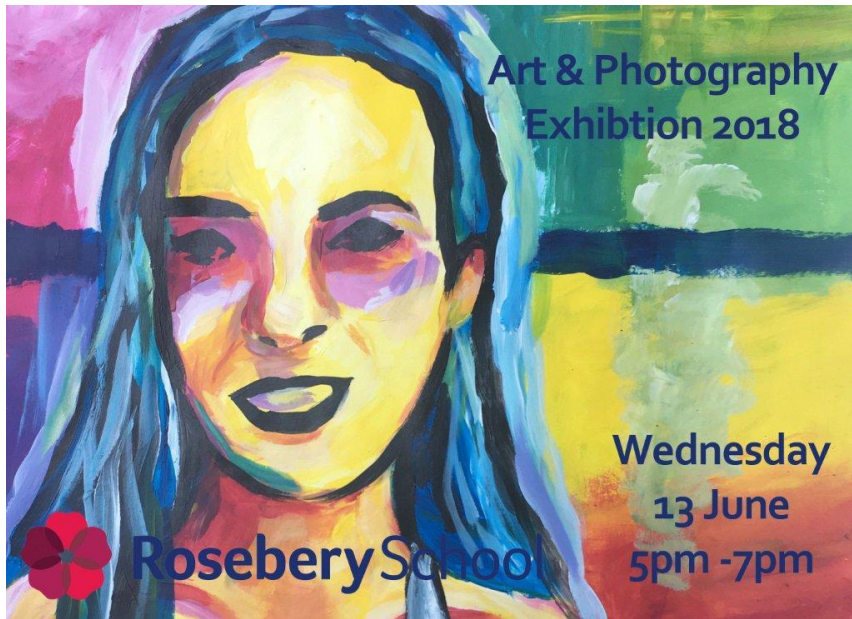
We had a marvellous careers evening on Wednesday 25 April 2018 with over 30 exhibitors in attendance, including alumnae working in a variety of top companies, who provided engaging and enthusiastic advice to the many students and parents who attended.

If you have an inspirational, exciting, rewarding or unusual job, and would like to take part in a future careers



event held in school or, alternatively, if you are able to offer a work experience opportunity to any of our students, please contact: [fkeaveney@rosebery.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:fkeaveney@rosebery.surrey.sch.uk)





**Year 11 & Year 13  
ART  
EXHIBITION  
Wednesday 13 June**



For any local resident Alumni, you are cordially invited to the Rosebery Art and Photography annual exhibition. We will be exhibiting work from nearly 100 students in the Art Department and main school hall. The work is the culmination of 2 years work creating a display that really will be worth seeing! Below is an example of last years' work.



# Student News



## Recipe for Success!

Lucy, Year 7, has had a recipe chosen to be included in 'The Ashley Centre's Recipe for Success' book, launched on Saturday.

Lucy was presented with a copy of the book by celebrity chef Tony Tobin (*pictured right*). Hers is one of 50 recipes in the book submitted by local shoppers and staff of The Ashley Centre and some of Tony's recipes are included too. Money from book sales will be donated to The Ashley Centre's chosen charities which are Epsom Branch of Guide Dogs for the Blind and The Sunnybank Trust based in Epsom, which supports adults with learning disabilities.

The book is currently available to buy from Quest in The Ashley Centre.

Congratulations to Lucy!



## Restaurant Menu Inspired by Rosebery Students



Lucy, Amalie and Jo-Anne, Year 9, have been given the opportunity to work in their first professional kitchen, following their successful entries in the Rotary Young Chef Competition earlier this year.

The students were given the tasks of garnishing and finishing plates and serving for the Epsom Rotary Charity Dinner held at The Canopy Restaurant in Epsom High Street. The menu opposite was inspired by the students' entries.

**Mrs J Hanly & Mrs S Barlow, Technology Department**

### Epsom Rotary Charity Dinner

#### Menu in Liaison with Young Chef Competition

##### Dinner Menu

Amuse Bouche

Stilton & Mushroom Veloute

##### Starter

Seared Scallops, Pea & Mint Puree

##### Main Course

Spiced Port Steak, Apple mash

##### Dessert

Citrus Poached Pear, Dark  
Chocolate Sauce





## Cheerleading in Paris!

**Hannah Year 9 and Summer Year 10** travelled to Paris recently to compete in an international cheerleading tournament, with their team Surrey Starlets Tyrian.

The team won their level and also went on to be awarded grand champions, beating approximately twenty other teams.

The girls had an amazing experience and also had the opportunity to see some of Paris while they were there!

‘Félicitation’ to both students and to their team!

## District Athletics



### U15 Athletes

This year there were 14 athletes on the junior girls’ team - Jasmin, Emily, Sophia, Lois, Sophie Cox and Charlotte, Fern, Charlotte and Alicia, Charlotte, Alice and Millie, with Sophie and Phoebe. Between us we competed in 12 events (track and field) - we reached the final in 7 track events and 3 field events. Despite the hot weather, we continued to perform to our best abilities throughout the day, coming third overall in our age group. Being only 2 points away from second place and 10 points from first, we knew we had performed excellently and made the team and teachers proud as on the way

to the minibus we were allowed to celebrate with ice creams. Overall, we had a really good time. Hopefully we will all compete again next year.

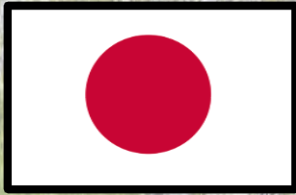
***Jasmin and Charlotte***

### U17 Athletes

After a long, sun filled day, the results of U17s came in and we had many successes in both track and field events. Some highlights include: Emma, won the 100m, Tia and Molly came 1st and 2nd in 200m and Molly also came 3rd in the 80m hurdles. In the 300m Sophie came 3rd and in the 800m Lauren came 2nd. Also in track, our 4 x 100m team came 1st and was 0.2 seconds behind the Surrey record! On the other hand, in field, Lucy won the triple jump and Niamh came 3 rd. Izzy came 2nd in shotput. Special well done to Carys for coming running back and forth from shotput to high jump and coming 4th and 5th in those events! Our success was shown well in the overall result of 1st in our U17 Intermediate girl’s age group and was a fantastic way to end the day and good luck to everyone that has moved forward to counties!

***Izzy***





## Japan Tour 2018

Rosebery Year 10 students experienced an amazing tour to Japan during the Easter holidays. The trip included visits to numerous shrines and temples in Tokyo and Kyoto. The students experienced a traditional Ryokan Inn, calligraphy lessons, kimono dressing and a wide variety of Japanese cuisine.

Many thanks to Miss Bailey, Miss Reilly, Miss Glazebrook, Miss Risby and Miss Ramsay for accompanying such a successful trip.





# Are you a former Rosebery School student?



## Rosebery School

Rosebery School is looking for former students who can inspire and advise current pupils. If you are a former student, please sign up to our alumni community by following the simple steps below:

- . Go to [www.futurefirst.org.uk](http://www.futurefirst.org.uk)
- . Go to the 'Sign Up' tab
- . Click 'Former Student'
- . Type in 'Rosebery School'
- . Or scan the QR code using your phone:

