



# Rosebery School *Alumnae*

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**July 2017**

Dear Alumna

I am writing this at the end of a very busy but very successful year, which has simply flown by.

From an academic point of view, our teachers and students have been grappling with new exam frameworks at GCSE and A Level which have greatly added to workload and increased anxiety. The GCSE gradings A\*-G are being phased out over the next two years to be replaced by 9-1, something which will, no doubt, cause confusion for many years to come! The students could not have worked harder so we hope that they all achieve what they deserve in August.

Inevitably, national events, some very close to home, have had an impact on our work this term, as we have tried to help our young people make some sense of the terrorist attacks and Grenfell Tower disaster through tutor time discussions and assemblies. Once again the community has galvanised to help those directly affected and we have also tried to use every opportunity to bring the community together to celebrate what unites us and to promote tolerance of the differences between us. For example, we held a Great Get Together in memory of the murdered MP Jo Cox and at the same time raised hundreds of pounds for the Red Cross fund for victims of Manchester, London and Grenfell.

One of the most significant events of the term has been the visit of Ofsted. We have waited over 4 years for them to return and I am thrilled to report that we have been graded as Outstanding in all categories, something that the school has never achieved before. Every member of the school community can be very proud of this fantastic achievement. I am delighted that the exceptional behaviour and character of our students have particularly been recognised; they are a privilege to work with. I am also thrilled that the report highlights our inspirational staff whose high expectations ensure our students achieve at the highest level academically, whatever their starting point; and a staff who share a moral purpose to provide a holistic and nurturing education which ensures our students become compassionate, happy and ambitious young women, able to contribute significantly to their local and wider community. Whilst this accolade is lovely, we are not complacent or believe we are perfect. We will continue to strive to provide the very best educational experience for the girls in our care, which they very much deserve. Do take a look at the full report on the Ofsted or Rosebery website.

As ever you are always welcome at Rosebery. We have been delighted by the positive impact that many of you have made on our students this year and we hope to sustain and extend our relationship with you in the next school year.

Best wishes

Ros Allen

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Rosebery School was recently visited by Ofsted inspectors



## SIMPLY OUTSTANDING

### Glowing report from inspectors as school gets top marks for all categories

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A girls' school is celebrating top marks across the board after inspectors rated it 'outstanding' in every category. Rosebery School received

the glowing report from Ofsted after inspectors visited the school in White Horse Drive, Epsom last month.

Inspectors were impressed with the school leaders' passion, students' results, behaviour and attitudes to learning and governors' sharp and accurate view of

the school's strengths and weaknesses.

Ofsted rated the school 'outstanding' for its leadership and management, teaching, learning and assessment, personal development, behaviour and welfare, outcomes for pupils, and its study programmes for 16 to

19 year olds.

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The school had last been inspected in January 2013, and was rated 'good'.

Rosebery School in White Horse Drive,  
Epsom

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# 50 Years Celebration of Rosebery Sixth Form and Inspirational Women

This year saw our first official Alumnae event combining 50 years of Sixth Form and International Women's day. Thank you to all those who attended, the response was fantastic!

The theme for the evening was 'Inspirational Women' and Rosebery were praised by The Right Hon Chris Grayling, the MP for Epsom and Ewell, who opened the event and referenced our Prime Minister amongst other successful women who have inspired him. All Alumnae were invited to the evening to meet with past students and friends. Current Years 11, 12 and 13 Rosebery students were also invited to meet with our Alumnae to hear about their experiences and to gain valuable advice on the future.

We heard from four Inspirational Alumnae who shared their stories since leaving Rosebery and we want to thank them most sincerely: **Emma Woolcott – Legal Director, Zoe Green – Planner at PWC, Hannah Ventham – British Airways and Andrea Robinson – Artist, MA in Creative Arts.** The advice and guidance they gave was invaluable to all the students there, discussing how Rosebery had given them the characteristics to now achieve in their given career. There were, of course, lots of memories shared and it was delightful to hear about all the staff and teachers who had helped them along the way!

The Alumnae then gathered into Zones, depending on their careers, and shared in more detail with our current students some invaluable careers advice. The feedback from students was extremely satisfying to hear, they all felt they had benefitted from meeting you all and have acted on advice given that evening.

Our Alumnae is very important to us at Rosebery School, as in the words of our Headteacher Ros Allen, this is your school and always will be!



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## **SAVE THE DATE!**

The next Alumnae event will be held on **Friday 4 May 2018**. This will be a social event, with a Pimms BBQ and Live music. Invites will be sent out with all details by the end of this year.

*Alumnae will also be invited to join the inaugural **Rounders Match** which will see the start of Alumnae v Current Rosebery (staff and students) take place! (Optional and weather permitting.*

### **OUR NEXT ALUMNAE PROJECT INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN – we need your help!**

I am currently producing a video about Rosebery's Inspirational Alumnae and I would like to receive emails of videos from as many of you as possible with the following information in each video:

The first will have you saying "My name is ..... and my biggest achievement has been ....."

The second will just have you saying "I went to Rosebery"

And the third "Rosebery helped me by...."

Please email your videos. These videos can be taken on a mobile phone and emailed to [craul@rosebery.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:craul@rosebery.surrey.sch.uk)

If I could get as many as possible that would be fantastic.

Thank you  
Carolyn Saul



# 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.

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)

## Glyn Surrey SCITT



We believe the best place for trainee teachers to learn how to become excellent classroom practitioners is in schools. We offer Initial Teacher Training where trainees spend the majority of their time in a school environment, whilst receiving high quality support and training. The SCITT has a well established reputation for high quality training, with teachers securing 100% employment in our partnership schools. This year we have both primary and secondary courses available and information on these, including how to apply can be found on our website: [www.glynsurreyscitt.co.uk](http://www.glynsurreyscitt.co.uk) or follow us on Twitter [@glynsurreyscitt](https://twitter.com/glynsurreyscitt).



# STUDENT NEWS



**Sophie Scott 11MY** recently became the Senior England All-Round Gymnastics Champion – a huge achievement.



**Leia Taskas 10CY** and **Charlotte Cornwell 10CY** entered the Wasabi Trampoline Club Competition in Crowborough in the Easter holidays. It was quite an achievement for them to enter alone but both girls did extremely well with Leia coming 1st and Charlotte 2nd. What a fantastic accomplishment, well done.

## Irish World Dance Champions



Four of our students took part in the Irish Dance World Championships in Dublin over the Easter weekend and became World Champions in the Senior Figure Dance Competition! The Figure Dance is an original choreographed dance piece for 16 dancers and Niamh FitzGerald 9PY, Celestine Malins 10EX, Lauren Coll 11EY and Zoe Gillespie 11EX danced in the winning team. Their performance was beautiful and they deserved the fantastic result after nearly a year of dedicated practice – we are so proud of them. To watch their performance, please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uttRfAR7a6o&feature=youtu.be>

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## Cheerleading



Gabby Gumbs 12C and Becca Hill 12E, were accompanied by Miss Haggis and the rest of the Surrey Starlets L5 team to compete at the World Cheerleading Championships in Florida last week. Qualifying last July as one of the UK representatives, the lead up to the trip was a busy one, with competitions and additional training sessions at the Starlets home, the Rosebery Gym!

The trip was extremely successful and both girls had the opportunity to work with other American teams and coaches, on top of their daily A Level revision slots. Former Rosebery student and Starlet member and coach, Maddie Garry, was selected as part of the National Team who secured a gold medal in the ICU division!

Both Becca and Gabby began cheering at the Rosebery School Cheerleading Club which takes place in the gym on a Monday, they will be back to training ready for their National event later this year.

### Miss E Haggis



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## STUDENT SUCCESS IN NATIONAL POETRY COMPETITION



POETRY BY  
HEART

(from left to right) Year 11 students **Miral Pankhania 11CY** and **Jasmine Helm-Stovell 11CY** (runner up and winner of the school competition).

A Year 11 student from Rosebery has competed in the national finals of Poetry by Heart at the British Library. Jasmine Helm-Stovell, 16, competed against 40 other students from a range of schools across the whole country, including many independent and selective schools.

Rosebery have been taking part in competition since it began 5 years ago. The first stage of the competition takes place in school. Each student must learn and recite, by heart, two poems: one written pre-1914 and one written post-1914. Marks are awarded for voice, understanding, performance and accuracy. Jasmine chose to recite *Invictus* by W E Henley and *Lights Out* by Edward Thomas. As she went on to win the school competition, a video recording of Jasmine's recitals was uploaded for the county round. Miral Pankhania, also in Year 11, was a very close runner up in the school competition.

The national finals competition was held at the British Library Knowledge Centre in a theatre expertly lit for the occasion. The judges included Daljit Nagra, a poet whose poem *Singh Song* is part of the GCSE poetry anthology; Patience Agbabi, Jean Sprackland and Glyn Maxwell, who are all renowned modern British poets. There were rounds from 8 regional areas of the country. Jasmine was part of the south region. From each round, one student was chosen to compete in the grand final. The student that won the south region, India Douglas from Christ's Hospital School Horsham, went on to win the entire competition. The competition, which is entirely funded by the Department for Education, arranged for all students and chaperones to stay in LSE university accommodation overnight. Everyone also enjoyed a 'Winners' Dinner' where the entertainment involved the poet judges reciting their latest work. All students at the weekend were said to be winners, as they had won their county round. Jasmine and her school chaperone, English teacher Mrs Tyler, were treated to goodie bags of poetry books at the end of an amazing weekend.

The competition is open to any student in Years 10-13 and is a fantastic opportunity to foster a love of poetry for poetry's sake, akin to the somewhat lost oral traditions of the past.

Here are the links to the photos and videos of Jasmine Helm-Stovell at the Poetry by Heart national finals:

Photos: [https://www.dropbox.com/sh/9r7x7fppx4nzo50/AAACp\\_5vGH1\\_wGj5D3T-xVk7a?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/9r7x7fppx4nzo50/AAACp_5vGH1_wGj5D3T-xVk7a?dl=0)

Video 1: <https://vimeo.com/219914295/572d7df122>

Video 2: <https://vimeo.com/219634908/b64f6c2534>

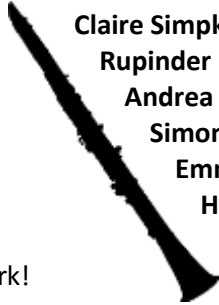


## MUSIC ACHIEVEMENTS



The Music Department would like to congratulate the following students on their success in their graded music exams:

**Claire Simpkins 11MX** - Grade 7 Saxophone - Merit  
**Rupinder Kaur 9MY** - Grade 3 Saxophone - Merit  
**Andrea Mackenzie 12D** - Grade 5 Clarinet - Merit  
**Simone Mason 10EY** - Grade 5 Clarinet - Merit  
**Emma Lomas 10MX** - Grade 2 Jazz Saxophone  
**Holly Sefton 9EX** - Grade 5 Jazz Saxophone -Distinction



Keep up the good work!

*Miss H Subramaniam, Music Department*

This year's whole school production in March, was held at Epsom Playhouse and was enjoyed by all!



"From start to finish, the Annie production has been an amazing experience for all of us involved. We have made such strong friendships across year groups and it is something we will not forget. Taking on these roles at first seemed daunting but the Drama teachers helped us to develop our characters throughout the rehearsal process. It was a big commitment but all the hours were so worth it because the whole cast pulled together for the amazing shows. The Music teachers were so helpful in adapting the music to suit our vocal registers and the amazing band took on the challenging score. It was hard getting used to performing on such a big stage at the Playhouse but the backstage crew made scene and mic changes easy. Overall, it has been so much fun working with such a close-knit, talented group of people and although there were times where it was challenging, with the help of all the wonderful teachers and support of the whole cast, we all worked together to create a fabulous show."



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## Book Day Character Costume Winner

Marta Rico 7CX: Mary Poppins



## 'Decorate the Door' Winners

Key stage 3 winners: 7PY: The Magic Faraway Tree  
8EY: The Jungle Book  
9MY: The Cat in the Hat

Key stage 4 winner: 11PY: The Three Little Pigs etc.!

Key stage 5 winner: 12E: The Great Gatsby



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# Rosebery Day 2017



Rosebery Day is a traditional celebration. Students gather in the Quad with their picnics and listen to music. Fun was had by all including both staff and students at our annual Rosebery Day celebration. Picnics were eaten and games were played, but most importantly everyone celebrated together.



Rosebery Day 1973



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# Easter Bonnet Parade – 30 March 2017



**1<sup>st</sup> 10CY**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 12F**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 9PX**

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## Year 11 Leavers Assembly - Thursday 22 June 2017



Today we said goodbye to our Year 11 students. We celebrated with a wonderful assembly led by Mrs South and Ms Devonish, which included many students rewarded and praised for their attendance, punctuality, achievements and participation in extra curricular activities. The speeches from Ms Allen and Mr Celine were inspirational and very moving in equal measure and we certainly hope that their words of wisdom resonate with our incredible students for many years to come.

The assembly finished with a 'trip down memory lane' photographic slideshow to music, there was hardly a dry eye in the house and that was just the teachers!

We wish all our Year 11's and their families who are now leaving our community, all the very best for the years to come, and to those of you returning in Sixth Form, we very much look forward to welcoming you back in September as the young adults you have become.

Good Luck to you all  
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# Thank you!

Please see below a Thank you from Pam Pulling-Smith who has been on a trip to Syria

Dear All

First a very big thank you for all of you who supported me by supplying new underwear etc for the children of the Syrian and Iraqi refugees, which I took out on my latest trip. I came back on Wednesday.

Thanks to your help and support we managed to get out nearly a 100 kilos in weight of undies etc., which was delivered as follows:

Some undies, pencils, toothpaste, soaps, baby jackets, posters went to the sisters of the Italian hospital. They look after many Christian families in their area, not just in the hospital and have set up a small school. Another church was given pencils, pencil sharpeners, posters etc. for the school they have set up.

We took all the rest of the new underwear, pencils, baby jackets etc. out to the church at Marqa. Father Khalil Ja'ar is looking after nearly 4000 Christian refugees in the church and locality. They have also set up 2 schools in the church, one for nearly 200 Syrian children, the other for 200 Iraqi children. Without the churches, these children would not be receiving an education as they are not entitled to attend Jordanian government schools, and, of course, have no money to pay. The children in the camps - Azraq and Zartari, do receive an education, mainly from schools set up by UNRWA and UNHCR as far as I have been able to ascertain.

We were, again a very big thanks to you all, able to hand over a £1000 to Omar Zaru, President of the Jordanian YMCA, for the specific purpose of paying for prescription medicines for the Christian refugee children when needed. As some of you may know, we have set up a link with a pharmaceutical manufacturer, who is letting us have medicines at manufacturing cost price.

As you all know Ruth and I pay our own way and every penny donated goes to the medical fund, no one gets paid! I hope to go out again in October and will start collecting new children's underwear tomorrow!

I do have letters of thanks from Omar, and once again a big thank you not just from me but from the people whom we are helping. Please do continue to help, it is vitally needed.

Pam

***We hope you all have a lovely summer!***

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