

SIXTH FORM INFORMATION EVENING

Mrs King extended a warm welcome to all those present and said that she hoped that this would prove to be a very useful opportunity for parents to learn more about sixth form life at Roedean.

'Moving to the sixth form is a significant step for any pupil and at Roedean there is great pride in what can be offered to young women – both academically and in terms of experience.

Ms Carragher, our Head of Sixth Form, will cover in detail the breadth of the programme of study. She will also outline the responsibilities which sixth formers are expected to take on which give them a fine grounding prior to progressing to university and higher education. She will also give some thoughts and words of wisdom on career preparation.

In talking to universities and to people in the world of work it is very clear that we have to keep working on the balance between high academic achievement and those transferable skills that employers want.

The opportunities available through the variety of activities on offer and the level of maturity and responsibility expected from our students during the two sixth form years is significant - it is very rewarding to watch them grow with confidence in this time at Roedean.

However, the economic outlook is still challenging and parents need to plan strategically for the future. Quite simply, your daughters need to be equipped with the best opportunities available to them. Roedean can provide:

- education in an environment where academic achievement is expected and prized
- high calibre teachers who are wholly committed to giving of their best to identify and nurture individual talent
- new experiences with significant responsibility, whether on trips to New York or South Africa, student exchanges, house plays, music and sports to name but a few

Results at A level have been high in relation to pupils' abilities, indicating that their progress through the sixth form is exceptional when compared with the average for pupils of similar abilities.

The sixth form in particular appreciate the knowledge gained from the programme of outside speakers, particularly those from universities.

Older pupils revealed an unusual confidence, independence and expertise in their work in fundraising, the running of the student school council, the school magazine and in representing the student voice both within the school and beyond.

Enjoy the rest of the evening and I can be contacted at any time on headmistress@rodean.co.uk should you have any queries.'

Frances King
Headmistress

