

The Roche School

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Dear Parents,

This week, I re-visited [The Hall School, Wimbledon](#) (after a gap of some years) and spoke to the new Headmaster, Graeme Delaney. Graeme has an impressive CV – he is an ISI inspector as well as having great teaching and leadership experience. He is also very personable and motivated as the man brought in by Chatsworth Education Group to lead the school to greatness! Chatsworth have just acquired the school from the family who ran it for many years and there is now a new strategic plan and vision for pupils in place with investment to match. At the moment they are still accepting applications for Year 7 (2019) and for those of you who think a smaller, co-ed with a gentler assessment procedure sounds right for your child then do go and have a look. It's one to watch over the next year or so.

I also met the new Headmistress at [Surbiton High](#) – Rebecca Glover. Surbiton High is always a popular choice with Roche School girls and we send every year. Rebecca is “tweaking” rather than making major changes and Surbiton High remains an excellent, large, girls’ High with real breadth of opportunity. I was impressed by their Wellness Centre (full time counsellor on hand and many pastoral initiatives) as well as the vivacity of the girls and the vibrant atmosphere of the place.

Meanwhile Mr Gilbert was off to [Fulham School](#) where more changes are afoot. There are now two new Heads in place - one to run the prep school itself (Neil Lunnon - husband of Jane who is the Head at Wimbledon High) and one to run the senior school itself (Will Le Fleming, ex-St Paul’s Girls). The secondary premises will shortly be confirmed for September 2019. This is another interesting co-ed on the rise (under new ownership) which Roche School parents may want to see. At the moment pupils transfer to the current prep - a spacious Victorian school with plenty of large rooms, music facilities and even its own red phone box. Ex Roche pupils assure us that the best thing about the place is that everyone is happy. Being relatively non-selective Fulham caters for a broad range of pupils with small class sizes for personalised teaching and challenge.

That’s all for now!

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