

# HEAD'S WEEKLY REVIEW



## Head's Introduction

In last week's Chapel services, we heard about new beginnings and resolutions, and girls in Year 8 talked about who inspires them. It was lovely to hear them describe to the school why a particular woman is an inspiration to them personally. Miss Best encouraged the girls to look up a website called 'The Female Lead', as a way of finding a wealth of positive messages about women's successes and achievements, and I would reiterate this advice. This initiative tells us that social media and the Internet can be a positive influence if we are careful in choosing content which is enlightening and constructive.

Congratulations to all those in Year 13 who are receiving excellent, achievable offers of places at top universities at the moment. This is the welcome reward for all the effort which went into their UCAS applications last term. Amongst the many excellent offers already achieved, this week is when we hear from Oxbridge and some unusually early offers for Medicine have also come in. I am delighted that five students have received offers from Cambridge University and top medical schools this week – this is an outstanding achievement for Sarah, Elsie, Rosie, Carissa, and Ellen.

We welcomed over 80 bright-eyed prospective Year 7 and 9 pupils to Roedean last weekend to sit their entrance tests, and it was wonderful to see how excited they are about coming to Roedean. Our own Year 12 and 13 girls, and those on the One-Year GCSE course completed their trial papers this week – well done, and I hope that the experience of taking the tests under exam conditions was useful preparation for the summer.

It was a great pleasure to present their badges to the new scholars this week, and to hear about their experiences of scholarship so far at Roedean. Thank you to Ms Boobis who masterminded the event so well, and to all our parents who came to support and celebrate with us. In addition, every one of the 32 girls who took LAMDA exams last term has been rewarded with a distinction, so congratulations to them and to their teachers for their hard work.



## Bollywood for Year 8

This week, all of Year 8 took part in Bollywood workshops. Each group learnt a Bollywood dance and then performed these on stage in the Roedean Theatre. Everyone involved gave an excellent performance and danced with lots of energy and enthusiasm. All the groups then joined together on stage to perform a short routine to *Jai Ho* – what was brilliant was that Kalpesh, the teacher who led the sessions, got everyone in the audience on their feet and joining too!

