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# Boarding at Roedean

Girls First: Empowered, Encouraged, Engaged

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Boarding at Roedean offers an extraordinary opportunity: a chance for girls to grow in independence, forge lifelong friendships, and experience the unique sense of belonging that comes from being part of a vibrant and caring community.

Our boarding houses are far more than simply places to live. They are warm, welcoming homes where every girl is known as an individual and supported to flourish in all aspects of her life. From a student's first day to her final year in Keswick House, she will be part of a sisterhood. Our boarders are nurtured by dedicated house staff and surrounded by friends who quickly become like family.

Set on our stunning clifftop campus, with Brighton's cultural energy just minutes away, Roedean offers the perfect balance of space, security, and adventure. Here, boarders discover new passions, build resilience, and grow into confident young women ready to embrace the opportunities of the wider world.

Whether joining us from the UK or abroad, either as a full-time, weekly, or flexible boarder, all students will become part of a community where they are valued, encouraged, and supported every step of the way.



# A Home Away from Home

## Flexible Boarding Options To Suit Every Family

At Roedean, we understand that every family's needs are unique. That's why we offer flexible boarding arrangements, including full boarding, weekly boarding, and flexi boarding. Whether girls choose to stay with us throughout the term, return home on weekends, or board for a few nights during the week, they each have their own dedicated boarding bed. They all enjoy the same warm, supportive community and vibrant boarding experience. This flexibility allows each girl to find the perfect balance between independence, family time, and school life.

## A Boarding Family

In Houses 1 to 4, vertical boarding brings together girls from Years 7 to 12, creating a vibrant dynamic where younger students are inspired by older role models, and senior girls grow in confidence as leaders and mentors. For Year 13, Keswick House offers a distinctive experience: a close-knit final-year community where girls enjoy greater independence as they prepare for university life and the world beyond Roedean.

## The Best of Both Worlds

Set within a beautiful 46 acre campus overlooking the sea, Roedean provides an idyllic environment for students to flourish. The safe and secure campus offers parents peace of mind, while its close proximity to the vibrant city of Brighton gives teenage girls the perfect balance between calm country living and the buzz of urban life. Here, boarders enjoy the space and freedom to grow alongside easy access to a wealth of cultural and social opportunities beyond the school gates.

## A Life Full of Opportunity

Boarding life at Roedean is rich and varied, with a thoughtfully planned programme of house activities, weekend trips, and social events. From cosy movie nights and baking in the house kitchen to trips to London, theatre visits, and outdoor adventures, there is always something to inspire, challenge, and delight. It's a life filled with fun, friendship, and memories that will last a lifetime.

Boarding life at Roedean also helps girls build resilience and independence, as they learn to manage daily routines, responsibilities, and relationships with confidence.

## Exceptional Pastoral Care

Pastoral care is at the very heart of life at Roedean. Dedicated house staff work closely with Heads of Years, Tutors and Pastoral Managers to provide a seamless network of support. Every girl is known as an individual, with her wellbeing, personal growth, and academic success given equal priority. Whether offering a listening ear, celebrating achievements, or guiding girls through challenges, the boarding team is a constant presence, playing an integral role in each student's journey.

## Peace of Mind

Roedean's safe and secure campus offers complete peace of mind, knowing your daughter is cared for within a protected and supportive environment. With dedicated staff and a close-knit community, every girl can feel safe, confident, and free to thrive.

## A Global Sisterhood

Girls are enriched by a supportive global sisterhood, where British and international boarders together share diverse perspectives and friendships across cultures.



# Meet our Houses

Each of Roedean's five boarding houses has its own distinct character, yet all share a warm, family atmosphere where every girl feels known, supported, and valued. In each house, the Housemistress or Housemaster and their team create a nurturing home where students can thrive.

## Houses 1 to 4

Each house is a warm and welcoming home, carefully designed to balance privacy with shared spaces. Cosy bedrooms, lively common rooms, and inviting kitchens provide plenty of space for laughter, conversation, and relaxation after a busy school day. The dedicated house teams offer round-the-clock care, ensuring every girl feels seen, valued, and supported throughout her Roedean journey.

A rich programme of house activities caters to all ages and interests, from film nights and baking sessions to games, sports, and weekend adventures, creating an atmosphere full of fun, friendship, and shared experiences.

*“It's like having so many sisters – someone is always there for you, whether it's celebrating a success or sharing tea and a chat on a quiet evening.”*

Year 8 boarder





## Keswick House

Keswick House is home to Roedean's Year 13 students during their final year, forming a close-knit and supportive community as they prepare for life beyond school. With the freedom and independence of private rooms, the girls enjoy a sense of maturity and responsibility, balanced by the warmth and camaraderie of house life.

While boarding in Keswick, each student remains connected to a house team - House 1, 2, 3, or 4 - maintaining a sense of identity, friendship, and friendly competition that runs through Roedean life. This connection ensures girls stay part of their wider house family while enjoying the unique experience of living among their Year 13 peers.

## House Spirit

Every student at Roedean, whether day or boarding, belongs to one of four vibrant houses: House 1 (green), House 2 (yellow), House 3 (blue), or House 4 (red). The house system fosters a strong sense of sisterhood, bringing girls of all ages together in a shared spirit of pride and belonging.

Throughout the year, house events bring the school alive with friendly rivalry and shared joy. Competitions in sport, music, drama, and academics see girls cheering one another on, discovering new talents, and building resilience. The energy of house spirit fills every corner of the school, from the roar of chants at House Shout to the creative brilliance of House Dance performances, there truly is something for everyone to enjoy.

*“Living in Keswick has been the perfect way to spend my last year at Roedean. It feels like a steppingstone to university. We have the independence to manage our own routines, but still the support of house staff and the closeness of our friends. I’ve grown so much in confidence and feel ready for the next chapter.”*

Year 13 boarder

# A Day and Weekend in the Life of a Roedean Boarder

*“There’s always something to do at weekends – I love that mix of fun, freedom, and time with friends.”*

Year 9 boarder

Breakfast	<p>Early breakfast- 07:00 to 07:30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration - 07:15 in the Dining Room</li> <li>• Collect phones after breakfast</li> </ul> <p>Late breakfast- 07:30 to 08:00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration - 07:45 in the Dining Room</li> <li>• Collect phones before or after breakfast</li> </ul>
Tutor and Registration	08:00 - 08:45
Period 1	08:45 - 09:35
Period 2	09:40 - 10:30
Break	10:30 - 10:50
Period 3	10:50 - 11:40
Period 4	11:45 - 12:35
Lunch 1	12:35 - 12:55
Lunch 2	12:55 - 13:20
Period 5	13:20 - 14:10
Period 6	14:15 - 15:05 (also registration)
Period 7	15:10 - 16:00
Tea	16:00 - 16:10
Period 8 Friday	<p>16:10 - 17:00</p> <p>16:00 School ends (no activity)</p>
Day student departure on Minibuses Friday	<p>17:10</p> <p>16:10</p>

# A Weekday Evening

Dinner	17:30 - 18:30 (All students must sign in with a member of staff)
Registration	18:45 (in the House)
Prep	19:00 - 20:00 (Years 7 to 11) 19:00 - 21:00 (Years 12 to 13)
Activities and free time	After prep to bedtime
Devices handed in and lights out	From 21:00 (Year 7 - 11) Not applicable for Sixth Form

## Saturday

Breakfast in Houses	08:30 - 10:00
Registration with House Staff	Before 10:00
Prep / Sport / Activities	11:00 - 12:00
Lunch take aways in Main School Dining Room	12:30 - 14:00
Registration in Houses	14:00
Outings / Trips into Brighton / Sport / Activities / Prep	Afternoon
Dinner in Main School Dining Room	17:30 - 18:45
Registration in Houses	20:00
Activities in Houses	20:00 - 21:00

## Sunday

Register with House Staff	Before 10:00
Brunch in Main School Dining Room	10:00 - 13:00
Registration in Houses	14:00
Tea in Houses	Afternoon
Outings / Sport / Activities / Prep	Afternoon
Dinner in Main School Dining Room	17:30 - 18:45
House Meetings	20:00

# Guidance for Boarders (Years 7 - 12)

Year	Internet Access	Lights Out	Take-Aways	Out of School
7	20:45	Sun - Thurs: 21:00 Fri - Sat: 21:30	Sat 18:30-20:00	Brighton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accompanied/supervised as part of the Boarding Weekend Programme shopping trip</li> <li>Groups of 3+</li> <li>Travel only in school minibus/pre-ordered taxi or accompanied on public transport</li> </ul>
8	21:00	Sun - Thurs: 21:15 Fri - Sat: 21:45		Brighton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accompanied/supervised as part of the Boarding Weekend Programme shopping trip</li> <li>Groups of 3+</li> <li>Travel only in school minibus/pre-ordered taxi or accompanied on public transport</li> </ul>
9	21:15	Sun - Thurs: 21:30 Fri - Sat: 22:00		Brighton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unsupervised but as part of the Boarding Weekend Programme shopping trip. Remain in designated area by trip leads, including Churchill Square and Lanes</li> <li>Groups of 3+</li> <li>Travel only in school minibus/pre-ordered taxi or accompanied on public transport</li> </ul>
10	21:45	Sun - Thurs: 22:00 Fri - Sat: 22:30		Brighton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Groups of 3+ unless accompanied by a Year 11 or older student/s and at the discretion of the Housemistress/master</li> <li>Friday - to Brighton Marina. Groups of 3+ between 19:00 - 20:00 or similar 'House trip time'</li> <li>Saturday and Sunday - an agreed time with House Staff of up to 4 hours between hours 11:00 - 17:00</li> </ul>
11	22:00	Sun - Thurs: 22:15 Fri - Sat: (in House by 21:30)		Brighton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Groups of 2+</li> <li>Friday - to Brighton Marina. Groups of 2+ between 19:00 - 20:00 or similar 'House trip time'</li> <li>Saturday and Sunday - an agreed time with House Staff of up to 5 hours between hours 11:00 - 17:30</li> </ul>
12	00:00	None (in House by 21:30)		Fri and Sat 18:30 - 20:00

# Guidance for Boarders (Year 13)

Year	Internet Access	Lights Out	Take-Aways	Out of School
13	00:00	None (in House by 21:30)	Fri and Sat 18:30 - 20:00	<p>Brighton London with Parental Consent* - alone at HM's discretion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday to Thursday - one off requests at HM's discretion (e.g. Birthday meal)</li> <li>Friday 17:00 - 21:30</li> <li>Saturday and Sunday - an agreed time with House Staff of up to 8 hours between hours 09:00 - 21:30</li> </ul> <p><i>*Consent must be received via phone call from a Parent or Guardian</i></p>

## Leadership in Boarding

Boarding life at Roedean provides countless opportunities for students to develop confidence and leadership skills within a supportive environment. In Houses 1 to 4, Years 11 and 12 take on the role of House Captain, helping to lead their house communities, support staff, and inspire their peers. They play a vital part in organising house events and activities, from spirited competitions to social gatherings, ensuring that all boarders feel included and valued. As role models for younger students, House Captains embody the sisterhood at the heart of Roedean, offering guidance, encouragement, and a friendly face to junior girls navigating boarding life for the first time.

In the latter term of Year 12 and Year 13, this journey culminates in prefectship, where students are elected to the wider school leadership team. Prefects take on significant responsibilities across boarding and pastoral care, supporting house staff, contributing to the wellbeing of their peers, and helping to maintain the warm and inclusive culture that defines Roedean. These experiences not only allow students to give back to their community but also equip them with empathy, resilience, and the ability to lead with confidence.

*"I loved being House Captain! It really gave me the opportunity to develop my leadership skills through strengthening house community and participation in House competition events."*

House Captain

# Essential Information for Boarding Life

## Accommodation

Boarding accommodation at Roedean is designed to provide comfort, privacy, and a true sense of home, supporting students at every stage of their journey. In Years 7 and 8, girls typically share rooms of two or three, helping them to settle quickly into boarding life and build strong friendships. By Year 9, most students enjoy the independence of their own room, while a few may continue to share, with roommate changes each term to encourage new connections and a sense of community. From Year 10 onwards, all boarders have their own elegantly furnished single room, complete with a desk for private study.

Students are encouraged to bring their own personal items to decorate their room and make it homely.

Shared bathroom facilities are carefully maintained to ensure comfort and privacy, while the houses offer a variety of inviting communal spaces. From the vibrant central common room, fondly known as the ODR (Old Dining Room), to cosy Snugs and relaxed lounges, there are spaces to suit every mood and activity. Whether socialising with friends, curling up with a book, or enjoying house events, these welcoming areas create a warm and homely environment where girls can truly relax and feel at ease.

## Buddies and House Families

Starting at a new school, especially as a boarder, can feel like a big step. Every new girl is paired with a friendly and supportive student from within her boarding house. This buddy acts as a guide and companion in those early days, helping her to find her way around the campus, navigate her daily routines, and settle comfortably into the rhythms of school and boarding life.

From showing her where classrooms, the Dining Room, and common spaces are, to introducing her to new friends and sharing tips about house traditions, buddies play a vital role in helping new students feel part of the Roedean family. This gentle and personal approach helps new boarders build confidence, friendships, and a real sense of belonging from their very first days.

Within each House, every girl becomes part of a small 'House Family' made up of students from different year groups. These families help to create a sense of belonging and support, coming together for fun activities as well as shared responsibilities within the House.

## Communication

Open and effective communication between the House, the School, and parents or guardians is central to ensuring every student thrives at Roedean.

We are committed to keeping parents and guardians fully informed about their daughter's progress and wellbeing, celebrating her achievements, and sharing insights into her personal and academic development. Equally, we encourage families to keep us updated about any changes in circumstances, health matters, or personal concerns that might affect her experience.

### *Mobile Phones*

All mobile phones and technical devices should be registered with the House Staff upon arrival. Please remember not to call the girls after the time they are supposed to hand in their mobile phone. Students in Years 7 to 10 do not have any mobile devices in their rooms overnight. For all students, mobiles will only be accessible during certain hours of the day. See the section of Guidance for Boarders.

They need to be switched off and handed in to the House Study before school, and they can be switched back on at the end of the school day.

## Roedean Boarding on Instagram

The Roedean Boarding Instagram page offers a wonderful window into the daily life and spirit of our boarding community. With its vibrant feed of photos and stories, it celebrates the warmth, fun, and energy of house life, from cosy evenings spent baking or doing a dance-off, to lively weekend adventures and trips further afield. Parents and guardians love seeing these glimpses into their daughters' boarding experience, whether it's house competitions, shared meals, or quiet moments of friendship.

## Dining and Snacks

All meals (except for Saturday breakfast) are enjoyed in our light-filled dining room, a convivial space where girls and staff come together like one big family. Mealtimes offer a chance to connect with friends from different year groups and houses, relax, and enjoy informal moments where staff can check in on students' wellbeing. On Saturday mornings, breakfast takes place in each boarding house, creating a relaxed weekend atmosphere where girls can ease into the day in their slippers and enjoy time together closer to home. Snacks are available during the weekdays from the Dining Room, and the boarding houses also provide snacks throughout the week, alongside a fresh supply of fruit available daily to keep everyone energised and refreshed.

We take pride in a whole-school ethos towards healthy eating, encouraging informed choices that support concentration, energy, and overall wellbeing.

Our catering team rotates menus regularly, provides themed meals, and makes a concerted effort to reflect the diverse nationalities within Roedean. Special dietary requirements are always catered for, and there is plenty of variety to suit all tastes. By fostering a positive relationship with food, we hope to inspire lifelong healthy habits in every girl.

In addition, boarders can enjoy small comforts from home. They are welcome to keep snacks in their boarding house, with fridges, freezers, and cupboards available on their floor for storage. At weekends, students may even order a takeaway, with the approval of house staff, adding to the balance of structure and freedom that makes boarding life feel so much like home.

Roedean is a nut free school, and all dietary requirements can be met.

## Educational Guardians for International Students

Roedean welcomes students from all around the world, and our international boarders become part of a caring, close-knit community that celebrates diversity and fosters personal growth. Our dedicated pastoral team actively supports all international students as they settle into school life, ensuring they feel at home both academically and personally. To further enhance this support, it is important that each international student has an additional adult based in the UK (Educational Guardian) who can provide practical guidance and emotional support throughout their time at Roedean, where parents are not in position to provide this.

## Gym and Sports Facilities

The school offers a fully equipped gym, swimming pool, tennis courts and an array of other sports facilities and that can be accessed by the boarders at various times outside of the normal school day.

## Health Centre

The on-site Health Centre is a vital resource dedicated to supporting the wellbeing of all students. It provides a wide range of essential services, including first aid, medication administration, health assessments, and confidential advice on physical and mental health matters. The Health Centre also plays a key role in coordinating NHS school immunisations, and offering tailored care and support for students with disabilities or long-term health conditions. Staffed by experienced Registered Nurses and a Healthcare Assistant, the Health Centre ensures that students receive professional, compassionate, and timely care in a safe and welcoming environment, promoting their overall health and enabling them to thrive both academically and personally.

All full boarders are required to be registered with the School GP and can see the doctor on site. The surgery is held twice a week.

## Kindness, Respect and Responsibility

Kindness, respect, and consideration for others lie at the heart of our houses, ensuring that each student feels valued and supported. Boarders are expected to take responsibility for their own routines, keep their spaces tidy, and contribute positively to the shared environment. This includes being mindful of noise, respecting privacy, and celebrating the diversity of those within the House.

Every student at Roedean is encouraged to take pride in their personal space and contribute to the welcoming, homely atmosphere of their House. Boarders are expected to keep their rooms tidy, care for their belongings, and respect the shared spaces and the people they live with. This shared responsibility not only creates a pleasant environment for everyone but also helps students to develop important life skills.

## Laundry

Each House has its own laundry room, making it easy for girls to take care of their belongings. Laundry, including bedding and clothing, is done for them once a week. Should they wish, the girls are also welcome to use the laundry facilities in the evenings.

## Prep and Academic Tutors

While girls are free to complete their prep at any point during the day, there is also a dedicated, supervised prep session to provide structure and support:

Weekdays:

- 19:00 - 20:00 (Years 7 to 11)
- 19:00 - 21:00 (Years 12 to 13)

Saturday:

- 11:00 - 12:00

Students in Years 7 to 10 complete their prep in the JPR under the guidance of staff, ensuring a calm and focused environment. In Year 10, girls may have the opportunity to complete their prep in their own rooms, depending on academic progress and review of their grades. Older students in Years 11 to 13 have the flexibility to work independently in their own rooms or make use of the welcoming communal study areas. In addition, a rota of academic staff from a range of subject areas is on hand each evening to offer extra guidance. Girls are encouraged to make the most of this valuable resource to deepen their understanding and build confidence in their studies.



## Transport

Roedean has a well-established partnership with Streamline Taxis, the School's trusted local taxi provider. All airport transfers to and from the School must be arranged through Streamline to ensure reliability and the highest standards of care. During term time, boarders requiring taxis for travel during the school day will have these bookings arranged directly by House staff.

Streamline Taxis: 01273 202020  
[www.streamlinetaxis.org](http://www.streamlinetaxis.org)

## Travel

To support smooth and safe travel arrangements, all parents and guardians will receive a Travel Arrangements Form ahead of the start and end of each term and half term. This provides staff with the necessary information to assist students, arrange taxis, and ensure that all arrivals and departures are managed seamlessly. All communication regarding travel should always be communicated with the House.

## Victoria Escort Service (VE)

The Victoria Escort (VE) is a popular chaperoned service enabling weekly and flexi boarders to travel safely between Roedean and London. At least two members of staff accompany students on every journey to provide supervision and support.

### Fridays:

- Students depart after school by taxi to Brighton Station, then travel by train to London Victoria, arriving at approximately 18:00.

### Sundays:

- The return journey meets at the departures area of Victoria Station at 16:30, with the train leaving at 16:55. There is also a meet point at Clapham Junction at 16:45, ready to join the same train at 17:10. Students arrive back at Roedean by 19:00, allowing time for supper and to settle in before the weekly House meeting at 20:00.

Priority for the VE is given to students in Years 7, 8 and 9, although the service is open to all boarders and the cost will be added to the school bill each term. Parents and guardians wishing to use this service are to contact their daughter's House for further details.

## Weekend Activities

Weekends at Roedean are full of fun, adventure, and opportunities to try new things with friends. Saturdays are largely dedicated to school sports, private lessons, and engaging on-site house activities that bring the boarding community together, as well as weekly shopping trips for younger boarders. Sundays, on the other hand, are reserved for off-site excursions and trips, compulsory for Years 7, 8 and 9 boarders, offering a chance to explore beyond the school grounds.

Throughout the year, a wide variety of organised outings keep every boarder entertained and engaged, from visits to the cinema, ice-skating, bowling, and the excitement of Thorpe Park, to cultural adventures at London's fascinating museums and vibrant West End shows. Whether students prefer action-packed days filled with activities or a relaxing afternoon spent socialising with friends, weekends at Roedean strike the perfect balance of excitement and relaxation, ensuring every boarder finds something to enjoy.

# House Terminology

When visiting Roedean and being taken on a school tour, you may well encounter Roedean girls or staff referring to the following spaces with the boarding houses.

## Bunny Runs

A series of passages connecting the different boarding houses, allowing easy movement between them.

## Colony

A collection of dormitory-style rooms designated for younger year groups.

## Exeat

A weekend off from school. Students typically spend this time away from Roedean with their guardian, family members, or parents, or may choose to stay with a school friend. There are usually two exeat weekends each term. While students may opt to remain on campus during an exeat weekend, they are strongly encouraged to leave, allowing time to refresh and prepare for the weeks ahead.

## Heaven

The top floor of the houses in the Main School.

## GDR

A common room accessible to all boarders. The room was formerly known as the 'Girls' Drawing Room'.

## Hobbies Room

A cosy space available for all boarders, equipped with a TV, DVD player, books, and board games for relaxation and entertainment.

## JPR

The main study room fitted with desks, lamps, and lockers. This room is used for prep time by the younger years during the week and was formerly called the 'Junior Prep Room'.

## ODR

The main common room and a hub of activity within the house. It serves as the venue for Saturday breakfasts, cooking meals, house parties, meetings, and registrations. The room was previously known as the 'Old Dining Room'.

## Pantry

The house kitchen where students can prepare food and drinks. House staff will unlock the pantry upon request.

## Snug

A small room located at the centre of the Lower and Middle floors. Boarders can access drinks here and relax on the sofas.

## The Study

The central area of the house where a member of staff is usually present or nearby.

## Study Passage

The entrance to the house from the Main School. Older students often have studies here. Notice boards with updated information throughout the day are also found in this area.

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Year 9 boarder





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