



ROEDEAN

Join the Roedean Team

Senior Network Administrator

Girls First: Empowered, Encouraged, Engaged

ON SITE FARM	FOUNDED 1885	50 % BOARDING
4 OFFERS FOR OXBRIDGE		BEST EVER GCSE & A LEVEL GRADES IN THE LAST 2 YEARS
ACADEMIC MENTORING PROJECTS	45 ACRES	
FLOOD-LIT ALL-WEATHER PITCH ON SITE	125 CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	355 -SEAT THEATRE
GIRLS FROM OVER 35 COUNTRIES	£11m BOARDING REFURBISHMENT	
ISI (NOVEMBER 2021) EXCELLENT IN ALL AREAS	ON THE CLIFFS OVERLOOKING THE ENGLISH CHANNEL	125 YEARS ON CURRENT SITE
		525 STUDENTS ON ROLL

Welcome to Roedean



Roedean is an extraordinary school on an extraordinary site – the girls play cricket and hockey with the sea's blue in front of them and the green of the South Downs behind them, the Maths and Humanities classrooms have perhaps the best views of any in the country, and which other boarding houses have been likened to a boutique hotel? But it is not just the location, but the strong academic focus with a genuine belief in the importance of creativity and an all-round education that makes Roedean unique.

This is an exciting time for Roedean which is marking the 140th anniversary of the foundation of the School, although it moved to its current site in 1898. Ever since its foundation, Roedean has been renowned for providing girls with an exceptional holistic education, and this certainly remains the case today: the girls excel in many fields, achieving excellent academic results, while also playing music beyond diploma level, debating in the Oxford Union finals, playing Netball in Sri Lanka, and throwing themselves into partnership work in the community and beyond. Students achieve Advanced 1 in Ballet, design and race their F24 electric car, exceptional artists can finish A Level Art in a year and then complete a certificated foundation year before applying for direct-

entry Art degrees, and a team of 6 students successfully swam across the Channel to France in June 2022, after which a student in Year 12 made the crossing solo in July 2025.

The School numbers around 525 students, and about half of that number are day girls, joined by boarders from over 35 countries.

Roedean is clearly thriving and, in addition to the evident success in the Arts and particularly STEM subjects, as well as in many areas of school life beyond the curriculum, it is wonderful that the findings of our last three ISI Inspection reports in 2016, 2021, and 2025 all highlighted the excellence in Roedean provision and outcomes for students. Despite current pressures, it is clear that the School is in fine fettle, and where it will be in the coming years is an exciting prospect.

Roedean really is a great place to work – we hope that you would like to join us.

Niamh Green
Head

The Role

As a key member of the IT team, the Senior Network Administrator will report to the IT Manager and be responsible for the stability, performance, and strategic growth of Roedean's network infrastructure. This includes managing daily operations, executing system upgrades, delivering high-level support throughout the school, and actively contributing to the IT strategy, budgeting, and future infrastructure planning alongside the IT Manager.

Main Duties

Networking and Server

- Maintain, update, and repair the entire IT Network and Server Infrastructure (including hardware and software).
- Diagnose and resolve system failures, performance issues, and bottlenecks to ensure long-term network efficiency and stability.
- Administer and manage the school's Cloud Estate, specifically Microsoft Azure and Entra ID (Azure AD).
- Evaluate and recommend opportunities to migrate suitable on-premise solutions to the cloud.
- Design and implement new technologies to continuously improve network efficiency, security, and resilience.
- Manage and maintain physical hardware assets, including HP servers and network devices.
- Manage and maintain all Internet and Web Filtering systems (e.g., Smoothwall), ensuring compliance with statutory and Safeguarding requirements.
- Administer and support the Hyper-V virtual server estate.
- Oversee the registration and maintenance of Domain Names and DNS systems.
- Evaluate the network and server performance and to develop improvement strategies.
- Manage and maintain all network appliances, including firewalls (SonicWall), network switches (HP Aruba), and filtering systems.
- Ensure high availability (HA) and disaster recovery (DR) capabilities are configured and tested across all critical systems.
- Manage ISP contracts and liaise with external vendors/support for incident resolution and service improvement.
- Provide practical assistance with cabling and network runs as required for project delivery or repairs.

Security and Compliance

- Conduct regular internal security and compliance audits and remediate identified vulnerabilities.
- Manage and optimize the school's endpoint protection, anti-virus, and broader security system stack.
- Schedule and execute all system upgrades, maintenance, and patches to minimize disruption during school operational periods.
- Manage and verify the integrity of data backups, including appliance configurations and critical system data, ensuring successful recovery is possible.
- Define, enforce, and maintain security standards and industry best practices across the infrastructure.
- Proactively utilize monitoring and logging systems to analyse system health and anticipate/prevent potential failures.
- Manage and track all software and hardware licensing to ensure continuous compliance.
- Work with the Safeguarding team to monitor, investigate and report on internet usage.

Telecommunications

- Manage and maintain the 3CX VoIP telephone system, including configuration, user management, and performance.
- Oversee the estate of telecommunication hardware (handsets, mobiles, gateways, etc.) and related software.
- Manage telecommunication service provider contracts and billing.

Support

- Provide expert 3rd-line technical support to Staff, Pupils, and Parents.
- Offer dedicated technical support for the school's Trustees.
- Provide technical guidance and knowledge transfer to co-workers and students on network usage and best practices.
- Collaborate with the Head of IT Support and senior team members to ensure excellent service delivery across the school.
- Provide technical assistance to support school events and functions as required.
- Act as a technical resource for the wider group of schools, providing advice and support as needed.
- Assist the IT Team with complex or escalated helpdesk requests.

General

- Monitor and report on overall system health and key performance indicators (KPIs).
- Generate regular performance and status reports for the IT Manager and leadership team.
- Collaborate with the IT Manager on the development, documentation, and execution of the long-term ICT Strategic Plan.
- Generate and provide reports as needed for Management and Safeguarding teams.
- Mentor and guide junior infrastructure and support staff, managing their day-to-day activities related to infrastructure projects.
- Lead and manage technical projects as assigned by the IT Manager, ensuring timely delivery within scope and budget.
- Maintain up-to-date professional knowledge of relevant modern developments, product initiatives, and technologies.
- Proactively contribute to IT Team meetings and operational planning sessions.
- Continuously research and pursue relevant training and professional development courses.
- Provide occasional out-of-hours support for planned events and maintenance activities.
- Perform any other duties that may be reasonably requested by the IT Manager.

Person Specification

- Proven experience as a Network Administrator or equivalent position managing complex infrastructure environments.
- Expert understanding of network architecture, including LAN, WAN, and WLAN technologies.
- In-depth knowledge of core networking protocols such as TCP/IP, VLANs, routing, and switching.
- Demonstrable hands-on experience administering and maintaining:
 - o Microsoft Hyper-V virtualisation and Windows Server operating systems.
 - o Cloud services, specifically Microsoft Azure and Entra ID.
 - o Enterprise-grade Filtering and Firewall systems (e.g., SonicWall/Smoothwall).
- Excellent ability to document systems, procedures, and changes clearly and thoroughly.
- Outstanding diagnostic, problem-solving, and analytical skills with a strong focus on identifying and remediating root causes.
- Desirable knowledge & technical experience with:
 - o HP Aruba switching infrastructure
 - o Ubiquiti wireless systems
 - o Linux/Unix command-line tools
 - o Experiencing managing 3CX or similar VOIP/telephony systems
- A confident, clear, and professional communicator, capable of conveying technical information to both technical and non-technical stakeholders (including staff, pupils, and parents).
- Demonstrates an appreciation for quality control and a commitment to providing a high-quality service.

- Highly self-motivated and proactive, demonstrating the initiative to research and pursue training relevant to the role's duties.
- Adaptable and flexible, with the ability to adjust quickly to fast-paced changes and new priorities.
- Excellent time management and organizational skills, capable of planning and prioritizing complex work in consultation with the IT Manager.
- Ability to work effectively as a key member of a team and to provide technical direction and mentoring to junior colleagues.
- Able to remain calm and professional under pressure, particularly when dealing with system outages or critical support issues.

The School does not have a licence to sponsor migrants under the worker or temporary worker routes. Individuals who wish to work at the School will therefore need to hold or establish immigration status that allows them to work in the UK. The School is legally required to check that all successful job applicants hold the right to work in the UK before work can commence.

The Package

Salary: Based on NTS Point 27 (£32,977 – NTS 29 £36,179). Actual salary £35,205 - £37,555.

Hours: 39.5 hours per week (8am - 5pm, Monday – Thursday and 8am - 4.30pm, Friday), full year

Holidays: 22 days per annum (pro rata for part time) rising to 27 days (pro rata for part time) after 5 years' service. It is expected that all leave will be taken during school holiday periods.

Other Benefits include:

- **Pension** – Contributory pension scheme
- **Remission of fees** for a daughter attending the school, in line with the current policy of the School Council, subject to the usual standards and procedures for admission (currently 40% - pro rata for part time staff)
- **Death in service benefit**
- **Dining and refreshment facilities** throughout the school day whilst on duty
- **Sports and Leisure** – use of the swimming pool, fitness suite and tennis courts (subject to availability). Weekly yoga classes are available after work
- **Wellbeing** – Staff have access to a confidential advice and telephone support service. Regular staff social events
- **'Cycle to Work' scheme**
- **Free parking on site**

Safeguarding

The post holder's responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and young persons for whom s/he is responsible, or with whom s/he comes into contact will be to adhere to and ensure compliance with the School's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy Statement at all times. If in the course of carrying out the duties of the post the post holder becomes aware of any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of children in the School s/he must report any concerns to the School's Designated Safeguarding Lead or, if he/she is the School's DSL, to the Head and relevant agencies.

Roedean is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants will be required to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

Roedean is an equal opportunity employer and we welcome the unique contributions that everyone can bring to Roedean. At Roedean School we are committed to building a diverse and inclusive workplace, so we encourage you to apply even if your past experience does not align perfectly with every qualification or experience in the information provided.

How to Apply

Applications should be made via the My New Term Application Form. This can be found by clicking the 'Apply Now' button on our website (www.roedean.co.uk/Vacancies). Please note we do not accept CVs.

If you have any questions about the role, please contact Louisa Butler, Recruitment Manager - vacancies@roedean.co.uk

Closing date for applications is 9am, 5 January 2026.

Due to the need to appoint quickly, we reserve the right to interview and appoint at any stage of the process.

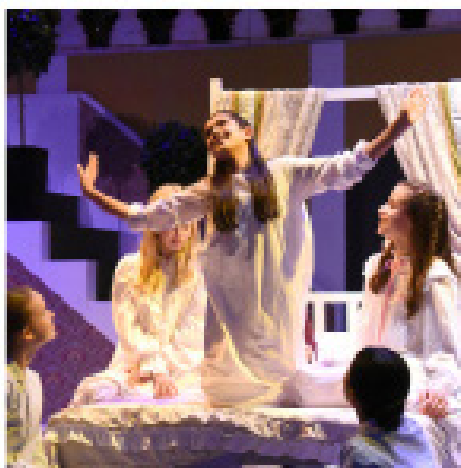
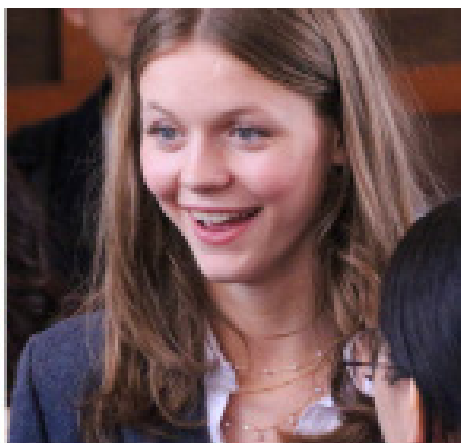
This job description may be reviewed from time to time in light of changing circumstances and if it is necessary to amend/alter this, those concerned will be consulted.

Why Work at Roedean?



At Roedean, we are seeking dedicated and enthusiastic members of staff, who are keen to prioritise the girls' well-being and happiness at all times. We are looking for those who enjoy working as part of a team, and who appreciate the importance of the girls' all-round experience at school. We are hoping that the girls will become life-long learners, always keen to undertake new challenges and learn from their experiences, and

Roedean has the same wish for its staff; the school is happy to provide support and training to facilitate the professional development if needed. All members of staff at Roedean enjoy strong and meaningful relationships with the girls, characterised by mutual trust and respect, and this was highlighted in our outstanding ISI Inspection report.



The School Today

Roedean numbers around 525 girls, bringing together students from over thirty-five countries around the world and those who live very locally; these different cultures and experiences add a great deal to the girls' experience, particularly in our increasingly globalised society, and ISI Inspectors remarked that 'the cultural development of pupils is excellent', and commented on the 'mutual tolerance and respect' which came from the integration between pupils from different countries, and between the day girls and those who board.

Founded in 1885 by three sisters to provide 'a thorough, physical, intellectual and moral' education with 'as much liberty as is consistent with safety', the School has always broken the mould. Today, Roedean is determined to empower the girls to challenge themselves to realise their considerable potential; they are given the opportunity to grow up at their own pace, not constrained by finite expectations, and they have the freedom to develop their talents and passions.

Roedean's ethos is clearly focused on the remarkable benefits of a holistic approach to education, in which academic pursuits are complemented by a wide range of co-curricular activities, and the founding Lawrence sisters would be delighted with their legacy today. With over 125 activities on offer every week, the girls enjoy international travel opportunities, a Farm on the school site, the annual House Drama Festival, and our flood-lit all-weather pitch at the heart of the School. Roedean girls excel in a range of sports, and many musicians and dancers perform

beyond Grade 8 level – all such activities have their own intrinsic value, but they also have huge benefits for the girls' academic endeavours. Our 'Wild Fridays' programme sees all of Year 7 and 8 spending every Friday afternoon outside, learning bushcraft skills and orienteering, looking after the animals on the Farm, and outdoor adventure – and they love it! All girls in Years 9 and 10 undertake Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, and some also have the opportunity to join the CCF contingent at Lancing College.

Our partnership with St Mark's Primary, in the Whitehawk estate, is hugely rewarding for the pupils at both schools – there are a range of joint weekly activities, we fund-raised and built a Library on their site from scratch, and one year-group comes to Roedean each week for a morning of academic and sporting enrichment. Furthermore, the Roedean Academy, a programme of academic enrichment for Year 10 students, brings together academically gifted and engaged students from six local schools in the maintained sector with those at Roedean, to challenge their academic expectations and broaden their horizons.

Philanthropy is also central to what we do. 100 hot meals are sent each week into the community to feed the homeless in Brighton, 12 girls travel to Moldova each year to teach English to Ukrainian refugees and Moldovan orphans, and the community raised over £48,000 for a range of charities last year.



ROEDEAN'S ETHOS

At Roedean, there can be no doubt that the girls' rounded education 'makes a considerable contribution to their personal development' (ISI Inspection), and it is precisely this which produces independent and creative young women who will make their mark in the world. In the same way that Roedean encourages the girls to pursue a

variety of interests, we expect the staff to be committed to the busy life of this boarding school; it is wonderful when staff join the orchestra or play in the staff-student sports fixtures, and the girls love it when members of staff congratulate them on their role in the previous night's play or the goal they scored in the fixture at the weekend.

ROEDEAN'S CAMPUS AND FACILITIES

Roedean is located on a beautiful 45-acre campus, and owns a further 75 acres of land adjacent to the site. It is the only school in the UK to be set within a National Park and on a coastline, as well as being in the boundaries of a vibrant city. The Grade II listed main building and Keswick House were designed by the leading Victorian architect and Roedean parent, Sir John Simpson, who also designed the original Wembley stadium. The main building incorporates the four main boarding houses, the dining rooms, the Library, and the teaching and administration spaces. Later additions include the Chapel, Science Laboratories, the Theatre and dance studios, the Music wing, Keswick House, and Lawrence House. We also have

an indoor swimming pool, a Sports Hall, which includes a multi-gym, and numerous playing fields to the front and side of the school. With a £1½ million refurbishment of the Sixth Form facilities in 2019, a small Farm on site with sheep and pygmy goats, a refurbishment of our 355-seat Theatre in 2021, and an all-weather flood-lit pitch at the heart of the School, Roedean certainly has wonderful facilities and buildings. A transformation of the Library was completed in April 2024 and delivers an outstanding study, research, and exhibition space within the School's original school hall, further enhancing Roedean's academic provision.





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