

HEAD TEACHER'S

AWARD

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Inspiring Optimistic Learners

Rosie Richardson

Year 11



Rosie encapsulates what it is to be a great student – and human!

As a younger girl, Rosie was an absolute pleasure to teach as she always had a huge smile and an enthusiasm for life which could lift the spirits of her peers and teachers – even on a gloomy winter's day.

As she has grown up, she has not lost that spark and ability to bring joy to others.

She has always been a hugely dedicated and hardworking student and that has become particularly apparent in year 11 as Rosie is not only hardworking in class, but also dedicates a lot of time to independent learning and revision.

Rosie is an exceptional young woman in the sense that she is interested in the world beyond her own direct experiences and cares about the world beyond Cornwall/ the UK. Rosie chooses to do things to express her views and to improve conditions for others.

An example of this is when she wrote a letter as part of an Amnesty International Campaign, fighting for the release of imprisoned journalist Raif Badawi.

At College level, along with one of her friends, Rosie presented to Dr Plumb and then to the middle level leaders at the College, expressing her views on the home learning system that we had in place. She advocated changes which would make homework more meaningful for students by actively teaching and prioritising revision strategies. As a result of this, the ways that teachers set homework, and the types of homework set, have changed in order to develop more effective revision strategies. Presenting to teachers was out of Rosie's comfort zone, but she was – as always – able to rise to the occasion and exceed her own expectations of herself.

Rosie appreciates the value of education – she doesn't take it for granted but ensures that she makes the most of her chance to learn knowledge and to understand more about the world. She recognises that across the world not everyone has access to education and ensures that she makes the most of the chances she has.

Rosie has been an outstanding representative of Polhawn House throughout her career at TCC; always willing to go the extra mile in support of her peers and to push herself beyond her own personal limits on behalf of "The Team". Rosie has demonstrated great determination and humility in everything that she has done, from being the leader of the Samba Band, giving her all on the athletics track on Sports Day, to maintaining the heartbeat at the centre of the Stage Band Rhythm Section; Rosie has been everything I could have hoped for in a Polhawn Student, and then some ; Polhawn House salutes you as one of the greats!

Rosie is joyful, dedicated and kind human being who has an awful lot of potential and we wish her every success in all of her current and future endeavours. You are a very worthy winner indeed Rosie, congratulations!

