



Rosie McColl

Head

Brighton Girls

Rosie McColl is currently headteacher at Brighton Girls GDST School after taking the reins in January 2020. She began her teaching career at Berkhamsted School in 2003, rising through the ranks to take up deputy headship at Berkhamsted Girls in 2014. In 2017 she moved to Wellington College as deputy head before moving to the south coast to take up her present position.

Her tenure at Brighton, much of which has been under the shadow of the pandemic, is characterized so far by change and innovation. She introduced pupil laughter therapy sessions to counter Covid blues, jettisoned the jolly hockey sticks image of girls' schools by launching the country's first skateboarding scholarship and is currently masterminding an early morning sea swimming club (and yes, she will be the first in). In the heart of one of the UK's most vibrant cities, she is on a mission to fuse the classroom and community – creating a school that is outward-looking, civic-minded and in tune with its locality.

Having landed an assisted place at an independent school as a child, she is passionate about making education as accessible as possible.

