



## CUNDALL MANOR SCHOOL

28<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

### **Rosie Swale-Pope, MBE**

Cundall Manor School is a non-selective co-educational independent school with 360+ pupils. Our Speech Day involves an audience of over 400 parents, grandparents and pupils, with an age range from 5 to 85.

Rosie Swale-Pope has twice been our speaker, in 2011 and again, by popular demand, in June 2016. On both occasions the audience gave her a massive and completely spontaneous standing ovation. Adults and children alike were enraptured throughout her 30 minute speech as she described how, not being able to afford a pony, she took Cleopatra, one of her grandmother's heifers, to a local gymkhana and recalled her close encounters with a wolf in Siberia and a naked axe man in Russia. The children were transfixed. Rosie's travels around the globe have given her plenty of time for thought and her inspirational messages to the children really struck home. Rosie's passion for life is irresistible and I can't think of any other speaker who gets the openly heartfelt response that she does.

Rosie's has run around the world, sailed around the world, and ridden solo over 3,000 miles to the southern tip of Chile. She has wing-walked and learned to fly - aerobatics, naturally. She has written several highly entertaining books about her adventures – the last of which, 'Just a Little Run Around the World' describes her epic five year run around the world to raise awareness about cancer and raise funds for Russian orphanages. She is currently, at the age of 69, running across America -across mountains ranges and deserts, again to raise awareness of cancer.

I can thoroughly recommend Rosie as a speaker. Her story is unique. Her style is unique. She is, quite simply, totally unforgettable.

Yours sincerely,

Sir Thomas Ingilby  
Chairman