



# Victoria College Prospectus



Building Successful Futures

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# Welcome, to Victoria College

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Respectful, resourceful, resilient  
and aspirational.

Education is about building successful futures and that's what we aim to do at Victoria College. Since we opened in 1852, we have been aiming high for Jersey students, providing the best quality education and the widest range of opportunities.

We have a strong record of producing young men who excel; our past pupils become business leaders, artists, top sportsmen and innovators in all sectors but whatever path you choose in life, we can help you achieve success and enjoy learning.

We are known for our consistently excellent academic results but they are just part of the story. At Victoria College you can thrive and grow in new and interesting ways and we aim to add value in all areas of school life.

You will find a stimulating, friendly and supportive environment where you can study to the highest level in the subjects you enjoy most and will be taught by experts. Outside the classroom you can explore and expand your talents in a variety of other areas. Our combination of outstanding teaching and broad range of co-curricular activities will help you develop as a whole person, which is extremely important. Past pupils tell us Victoria College offers something unique.

The academic excellence, camaraderie and our traditions give students a strong sense of belonging that lasts long after they have moved out into the world.

If you are motivated to come to Victoria College, keen to work hard and contribute to our community then we will welcome you. That includes helping with the fees, if necessary, through our bursary scheme. Your next step is to come and visit the school, so please get in touch.

We look forward to welcoming you.



*Victoria College  
aims to nurture  
well-rounded,  
resilient young men  
who have the skills,  
attitudes and values  
to be successful  
and make a positive  
contribution to  
society*

# School life

Life at Victoria College is dynamic and varied.

## Academic excellence

Entering secondary school is an exciting time in your education. Choosing A levels means you can focus on the subjects that interest you most and inspire you to learn and explore in more depth.

We offer a range of academic subjects at A level, with maths and sciences a particular strength alongside humanities and creative arts. Victoria College supports its pupils to develop into confident, well-rounded individuals with inquiring minds, strong moral values and a lifelong love of learning.

Our expert teaching team are dedicated to nurturing and supporting you in a way that is intellectually challenging and stimulating. As you move up through the school you will have more freedom than previous years and more responsibility for your own work.

Mastering independent learning is the key to success in education so students are expected to be resourceful, seeking out help if needed and working unsupervised when they are not in timetabled lessons. We are still here to help at every step of the way.

## GCSE results

Victoria College students celebrated a strong set of GCSE results in 2021 with a 100% pass rate.

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| Grade 9:      | 28.2% |
| Grade 8 to 9: | 57.6% |
| Grade 7 to 9: | 81.6% |
| Grade 4 to 9: | 93.3% |
| Pass rate:    | 100%  |

## A level results

In 2021 Victoria College students celebrated another year of outstanding results, with the highest number of top grades in the history of the school.

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| Number of A level students: | 83    |
| A* grade:                   | 28.2% |
| A* to A grade:              | 57.6% |
| A* to B grade:              | 81.6% |
| A* to C grade:              | 93.3% |

## Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Alongside A levels, our students can choose to take an extra qualification that is recommended by UCAS as extra preparation for university.

For the Extended Project Qualification students choose a topic of their choice, carry out research and either write an extended essay or create an artefact.

## 2021 Exam Results

100%  
pass rate  
at GCSE

93.3%  
pass rate  
at A level

# Beyond the classroom

## Our world of opportunity awaits.

Victoria College offers excellent opportunities alongside the academic curriculum. If you have a particular interest in music, sport, languages, drama or many other areas, then you will find a niche here to build your skills to the highest level and develop new talents. All year 7 boys learn an orchestral instrument and we have an exceptional programme of co-curricular activities for boys to partake in, including: archery, scuba diving, surfing and golf.

Sport is a particular strength at Victoria College and our students regularly represent the Island at football, rugby, cricket and other competitive events.

The Combined Cadet Force (CCF) is a thriving hub for a wide range of activities including off-island trips and outdoor challenges such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. We have our own shooting range and many of our marksmen compete in national competitions with great success.

Wellbeing and resilience are an important part of education for everyone. We know that young people learn best when they feel happy and secure. Each boy has a tutor within the school's House structure who will be their guide in pastoral and personal issues. In turn,

boys can train as Peer Mentors to offer support to younger students in the school.

### Enrichment

Alongside academic lessons, Victoria College aims to enrich the lives of all our students. Before, during and after school there are a range of activities in a variety of cerebral, sporting and creative disciplines on offer.

In addition, boys in Years 7 & 8 follow an enrichment programme that encompasses First Aid, Oracy, Stop Motion Animation, Study Skills, as well as additional creative subjects.

From Year 9 boys begin their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award with many going on to complete Silver and Gold. In the Sixth Form students take part in a series of formal electives, including revision techniques, first aid, health education, current affairs and local government (preparing to vote), mindfulness, cooking skills, public speaking and sports coaching.

Throughout all years, there are also opportunities for boys to represent their House in a wide range of events, ranging from drama to badminton, from scavenger hunts to art.



# Testimonials

Don't just hear it from us. Hear it from current parents and students.

*"The opportunities and experiences that my son had whilst a pupil at Victoria College have exceeded all of our expectations. There is a richness and uniqueness to the College that is so steeped in history and tradition it is an honour to be part of it and to experience it. The school has provided our son with such an amazing foundation both educationally and socially that will equip him for the rest of his life."*

*"When we moved here in 2019, my son was so excited that he was attending a 'Hogwart-esk' school with the thrill of all the potential magic that he associated with that establishment, but Victoria College was - and is - so much more."*

*"As I walked through the door for perhaps the last time before we depart to Australia, I was struck by the history and the magic that is truly Victoria College."*

*"Amat Victoria Curam - victory does favour those who take pains (effort)! My son 'took pains' throughout his time at Victoria College with the Queens Medal Board bearing witness to this. Thank you for everything."*

## Past Parents

*"The school has provided me with valuable skills which will enable me to succeed in later life. Within my role as Deputy Head Boy, I have had to demonstrate leadership and communication skills in order to fulfill my duty."*

*Within the Sixth Form, there is a strong bond amongst the students and at Victoria College there is an evident community spirit and inclusion for all of the pupils."*

*I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at the school and I could not recommend it enough to prospective future students."*

**Sammy Cooil - Deputy Head Boy 2020-2021**

*"I joined Victoria College in Year 3 at Prep and have really enjoyed my time here. There have been so many opportunities. I've played rugby throughout the senior school, was in the maths challenge teams and am currently doing A levels in maths, chemistry, economics and further maths. I'm planning to go to university, probably to study economics."*

*The school has given me a lot of life skills, especially as a sixth former and Deputy Head Boy. I've met a wide range of people and have definitely developed stronger communication skills because of my role. Everything is about communications skills at Victoria College. It's a really inclusive place and very friendly. I've thoroughly enjoyed my time here and would recommend it."*

**Angus Hay - Deputy Head Prefect 2018-2019**



# How to join us

We recommend you come and visit Victoria College to see the facilities for yourself and talk to the staff and students. We can arrange a personal visit just for you or you can come along to an Open Day in October.

Please email our Admissions Officer at [admissions@vcj.sch.je](mailto:admissions@vcj.sch.je).

## Entry requirements

We consider each application on its merits and every candidate meets the Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form (if applying for the Sixth Form) for an interview. We are looking for a good record of behaviour and attendance plus a positive attitude to learning.

## Financial help

Victoria College is a States fee-paying school. For the academic year September 2022 - 2023, fees will be £2,320 per term (£6,960 per annum). We aim to offer an education to all talented young men in Jersey so if lack of finance might affect your ability to attend then please get in touch.

A number of means-tested bursaries are available to help your family pay all or part of the school fees.

People from all backgrounds attend our school and your query will be treated in the strictest confidence.

# Contact us

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students in  
Years 7 - 13

56  
boys supported  
by full or partial  
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