

VICTORIA COLLEGE



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# Welcome to Victoria College Jersey 2022/23



Our World of Opportunity

RESPECTFUL · RESILIENT · RESOURCEFUL · ASPIRATIONAL



## Our Mission Statement

Victoria College aims to nurture young people to gain the skills, qualifications, attitudes, and values to be successful individuals, to realise their potential and make a positive contribution to society.

Our aims are:

- To be accessible to students from all walks of life
- To create academic and co-curricular opportunities for all students to fulfil their highest potential
- To nurture a positive and passionate attitude to learning
- To foster an inclusive and kind culture based on personal and social responsibility and spiritual sensitivities

Our four College Values, which underpin all we do are:

- Respect
- Resilience
- Resourcefulness
- Aspiration

Victoria College is absolutely committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the young people in our care and expects all staff to share in this commitment.

## Our College

We are a successful boys' day school of 680 students with 180 in the Sixth Form and a dedicated Preparatory School which currently has 270 students aged from 7 to 11. Victoria College is a fee-paying Government of Jersey maintained school. The campus is outstandingly beautiful, overlooking the capital town of St Helier. Our Victorian buildings, set within woodland and lawns are roomy, bright, and well-equipped.

We have strong traditions dating back to 1852 and a long record of academic excellence. The Headteacher is a member of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC), and all our staff are employed by the Government of Jersey Education Department.

Students from outside of Victoria College Preparatory School take an entrance examination in November for entrance the following September. The school is part-funded by the Government of Jersey, which provides an annual grant per student.



## About Jersey

The Bailiwick of Jersey is a self-governing Crown Dependency, and this has implications for its education system. Schools here operate under Jersey Education Law, which differs from that of the UK.

Our schools follow the Jersey Curriculum, which is based on the English National Curriculum, but with adaptations that enable us to include the study of Jersey's unique history, geography, and political system.

London is only 30 minutes away by air and France is a mere 14 miles to the east. Jersey is a unique place to live and work, particularly if you and your family enjoy an outdoor and community-focused lifestyle.

To find out about living and working in the Island please click [here](#) for the Locate Jersey website.

## Learning

Victoria College's public examination results are consistently high, with recent years seeing the highest in the school's history at both GCSE and A level. In addition:

- Value-added statistics place us in the top ranks of all British schools
- 8 out of 10 leavers reach their first choice UK universities
- 29 subjects are available at Key Stage 5. We are fortunate to be able to extend our provision through collaboration with other schools including Jersey College for Girls and Beaulieu Convent School.
- We provide outstanding pastoral care through a system of Form Tutors and Housemasters who operate in an inclusive and successful House system
- A comprehensive Personal, Social and Health and Economic Education programme is provided
- Our Study Centre provides specialist support for students with specific learning difficulties
- We maintain small class sizes (maximum of 24 per class at Key Stage 3 and smaller at Key Stages 4 and 5)



## Beyond the Classroom

What very often strikes our visitors is the atmosphere of calm, of good manners and that our students are polite and respectful. We aim to cultivate a strong culture of kindness amongst our community members.

Although proud of our academic achievements at Key Stages 3, 4 and 5, we are much more than an examination centre. We supplement academic excellence with an outstanding Co-Curricular programme in which the students are encouraged to make the most of the wealth of activities on offer. We have a thriving Combined Cadet Force that makes an outstanding contribution to the local community.

The Headteacher expects all staff to contribute to the Co-Curricular life of the College. The opportunities include:

- A strong music programme, with choirs, ensembles, and orchestra
- Wide ranging sporting opportunities, with particular strengths in football, hockey, cricket, rugby, fencing, shooting, and swimming.
- Drama productions are held at least annually by our Theatre Studies department
- Combined Cadet Force: Royal Navy, Army, and Royal Air Force
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels
- Regular off-Island visits, camps, courses, and expeditions
- Many lunchtime and after school clubs and societies, from archery to climbing, remote control-car club to chess, scuba diving to Warhammer, escape rooms to debating, and so much more

Competitions in drama, music, art, sport, and a wide range of academic 'cerebral activities' take place annually, with boys representing one of the five College Houses, which are named after eminent former pupils (Old Victorians) who fought in the British Armed Forces with distinction.

There is a friendly House rivalry that creates enjoyable experiences for the students.





## Teaching and Learning at our School

At Victoria College, we are a learning community. We believe all teachers should commit to their professional development and support this through professional learning opportunities at a personal, subject-specialist and whole-school level. There are opportunities to pursue further qualifications such as NPQs and a rich and strategically focused teaching and learning programme within the school. Appraisal is focused on growth, not judgement, and there is a supportive induction programme to support your transition into the school.

Teachers at any stage of their career will find Jersey a great place to develop their career, with access to professional island-wide networks and support. We welcome applications from Early Career Teachers, who are fully supported with an on-island programme and in-school subject specialist mentors.

If you believe in an inclusive education and seek a school where you will be developed and supported in your career, we will value your application for this post and wish you every success.

## The Old Victorians' Association

The Old Victorians' Association comprises all former students who have graduated from Victoria College Jersey as well as serving and former teachers. It aims to promote fellowship between Old Victorians worldwide and to help support the school in its continued success and position as a leading education establishment in the island. The Old Victorians' Association Council, which sits quarterly, comprises 12 members and acts as the Executive elected body of the Association representing Victoria College alumni. The main events are the annual dinners in London and Jersey, as well as sporting events for OVA affiliated teams.



## The Foundation

The Foundation is a registered Jersey Charity and aims to raise funds to support scholarships and bursaries that enable students from all walks of life to come to the schools. The Foundation was set up in 2002 as part of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the College in order to support the ever-changing needs of school life and to help sustain the long-held tradition of providing quality education for all those involved with college life.

The main event of the year is Founders' Week, which takes place around 29 September and includes an all-school charity walk, an inter-House relay race and a special assembly on the College lawn where every pupil from VCJ and VCP sees the winner of the Citizenship and co-Curricular Awards announced.

## If appointed, what happens next?

If you are appointed by the Headteacher, you will receive a Letter of Intent offering you the position officially.

A contract will follow from States of Jersey HR (People Hub)

“There are lots of opportunities and it’s a great environment in which to learn”

(Victoria College student)

“Whilst our son has only been at Victoria College for a short time, we have been really pleased with the level of care and support he has received”

(Victoria College parent)

“I like the way I am taught. My teachers engage me”

(Victoria College student)



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