



Victoria College Prospectus



Our World of Opportunity

RESPECTFUL · RESILIENT · ASPIRATIONAL



OUR VISION

A world-class holistic education that inspires every individual to contribute positively to our schools and to society.

OUR MISSION

- A transformative curriculum in and out of the classroom that inspires excellence, curiosity and independent thinking
- A dynamic learning environment underpinned by kindness, altruism and compassion
- A diverse community where everyone is valued and supported to achieve their potential

OUR VALUES

We aim to nurture respectful and resilient young people and to help them build successful futures. We encourage boys to aspire to excellence in everything they do and make the most of all the opportunities we offer.

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A very warm welcome to Victoria College

I'm so proud to be a part of this community, which prides itself on providing a holistic education, one that inspires each and every one of our students to find and develop their unique talents.

We want our students to love their time with us, make lifelong friends, and to become interesting and interested young people. Nothing gives me greater pride than seeing our students head off into the world as Old Victorians, equipped with the skills, qualifications and personal attributes to make a positive impact. Their association with our College lasts a lifetime.

Our iconic campus in the heart of St Helier might have been founded in 1852, but we are very much an aspirational and innovative 21st Century school that has its eyes on the future, seeking always to

improve our wide range of academic, pastoral and co-curricular opportunities, so that our students can be the best versions of themselves. Choosing a school to educate your child through their most formative years is far from easy. I believe strongly that Victoria College is a wonderful community in which young people can learn, grow and flourish, and I very much hope that you agree.

Dr Gareth J A Hughes

Headteacher

School life

A dynamic learning environment underpinned by kindness, altruism and compassion

Since 1852, we have been aiming high for Jersey students, providing the best quality education for our boys and the widest range of opportunities. At Victoria College, we are known for our consistently excellent academic results, but they are just part of the story. Here you can thrive and grow in new and interesting ways as we add value in all areas of school life.

You will find a comprehensive and exciting curriculum delivered through high-quality teaching and learning practices that meet the skills and knowledge of all our students. Our expert teaching team are dedicated to nurturing and supporting you in a way that is both intellectually challenging and stimulating.

Outside the classroom you can explore and expand your talents in a variety of other areas, through a diverse and extensive range of enjoyable and accessible co-curricular and enrichment opportunities that cater to the needs of our students and foster participation.

As you move up through the school you will have more freedom 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.

Exam Results

We are hugely proud of our academic outcomes at Victoria College. In 2024, our Year 11 students achieved record-breaking success in their GCSEs, with the highest ever 9-4 grades in the history of formally sat and assessed exams. Additionally, the College marked three-year highs in both the 9-6 and 9-5 grade ranges. Our Year 13 students also achieved outstanding A Level results, with the highest A*-A % of all Island schools. These results put Victoria College in the top 25% of schools in the British Isles.

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 EPQ, students choose a topic of their choice, carry out research and either write an extended essay or create an artefact.

2023 EPQ results: 76% A* - B

**2024
Exam
Results**

**GCSE
Results**

9-7 - 43%

9-4 - 97%

**A Level
Results**

A*-A - 39%

A*-C - 88%

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 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 military themed and adventurous activities including a number of off-island trips. 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, students in Years 7 & 8 follow an enrichment programme that encompasses first aid, oracy, stop motion animation, study skills, information technology literacy as well as additional creative subjects.

From Year 9, students 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 students to represent their House in a wide range of events and competitions, ranging from drama to badminton, and from scavenger hunts to art. These all contribute to the awarding of the annual Challenge Cup to the most successful of our five Houses.

We also offer a range of leadership positions in all year groups to support our young people to develop key skills and confidence.



Testimonials

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Parent Testimonials

“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.”

“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.”

Student Testimonials

“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 fulfil 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 - Senior Prefect

“I have been immensely grateful to have spent the last seven years of my education at Victoria College. The amazing teachers have helped develop my interest in a broad range of subjects which will put me in excellent stead for the future.

In particular, I will forever appreciate the support I received on my university application. The school arranged mock interviews and teachers were willing to meet with me to help prepare for my admission test and interview. Ultimately, I was able to secure an offer from Oxford to read Politics, Philosophy and Economics, so I must thank the College for the excellent time I’ve spent here, and their help in pursuing my ambitions for the future.”

Jem - Prefect

How to join us

We warmly invite you to visit us here at Victoria College to see the facilities for yourself and talk to our wonderful staff and students. We can arrange a personal visit just for you, or you can come along to our Open Day in early October.

Please email our Admissions Registrar at admissions@vcj.sch.je

Entry requirements

For full information on entry criteria, and the admissions process for different entry points to the College, please visit the admissions page on our website: www.victoriacollege.je/vcj-admissions or contact our Admissions Registrar directly at admissions@vcj.sch.je

Financial help

Victoria College is a Government of Jersey fee-paying school. For the academic year September 2024 - 2025, fees are £2,704 per term (£8,112 per year).

We aim to offer an education to all talented young men in Jersey - there should be no financial barriers to a world class education. A number of means-tested bursaries are available to help your family pay the school fees and we warmly welcome a conversation with you on this.

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

Contact us

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704
students in
Years 7 - 13

55
boys supported
by full or partial
bursaries





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