

July 2024

Le Rocquier School

Summer Newsletter



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Mr Adkin

It has been a fantastic summer term at Le Rocquier, as you will see in this bumper issue of our newsletter. We said goodbye to our Year 11 students, who successfully completed their GCSE exams, our Year 10 students successfully completed Trident and our Y7, 8 and 9 students all had a fantastic Activity Week. You will see a snapshot of all these events, and more, in this newsletter.

As we approach the summer holiday, I would like to thank all the staff at Le Rocquier for their hard work this year. I know it is appreciated by all our parents, carers and students.

I wish you a happy, safe, summer holiday and look forward to seeing all our students in September.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 4th September
- return to school

Thursday 12th September
- INSET day (school closed to students)

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Activity Week



Surfing

We had another successful, sunny week with 27 students learning to surf and 'Hang Five' with Laneez. Many were first time surfers and were standing up on day 1! We think a lot have got the bug and will be returning this year to the summer camps. Mrs Stier & Mr Dicker

Sailing

Students took to the water each day in different dinghies, sailing in St Catherine's Bay under the beautiful setting of the sailing club.

The atmosphere was welcoming and qualified staff guided the students through an RYA youth syllabus where sailors were able to attain their goals depending on their experience and skills.

Mr Horton



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Racket Week

Racket Week was a 'smashing' success! The students enjoyed a range of racket sports at different locations across the island including table tennis, pickleball, squash, padel tennis and tennis. All students involved represented both themselves and the school fantastically and showed real progress throughout the week!
Mrs Espana & Mr Goulding

Fun on the run

From tie-dye t-shirts to exploring Samares Manor; from abseiling & pier jumping to afternoon tea: students got to experience a range of activities across the island.

Students were impeccable throughout the week, bonded well as a group and enjoyed every minute spent together!

Mrs Dingle, Mrs Floch & Mrs Geissmar



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Craft Week

We ribbon-braided, pressed local flowers and made pictures with seaside artefacts and ribbons. Some experimented by making clothes or a flower wreath. Others sketched, knitted, crocheted, painted and sponged authentic designs. A highly successful, enjoyable week.

Miss Schenk, Miss Roberts and Miss Barette

Disneyland, Paris

From getting on the ferry to returning home there was no time to rest. We had Disney character parades & shows, boat rides, runaway trains, high adrenaline thrills on Hyperspace Mountain, battling spiderbots to save Spiderman, spinning in tea cups, flying with Peter Pan, meeting and greeting the Disney stars, getting their autographs, shopping, eating, electric light shows and firework displays...the fun was non stop!
Mrs Coles



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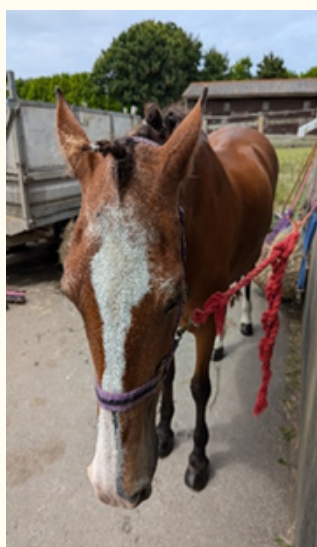


South of France

We had an incredible week in the national park of the Ardeche region! High ropes, kayaking and climbing towers were just some of the things we got up to in the sunshine, alongside experiencing the local culture and wildlife [read: 'mosquitoes']. The scenery was like nothing any of us had ever seen before! The food was great, the weather was HOT, and our bus driver Franck kept us entertained on the long journey home.
Mrs Leblanc

Riding

We had a wonderful time at Le Claire Stables. All the students came on a huge way in their confidence, riding for at least an hour every day, and learning how to care for the ponies as well! The whole week culminated in a big competition with games and rosettes for the winning trio!
Mr Taylor Capjon



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Barcelona

We had the privilege of taking this great group away to Barcelona. We all had a fun-filled week of sightseeing, fun at a water park and a day at Port Aventura theme park. The students were a credit to the school and made the trip one of the best ever. I hope they have lots of great memories that will last a lifetime.

Muchas Gracias.

Mrs Pinheiro & the Staff Team

The Lake District

Lucky students and staff went to Ullswater in The Lake District. The scenery, the activities and the camaraderie were appreciated by all involved. Watching students use skills and confidence that even they did not know they had was a delight; from gorge scrambling, lake swimming, and hiking up mountains – not one person gave up! Reaching the peak of a mountain was a proud moment for many of the group!

Miss Eastham and Mr Lodge



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Crest Science Award

We had a fantastic week of science experiments from growing our own crystals to working out density using a Eureka can; making coloured sodium alginate balls and then fitting them into a design in a petri dish to finding out more about crisps. The scavenger hunt was lots of fun, using the periodic table to crack the clues.

Well done all!

Mrs Tierney and Miss Jones

Genuine Jersey

Huge amounts of creative genius on the Genuine Jersey Activity Week where, among other activities, students made their own jams, jewellery, cakes and chocolates – watch this space for the entrepreneurs of the future!

Mrs Morlidge and Mrs Mabbs



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Trident

Year 10 students completed their two-week placements in June. One hundred students swapped their classroom learning for 'real life' learning as they showed employers their resilience and adaptiveness in the work environment. 2024 has been another very successful year, with students amazing our local employers with the skills and talents they possess. Students worked in a variety of placements from 'blue chip' companies to local businesses and showcased the 'work ready' skills our students display every day in school. We are looking forward to next year's cohort of future talent.

#futureemployees

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Mr. Brignall



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Duke of Edinburgh Award

We have had an amazing first year and are so proud of the skill and resilience of the young people that we have taken away.

To receive the award, they have completed 3 to 6 months of voluntary work in the community, with many learning the value of contributing to their community.

They also had to learn to navigate their way around the island and complete a 15 mile walk over two days. Many teams walked further than this as they managed to independently correct navigation to get them to their destination.

Their ability to bounce back and be running around a campsite playing games and enjoying phone free moments is inspirational. I can make no promises about the quality of their diet however, as Haribo and hotdogs seemed to power them all through!

Some reflections that show how proud we are of the students for what they have been able to learn about themselves and their ambitions.

“Now that I’ve finished, I’m feeling proud of myself. My favourite part was being able to get off my phone and go for a long walk with my friends... The expedition has given me the confidence to go out.”

Mrs King



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PE



Pétanque

This term some of our Y7's were introduced to the wonderful traditional game of pétanque on our very own terrain and with our very own personalised set of balls.

We are extremely lucky and grateful to have Elaine from the Jersey Pétanque Association to come and deliver these sessions and we look forward to rolling this out across the older year groups. Well done to all involved; we hope you enjoyed it!

Girls Rounders

This year we saw more than 100 girls come to rounders training and participate in the inter-school's rounders fixtures. This involved playing all secondary schools across the Island! It's great to see the level of rounders skill and their tactical understanding for the game grow from strength to strength. There were lots of notable performances this year- in particular the Y8 team beating Grainville by 22 rounders!



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Sports Day

The largest Athletics event in the Channels Islands- The Le Rocquier Sports Day! All students from Year 7 to Year 10 took part in a range of athletics events. This also included a staff relay!

Ice creams and pizza's were welcomed from a long day of sporting events and a day of glorious sunshine!

The results were as followed;

Year 7- Platte Roque

Year 8-Fauvic

Year 9- Seymour

Year 10- Fauvic

OVERALL WINNERS- FAUVIC!

Victor Trophy Winner- Tyler Norman

Victrix Trophy Winner- Ava Gomes

Miss Langton was absolutely delighted to see the overall trophy dressed in orange ribbon. Treats and rewards were then awarded to students and staff in the Fauvic house!

We look forward to next year's event!

Mrs Espana and the PE Department



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Athletics

During the summer term many of our students were selected to represent themselves as well as the school in both the School's Individual Athletics Championships and the Girls and Boys Athletics Schools Cup.

Many students were successful making the finals and evening placing in the top 3!! 🏆 🏆 🏆

Some of the many notable performances include:

Geneva Frankson - 1st in the 100m and setting a new Island Record!!

Florence Holden - 3rd in the Shot Put.

Jonty Queree - 3rd in the Shot Put.

Oscar Karwowska - 1st in the Triple Jump.

Cole Selby - top 3 in the 800m & 1500m.

Ava Gomes - 2nd in the 800m & 4th in the hurdles.

Tyler Norman - 1st in the 100m.

Tom Agis - 2nd in the Long Jump and 3rd in the Javelin.

Barnaby Colley - top 3 in both the 800m & 1500m

Harry Hibbs - 2nd in the Javelin



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Creative Arts

Dance

It has been a busy year for the Dance Department, with multiple performances, workshops, and visits to the Jersey Arts Centre. The Dance Show took place on Wednesday 3rd July, showcasing the talent of our students and their hard work to create entertaining performances.

Year 9 students produced creative, humorous music videos and Miss Pearson was incredibly proud of what they managed to achieve. We had a special visit from Jersey's own Dance Company, Ballet D'Jerri, who performed an ensemble piece before we went to the Arts Center to watch the full act.

As always, our GCSE students have been impressing us with their independence, collaboration, and examination work.

Coming up next year: Trip to London to the UK's biggest dance event Move IT, more Jersey Arts Center performances, and workshops from industry professionals.

Miss Pearson is extremely proud of all the students who have participated in Dance this year, either in lessons or at performances. Miss Pearson



Music Video Winners



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Drama

Congratulations to KS3 cast of The Dream. The play, a hilarious adaptation of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, was a sell out for both of its shows and the students played their roles to perfection, rising to the challenge of mastering their lines and hitting their marks. Mrs Morlidge couldn't have been prouder of their professionalism and creative talent. Roll on the next Drama production!
Mrs Morlidge



Textiles

In textiles we have had a fantastic first year with lots to celebrate with all students working extremely hard. They have been on several exhibition trips to local Art Galleries, seeing some wonderful pieces and using them as inspiration for their own work.

They also completed their first textile mock exam, where they up-cycled a denim jacket of their choice which is currently being displayed at the school entrance.

Mrs Langton



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Humanities

It's been a busy and successful year in the Humanities faculty with a variety of trips and visiting speakers!

The **History** department took Year 8 to see a play about Claude Cahun and Marcel Moore during Jersey's occupation, and Year 10 historians experienced the Jersey Heritage apothecary to support their GCSE studies of Medicine through Time.

The **Religious Studies** department had a lively morning watching visiting hip-hop artist TEELow perform to and inspire our Year 7 students.

The **Geography** department had very successful trips to London and Val de la Mare with our Year 11 geographers. Year 9s took part in a really interesting talk, workshop and opinion survey with visiting Sustainability and Climate Change Engagement Manager Jane Burns about the proposed Jersey wind farm.

We are looking forward to the next academic year and are excited to welcome our new Year 10 GCSE students who have already made an impressive start to their History, Geography and RS exam courses.

Mrs Leblanc and the Humanities Team



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English

We are absolutely delighted to announce that our school has been selected as the *exclusive host* for the prestigious **Festival of Words** in September. Renowned published authors will grace us with their presence, offering inspirational talks and generous workshops.

A special mention goes to author Peter J Murray for his invaluable collaboration, as well as our exciting upcoming project with Medina Publishing to curate a book of enchanting short stories based on myths, legends, and superstitions from across the island.

Reflecting our department's unwavering commitment to excellence, we take immense pride in our students' remarkable achievements in national poetry competitions across all KS3 classes.

The success of our Aspiring Alumni initiative continues to raise the bar for all, celebrating individual triumphs and fostering a culture of ambition. Special thanks to Meggan Murphy for guiding our Year 10 students towards promising career pathways in English and Media, refining their public speaking skills, and embodying the limitless potential within each of them.

Our Year 11 cohort's exceptional dedication, evident in their outstanding results, fills us with pride and anticipation for the future.

As we eagerly anticipate the upcoming academic year, filled with collaborations with esteemed authors, alumni, and exciting project launches, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our students for their hard work and unwavering dedication. Your efforts do not go unnoticed - we see you; we celebrate you!

Mrs Fitzgerald and the English Team

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MFL

I would like to start with saying that this has been a great year of amazing achievements and successes for all the students in the MFL department. These have been celebrated in our termly awards ceremonies, where the students have been awarded with Christmas treats and Easter Eggs.

I would also like to talk about the culture weeks that we have introduced. Students not only learn the language, but they also learn about the culture of the countries we represent at Le Rocquier. The countries we have celebrated and embraced this school year are Spain, Romania, Portugal, Poland, and France. Lots of departments, have contributed with lessons based on these countries. The students have really enjoyed themselves. We are all looking forward to next year. There will not be 5, but 7 culture weeks with a big cultural event planned for the end of the school year. We will keep you posted!

Mrs Pinheiro and the MFL Team



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Inclusion & Pastoral

It has been a busy year within the Inclusion Department, from supporting students in lessons, to mental health support; Employability Pathway activities and visits, to cooking; from visits to Highlands and the Zoo, to exam access support - we've done it all!

As always, a huge thank you goes to each of the 52 colleagues within the Inclusion & Pastoral team. Their unwavering dedication to our students is inspiration. They all deserve a well earned summer break!

Mrs Shipton-Taylor



ARC

Students supported by our two ARCs have had a fantastic year. Alongside lessons, they have visited a range of venues to put into practice the skills, which we have embedded in the classroom.

This includes teamwork strategies, cooking, cleaning and gardening and a range of life skills.

To finish off the year, we had an educational visit to Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, where we found out a lot about Gerald Durrell, the many jobs involved, the wildlife that is looked after and looking at their efforts for recycling and their efforts to support our planet.

The students have made lots of remarkable achievements, however big or small, and have grown in many ways since starting in September. As a team, we are very proud of the students, and wish them a very happy Summer.

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Mental Health Week

Mental Health week for 2024 took part between the dates of the 13th and the 17th of May. The topic this year was 'Movement for our Mental Health'.

Students and staff took this opportunity and contributed to a fantastic week of movement activities, talks, walks and presentations all to highlight and discuss the topic of Mental Health.

Some highlights of an amazing week...



House contests such as blindfold activities, rounders, and three-legged races



Seated yoga and stretching in PSHE

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Mental Health Week

Assembly
Presentations from
ex-student Ryan
Hodgson (author
and Personal
Trainer)



Form time
walks in the
sunshine!

Presentations
and displays in
the foyer
(beautifully
designed by
Mrs Dingle)



A brilliant week was had by all!

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Houses and Rewards

There have been so many activities this year for students to participate in for their house; literacy challenges, The 1% Club, problem solving tasks, Halloween Mayhem, the Christmas Tree competition and finishing with our massive whole School Sports Day! (This is to name only a few!)

Fauvic was clear favourite for this year's Sports Day and there was a celebratory party with Fauvic staff and students led by Miss Langton.

However this year the magnificent Keppel, led by Miss Pearson, won the overall competition with a fantastic 26203 points. They were followed by Fauvic with 26071 in second place and in third place was Miss Sale's Icho with 25362 house points.

So many students were awarded in the last two weeks with Platinum, Gold and Silver conduct certificates which they should be extremely proud of. The Rewards Stall has been bustling with students selecting their reward. (Who knew that slinkies, fluffy socks, Haribo and various balls could create such excitement??)

The biggest thanks go to all 7 Heads of House who have planned events, promoted participation and created fun memories for our students.

There are some exciting plans ahead which we look forward to sharing with students, staff and parents in the new academic year.

The house system will be bigger and better than ever so watch this space!

Mrs Stier

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Houses and Rewards



Final Leaderboard!!!

This year House winner is.....

House	Points
1 st PLACE!!! Keppet	29552
2 nd PLACE!!! Fauvic	29333
3 rd PLACE!!! Le Hocq	28521
Ichu	28377
Le Hovet	26203
Le Hocq	26154
Le Hocq	25856



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Staff Changes

Goodbyes

We say goodbye this term to the following colleagues

Mr Wood - Head of Science

Mrs Tierney - Teacher of Science

Miss Roberts - Teacher of Science

Miss Jones, our science technician, who leaves us to train to be a science teacher!

We wish all our colleagues the best for the future.

We also wish 'Bon Voyage' to Mrs Lappin and Mrs Pryor, who both leave us for a year sabbatical. We wish them a fantastic year, and hope they send us a postcard from somewhere wonderful!

Welcomes

We welcome the following colleagues to Le Rocquier

Mrs Durani-Jones - Head of Science

Ms Morgan - Head of IT and Business Studies

Mr Shujaat - Teacher of Science

Mr Hughes - Teacher of Science

Miss Allison - School based counsellor

We also are delighted to confirm that Mr Lodge will be the Head of Social Science, whilst Mrs Lappin is away.

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Final Reminders

ParentPay

ParentPay is a more convenient way to pay for school trips, activities and other school items online. It offers you the freedom to make payments whenever you like.

If you do not have a ParentPay account, please contact j.meyer@lrs.sch.je to request an activation code.

We hope you will support us in achieving our goal to become a cashless school.

Mrs Meyer

Library Books

Please remind students to return any library books or resources to the LRC. Parents will be contacted in September concerning the replacement/reimbursement of missing items.

Mrs Mabbs

Thank you!

Finally, a huge thank you to all our wonderful parents and carers, for your unwavering support for the school and your child(ren).

We wish you a fantastic summer holiday, and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.