



Le Rocquier School
Learn, Respect and Succeed

Le Rocquier Newsletter
December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been another busy, but highly enjoyable Autumn Term. It seems to have gone by in a flash. It feels like yesterday that we were in the summer sunshine, enjoying the fabulous beaches Jersey has to offer. It's been a packed term of sport, learning and opportunities to join in through our House activities, clubs or trips. Many are celebrated in this Newsletter. There is much more on our Facebook feed as well. I've had the opportunity to join several activities or trips this term and what stands out is how proudly our students represent the school. Feedback from organisers is overwhelmingly positive and it is Le Rocquier students who are picked out repeatedly for praise, awards and frequently asked to return because of their quality of interest and questions.

This term my colleagues have spent our INSET days looking at 'Adaptive Teaching Techniques'. As an inclusive school with two Additional Resource Centres, how we meet the needs of all our students is an area of rich research and development. We continue to use links in the UK to share practice and we have visited schools and conferences to share what we do and to bring ideas back to Le Rocquier. Like any good business, Le Rocquier is constantly working on improvements which lead to better experiences and outcomes for students. With so much happening in school, we are pleased to say we are not saying goodbye to any colleagues at the end of this term, but we hope to introduce a new member of the English Faculty in early January.

Here are a few moments from my term.

Mr Adkin
Head Teacher

Mr Williams, our Head of Year 7 and Food teacher was nominated for 2 awards this term. The first was for the Pride of Jersey Awards where Mr Williams made to the final 3 for the category of 'Teacher of the Year', a category that Le Rocquier has featured in a few times. Most recently, Mr Williams was surprised by a visit from Andrew McLaughlin, CEO of the Government of Jersey who visited Le Rocquier for the following reason...



"Following our weekly meeting, I wanted to pass on my personal commendation and that of the Executive Leadership Team to you (Mr Williams) for consistently being recognised by colleagues, pupils and parents for being a delightful, dedicated and encouraging teacher. Well done!"

Mr McLaughlin said of Mr Williams - **"you were recognised and celebrated, this week, as the person we are most proud of within the public service."**

The picture above is of Mr McLaughlin explaining to Year 8 students why he was visiting.

We all know how special Mr Williams is and it's great that this is recognised beyond school.

Our very own Rising Star...

Mr Williams was not alone in receiving recognition for contributing to Le Rocquier School and wider community life. Miss Alison, one of our School Counsellors, won the Government of Jersey 'Our Stars' award for **'Rising Star'**. This award recognised her impactful work with young people in and out of school.



Visit by His Excellency Vice Admiral Sir Jeremy Kyd KBE

On Friday 7th November we welcomed the Lieutenant Governor of Jersey and his wife, Lady Kyd. They visited to tour our wonderful school in its 50th Year and to see the school for their first time. The 2-hour visit included visiting lessons, meeting students and taking part in the recording of a podcast.

Our special visitors were shown around by our Head Boy and Head Girl



Visit by Multilingual Teachers from the Caribbean Island of Curaçao

Le Rocquier was invited by CYPES to host a large delegation of visitors from the Island of Curacao to show how we support students who are Multi-Lingual Learners (MLL). We have hundreds of students at Le Rocquier whose first language or the language spoken in the home isn't English. An MLL student may speak perfectly good English but may struggle with receiving help or support at home for homework or they may need extra support in lessons with grammar etc.... This is part of the work we are doing on Adaptive Teaching. We shared our approaches, and they explained that their Island of Curaçao has three official languages: Dutch, Papiamentu and English, with Papiamentu being the most widely spoken. However, all lessons in school are in English. This is a challenge for any teacher and teaching assistant, so there was much to share and discuss.

50th Anniversary Round Up:

On September the 8th we welcomed past students and staff from September 1975. At 8.30am, 8th September 1975, 208 new



students entered Le Rocquier for the very first time. On 8th September 2025 at 8.30am, they returned to retrace those



founding steps for one more assembly, but this time they sat on stage and delivered wise words to Years 7 and 8 ...

Our second event was on Wednesday 12th November when we welcomed past staff, friends and supporters of Le Rocquier to gather for a memorable evening of sharing memories. Over 150 past and present colleagues attended. Ex-Le Rocquier teacher and now Minister for Education, Rob Ward, shared his thoughts to the gathered group and Mr Adkin closed the special occasion by thanking everyone for their service to the



school on behalf all the thousands of students and families they had support over our 50 Years.

Our attention will now turn to past and present students. We will offer guided tours during the Spring Term, and we can see the need to have a big gathering in the summer to formally re-position the original brass school plaque which was dedicated by The Duchess of Kent in 1977.

Picture: The plaque in this photo currently does not



have a home on a wall, so we will need to resolve this issue in the summer term.



November 11th 2025:

Our traditional Remembrance occasion took place at 11:11am on 11th November. Students were in silence for 1 minute across the school while, outside, Mr Adkin led a short ceremony of WW1 poems spoken by cadets in uniform and our Senior Students on behalf of the whole school. Mr Hiles played the Last

Post and Reveille. A simple, but respectful moment to mark this important annual occasion.

Leadership Conference:

In early December our Senior Students joined students from across the Islands for two conferences promoting leadership. In the first event we managed to meet the Captain of the World Cup winning English Roses Rugby Team.



The Great Le Rocquier staff Bake Off:

As is now LRS tradition, this term saw another heated competition between the bakers among us! Over 70 bakes were entered for this year's staff Bake-Off

competition, showcasing the many talented staff we have! Nadia Durrani-Jones (from Le Hocq House) wiped the floor with the rest of the bakers with a record number of Star Baker awards! Icho however snatched the crown on total points, demonstrating the value and importance of participation and representing your house!

We won't talk about Seymour...

This year, the diversity in bakes was also commendable, with a wider range of gluten-free and vegan options offered than previous years, allowing more staff to get involved.

Preparation is already under way for next year's competition!

Thank you, as always, to all those who took part. Whether you baked, judged or stuffed your face, the competition would be nothing without you!

Until next year 😊





Drama

Performing Arts Winter Showcase

On Wednesday 17th December we enjoyed a fantastic Performing Arts Winter Showcase, celebrating the creative talents of students from both Key Stages. It was wonderful to see so many pupils taking part in drama, dance and music performances, each demonstrating impressive commitment and confidence on stage. Students have been working incredibly hard throughout the term to prepare their pieces, and this was clearly reflected in the high quality of every performance.

The evening had a brilliant festive atmosphere, with a huge variety of songs, dramatic scenes and energetic dance routines. Thank you to all students, staff and families who supported the event. We are extremely proud of everyone involved and look forward to even more exciting performances in the new year!

English Department

We experienced exciting times in English! Our dedicated Year 11 students were locked in and ready for their English Literature exams in November. Further down the school, English life was lively with entertaining visits from Jersey Heritage, exploring Jersey's cultural history and our historical links to witchcraft.

Additionally, The Story Beast transported our Year 7 students into the mythical underworld of Jersey, deepening their appreciation of the power of folklore.

We were also inspired by Connor Allen, who promoted the power and strength of celebrating who we are and what we stand for—he was truly an inspirational man!

Lastly, we welcomed His Excellency Vice Admiral Sir Jerry Kyd KBE, Lieutenant-Governor of Jersey, who expressed great delight in showcasing our students, their abilities, and highlighting what a brilliant community Le Rocquier School truly is!

Our students continued to push their skills, deepen their understanding, and develop their reasoning abilities in English. We wish everyone a well-earned rest over Christmas and looked forward to seeing you in the New Year!

House Events

FOOTBALL

Over 200 boys competed in our Inter House Football Competition. Our Y7, Y8 and Y9 boys all competed for their houses brilliantly. We had everything from penalties, big saves and some absolute rocket 🚀 goals!

Well done to all involved.

Winners of Y7A/B:

A team 1st Place- Fauvic

B team 1st Place- Fauvic

Winners of Y8A/B:

A team 1st Place- Seymour

B team 1st Place- Le Hocq

Winners of Y9A/B:

A team 1st Place- Fauvic

B team 1st Place- Fauvic





NETBALL

Our Inter House Netball was brilliant from start to finish.

With over 200 girls from Years 7 to 9 taking part, it was amazing to see such high levels of enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship. The standard of play was impressive across the board, and it was brilliant to see so many smiles and such positive energy throughout the week! A special thank you goes to our incredible Year 9 and Year 10 umpires, who did a brilliant job supporting the matches for the younger year groups, even giving Miss Haws and Mrs Espana a run for their money!

🎉 **Congratulations to our winners:**

Year 7A: Le Hocq

Year 7B: Icho

Year 8A: Seymour

Year 8B: Fauvic

Year 9A: Icho

Year 9B: Fauvic

Well done, girls – amazing effort from everyone involved!





Leadership Conference

This term we attended the CYPES Jersey Leadership Conference and the Today's Leaders 2025 workshop at Victoria College. Both deepened our understanding of modern leadership, legacy and the mindset needed to lead with values. Lee Spencer, a world endurance record holder, inspired us with his message on self-discipline and dreaming big. Alison Cambray reinforced that failure is a turning point shaping future leadership. We explored the leadership progression model—shifting from self-focus to empowering others—and the Predictive Index, which clarified our leadership styles and growth goals. These experiences were truly inspiring, and we're grateful to have learned alongside experienced leaders and peers.

Merry Christmas and have a great festive break.

Afonso and Natalia, Your Head Boy & Head Girl.







SSLT leadership involvement and experiences

During this term, the Senior Student Leadership Team have had a busy season planning for all prom fundraising which is so far going very well with bag-packing taking place in local supermarkets, a break time movie and the Y7 & 8 school Disco. We have also a tuck shop every Friday. All these events are successes and are show the dedication and resilience of our students and SSLT.

The SSLT also helped with open evening by taking students around the school, welcoming them into Le Rocquier and showing what it has to offer them.

Not long ago, Afonso, Tomas, Alcia, Logan and I attended a waste management conference held by Mrs Bridge at which they had talked about the importance of Recycling. This was a very eye-opening morning filled with prominent members of the community who raised our awareness and spoke about how we could introduce this into schools and Jersey. We all certainly brought this conversation back with us all.

Natalia – Headgirl

Author visits from Connor Allen - November 2025

We had the pleasure of welcoming author Connor Allen to Le Rocquier on the 20th and 21st November. Connor Allen is a Welsh writer, poet and actor, known for his work in literature and theatre. He served as the Welsh Children's Laureate from 2021 to 2023; a national ambassadorial role which aims to inspire and empower children and young people across Wales through literature. Over the course of two days, Connor worked with students in Y7, 8, 9 and 11, exploring themes of identity, masculinity and resilience drawn from his own experiences growing up in Wales. This is one of the initiatives which Le Rocquier has implemented to support literacy and inspire students throughout the year. There will be many more initiatives next year for the National Year of Reading 2026.







After a fantastic month of fundraising for Movember, we are proud to announce that we surpassed our target of £2000 and raised an amazing £2554. To see the whole school community come together to support this cause was amazing - and particular praise has to go to Mr McDade who raised over £700 for Movember himself, by walking over 400km! Thank you to everyone that was involved in donating and raising funds, and thank you also to BBC Jersey for featuring our Movember campaign on BBC Radio Jersey, and BBC TV Channel News.

Mr Goulding





TOP SCORERS



Sadie Lehmann

Jasmine Schwartz

Evie Gildea

Fred Morgan

Oscar Varrie

Mrs Hudson



Le Rocquier School Talent Show





3rd Place: Poppy Stancer and Lily Mae Garnier with 17.3 points For **Le Hocq House**

2nd Place: Lexie with 18 points for **Icho House**

1st Place: Seb with 18.75 for **Seymour House**

	Overall House Leader Board					
	House	House Positions This week	Total House Points This week	Christmas Tree Competition	Christmas Tree House Points	Total Points
	Icho	1 st	4 points	4 th	1 point	29
	Le Hocq	3 rd	2 points	1 st	4 points	21
	Seymour	2 nd	3 points	2 nd	3 points	27
	Fauvic	4 th	1 point	3 rd	2 points	33
Fairness • Inclusivity • Honesty • Loyalty • Kindness • Perserverance • Success						

Raffle Draw:

Run and organised by Year 11 JMo form

A big thank you for Tomas Gomes leading this fundraising.

Keeping our children safe this holiday season:



Chair of Governors:

I would like to offer my warmest encouragement to all our pupils as you continue to work hard and strive to succeed—especially those preparing for upcoming exams. As Malala Yousafzai reminded the world, “One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world.” Your determination, resilience and commitment to your learning is very important and makes us immensely proud.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to Mr. Adkin and all the staff for their incredible dedication, passion and unwavering support for every pupil in our school. Your efforts create the environment in which our pupils can flourish, I am deeply grateful for everything you do. Wishing all pupils, families and staff a joyful and festive season filled with warmth, celebration and well-deserved rest.

Ross Henderson