



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Founders' Walk 2023 – Friday 29th September 2023

We are looking forward to our annual fundraising Founders' Walk, which is a challenging and fun event for students and staff to enjoy. All sponsorship money from the event will go towards the Victoria College Foundation, details of which are available on the website.

Please see the practical details for this event below:

EVENT KEY INFORMATION

Meeting point:	Les Jardins de la Mer, near La Frégate Café, at 8.30am
Registration:	8:30-9.00am in Year Groups
Start time:	From 9.00am – staggered start by Year Group
Route:	Les Jardins de la Mer to Corbière and back via St Aubin's Bay and Railway Walk
Distance:	Approximately 15 miles / 24 kilometres
Finish time:	1.00 - 3:30pm, dependent upon on pace
Check points:	St Aubin, Corbière
Staffing supervision:	All road crossings and strategically placed along route. Several members of staff cycling along and back route. Other staff walking with students.
Follow the event:	Updates will be posted throughout the day via the Victoria College Twitter & Facebook pages and pictures published via the College Newsletter.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

- ✓ A fully charged mobile phone for emergency use only
- ✓ House colour top or VCJ track suit, rugby top or other clothing in yellow and black
- ✓ A 1 litre (minimum) water bottle (refills are available en route)
- ✓ Sun cream and hat or raincoat depending on the weather
- ✓ A rucksack with, packed lunch, suitable snacks
- ✓ Medication that is normally taken during school hours
- ✓ Sensible, strong shoes

SPONSORSHIP

We would really appreciate your support for our fundraising efforts and would hope that each boy will be able to raise at least £5 sponsorship. Please make any donations online, using [this link](#).

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EVENT COMPLETION – PUPIL DISMISSAL

Following feedback from parents and boys in recent years, we will expect all pupils to **self-dismiss at the end of the Walk**, once they have been signed in at the finish by a member of staff. Please make arrangements with your son. However, we can transport a small number of boys back from the Waterfront to Victoria College at 3.20pm. If you are interested in this please email: admin@vcj.sch.je with subject line 'Founders' Walk – Return to College at 3.20pm', indicating your son's name and tutor group.

REFRESHMENTS

The Victoria College Parents' Association is providing their usual free refreshments of cake and water at Corbière for all our pupils; always a welcome sight as you complete the Railway Path! We are incredibly grateful for their support.

Please encourage your son bring any other refreshments he will need with him and do not encourage him to purchase refreshments on the route.

LATE FINISHERS

Throughout the walk we will be monitoring the locations and progress of the students. We have staff that will walk at various speeds with the boys. If a boy is walking particularly slowly and if we think he may not finish in time, a member of staff will collect him by minibus and take him to a point closer to the finish, so we can assist him to finish the event.

INJURIES AND NON-WALKERS

We have a number of our staff on bicycles and in minibuses at various points along the course who will be able to offer support. A number of on-course staff are first aid trained. We also have the provision to transport boys back to the Waterfront end point if they get injured.

Pupils with an injury can still join in with the event, and we would strongly encourage them to do so. If your son can't do the Walk, please let the Office know in plenty of time and an alternative helper role for the event will be created, or work will be set to do, under supervision, at Victoria College on the day. This is a regular school day and any unauthorised absence will be recorded.

RUNNERS

As in previous years, we have a number of students who wish to run the course. If you would like your son to run, please email me; p.crossley@vcj.sch.je

SAFETY

The safety of the pupils during the walk is paramount. Boys will have been briefed in Assemblies, but I would be grateful if you would also go through the following points to reinforce some important guidelines:

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- The path is a multi-use path. Please remind your son to be vigilant and courteous of other users (walkers, runners, cyclists, Le Petit Train) in both directions.
- All walkers need to be alert at road crossings, even though the road junctions will be staffed.
- All Tutor Groups in Y7-9 will be accompanied by a group of Y12 students to the St Aubin checkpoint.
- Pupils must stay on the path at all times. They must not walk on the beach, enter the sea or walk on the sea wall.
- The Walk will be cancelled in extreme weather conditions but pupils need to be prepared for light rain.
- School rules still apply throughout the day.

ETHOS OF THE EVENT

This is a charitable and community event. It is certainly not easy but will be a rewarding challenge to all pupils, and those that complete it will take away a real sense of achievement.

Boys must not use buses, taxis or private vehicles to shortcut the course. Doing so sets a poor example to other pupils and is not in the ethos of what is an event for the Victoria College community to be proud of.

Please remind your son that during the Walk he is an ambassador of Victoria College. Respect, support and kindness should be displayed by all pupils, whether that is towards other pupils, staff or the public.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

There will be various prizes and awards given out. Each successful finisher will receive 5 achievement points. There will also be a prize for the fastest average Tutor Group, the House with the most finishers and for the highest individual and House fundraising totals.

I wish all boys well with the Founders' Day Walk and hope they enjoy raising money, as well as the challenge of such an event.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Crossley
Deputy Headteacher

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