



Victoria College Preparatory School Prospectus



Building Successful Futures

RESPECT · RESILIENCE · RESOURCEFULNESS · ASPIRE





Excellence in Education

The Independent Association
of Prep Schools



Headteacher,
Mr Dan Pateman

Welcome to VCP

VCP is a warm, friendly school where boys can flourish. We help them discover their special interests and skills which inspires them to love learning and enjoy life. We aim high and celebrate everyone.

As well as having fun, forging friendships and creating memories, our boys work hard and work smart to achieve the high academic standards for which our school is renowned.

VCP aims to nurture respectful, resourceful 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.

We work closely with Victoria College, our secondary school, where nearly all our students continue their education.

I am really looking forward to welcoming you to our school and helping you to build a successful future.

300
pupils



across 4
year groups

max. 25
students per
class



21
co-curricular
clubs



6
off island
trips a year



11
seasonal
sports

ular



Deputy Headteacher,
Mr George Lumley

Join our community

At VCP, we recognise the vital role we have in developing each boy's social and emotional awareness alongside his academic education. We know that happy, confident children, who trust those around them and feel safe in their environment are best primed for learning.

At VCP we have a strong sense of community which is based around our Core Values and our House System. Across VCP and VCJ we actively use our Core Values – which guide our daily interactions with one another and our approach to school work, they are:

Respectful

Behaving in a courteous, kind and polite way towards everyone in the school and the wider community. Listening to and celebrating different views and achievements. Supporting others.

Resourceful

Being curious and brave in solving problems. Facing challenges and learning where to get help and how to help others. Looking for intelligent and inventive solutions and being prepared to try new ideas.

Resilient

Developing a positive approach to learning and life. Understanding things might go wrong and there is always another way or a different option. Learning when to persevere and when to ask for help.

Aspire

Setting your standards higher, stretching yourself further, and passionately pursue the next level of personal best in everything you do: academic work, sport, creative arts, behaviour or just being a supportive friend.

Co-curricular

The rich menu of extra activities available to VCP boys is what sets our school apart.

We want our boys' education to be stimulating, surprising and fun so that they keep wanting more. A love of learning grows naturally if boys have easy access to a variety of interesting activities beyond their normal lesson time.

We know that extra activities are also a valuable way of helping pupils find something they excel at or simply love doing. It is all part of helping them build a successful future.

Sport

Sport plays an important role in VCP life, not just for those who enjoy competing but also to promote a healthy and active lifestyle. All our staff take part in fitness activities and we aim to give all pupils opportunities to try different sports. This helps them gain confidence, learn teamwork skills and develop good habits for life.

Many of our boys go on to represent the school in local competitions and national fixtures. Our First XI footballers regularly qualify to play in the UK National Schools football tournament after winning the Jersey Cup.



'Move More'
School of the Year
Award Winner 2019



UNICEF Bronze
Rights Committed
Award 2019

Beyond the classroom



Music

Music enriches any education and we pride ourselves on the wide range of musical opportunities we offer our boys at VCP.

Every class is taught music for one hour a week by our specialist music teacher in our well-equipped music studio. The boys enjoy a rich and varied music curriculum ranging from traditional instruments to the use of technology.

Musical endeavours are celebrated in the keenly anticipated annual House Music competition and we stage whole-school musical productions to show parents what we have achieved.

All boys can join one of the many music clubs on offer at lunch time and after school – over 150 pupils take part in regular music clubs each week.



Clubs

To further enrich our boys' learning, our staff run a wide range of extra-curricular clubs during lunch times and after school.

Trips and visits

We know that a rounded education means learning about the world around us and how to flourish socially in a range of environments. We offer a wide range of trips both locally and further afield so that boys can try new experiences and

face new challenges in a safe way. Our school trips also help bring the curriculum to life and complement the work that is done in class.

Jersey has lots to offer that supports the primary curriculum, and our year groups enjoy getting out and about around the island. They visit farm schools, World War II Occupation sites, beaches for field work and historical sites as part of their learning and we take up new opportunities as they arise.



"My son has enjoyed every day at VCP and embraced the culture and ethos which comes from the top and is passed down through the fabulous teachers. Both the academic and sporting results speak volumes about what this school offers boys. We would 100% recommend VCP to any parent."

Current VCP parent

Admissions

We offer up to 75 places in each of our four Key Stage 2 year groups. We have recently updated our admissions policy, and no longer require boys to sit a formal entrance exam to obtain a place at VCP. We do require a reference from

boys' current schools, indicating their abilities in maths, reading and writing.

There are also priority registration categories. More information on our new policy is available on our website: www.vcp.sch.je.



House system

When the boys start at Victoria College Preparatory School they join one of the five Houses: Braithwaite, Bruce, Diarmid, Dunlop and Sartorius. The Houses were named after valiant Old Victorians, former pupils who fought during the World Wars and were awarded the Victoria Cross.

The boys meet in their House groups once a month, building a sense of belonging and camaraderie from an early age.

They quickly become loyal to their House and work hard to earn points in an effort to win the Hopewell Cup at the end of the school year. House points are earned through academic endeavours, inter-house competitions in sport, poetry and music and good behaviour.

Boys generally remain in the same House throughout their school career, including when they move up to Victoria College secondary school. They form fond memories and friendships in their Houses that last a lifetime.



Braithwaite



Bruce



Diarmid



Dunlop



Sartorius





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