



Victoria College Prospectus



Building Successful Futures

RESPECT · RESILIENCE · RESOURCEFULNESS · ASPIRE



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Welcome, to Victoria College

Respectful, resourceful, resilient
and aspirational.

Education is about building successful futures and that's what we aim to do at Victoria College. Since we opened in 1852, we have been aiming high for Jersey students, providing the best quality education and the widest range of opportunities.

We have a strong record of producing young men who excel; our past pupils become business leaders, politicians, top sportsmen and innovators in all sectors but whatever path you choose in life, we can help you achieve success and enjoy learning.

We are known for our consistently excellent academic results but they are just part of the story. At Victoria College you can thrive and grow in new and interesting ways.

You will find a stimulating, friendly and supportive environment where you can study to the highest level in the subjects you enjoy most and will be taught by experts. Outside the classroom you can explore and expand your talents in a variety of other areas. Our combination of outstanding teaching and broad range of extra-curricular activities will help you develop as a whole person, which is extremely important. Past pupils tell us Victoria College offers something unique.

The academic excellence, camaraderie and our traditions give students a strong sense of belonging that lasts long after they have moved out into the world.

If you are motivated to come to Victoria College, keen to work hard and contribute to our community then we will welcome you. That includes helping with the fees, if necessary, through our bursary scheme. Your next step is to come and visit the school, so please get in touch.

We look forward to welcoming you.



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aims to nurture
well-rounded,
resilient young men
who have the skills,
attitudes and values
to be successful
and make a positive
contribution to
society*

School life

Life at Victoria College is dynamic and varied.

Academic excellence

Entering secondary school is an exciting time in your education. Choosing A levels means you can focus on the subjects that interest you most and inspire you to learn and explore in more depth.

We offer a range of academic subjects at A level, with maths and sciences a particular strength alongside humanities and creative arts. Victoria College supports its pupils to develop into confident, well-rounded individuals with inquiring minds, strong moral values and a lifelong love of learning.

Our expert teaching team are dedicated to nurturing and supporting you in a way that is intellectually challenging and stimulating. As you move up through the school you will have more freedom than previous years 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.

GCSE results

Victoria College students celebrated a strong set of GCSE results in 2018 with 40% of boys achieving at least one Grade 9, the highest possible in the new system and above the old A*. In the first year that nearly all subjects moved to number rather than letter grades, 86% of the year group got a Grade 7 or above in one or more subjects. This is equivalent to an A, A* or higher.

Every student passed maths with a grade 4 or above and the overall pass rate for Year 11 was just a fraction under 100%. The 2018 results are up on the previous year.

A level results

In 2018 Victoria College students celebrated another year of outstanding results, with the highest number of top grades in the history of the school.

Number of A level students:	79
Number of exams taken:	247
A* and A grade:	40%
A* to B grade:	63%
A* to C grade:	86%
Pass rate (A* to E grade):	99%
University first choice:	97%

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

Beyond the classroom

Academic success and so much more.

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. Friday afternoon is set aside for sport, CCF or editing the school magazine.

Sport is a particular strength at Victoria College and our students regularly represent the Island at football, rugby, cricket and other competitive events. Being at an all boys school means there is no shortage of other players for matches and practice in a range of sports.

The Combined Cadet Force (CCF) is a thriving hub for a wide range of activities including off-island trips and outdoor challenges such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. 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.

Life skills and careers guidance are an essential part of a rounded education and are integral in every year. At Sixth Form and we work hard to prepare you for university or employment.

Our weekly programme of talks by potential employers and work-related learning will ensure you are ready for life after Victoria College.

Enrichment

Alongside academic lessons, all Sixth Form students take part in a programme of lessons on life skills. This includes revision techniques, first aid, health education, current affairs and local government (preparing to vote), mindfulness, cooking skills, public speaking and sports coaching.

It is important to continue developing social awareness, resilience, emotional intelligence and wider employability skills.

Changing school can be a time of uncertainty for families and we have support in place for any student who needs extra help with aspects of their personal or school life.

97%
of Sixth Formers
placed in University
of choice

98.4%
pass rate
at A level

Testimonials

Don't just hear it from us. Hear it from current parents and students.

"When we moved here in 2010, my son was so excited that he was attending a 'Hogwart-esk' school with the thrill of all the potential magic that he associated with that establishment, but Victoria College was - and is - so much more.

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.

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.

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."

KKG September 2018

"I aim to ensure that all new students feel welcome when they start here and I recommend that everyone gets involved in as many things as possible as they will certainly not regret it when they get to Year 13.

I am studying A level mathematics, economics and geography and am looking to study economics and management at university after this year. My experience at Victoria College has been greatly complemented by the wide range of sporting opportunities I have been involved in.

I have played sports such as squash and hockey as much as possible here and otherwise wouldn't have had the opportunities. Alongside this, the House events have also provided great memories. House music is a favourite of mine as the atmosphere is captivating and it showcases the great range of talented musicians we have at Victoria College. I am always in awe when I listen to them."

Oscar le Seelleur – Head Prefect 2018-2019

"I've been at Victoria College since Year 3 at Prep and have really enjoyed my time here. There have been so many opportunities. I've played rugby throughout the senior school, was in the maths challenge teams and am currently doing A-levels in maths, chemistry, economics and further maths. I'm planning to go to university, probably to study economics.

The school has given me a lot of life skills, especially as a sixth former and Deputy Head Boy. I've met a wide range of people and have definitely developed stronger communication skills because of my role. Everything is about communications skills at Victoria College. It's a really inclusive place and very friendly. I've thoroughly enjoyed my time here and would recommend it."

Angus Hay - Deputy Head Prefect 2018-2019

How to join us

We recommend you come and visit Victoria College to see the facilities for yourself and talk to the staff and students. We can arrange a personal visit just for you or you can come along to an Open Day in October or March.

Please email the Headmaster's Secretary on e.oldgridge@vcj.sch.je or contact us via admissions@vcj.sch.je.

Entry requirements

We consider each application on its merits and every candidate meets the Headmaster and Head of Sixth Form for an interview. We are looking for a good record of behaviour and attendance plus a positive attitude to learning.

Financial help

Victoria College is a States fee-paying school and is currently £2,060 per term (£6,180 per annum). We aim to offer an education to all talented young men in Jersey so if lack of finance might affect your ability to attend then please get in touch.

A number of means-tested bursaries are available to help your family pay all or part of the school fees.

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

Contact us

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655
students

50
boys supported
by full or partial
bursaries





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