



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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FOCUS TOOLS IN SCHOOL ~ HELPING CHILDREN TO FOCUS & LEARN

A FOCUS TOOL HELPS THEM STAY CALM, CONCENTRATE AND ENGAGE MORE SUCCESSFULLY IN LEARNING. FOCUS TOOLS SHOULD ONLY BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL FOLLOWING AGREEMENT WITH THE CLASS TEACHER OR SENDCO.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US IN ENSURING THAT FOCUS TOOLS ARE USED APPROPRIATELY AND REMAIN A POSITIVE LEARNING AID FOR CHILDREN WHO BENEFIT FROM THEM.

PLEASE REMEMBER

FOCUS TOOLS SHOULD BE SMALL, QUIET AND FIT COMFORTABLY IN ONE HAND.

THEY ARE INTENDED TO SUPPORT LEARNING AND SHOULD NOT DISTRACT OTHERS.

[FIDGETS AND ADHD: A FOCUS TOOL OR A TOY](#)



Just a little reminder that all boys need to bring a waterproof coat to school every day, particularly as we head into wetter weather!



PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS - 19 -21 OCTOBER 2026

THE BOOKING LINK OPENS ON MONDAY 12 OCTOBER AT 7:00PM

<https://victoriacollegepreparatory.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



Dear Parents,

I wanted to send a reminder, as this information was shared during the year group Parent Information Evenings, regarding the expectations for English Writing and how the boys' writing levels are assessed.

Whilst the writing objectives themselves have remained the same, the expectations around how securely the boys demonstrate these objectives have become more rigorous. This is an island-wide approach, rather than a change specific to VCP, and there is now a much greater emphasis on accuracy, consistency and independence.

For a pupil to be considered secure in their writing, it is no longer enough for them to demonstrate a particular skill successfully on occasion. We need to see that they can apply each of the relevant writing objectives accurately, confidently and consistently, including when writing independently.

There is also now greater emphasis on the full range of writing objectives, rather than additional weighting being given to a smaller number of 'key' objectives. To be considered and to be meeting the expected standard, a pupil therefore needs to demonstrate that they can use all of the required skills with an appropriate level of accuracy and confidence.

Importantly, we also need to see the boys transfer these skills beyond their English lessons. If a skill is secure, we would expect to see it being applied consistently in writing across the curriculum, whether the boys are writing in Science, History, Geography or another subject.

As a result of these increased expectations, we are currently redeveloping our English Writing curriculum at VCP. This is a significant piece of work for our teaching staff, who are carefully reviewing the way writing is taught, practised and revisited across the school. Our aim is to ensure that the boys have regular opportunities to develop these skills and, crucially, to apply them accurately and independently. We believe this work will provide an even stronger and more consistent approach to the teaching of writing across VCP.

These expectations may mean that your son's current writing level looks different from one you may have seen previously. This does not necessarily mean that he has gone backwards or that the quality of his writing has declined. Rather, the threshold for demonstrating that learning is truly secure is now more demanding.

Ultimately, our aim remains to develop boys who are confident, accurate and independent writers, who can take the skills they have been taught and apply them successfully whenever and wherever they are writing.

We appreciate your understanding as we adapt to these expectations and are extremely grateful for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Michael Delahunty
English Lead



VCP STAFFING UPDATE

You may notice three vacancies being advertised over the coming weeks. These opportunities arise as we prepare for an period of transition and succession planning within our school community.

We are sadly saying farewell to Mrs Louise Lewis, who has made a great contribution to VCP and will be taking up a new role at Le Rocquier School. Louise has been a highly valued member of staff, and we thank her for her dedication, warmth and commitment to our children over many years.

We will also be wishing Mrs Kim Phipps a very happy and well-deserved retirement. Kim's care, professionalism and unwavering support have touched the lives of countless pupils and families, and she leaves with our sincere gratitude and best wishes for the future.

The third vacancy is a fixed-term teaching post, which will enable Mr Sam Fisher and Mrs Larissa Rankin to step up and share deputy headship responsibilities while Mrs Emily-Rose Le Cuirot takes leave to welcome her second baby. We are excited for Emily-Rose and her family and look forward to welcoming her back in the Autumn term.



**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE AVAILABLE ROLES AT VCP,
FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.
WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

[JOBS IN JERSEY](#)

Last Few Tickets Remaining!

VCP SPOOKY
HALLOWEEN
BINGO

DATE: WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER

TIME: EYES DOWN 6:00PM

WHERE: VCJ BISTRO

COST: £10.00 PER BOOK

DON'T FORGET A £1 FOR THE £1 POT!

BIG PRIZES FOR LINES AND A FULL HOUSE!

**PAY ON THE DAY OR
VIA THE LINK BELOW:**



[BUY YOUR TICKET HERE!](#)

