

# Q | News

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Les Quennevais School

*"Learning to be your best - through excellence and enjoyment"*

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# Dear Parents

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After the fantastic feedback we received following our first edition of Q News, I know many of you will be looking forward to reading our latest reflections of what was an 'epic' Spring Term at Les Quennevais. This edition retells a proud narrative of outstanding achievements for our school, which began back in January with our superb production of "Little Shop of Horrors" at the Jersey Opera House. 1,600 people came to see what was described by many as a professional show. We were all incredibly proud of our students, their commitment and talent, the performance level was stunning. I am very grateful that we have staff who are committed to supporting and delivering such fantastic opportunities for our students, such as these.

The term ended with an extremely successful full school review where we welcomed educational professionals from the UK and locally, who fully endorsed and exceeded the school's judgements on the self-evaluation of standards. The team of 9 professionals visited the school over 3 days, visiting 55 lessons, also met with a wide range of students and staff throughout their visit. The review team were extremely complimentary and congratulated the entire school on the progress students were making, their positive attitudes and the behaviour of students seen during the review. It was wonderful to hear the students describing their school to visitors with real pride and affection and communicating their appreciation of how much the staff do for them all. They were clearly proud of our school values and the unique and special events that make our school the strong community it is.

As a school, this sort of feedback inspires us to continue to do everything we possibly can and the acknowledgement from external partners that we are a truly exceptional school means a great deal to us all.

As you will see for yourselves in this edition of Q News, life in school, in between these two significant events has been extremely busy and highly successful with some wonderful highlights to share. The Year 7 Van Gogh Art Exhibition was truly memorable. We often take for granted the high quality of Art that our students produce and we are immersed in around school every day – but this was quite exceptional. Our students have extraordinary talent, imagination and ambition - their final pieces would not have been out of place in a professional gallery. Congratulations and thank you to Year 7 – for providing us all with such beautiful work to look at and be proud of.

The Spring Term was particularly busy and successful for our PE department – possibly inspired by the success of the Year 11 All Island Football Champions in the Autumn Term, our Year 8 boys became Island Rugby Champions, playing with huge commitment, spirit and determination.

This is a team that hopefully will play together for many years to come and with qualities such as these – success will surely be repeated. You will have seen in the media how close we came to winning the Lord Jersey Rugby Tournament this year. Our Year 11 team suffered the most painful of defeats losing in the dying seconds, with a tough decision, after the comeback of all comebacks. The measure of these young men, and the way they coped with glory being snatched away after battling with such heart and spirit says a great deal about them. Some times when you lose you are still winners as they proved that day to us all.

#ambition #resilience #respect

Our girls have also played with real commitment and drive in Netball, with our Year 9's coming second in their tournament by 1 point! World Champions Australia now know how that feels after their defeat in the Commonwealth Games!

So, our Sports Awards Dinner – this year held at Jersey Rugby Club – enabled all our sporting stars (180 of them!) to come together and celebrate commitment, excellence, teamwork and the friendships you make when you are part of a team. It was a fabulous evening – we really have some terrific sporting talent in our school.

Our Swimming Gala and Sports Relief Day were other memorable events – raising over £3,000 for charity – whilst throwing ourselves into action.

Murder Most Horrid was a treat for our Year 7's who had the chance to discover, deliberate and discuss the outcomes of the Humanities learning challenge. Great fun, memorable learning and dubious acting skills from the staff ensured this is something our students won't forget in a hurry!

International Women's Day was celebrated in school with our 3 Deputy Head Girls, Orla Brennan, Gabrielle Le Clezio and Erika Van Helm leading House Assemblies about inspirational and strong female role models.

These 3 young women, together with Grace Burnouf, our Head Girl, are themselves inspirational role models for younger students. They were invited to attend the Whitely's Ladies Dinner this year and were a credit to our school, mixing easily with powerful female leaders in industry and commerce and charming everyone they met. Watch this space – these special young women are really going places.

As a new term beckons, the final term for Year 11 – I want to applaud them for their commitment to their studies. Attendance at Easter and after school revision sessions has been excellent. The final few weeks before our exam season is upon us and I want to thank Year 11 parents for their support – the end is almost in sight – but there is still much to gain from making the most of the time that remains. It is vital that students look after themselves properly, eating breakfast, getting out into the fresh air, lots of sleep and minimal time on devices, mobile phones etc – they are the enemy of revision and a complete distraction.

I know it's easier said than done, but those who give their devices to their parents while studying reap the benefits and are sure it made a difference! Be brave parents!

I want to end my contribution by congratulating Year 10 on a very successful Trident experience. The feedback from employers and business has been so positive, with many taking the time to email or contact the school to say how impressed they were with our students. They are a terrific year group and were greatly missed in school over the two week period. It's lovely to hear how much they have gained from this valuable experience. Our thanks go to all our local businesses who go out of their way to offer these opportunities to our young people. It is such an important part of school life and provides an often much needed insight into the 'real world' and whilst inspiring and switching on lights to new possibilities and developing skills that some students didn't realise they had.

Here's to another great term ahead. Happy reading!

*Mrs Hague*  
*Headteacher*

## Debating Club debuts with Noisy Classroom

*Miss O'Connell*

Les Quennevais School launched its very first debating club this term for select Year 8, 9 and 10 students (previously literacy leaders). We were privileged to have a representative from UK company Noisy Classroom© to launch the club and promote the use of oracy skills in the classroom. The students spent a day with representative Alice, taking part in speaking and listening challenges, communication skill exercises and eventually holding their very first formal debates on the subjects of banning boxing, compulsory vegetarianism and removing the Royal family. Watch this space for debating events in assemblies, House competitions and potential inter-school debating competitions on the horizon!

Miss Brooks commented: "It has been incredible to see how developing their oracy skills has already empowered many of them with new found confidence since this morning!" During the morning activities, students were asked to stand up and complete the sentence, 'If I ruled the world I would...!' Miss O'Connell commented she was rather glad that some of our students were not currently world leaders, but did quite like the restoration of 12 pack, rather than 10 pack boxes of Jaffa Cakes put forward by Max in Year 8. Miss O'Connell went on to comment that "The students have done Les Quennevais School proud today and we look forward to preparing our students for the world of work by nurturing confidence and communication skills in a safe and stimulating debating club."

Students involved were (Y8) Reef Webster, Harry Gladish, Daniel De Freitas, Max Danzer, Holly Vallois, Brynna McGee, Lottie Bates, Libby Hannabuss, Jayden Bourne, Dylan Arnett, Erin Price. (Y9) Annalise Duval, Sanders Gray, James Parry, Aimee Bienvenu, Leyton Black, Ava Byrne, Finley Lumsden, Aaron Cowen, India Henstridge, Toby Wyatt, Max Bennett, Dylan Evans, Cole Graham, Ike Bond, Jordan Fryer, Mia Frankland, Bailey Winch, Will McCormick, Eve Bish. (Y10) Nadia Williams, Gabby Du Heaume.



*Ike Bond states his case*

# Mandy's in the hot seat

Interview with Mandy Berner, LQ's EWO

Year 7 students Daniel Kelly and Annabel Peat sat down with Mandy Berner, the school's Educational Welfare Officer to find out more about her and her role at Les Quennevais.

**Q** Who is Mandy?

I am an Education Welfare Officer at Les Quennevais School and started working here in my current role in December 2016. Prior to this I worked as a Social Worker for many years, both in Jersey and also in the UK.

**Q** What is your role within the school?

My role in school is to ensure that young people have positive attendance which enables them to fulfil their academic potential. As it is a legal requirement for students to have positive attendance it is my role, when school attendance is an issue, to support students and their families in improving their attendance. Good attendance is the key to academic success and I am strongly committed to ensuring the best outcomes for our students. I also offer students and their families support when needed or alternatively signpost them to agencies who can offer specialist support. Positive emotional wellbeing is really important for students and part of my role is to work with students both individually and in groups when a need is identified.

**Q** How would you describe yourself in three words?

Happy, honest and approachable



**Q** Who was your favourite teacher at school?

Mrs Ferrari, Humanities teacher, who has not long left the school. She was such a highly motivated and enthusiastic teacher when I was a student and I was astounded that she maintained those qualities until she retired.

**Q** What is the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

I have received some excellent advice over the years but I really like this quote 'You will never have this day again, so make it count'

**Q** Who is your idol?

Sir David Attenborough, what an amazing man. He has inspired millions by bringing the natural world into our homes, his tenacious desire to explore, innovate and enlighten is inspirational. He is probably one of the most well-travelled people on the planet and is going to be 92 on May 8th, incredible.

**Q** What are your likes?

I love travelling, gardening and cooking

**Q** What are your dislikes?

Watching television, social media and trifle. There are so many amazing things to do in life I feel it's important to get out there and embrace those opportunities. Social media, I regularly see in my role at school how much damage social media can cause. Trifle, well it's just so wrong all those taste, textures and colours, thrown into one bowl!!!

**Q** What excites you about Les Quennevais?

Being part of an outstanding school, the enthusiasm of the students at Les Quennevais is infectious and I feel very fortunate to be part of a great learning community.

**Squash & Badminton Club**



**Friday 3 - 4pm**

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# Jersey Youth Service & LQ

*John Cornwall, Senior Youth Worker*

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One of the best things about working at St Brelade Youth Project is the positive working relationship we have with Les Quenevais School. It makes sense really as almost all of the young people who come to the project will, are or have attended the school. We are grateful to the school for allowing us in at lunch times as this gives us the opportunity to promote the work of the Jersey Youth Service and the opportunities it can offer the students at the school. Youth workers for different youth projects across the west of the island come to these sessions which we run once or twice a week. Some projects only open once a week for a particular age group so this gives us the opportunity to catch up with young people and continue conversations or work that was started at the youth project.

Some of the most rewarding work is the one to one support work we offer students. Students who would benefit from support are identified by school and we build an individual programme for them. This can be practical work, a set programme or just an opportunity to talk through different issues.



*Y7 wellbeing group*

The Youth Service has other resources and skills that we are able to offer the school. This year we have run absail sessions, offered wellbeing groups for Y7 & Y8 students, undertaken an environmental project at Crabbe. and supported the Bite Sized Brook day run for the whole of Y9.

Being in school so often and working alongside staff and students means we are able to link young people up to the services and opportunities best suited to them.



*Students learning to ride motorcycles safely*

One of the most regular and long standing pieces of joint work has been the On Two Wheels programme that we deliver to Y10 students each year. This is part of Mr Heaven's Employability course. The programme covers all aspects of road safety focusing on motorcycles. Students learn to ride mopeds safely. We also have input from other agencies such as the Police, Fire Service, DVS etc. This programme is a great example of how the Youth Service and school are able to work together to access different resources and agencies and offer fantastic learning opportunities to students that we would not be able to do on our own.



*Students working on an environmental project at Crabbe*

# New school update

*Mr Letch, Deputy Headteacher*

You will have seen and shared our dismay at the news that the purchase of some of the land required to begin building the new school has been delayed and a Compulsory Purchased Order may be required to allow things to progress. We have been reassured that the process will be completed as soon as possible this year but hopefully agreement with the current land owner can be resolved earlier. As a school we are disappointed in any delay in getting our students and staff into a new and more fit for purpose building and we encourage all parties involved to seek a solution to allow building to start as soon as possible. To be delayed a further year denies our students a further year of access to the outstanding building we are designing. So much outstanding teaching and learning is taking place in the existing building and moving to an outstanding new building can only enhance this and allow our staff and students to really fly.



*Lead student design team look over the plans*

Despite this recent news we are continuing to work with the Jersey Property Holding's architect and design teams to develop and agree the finer details of the learning and social spaces within the new school. This term we have consulted with curriculum leaders on what they require in specialist areas such as Design Technology, Art, Science and Physical Education. I have presented to the Student Parliament on latest design ideas and the students responded overwhelmingly when asked to express an interest in having an input into the plans from a students' perspective. A lead student design team has been formed and they have met with Karen Sanderson from Red Apple Designs who is working with the school and JPH to work up the interior layouts.



*Mr. Letch presents latest design to Student Parliament*

Indeed, so many students have expressed an interest in becoming involved that in the new term we plan to form specialist student teams to work on specific aspects of the school, such as internal and external social areas, performance spaces, design and technology, computing and technology, art and photography areas and more. We also want a student team to work with the school in building a strategy to bring in extra funding from corporate and other funding streams to allow us to provide amazing learning spaces and any related equipment beyond that usually found in a secondary school. The staff and students are determined that the new Les Quennevais will be above and beyond the ordinary. Once this strategy is launched there will be many opportunities for local businesses, parents and ex-students to get involved in helping achieve this aim. A new build area will appear on the school website this term with all the details on progress, how to get involved and any contacts you may require.

We thank all the members of the local community for their ongoing support for the new building. Below are some taster QR codes which when scanned give you access to a few 3D simulations of early layouts for different areas in the school. These are nowhere near being finalised but hopefully will give you a taste of the exciting tools we will be using with students and staff to ensure the new Les Quennevais School is the best it can be and demonstrate that the design will meet our school aim of 'learning to be your best – through excellence and enjoyment'.



*DT workshop*



*Social space*

# PSHE Spring Term Report

Miss Milman, Head of PSHE



It has been another busy term for the PSHE department!

Year 7 have been learning about puberty and have had sessions by Brook on dealing with the emotional and physical changes that are a natural part of growing up. They have also had input on road safety and awareness by Phillip Blake, our Road Safety officer.

Year 8 have been looking at family structures, parenting and divorce, and loved seeing Mrs Brennan and Mrs Fowler with their babies. They certainly learnt a great deal about the positives and challenges of being a parent and they are now beginning to look at contraception. They have also had a session with the Jersey Consumer Council on consumer protection and rights.

Year 9 have also been looking at relationships and what constitutes a healthy relationship. The RAP project from the UK delivered some hard-hitting input on issues such as online safety and body image, and Prison, Me, No Way delivered sessions on domestic abuse and the law. Their PSHE term culminated in the Brook Bitesize Day on the last day of term, with workshops delivered by Brook on contraception and STIs, the Samaritans on the importance of talking, and the Youth Service delivering on LGBTQ issues and alcohol awareness. All the presenters remarked on the impeccable behaviour and attitude of the students. Year 9 did us proud!

In Key Stage Four, Year 10 prepared for Project Trident in lessons, and Year 11 had a series of workshops to prepare them for adult life, with input from Prison, Me, No Way on domestic abuse, workshops by Youmatter, and presentations by the Jersey Financial Services Authority.

The Summer term promises to be just as busy and productive, and hopefully the students are gaining a great deal from their lessons and workshops.



Students learning about beer goggles



Jersey Youth Service talking to Y9 about LGBTQ



RAP project talking to students about online safety and body image



# Student Parliament



*Joel Turner & Grace Burnouf - Head Boy & Head Girl*

It's been another busy term at Les Quennevais School for the Student Parliament with two extremely exciting ventures taking place.

There was a real buzz of excitement as Mr Letch presented plans for the new Les Quennevais school to the whole Student Parliament. Students were able to see images of both interior and exterior designs as Mr Letch took them on a virtual tour of what will undoubtedly be an incredible state of the art 21st Century institute for education where students will truly benefit from these facilities. Year 10 and Year 11 members of Parliament looked on with pride and despite the knowledge that they will no longer be with the school when we make the move in 2020, they were still incredibly enthusiastic to voice their opinions about various aspects of design. Many commented they would train to be teachers to come back and work for the school! As a result of the colossal interest from all students, a Student Design team has been formed where they will meet with Mr Letch and Red Apple Design to ensure that students have a say as plans move forward on this exciting venture. The student team consists of:

Erika Van Halm - Year 11  
Ebony Bates and Charlie Dunn - Year 10  
Finlay Ormsby and Aaron Cowen - Year 9  
Lottie Bates and Nando Dos Ramos - Year 8  
Hannah Logan - Year 7

The second exciting innovation taking place is the potential link to a world-wide project for female students of Les Quennevais School to become involved with LEAP – Leadership, Entrepreneurship, Acceleration Programme prepares students for this challenge by developing their key entrepreneurial, creative and leadership skills in a dynamic business environment by planning and working with students from around the globe in order to help social enterprise.

The programme is built around a Dragon's Den where the student teams will pitch a social enterprise project which they have developed during the programme. Significant project funding is available and then students will run their projects as international teams in the following year. Students will be provided with trainers and mentors from leading companies, organisations and government bodies; PwC, KPMG, HSBC, Durrell, JOA, RBS International etc. and work with students from as far afield as China, India, South Africa and Singapore.

We hope to have a small team of Les Quennevais students who will contribute to this exciting opportunity.



*Student parliament look at plans for the new build*

# Sport Relief

*Miss Le Quesne*

At the end of a busy term, the never deterred students and staff of Les Quennevais School rallied together to participate and raise money for Sport Relief. On Friday 23rd March, our school community donned their finest athletic wears (highlights included Mrs Morley's cross-Channel swimmer, the DT team's 118 runners and Mr Parke's snooker suit) ready to take on a day of sporting fun.

Throughout the day, Years 7, 8 and 9 participated in a Dodgeball competition ran by Mr Le Feuvre. Their dedication and enthusiasm was a joy to see, and the competition was fierce! In Years 7 and 8 Watts house took the lead, whilst Tranter stole the show in Year 9.

A special thank you must go to the Year 11 Business Studies classes who, with the support of Mrs Ashley, Miss Farnham, Mr Jones and Mrs Frost, raised lots of money through excellent projects such as milkshakes, chips and sweets sales in the week following Sport Relief. Albeit a slightly less healthy approach to Sport Relief, these ventures were a huge success, so congratulations Year 11.

I would like to extend my thank you to everyone involved, and congratulate the school on raising a whopping £1,928.00 for Sport Relief.



*DT team's 118 runners!*

# Where are they now?

An interview with ex-Les Quennevais student Rebecca A'Court



I'm Rebecca A'Court, and I currently work at Visit Jersey, as a Content and PR Executive. I have mostly worked within the Tourism and Hospitality industry which has presented lots of opportunities to work and travel around the world. Being able to return to the island and continue to work within Tourism is amazing as it showcases the diverse nature of the industry which allows you to gather transferable skills that can be used within many different roles.



**Q** Which years were you at Les Quennevais?

1993-1998.

**Q** Which teacher made the biggest impression on you?

Our geography teacher Miss Walker. She taught me the value of travel and discovering other cultures.

**Q** What was your biggest challenge at school?

Maths (still is)! – But, I was told work hard and you can achieve a 'C' grade which was the requirement for my planned future studies.

**Q** Greatest achievement at school?

Being awarded the Maths Endeavour Award – It was nice to be acknowledged for my achievements even though I didn't get the highest-grade.

**Q** Song/band/album that defined your school years?

I loved the Top 40 charts so whatever was playing in that, I would have been in to!

**Q** Which aspects of life at Les Quennevais helped you become the person you are today?

Learn and do what makes you happy, be enthusiastic and accept support from others. I wasn't a perfect student, but I knew deep down what I wanted to achieve. You're responsible for your own decisions, and if you want it enough, people will see that and support you to get there.

**Q** Favourite school lesson or activity?

Geography, Music and Home Economics. I'm a terrible cook, can't sing a note, and have terrible sense of direction, but I love music, eating home cooked meals and travelling!

**Q** Favourite memory of Les Quennevais?

Spending time with my friends, I still love hanging out with those same friends now and they still make me smile.

**Q** What path did you take to get where you are now?

I loved being part of things, having fun, being outdoors and working with people. I chose to work in tourism as the opportunities are endless. After Les Q I went onto Highlands College and was lucky to land a summer job with an outdoor provider 'Jersey Adventures'. I wanted to carry on working outdoors and enjoying the outdoor life, so I went on to university and studied Adventure Tourism Management where I qualified as a kayak coach. I then travelled the world working as a kayak guide, completed a few ski seasons and also taught English abroad.

**Q** Favourite aspects of your job?

Promoting Jersey as a visitor destination, the island is an awesome place to visit. I think sometimes as locals we take where we live for granted, working in tourism and seeing people enjoying Jersey reminds me how lucky we are.

**Q** What advice would you give students looking at their career options?

Be open minded.

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# Photographers wow at Jersey Eisteddfod & compete for 'Next Top Photographer'

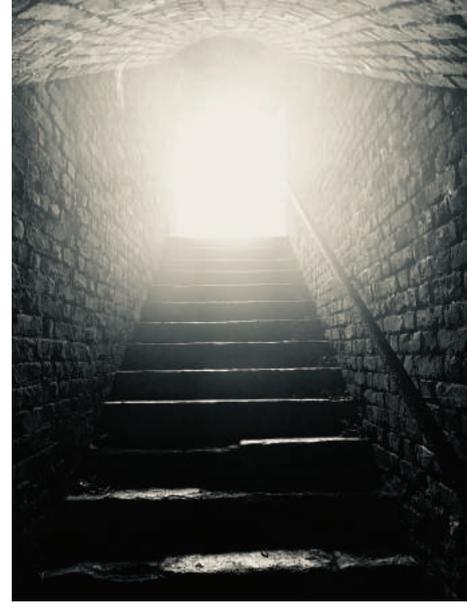
*Miss Finney, Head of Photography*

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This year the Photography Department was inundated with ambitious entries from Year 9 and 10 for the 'Young Photographer' class of the Jersey Eisteddfod.

Every one of our entries was awarded and exhibited at the RJA&HS Exhibition Hall in March alongside other amazing school and adult photographic entries. Overall, Les Quennevais students swept up with 3 Copper, 7 Bronze, 19 Silver, 14 Gold and 6 Platinum entries. **James Ovenden** won '**Best Newcomer**' and was presented with a trophy at the prize giving evening at the Town Hall.

A really excellent effort by all students involved - we can't wait to see what next year will bring!



*Akio Baudins, Platinum*



*James Ovenden, won 'Best Newcomer'*



*Josh Snowden, Platinum*



*Ethan Double, Platinum*

As I write this, we are in the midst of judging our 'Next Top Photographer' knock out competition. We have been blown away with the quantity and quality of entries for this new competition.

We launched the competition in January with over 100 students entering the first round 'landscapes' with a plethora of amazing photographs; from St Ouen's sunsets to Gorey's granite scapes and even some ambitious car trails in St Helier! Mrs Croke and I then had to judge the abundance of amazing photographs to go through to the second round, 'portraits'. The deadline for this has now passed and we have to whittle down the 50 entries to 20 for the last round of 'close-up'. We will announce who is through to final round of Next Top Photographer in the Summer Term.



*Jaide Kevany*

*Isabelle Stratford*



*Lily Hanabuss*



*Grace Noblet*

*Jensen Fryer*



# Year 7 Van Gogh Timeline Homework Project

Mr Jones, Head of Art

Towards the end of the Autumn term, Year 7 students were set the homework task of creating a timeline of Van Gogh's life. Guidelines were given, but students were encouraged to think about how they wanted their research to be displayed and were encouraged to think beyond key dates and basic information to answer questions such as; 'Why did Van Gogh's style change after his time in Paris and which artists influenced his style?'

The response was quite extraordinary with many students going well beyond the wildest expectations of the Art department! The exhibition was displayed in the gallery space and made an enthralling exhibition showcasing our youngest artists.

Students, staff and visitors were in awe of the talent and ambition on show. Several pieces of work wouldn't look out of place at GCSE level and it was very clear that not only are there some budding artists in the current Year 7, but there is a remarkable work ethic and commitment to excellence from such a wide range of students.

The Minister for Education Sport and Culture, Mr Rod Bryans came to judge the exhibition entries as this was not just a homework, but a House Competition. After judging, he was so taken aback by the standard of work, he wrote to his colleagues within the states;

***"I don't normally draw people's attention to specific parts of my role, there is so much good work out there, but I was asked to judge a Van Gogh exhibition held in Les Quennevais school created by Year 7 pupils (age 11) with a brief provided by their teacher Pete Jones.***

***I found the level of the work and the competencies shown by the pupils to be of the highest order and felt I should suggest you all take the opportunity to visit the school and see the work.***

***It's colourful, innovative, and inventive and some of the work clearly proves that not only do we have great teaching in our schools but some highly talented pupils."***

The winner, after a great deal of wrangling and soul searching was **Zoe Dum-brell** in **McKeon** for her remarkable pop up timeline and accompanying sketch-book. The quality of research and the hours it must have taken to put it all together was beyond anything we have had the pleasure of judging before. She was not alone in reaching a remarkable standard of work however. The following students were highly commended;

Hannah Logan  
Megan Hawthornthwaite  
Hannah Pires  
Ben Sims  
Poppy Parker  
Jonah Price  
Annabelle Peat  
Monica Sa Camacho  
Lili Beth England  
Noah Arnett  
Lauren Vibert  
Isabel Pirouet



With extra special mentions by Mr Bryans for work of exceptional quality to Adi Bors, Daniel Brown, Lottie Leatt, Poppy Jones and Jasmine Hind.

This is a fantastically artistic and ambitious year group and we cannot wait to see what they produce during the rest of their time at Les Quennevais School.



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# Little Shop of Horrors is a Smash Hit!



*Miss Milman, Head of Drama*

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When we decided to do 'The Little Shop of Horrors' last year, we had little inkling of the amazing talent, commitment and passion we would awaken and inspire in the cast! We knew it was a great show, with fantastic roles and songs, but there were also a lot of challenges to overcome – like the small problem of a man-eating plant!

But we needn't have worried, as the set and plants were organised, and the rehearsals began, with our largest cast to date- 100 plus! Everyone came to rehearsal, concentrated really hard and learnt the lyrics and lines, and slowly we started to realise that this was going to be a very special show. I think it was the attitude and wonderful example set by the older students, the way that everyone cared for each other and the determination and ambition shown by each and every student that made us most proud, and by the time the 'Rock n' Roll Bingo' night came around, we became really excited to see what would happen next.

Miss Le Quesne produced some magical choreography and Mr Pritchard did his usual stunning job in the pit, and the stage was set for some of the most mature and extraordinary performances we have seen in an LQ production. I was so proud of the dedication and attention to detail shown by Orla, Joel and Charlie in particular, but also by every one of the students on stage, whether they had a big or smaller part. They represented the very best of Les Quennevais on stage over those three nights, and the set, lighting and, of course, the plants were stunning!

We are very lucky to be able to perform in the Jersey Opera House and every year, the crew at the theatre congratulate us on the professionalism and attitude of our students. However, this year everyone agreed that this show was extraordinary. I know that this is because our cast were extraordinary and have had an experience they will never forget.





# Y11s narrowly miss out on Rugby glory



Mr Jones, Head of Year 11

Wednesday 21st March saw the annual Lord Jersey Rugby Tournament take place at the JRFC. This tournament has become the pinnacle of the Secondary Schools Rugby fixtures and allows many boys to play their last game of school rugby after five years in a prestigious well organised and supported tournament.

Rightly so the Les Quennevais team were seeded in the top tier for the tournament allowing them to play for the Trophy and not the Plate. Over the five years of Rugby the boys have been outstanding and have either won or come second to Victoria College in every tournament they have participated in and this proved to be no different, earning their place in the final with a 55 – 0 victory over Guernsey RFC. An amazing achievement for a school side to beat and play such outstanding rugby against a competitive side.

The final had mixed emotions for all and will be remembered by the sponsors and the players for many years to come. Les Quennevais started brilliantly playing the same supportive rugby they played against Guernsey and taking a swift lead. This dominance was to come undone by two Les Quennevais errors in quick succession followed by a well worked Victoria College back move. This took the score to 19 – 5 in favour of Vic.

At half time the coaching team rallied as did the boys punishing Vic physically and with the quality of play retaking control 19 – 20. With the last play of the game Vic attacked the corner ending in a group of bodies hitting the flag ground and try area. A tough call for the officials that could have gone either way resulted in the benefit of doubt going to the attacking side.

Highly disappointing for Les Quennevais but they should be immensely proud of how they played and the way they conducted themselves throughout their time at Les Quennevais. We hope to see a number of them representing Jersey Athletic or the Reds in the future.



## Dramatic end to Lord Jersey Cup final as Springbok great looks on

Late try gives Victoria College narrow victory over Les Quennevais at the Jersey Reds ground at St Peter

**Rugby union**  
By Tim Poyar  
VICTORIA COLLEGE WON THE Lord Jersey Cup final in 4th place today, in one of the most supported international fixtures of all time watched on the home of Jersey Rugby.

Former South Africa rugby player Isaac de Waard



# Duke of Edinburgh up and running

Mr Harris, Assistant Headteacher

Les Quennevais School now has 28 students from Year 9 and Year 10 signed up to complete the Bronze award for the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a youth awards programme founded in the United Kingdom in 1956 by Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, that has since expanded to 144 nations. The awards recognise adolescents and young adults for completing a series of self-improvement exercises modelled on Kurt Hahn's solution to the "Six Declines of Modern Youth".

Our 28 Les Quennevais students are all currently completing their tasks in one of three categories: skill, physical and volunteering. Once these have been completed they will be verified through their on-line portal and will then begin to prepare for their final challenge – the expedition. This will involve students completing a nine mile trek across the north of the island, an over-night stay where they will have to pitch their own tents and prepare their own food around the camp fire, before setting off on their final trek the following day. All students are ready for the experience!



DoE Students in First Aid training

In preparation for the final expedition, students will learn how to use all camping and cooking equipment, but will also undertake a brief First-Aid course to thoroughly prepare them for all eventualities. Students have really enjoyed and engaged with the First-Aid training and are now ready for their final challenge – bring on the expedition!

# Watts take the lead as the House Competition heats up!

*Mrs Lindsay, Head of Tranter. Mr Pritchard, Head of Watts. Miss Milman, Head of McKeon.*

It's all to play for in this year's house competition as the finishing line draws nearer. Watts have regained the overall lead winning the House Bake contest and gaining a vital 30 points. Tranter have made an exciting come back into the running with a stunning display at the Swim Gala, trouncing all before them, winning every year group except Year 8 which went to Watts. McKeon are sitting pretty in second place with the word of the week points, waiting to pounce and take the lead.

It's anybody's to win this term however, as we have masses of points available in lots of different areas. There is of course Sports Day coming up, but if that's not your strong point you can bring glory for your house in curriculum competitions such as the House Drama, Photography competition and History

Department Castle competition to name but a few.

Remember participation is everything, you have to be in it to win it! Keep an eye on the house notice board for lots more fun events coming soon.

We must also give a huge thumbs up for the new House scoreboard. Anyone going into the hall can't fail to have noticed the massive neon board proudly displaying the scores. Who will end up on top? It's over to you!



*The new House Points scoreboard*

## Year 8 Rugby Tournament Winners!

*Mr Fowler, 2 i/c PE*

Once again, the Year 8 boys stepped up when it really mattered! Coming into the Rugby season off of the back of ANOTHER Football tournament win, there was excitement and anticipation of what the next couple of months would bring in terms of Rugby. However, the season got off to a slow start with games being postponed due to poor weather and other schools not being able to field teams against us. Understandably, enthusiasm started to wane a little. However, we did manage to play 3 games, winning 2 and losing 1.

Then came the end of season tournament, held at Le Rocquier School. This is where the Year 8 boys really switched on and produced their best Rugby of the season (as they always do!). We started the tournament with a convincing win against Haute Vallee which gave us the perfect start, boosting confidence and getting everybody a good touch of the ball. Then we played Victoria College, this time a much closer affair. The strength in our running from our key players in the second half saw us win comfortably in the end. De La Salle awaited us in game 3. There was a feeling that whoever was to win this game would go on and win the tournament, both teams having won their first 2 games. In a topsy turvy game with both teams having the lead at some stage, we produced an exceptionally strong second half performance, winning with a fantastic Evan Elias-Rees try in the final minute. The last game against Le Rocquier was a mere formality with the boys flying with confidence and fantastic motivation. That meant that the tournament was won, the lads being a real credit to the school.

For the first time in a long time the Year 8 boys are current Island Football and Rugby Champions! Rugby Tournament winning squad:

Cole Sheehan, Olly Carney, Joe Dagilan, Leo Barker, Ethan Beldon, Reef Webster, Olly Tomlinson, Liam Benedito, Antonio Nobrega, Sam Harvey, Harvey Hall, Evan Elias-Rees and Albie Bowden



*Y8 Champions!*

# PE Spring Term Report

Mr Le Feuvre, Head of PE



## Boys

### Rugby

We have had a really busy term with lots of exciting sporting opportunities for our students to get involved in. Since the start of the Year there have been 4 Boys Rugby teams competing every week in friendlies and tournaments against the other schools on the Island. With over 60 boys regularly attending training and matches each week there was some fantastic Individual moments of brilliance and some wonderful team tries.

All teams play every other school once in friendlies throughout the term. Each team has the opportunity to also compete in a tournament and the results are recorded below;

Year 7 Boys Tournament – 3rd Place

Year 8 Boys Tournament – Island Champions

Year 9 Boys Tournament – Joint 4th Place

Key Stage 4 Boys – Lord Jersey Channel Island Cup – Runners Up

Sussex County Rugby Representatives

Under 16 – Harry Doolan, Oliver Norton

### Football

Island Star Trophy Under 15 Football match was played at St Peters FC.

The final score was Jersey 4 Guernsey 1.

Representatives from Les Quennevais School who played in the fixture were James Sunley and Alfie Le Guilcher. Congratulations to both boys.

Jersey Under 16 Football Inter Insular. This fixture was played at Springfield stadium. The final score in the fixture was Jersey 2 Guernsey 1.

Congratulations to two players from Les Quennevais School, Toby Ritzema and James Sunley, who were in the squad.

## Girls

### Netball

This term we have had around 100 girls training and playing regularly for the school Netball Teams. We have also played against 2 touring schools which have allowed our students to test themselves out against new opposition.

Year 7A Tournament – 5th League – 6th

Year 7B Tournament – 6th League – 6th

Year 8A Tournament – 5th League – 6th

Year 8B Tournament – 2nd League – 5th

Year 9A Tournament – 2nd League – 5th

Year 9B Tournament – 5th League – 5th

Year 10 Tournament – 6th League – 7th

Year 11 Tournament – 2nd League – 2nd

Congratulations to the following Les Quennevais Island Netball Players who competed in the recent Netball Inter Insulars v Guernsey;

Under 12 – Jaide Kevany, Jessica Maclellan

Jersey 19- Guernsey 7

Under 14 – Katie Doyle

Jersey 24- Guernsey 28

Under 16 – Sophie Harvey and Kiah Kuppe

Jersey 71- Guernsey 19



*A very muddy Y9 Rugby Team*



*Y8 in a 40-30 thriller against De La Salle*



*Y8A Netball Team*



*Y9B Netball Team*

# Mixed

## Badminton

We entered an A and a B team into the Schools Badminton League for the first time. The league took place at the Gilson Hall in St Helier on Saturday mornings. The league is open to students from 11-18 years old. Our A Team were the highest placed 11-16 school in the league and our B team came 5th with a predominantly Year 7 group of students who acquitted themselves well and enjoyed some really close fixtures.

## Island Badminton Honours

Macey Bechemin – Winner of South of England Under 18 Badminton Tournament.

# Summer term...

Students will have the opportunity to compete in numerous sports this term. On the agenda we have Athletics, Cricket, Softball, Basketball, Rounders, Badminton, Table Tennis and Squash. We welcome all students of all abilities and hope to see as many students as possible making the most of these opportunities to try a new sport, be healthy and have fun. Finally there will also be information released this term regarding a Sports Tour for 2018/2019.

# Sports Awards

The 2017/2018 Sports Award Evening took place at the Jersey Rugby Club on Tuesday 27th March. It was a fantastic event with over 350 students taking part in PE Clubs. It was amazing to see a packed room of over 170 students and staff who were able to attend the event. Our guests of honour were Catriona Mcallister, Chief Executive of Jersey Sport and David Kennedy, Manager of Jersey Sport. Both delivered important sporting messages to our students. The preparation and organisation by the Les Quennevais Office Staff, Business Manager Mr Richardson and the Les Quennevais PE Department ensured the evening was a huge success and fantastic celebration of all the Sporting Achievements from the last 3 terms at Les Quennevais School with 71 different awards being presented.

## Team of the Year Winners

Boys - Year 11 Boys Football Team who were the Under 16 Island Cup Winners.

Girls - Year 11 Girls Netball Team. Finished as the 2nd best school in the league and 2nd best school in the annual tournament. This has happened 2 years running.

## Sports Personality of the Year 2017/18

Sophie Harvey



Y11 Netball team win Girls Team of the Year



Y11 Football Champions win Boys Team of the Year



Sophie Harvey is LQ's 2017/18 Sports Personality of the Year

# Sports Awards Winners

## Girls Rounders

- Award - Year 7 Player's Player. Bibinha Poree
- Award – Year 7 Coaches Player. Jasmine Kerr
- Award - Year 8 Player's Player. Elisha Hiller
- Award – Year 8 Coaches Player. Mia Frankland
- Award - Year 9 Player's Player. Yasmin Buesnel
- Award – Year 9 Coaches Player. Amelia Couvert
- Award - Year 10 Player's Player. Millie Rolland- Kelly
- Award – Year 10 Coaches Player. Saskia Martin

## Athletics

- Award - Year 7/8/9 Coaches Male performer of the season. Jakob Stanton
- Award - Year 7/8/9 Coaches Female performer of the season. Elisha Hiller
- Award - Year 10 Coaches Female performer of the season. Kiah Kuppe
- Award - Year 10 Coaches Male performer of the season. Ollie Norton

## Hockey

- Award - Year 7 Player's Player. Summer Nevitt
- Award – Year 7 Coaches Player. Rhiann Liddiard
- Award - Year 8 Player's Player. Phoebe De Gruchy
- Award – Year 8 Coaches Player. Abbie Hayes
- Award - Year 9 Player's Player. Annalise Du Val
- Award – Year 9 Coaches Player. Elisha Hiller
- Award - Year 10/11 Player's Player. Brittany Stead
- Award – Year 10/11 Coaches Player. Kiah Kuppe

## Badminton

- Award – B Team Coaches player of the season. Harvey Brockenbury
- Award – B Team Player's player of the season. Noah Arnett
- Award – A Team Coaches player of the season. Macy Bechemin
- Award – A Team Player's player of the season. Olly Flavell

## Football

- Award - Year 7C Player's Player. Eathan Soar
- Award – Year 7C Coaches Player. Joshua Schooling
- Award - Year 7B Player's Player. Callum Cuthbert
- Award – Year 7B Coaches Player. Daniel Kelly
- Award - Year 7A Player's Player. Callum Osmand
- Award – Year 7A Coaches Player. Simon Ward
- Award - Year 8B Player's Player. Renato Oliveira
- Award – Year 8B Coaches Player. Harvey Valentine
- Award - Year 8A Player's Player. Cole Sheehan
- Award – Year 8A Coaches Player. Oliver Carney
- Award - Year 9B Player's Player. Liam Oury
- Award – Year 9B Coaches Player. Sheldon Grimshaw
- Award - Year 9A Player's Player. Alfie Le Guilcher
- Award – Year 9A Coaches Player. Lewis Steele
- Award - Year 10 Player's Player. Alfie Sutherland
- Award – Year 10 Coaches Player. Max Dupre
- Award - Year 11 Player's Player. Harry Doolan
- Award – Year 11 Coaches Player. Sean Satchwell



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# Sports Awards Winners

## Netball

Award - Year 7B Player's Player. Poppy Evans  
Award – Year 7B Coaches Player. Renee Falle  
Award - Year 7A Player's Player. Lauren Vibert  
Award – Year 7A Coaches Player. Macie Fitzgerald Wilkins  
Award - Year 8B Player's Player. Lucci Baker  
Award – Year 8B Coaches Player. Daisy Shaw  
Award - Year 8A Player's Player. Jessica Buttimer  
Award – Year 8A Coaches Player. Lauren Gladwell  
Award - Year 9B Player's Player. Amelia Morris Campbell  
Award – Year 9B Coaches Player. Aimee Bienvenu  
Award - Year 9A Player's Player. Tia Quinn  
Award – Year 9A Coaches Player. Maisey Anderson  
Award - Year 10 Player's Player. Amelia Couvert  
Award – Year 10 Coaches Player. Madison Fitzgerald Wilkins  
Award - Year 11 Player's Player. Orla Brennan  
Award – Year 11 Coaches Player. Kiah Kuppe



## Rugby

Award - Year 7 Player's Player. Callum Cuthbert  
Award – Year 7 Coaches Player. Ethan Huish  
Award - Year 8 Player's Player. Evan Elias Rees  
Award – Year 8 Coaches Player. Cole Sheehan  
Award - Year 9 Player's Player. William Fernandes  
Award – Year 9 Coaches Player. Cole Graham  
Award - Year 10 Player's Player. James Sunley  
Award – Year 10 Coaches Player. Mitchell Rodgers  
Award- Year 11 Players Player. Harry Doolan  
Award – Year 11 Coaches Player. Kai le Luan

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# Dates for your diary

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10 May - Y8 HPV Vaccinations  
Y10 Subject Evening

14 May - Y11 GCSE Exams Start

29 May - 1 June - Half Term

7 June - Y7 A Subject Evening (LES)

12 June - House Drama

14 June - Y7 B Subject Evening (QNV)

15 June - Sports Day

20 June - Whole School Awards

21 June - Leavers Ceremony  
Y11 Leavers Ball

25 June - Y9 Team Building Day

5-6 July - Transition Days

16-20 July - Activities Week

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