

News Update from Le Rocquier School



A message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents.

This year has challenged every person on the Island. Families and schools have faced their share of disruption, missed annual events and mixed emotions over the year. On reflection, our students and community have been amazing. Thank you for your support, patience and goodwill.

It's been a year which has refocused everyone's priorities and made us all reassess what is important. Family and friends are at the top of everyone's lists and, as a school community, I hope we continue to support each other as we head into 2021.

Through all this disruption, the one constant is that learning has continued at a pace, especially for Year 11, who have their minds focused on their GCSE exams in the summer. The UK government has made a few concessions and pushed the exams back a small amount, but Year 11 students across England will need our help and support in 2021.

Parents evenings have gone online, and we want every family to attend them. They are very important if we are to fully support families and your son/daughter in the months ahead. Feedback on the new system has been excellent and I ask you all to prioritise attending them to hear about the great things your son/daughter has been doing and what they need to do to improve further.

We had a big push on uniform and jewellery this term and it has worked. The students look so smart in school. Sometimes this may not seem important, but it's a lesson in employability skills for the future. Our next focus will be how students move around the school.

Have a safe and merry Christmas from all the staff at Le Rocquier School.

Andrew Adkin
Head Teacher

Press Team...

We have an amazing group of talented students who form our Press Team. They post weekly on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/LeRocquier>).

As well as the 60 Second News Updates they publish, they have put together their first **digital magazine** and we love it. Please have a read for yourself by using this link... https://www.flipsnack.com/lerocquier/lrs-press-team-issue-1/full-view.html?fbclid=IwAR3LaADKf-CFwq54YgzSMehMhgzEfg66DW_NrartG_o2cn1ofGoG4eAbMMdE



News from our Hearing-Impaired ARC...

Year 7 and Year 8 have all had two PSHE deaf awareness lessons this half term. A very successful programme delivered as part of the mainstream PSHE curriculum. Thank you to Mrs Lappin for making this happen.

Last Year's Year 11 (Class of 2020)...

Last Year's Year 11 – If you have older brothers or sisters who were in Year 11 last year, please remind them that their GCSE certificates and Records of Achievement are here to collect. They will need the certificates for job interviews as they are the only certificates provided. Obtaining copies in future years could cost a candidate up to £200 so make sure you collect the ones that are already here!

Current Students...

Students will have homework to complete over the Christmas holiday. Although the students need to recharge their batteries, it is important for them to be up to date so they can hit the ground running in January. Year 10 and 11 have more work than key stage 3. Much of the work for Year 11 is to ensure that they have completed all the home learning tasks from the first lockdown and are ready for the final push in the spring term. As we still do not know whether the exams will go ahead, it is important that we have this work for students in Year 11. We may need to provide evidence for the centre assessed grades as we did last year. Please encourage your child, whichever year group they are in, to check Doodle and ensure that work is completed. This is an ideal time for them to catch up with anything they have not done this term.



Santa for Seniors...

Thank you very much to the students and staff at Le Rocquier school for contributing to our "Santa for Seniors" appeal this year. Due to current situation, we were unable to hold our Christmas Lunch, so we wanted to spread some kindness and joy by collecting over 130 treats and designing Christmas cards. We wish you a very merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Lunch in 2021.

Shelter Trust...

We asked for donations for the Shelter Trust and here is one of our amazing students with the hamper they put together. Our community is so generous. Thank you.



Safeguarding reminder...

Members of our Community who are concerned for the welfare of an individual can report their concerns to the following services...

- Children and Families Hub: Call: 519000 or email childrenandfamilieshub@gov.je
- Youth Enquiry Service YES project : Free helpline +44 (0) 800 7350010, or email the yes@jys.je
- **Kooth**: A free, safe and anonymous online counselling and support for children and young people aged 13 – 25.
- Adult Safeguarding - Single Point of Referral (SPOR): Call: 444440 or email SPOR@health.gov.je
- Mental Health Community Team: Call: 443250 or email JAMHSReferralPathway@health.gov.je
- Connect Me has a range of information, help and support for Islanders
- [Family Nursing and Home Care](#)
- Or, in an emergency call 999

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JERSEY'S NEW YOUTH PARLIAMENT IS LAUNCHING IN EARLY 2021

We are looking for a diverse group of young people aged 12-18 that will come together to influence real change in the island.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN – APPLY HERE

For more information: hello@jyp.je.

Christmas Jumper Day...

The last few days of school have been dress-down days for staff and students. Our Humanities staff couldn't resist recreating the Nativity Scene. Seeing them on break duty dressed as Joseph, Mary and the 3 Kings was a memorable sight.



Term Dates...

Spring Term

Starts: Monday 4th January

Inset Day: Friday 12th February

Half Term: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February

Term Ends: Thursday 1st April

Summer Term

Starts: Monday 19th April

Half Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Public Holidays: Monday 3rd May

Term Ends: Thursday 15th July

Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year from everyone at Le Rocquier School.