



LA MARE DE CARTERET HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

October 2022

Dear Parent/Carers,

The Autumn term is always one of our busiest with new activities, new teachers and students, we have had a fantastic opening to the term and have great hopes for the rest of the academic year.

A warm welcome to our New Year 7 parents. As we enter the half term holidays I do hope that your children have settled into our La Mare community. It was great to see parents coming into school to meet with form tutors. If you haven't done so already and would like to, then please contact the school office to make an appointment.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind families that the La Mare De Carteret High School uniform is an important part of the culture and ethos of our school. Uniform helps ensure equity between students, creating a sense of pride, aspiration and professional identity for our students and for the school. High standards of dress are expected at all times and students must come to school every day in neat, clean uniform as an indication that they take pride in belonging to our La Mare De Carteret High School community. We fully expect families to support the school in these high expectations. Please use the holiday break to ensure your child has the correct uniform for the start of half term two.

When we return after the half term, Year 11 students will be undertaking their Mock exams. Specific work has been set for them by their subject teachers. This can be found on Google Classroom and Class Charts. We would really appreciate your support in encouraging them to spend some time over the holiday revising.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued help and support. I hope you and your family have a restful break and enjoy this half term. I look forward to seeing your children refreshed and ready to learn in the lead up to Christmas.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. V. Tomlin,
Principal.

Notification of Additional Inset Day for Staff Training 2023

We have requested an INSET Day for staff training purposes scheduled for **Wednesday, 4th January, 2023**. Therefore the school will be closed for students on that day.

We look forward to greeting our students back for the start of the Spring Term on Thursday, 5th January, 2023 at 8.30 a.m.

Safeguarding Staff

For information our CP Officers within our school setting are:

Mrs. V. Tomlin
Mr. J. Dodd
Ms. A. Stables

KS3 Science Club

The Club has been off to a great start this term, with many returning members alongside new faces.

The Science Ambassador Team have been busy making the most of the dry weather and refining their nature photography skills on the school field. (A big thanks to the Art Department for the use of the cameras).

The students have been taking photos of various plant species by their identifiable features such as leaves; flowers; seeds.



The team have then returned to class to identify them from the photos. They have utilised various keys, online quizzes and apps to help identify the species.



White Poplar
(Photographed by J. Hodgson, Year 9)

Mathematics

Well that's the first half term complete and what a great half term it's been. We have introduced a new learning platform in Maths called Complete Maths. The students are adapting to it brilliantly and it's wonderful to see how many students are making use of it independently and in their own time. We are very excited about the assistance it will give us in identifying gaps in knowledge and providing the work to address them. Thank you to those parents who were able to make it to the Complete Maths parent workshop. It was great to see how many could make it. We are currently in the process of putting together some short video clips showing you how to use Complete Maths to support your children so keep an eye on Class Charts next half term for information on these.

If you attended either of our Maths Workshops this month, we're really keen to hear your feedback so if you have a couple of minutes spare, can you please log onto Class Charts and complete the short survey we posted. It will help us to make future workshops better. Thank you.

Well done if you received a phone call or a postcard from the Maths Department this half term. We look forward to more of these next half term. If you'd like a postcard or a phone call home, ask your teacher what you need to do to receive them. Another 'well done' if you received a scratch card. It was fabulous to give out so many rewards whether it was for great work, attitude, effort or progress. We're already printing off another batch for next half term!

Year 11 - In preparation for the Mock Exams in November, please see Class Charts for your topic revision list, key facts sheet and a link to the bespoke course on Complete Maths Tutor. [S Hewitt, Head of Department]

Year 11 Mock Examinations

Commence the week beginning 14th November, for two weeks; and the Timetable has been shared with students. As is good practice these examinations will take place in a formal setting following the JCQ national guidelines and procedures for GCSE's.

[Mrs. J. Liddle, Examination Officer]



Year 9 Field Study Tuesday 11th October

All Year 9 students undertook a field study of Grandes Rocques and Cobo Bay to put the theory we had been learning in class into practise. We gathered data by completing a wave count at each location to determine if each beach had constructive or destructive wave types by counting frequency and noting characteristics. Then students drew and annotated a field sketch to show: the processes of erosion and transportation, types of sea defences and finally land use.



Each session was finished with a skimming competition. The winner of the Year 9 award for best skimmer went to Yaseen K with 11 skips! He won an Atlas, a Geography Rocks Badge and £5 to spend. Yaseen actually gave

50 % of his winnings to another student who had found the winning stone for him. What generosity!

What a great trip – a huge 'thank you' to all those involved!

[Mr. L. Thomas, The Geography Rocks Team]

Youth States Debate Building Character and Student Voice

A huge congratulations to Year 8 students, E. Jamieson, T. Kent and A. Jehan. These students committed their evenings and weekends to represent our school in a Youth States Debate. We are also delighted to see our former student M. Andrews from the Sixth Form Centre joining them.



As well as honing their skills and experiencing the chamber in action, the students had the opportunity to work with notaries and students from across the Bailiwick.



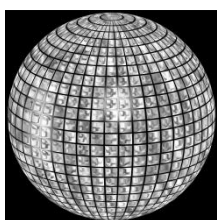
A special thanks to the Youth Commission who supported the students in the run up to the debate.

Rotary Guernesiais Shoebox Scheme In conjunction with Rotary International

As ever, students and staff are keen to support this popular annual Shoebox appeal and we would ask that all filled shoeboxes are sent into school after half-term as they will be collected that week.

The total sent from Guernsey last year was a magnificent total of 4,498 boxes! This year these shoeboxes will again go to disadvantaged children in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania; and Rotary are also hoping to be able to send some boxes to Kyiv, in Ukraine. Thank you.

Date for your diaries!!!



Years 7 & 8 Christmas Disco 6.00pm – 7.30pm
Friday 2nd December at LMDC High.

There will be competitions on the night - free style, dance off & best group dance so get your groups together, pick your dance moves and get practising!!

Tickets are £1.

These will go on sale next half term.

English Department

We are offering the following revision sessions:

- Wednesday lunch (1st half) – anthology text revision for Year 11
- Wednesday lunch (all) – general English revision for All Years

- Friday lunch (1st half) – anthology catch up revision for Year 11
- Friday afterschool – Language and Literature revision for Year 11.

Please see Class Charts for revision topics.

Empowered 2022 Young Writers Competition

Congratulations to the following students whose work was selected to be published:

J. Domaille 10C7; M. Furniss 9V2; R. Smith 9V7;
R. Knight 10C3; F. Aughton 10R1; E. Le Prevost 10C1; L. Savident 9C5.



Please don't forget to use the Easy Fundraising website to help raise funds for the school:
[Easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyparents.org.uk)

**The next PTA meeting is at 6.30 p.m. on
Wednesday, 10th November, all welcome.**

Fundraising

The generosity and kindness from our school community continues with students raising over £943 for the recent Swimathon - with funds still coming in!

More news in our next newsletter about all the fun and frolics enjoyed at this event and the recent award presented to the school.



Art and Technology

Years 7 and 8 artists have been entered for the Lions Club peace poster.

We wish them "Good Luck"!

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster>



Diary Dates 2022

PUFFIN PARADE Our Puffin has arrived!



Autism Guernsey and the [GSPCA, Guernsey SPCA](#) are excited to have partnered up to hold a 'Puffin Parade' in 2023. This will be similar to the Goat Trail but will comprise 4' Puffins instead of goats.

LMDC High are privileged to be taking part in next year's parade and our artists are partnered up with a local business. Over the next term we will be designing ideas as to what our puffin will look like.

We will keep you updated.

Digital Art- KS3

Our students have been out and about taking photographs with a field trip to Cobo. These are some of the great photographs they have been taking in school and in their own time.

Thursday 3 rd November	Year 8 Parents' Evening, 6-8 p.m.
Wednesday 9 th November	Mock Examination: GCSE Art / 3-D and Graphics.
Monday - Friday 14 th to 25 th Nov	Mock Exams for Year 11 begin
Tuesday 15 th November	SFC Information Evening, 7.15 p.m.
Thursday 17 th November	CFE Information Day and Evening.
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need Fundraising (Mufti £1).
Monday / Tuesday 28 th / 29 th Nov	French Speaking Mock Examination
Friday 2 nd December	Years 7 & 8 Christmas Disco (6pm – 7.30pm)
Wednesday 21 st December	(Mufti £1) End of Term
2023 Thursday 5 th January	Spring Term begins for Students, 8.30 a.m.
Thursday 5 th January 2023	Year 9 Parents' Evening, 6-8 p.m.
Thursday 12 th January	Year 11 Parents' Evening, 6-8 p.m.
Tuesday to Friday 17 th to 20 th January	Y11 Catering Practical Exam Level 1 / 2
Wednesday 18 th January	Year 11 GCSE Taster Morning
Thursday 19 th January	Year 11 SFC Taster Day
20-24 th February	Half-Term
