



Elizabeth College

Community Benefit

The **Education** of over 850 island pupils aged 3 to 18, 161 of which are funded by the States as Special Place Holders at the Upper School. The College provides a high quality and distinctive education based on academic excellence and is a key factor in providing parental choice and attracting professionals to the island, as well as having provided many of the island's leading figures in the community.

Friday's Footprint is an island-wide project for all school pupils run from the College's English Faculty which aims to promote creative writing and poetry through the publication of pieces on a dedicated website and regular competitions.

Art Exhibitions of pupils' work have been held in public venues, for instance the recent exhibition at the Prince Elizabeth Hospital. The Art Department also offers life drawing classes to pupils from other schools.

Collaboration with other island schools. Recent examples have included local primary schools visiting the Learning Support Centre as an example of good practice, INSET training being offered to teachers from other schools, a local Assistant Head using the College as a host school for her NPQH qualification.

Providing **teaching work experience/shadowing** in various departments for individuals who are considering teaching as a future career.

The College is offered as an **Examination Centre** to non-College pupils for GCSEs and A levels on a non-profit making basis.

The **Combined Cadet Force (CCF)**

- loan of equipment and provide personnel to support the activities of the island's Army Cadet Force, Sea Cadets and Air Training Corps.
- provide cadet 'guards of honour' at various annual island ceremonial services such as Battle of Britain, Remembrance, Liberation Day, Queen's Birthday Parade.
- provide cadets and logistical support at various annual charitable fund raising events on behalf of charities such as Cancer Research, Help for Heroes, Royal British Legion, Everest Challenge.

The **Upper School Choir** perform in church services annually in St. Malo and provide a carol concert for the island's disabled at Government House every December.

The **Junior School Choir** perform regularly for local nursing homes and charitable groups such as Highfield House, Summerlands, Cheshire Homes and Round Table.

The **Kenya Link** which involves students and staff supporting a Kenyan primary school in the Turi region through an annual trip of pupils and staff. Such support includes teaching, the provision of school equipment and the construction of a playground for the school

The **Ruskin Group** is an environmental action and awareness student group involved in various island projects, recently including the Beachwatch project (responsibility for Petit Port) and the clearance of invasive weeds from L'Eree headland.

The **Sports Leadership Programme** involves many students assisting most island primary schools and local sports clubs with weekly games and PE programmes, often after school and at weekends.

The **Community Service Programme** has recently included pupil visits for elderly people, working in Oxfam, dog walking for the GSPCA, coaching for the Sarnia Sword Club and literacy support at Amherst and Vauvert primary schools.

Many pupils and staff provide **voluntary support** for island youth groups and sports clubs such as the Scouts, the Guernsey Sailing Trust and Yacht Club, the Sarnia Sword Club and Rangers FC.

The **Summer Orchestral Course** is a week-long, non-profit making music course in August annually attended by over two hundred island, UK and overseas pupils to promote involvement with orchestral music, culminating in three free concerts for the public in St. James.

The **Southbank Sinfonia** at Beechwood - hosting music workshops for pupils from Blanchelande Junior School, Amherst & Notre Dame Primary Schools.

The **use of College buildings and facilities** for various purposes:

- music rehearsal facilities for the Guernsey Jazz Orchestra, Welsh Boys Aloud and the WI choir
- College Hall for visiting drama groups
- the College car park/tennis court for Spurgeon Baptist Church (Sunday mornings) and weekend/evening charitable events at St. James
- College and Memorial Field for cricket fixtures and training facilities for the Guernsey Cricket Board
- College and Memorial Field for football matches and training facilities for Rangers Football Club
- the Memorial Field pitch for Guernsey Hockey Club fixtures and training
- swimming pool and classrooms for the Guernsey Life Saving Club

- the Sports Hall for the Fencing Academy (open to all island pupils) and 5-a-side football teams
- the indoor range for local shooting clubs
- Beechwood car park for events at Government House
- Beechwood gym for Vauvert primary school's football marathon
- Acorn House hall for a yoga group
- College classrooms for a summer language course
- Le Marchant Room for island festivals such as the Literary Festival

The **Pre-School** donates childrens' clothing on an on-going basis to primary schools in Sri Lanka as part of the Bridge to Sri Lanka charity.

Fund-raising support for charities through annual charity days and events (Red Nose Day, Children in Need, Sports Relief Day, Jeans for Genes, Lepa), encouraging pupils to partake in island charitable events and the general support of other activities. Other charities recently supported include Male Uprising Guernsey, the Pink Ladies, Les Bourgs Hospice, Help a Guernsey Child, Walk for Wildlife, Action Aid, Barnardos (Pre-School 'Toddlerthon'), Macmillan Trust, Shoe Box Appeal, Farm Africa, the Tumiani Fund and Surovi School (Bangladesh). Over £10,000 per year is raised annually across the school for such charities.

The Gatehouse Gallery (opening September 2013) which will exhibit artwork by local artists and act as a venue for island arts festivals e.g. photography, literary.

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