



ELIZABETH COLLEGE

Community Benefit 2016

The **Education** of over 840 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 highly qualified and skilled workers on the island, including many of the island's leading figures.

The College bring a number of **economic benefits** to the island. It is estimated that the education of pupils at the College constitutes a saving of over £6 million per annum for the States of Guernsey given such pupils would otherwise need to be educated in States schools. The College employs 113 staff locally on the island and spends approximately £1.6 million per annum on Guernsey goods and services.

Collaborative projects with other island schools. Recent examples have included pupils from local primary schools and the High Schools being involved with our Visiting Artists programme weekend workshops and exhibiting their art work in the Gate House Gallery, free INSET for staff from other school on teaching and learning, boys from other schools being invited to our cricket tournaments on Saturday mornings during the summer term, Friday's Footprint (see separate entry) and open access to the Guernsey Fencing Academy which is run by the College.

Providing free **teaching work experience/shadowing** in various departments for individuals who are considering teaching as a future career (recently English, Art, Mathematics and Science). Many of these teachers have gone on to work at other island schools.

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

The **Combined Cadet Force (CCF):**

- loan of equipment and provides personnel to support the activities of the island's Army Cadet Force, Sea Cadets and Air Training Corps
- provides cadet 'guards of honour' at various annual island ceremonial services such as Battle of Britain, Remembrance, Liberation Day, Queen's Birthday Parade
- CCF Drum Corps performs at island events such as the Remembrance Day dinner for all island ex-servicemen in College Hall
- provides 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** performs in church services annually in St Malo and provides carol concerts for the island's disabled at Government House and the Le Platon residential home every December. The **Junior School Choir** performs regularly for local nursing homes and charitable groups such as Highfield House, Summerlands, Cheshire Homes and Round Table.

The **Kenya Link** which involves Sixth Form students and staff supporting the Turi Children's Project and Sulgwita primary school in the highlands region of Kenya through an annual ten day trip. Such support has included the teaching of literacy and numeracy, the provision of school equipment, the construction of playground facilities for the school and the conversion of an old squash court into a training workshop for bike maintenance/ICT/sewing.

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 creation of a community garden area adjacent to the Odeon Car Park in St Peter Port.

Friday's Footprint is an island-wide project for all island 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.

The **Sports Leadership Programme** involves over thirty Sixth Form students assisting 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/residential homes, working in Oxfam, dog walking for the GSPCA and numeracy and literacy support at Amherst and Vauvert primary schools.

Over 70 members of the College staff provide active and ongoing **voluntary work** for youth groups, sports clubs and charitable institutions in Guernsey. It is estimated this involves well over 3,000 hours of free work per year for the benefit of the island community.

The Elizabeth College **Summer Orchestral Course (ECSOC)** is a week-long, non-profit making music course held annually in August and 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 **use of College buildings and facilities** for various purposes:

- music rehearsal facilities for the Guernsey Jazz Orchestra 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 Elizabeth College Fencing Academy (open to all island pupils) and 5-a-side football teams
- the indoor small-bore range for local shooting clubs
- Beechwood car park as an overspill 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 as a venue for island festivals such as the Literary Festival.

Fund-raising support for charities (over £17,000 raised in 2015-16 across the school) through annual charity days (Red Nose Day, Children in Need, Sports Relief Day, Jeans for Genes, Lepra), 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, Walk for Wildlife, Action Aid, Barnardos (Pre-School 'Toddlerthon'), Macmillan Trust, Shoe Box Appeal, Farm Africa, the Tumiani Fund and Surovi School (Bangladesh), the Nepalese Earthquake Disaster Fund.

The Gate House Gallery which shows public art exhibitions by local artists and pupils from other island schools (most recently from Le Mare De Carteret High School) and also acts as a public venue for island arts festivals such as the photography and literary festivals. This is connected with the **Visiting Artists Programme** which involves local artists running weekend workshops for island residents and pupils from other schools.

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