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Kanon means year-round

cricket

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A cricket training machine called the 'Kanon' has been donated to Beechwood by a group of parents and grandparents, with the help of a donation from the Guernsey Cricket Board. Pictured getting ready to try it out is Christian de Putron and behind him are, left to right, pupils William Shaw, Harry Duke, Joseph Marshall and Teddy Tostevin. The adults are, left to right, Jason Shambrook, Dave Hooper, Pete Sargent, Tony Tostevin, Sean Martin and Matt Stokes.

(Picture by Tom Tardif, 7374425)

STUDENTS at Acorn House, Beechwood and Elizabeth College will be able to practise their cricket skills in all weathers thanks to the donation of a new machine.

The Kanon cricket machine will be used by all ages of students for other sports and activities such as kwik cricket and tennis.

The idea came about after Sean Martin's son, William, left Beechwood last summer to go on to Elizabeth College.

'I rang Peter Sargent (head of PE) to see about a leaving present and for the boys still there,' said Mr Martin.

The machine can be used by the girls at the school as well as being taken to Elizabeth College for the older students.

It cost £1,500 and Mr Martin got in contact with other parents, who also contributed.

In total eight people, including parents and grandparents, helped to fund it.

'We had a very generous donation from the Guernsey Cricket Board which made it all happen,' Mr Martin said.

'There are quite a few of the students who go up through the school to island cricket.'

His son William is also a keen player and is in the under-13 island squad.

Mr Sargent said: 'The girls are interested in kwik cricket and we can do a variety of sports, use tennis rackets, practise fielding and wicket keeping.'

Year 4 student William Shaw said he was looking forward to using the machine.

'I like to play cricket and it will be nice to use it even if it is raining outside,' he said.