



The autumn term has started extremely well. The first half term has been a very busy period. I have been impressed with teaching seen and the enthusiasm and willingness of students to learn. In my many tours of lessons and in conversations with staff and students a positive attitude to learning is clearly evident. Year 7 students have settled in quickly and students in both Years 10 and 11 are making good progress with their GCSE courses. I would really welcome and encourage **feedback** from parents on your views to the first half term. Simply email feedback to [admin@grainville.sch.je](mailto:admin@grainville.sch.je)

**School Council:** This week all students in Years 7 – 11 make their individual decisions on who to elect as their form representative on the new school council. The school council will involve 25 students, 1 from each tutor group. They will meet every three weeks to discuss issues affecting school life. They will manage a small budget and make recommendations to improve our school community. Their inaugural meeting takes place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**Student Leadership:** I am especially pleased to announce the extension to the Year 11 prefect team that now involves 50 students. Prefects set the highest standards and continue to represent the school with pride and dignity. They reflect the importance I place on students having ownership and developing their leadership skills. Just before half term students in Year 11 and staff elected the head boy and head girl. Eleven prefects were nominated, each gave individual presentations. I am pleased to announce that Cliona Elliott has been elected head girl with Lauren Byrne her deputy. Luke Cassin has been elected head boy and Nathan Hewlett his deputy.



These most senior student leaders will chair the student school council and coordinate the active work of the school prefects system with support from Mr Selby, Head of Year 11. This will include support with reading for our youngest students and leading whole school events and activities.

**Website:** Our school website has been completely redeveloped and will be officially launched on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November

**Website address**  
[www.grainville.sch.je](http://www.grainville.sch.je)



I would certainly welcome your views on the new website. Simply contact [m.evans@grainville.sch.je](mailto:m.evans@grainville.sch.je) with your thoughts.

**Open Evening:** Grainville School opened its doors to prospective and current parents on 30<sup>th</sup> September. We had a great response with busy tours of the school. The atmosphere around the school was brilliant. Our prefect tour guides did a fantastic job. Next year we will make the size of group on tours much smaller as well as extend the time of the tours. This is based upon the excellent feedback and suggestions for improvement. My thanks go to all the students from Year 7-11 that helped make this evening so successful.

**Staffing:** Parents may have seen a recent advert for a Deputy Headteacher commencing September 2010. After many years of loyal service Mrs J. Moiani has announced that she will be leaving us at the end of this school year. She will be a hard act to follow.

We also send Miss J. Carroll (BTEC Business Studies) our very best wishes as she starts her maternity leave. Mrs T. Bisson will take over the teaching of BTEC Business Studies until Easter next year.

**Uniform:** As the winter months draw in and it gets dark and cold I would like to remind parents that students cycling to school should wear a protective cycle helmet and have cycle lamps. Coats can be worn at school but only outside at lunch times. For the rest of the school day coats should be stored either in bags or lockers. T shirts are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn. I am aware that some students do not have a school jumper and want to wear a T-shirt for added warmth. If this is the case the T-shirt must not be visible. I recommend v-neck T shirts or vests in these cases.

I do not often respond to gossip but I will in this case. Many students and their parents have been asking me about my ideas for the introduction of a school blazer. I can state that this issue will go to the governing body and consultation with parents. It concerns the next Year 7 and not our current body of students.

## Swine Flu Update

**The Public Health Department (PHD)** have written to all parents to ask for your continued cooperation with keeping your children off school after returning from abroad until they have been back in Jersey for 48 hours. The **'48-hour rule'** applies only to school children. No adult need stay off work on their return to Jersey – unless they have flu symptoms

This is the same advice we have been giving since the start of this term. It means that children returning to Jersey on Saturday 31 October should return to school on Tuesday 3 November. Those returning on Sunday 1 November should come back to school on Wednesday 4 November. This advice will continue to apply to children returning during the school term from school trips, or independent travel.

Children are more easily infected by viruses than adults, and are also more likely than adults to spread the infection to others. School outbreaks have marked the start of bigger outbreaks in the UK and other countries.

Vaccination for vulnerable islanders and healthcare staff began last week. The PHD hope that continuing with the '48-hour rule' will keep swine flu cases to a minimum until the vaccine can be offered more widely in Jersey as vaccine supplies arrive.

The prime concern of the Education, Sport and Culture Department is to safeguard the health of students and staff, while minimising disruption, wherever possible, to teaching and learning in our schools. They have managed the small number of confirmed swine flu cases to date without generally having to resort to school closures.

## Could your investment be growing faster?

This is a statement that I have used in many recent presentations to parents. Progress updates provide parents with a clear statement on their child's commitment to learn.

Please note that the grades 1 - 4 reflect :

1= Excellent

2= Good

3= Just does enough

4= Cause for concern



Year 7 parents should have received their child's first interim assessment last week. Parents of students in Years 8—11 will be receiving theirs within the coming week. This year we will be reporting home to parent's on a termly basis regarding their child's progress. Please discuss the progress statement with your child and praise him / her for their commitment to learn. Where the need arises, parents are encouraged to share any concerns they may have with their child's personal tutor. We actively encourage this dialogue. Celebrate success and provide support where it is needed.

Mr J McGuinness

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**Litter:** I would be grateful if parents would remind their child to ensure any litter they generate during the school day must be placed in bins provided to keep our school clean and litter free.



I would like to publicly thank the Grainville School Association (GSA) for their continued support through active fund raising. This term the GSA have helped to purchase a new school mini-bus. This will be used by our sports teams and for groups undertaking off site activities. On behalf of our students, staff and governing body, a huge thank you from us all.

# News from The PE Department

All autumn term fixtures and clubs are now well under way in the PE department and attendance at all clubs has been excellent, whether for performance or participation.



## Girls' Football

The girls have produced some excellent performances in the football fixtures so far this year and the results are as follows:

### Results against Le Rocquier:

Year 7	Won 2 – 0
Year 8	Lost 2 – 8
Year 9	TBA
Year 10/11	TBA

### Results against Les Quennevais:

Year 7	Lost 2 – 0
Year 8	Won 3 – 1
Year 9	Won 1 – 0
Year 10/11	Won 4 – 1



## Girls' Hockey

The hockey season has also got under way, and although results have not gone Grainville's way the girls' have shown some fantastic skill and team work which is sure to only improve.

### Results against St. Michaels:

Year 7	Lost 2 – 5
Year 8	Lost 1 – 5

### Result against Hautlieu:

Year 10/11	Lost 1 - 4
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## Boys' Football

All years boys' fixtures have been proving very competitive so far this season with some great results and excellent individual and team displays.



### Year 7A

Vs De La Salle	Won 4 – 3
Vs Haute Vallee	Draw 2 – 2
Vs Victoria College	Draw 2 – 2

### Year 7B

Vs De La Salle	Lost 0 – 6
Vs Haute Vallee	Draw 3 – 3
Vs Victoria College	Lost 0 – 5

### Year 8A

Vs Le Rocquier	Lost 3 – 7
Vs De La Salle	Lost 2 – 4
Vs Haute Vallee	Won 3 – 2

### Year 8B

Vs Le Rocquier	Lost 6 – 8
Vs De la Salle	Lost 2 – 5
Vs Haute Vallee	Draw 2 – 2

### Year 9A

Vs **Le Rocquier** Draw 3 – 3  
Vs **Victoria College** Lost 1 – 3

### Year 9B

Vs **Victoria College** Draw 2 – 2

### Year 10

Vs **Les Quennevais** Won 4 – 3  
Vs **Victoria College** Lost 3 – 1  
Vs **Haute Vallee** Draw 2 – 2  
Vs **De La Salle** Draw 2 - 2

### Year 11

Vs **Victoria College** Lost 0 - 5  
Vs **Haute Valle (Cup Final)** Lost 0 – 5



The new BTEC First in Sport course is now well under way for Year 10 pupils and the Year 11 Academy group. This new course is proving very popular as pupils are assessed by coursework. Some of the coursework has involved making leaflets, revision booklets and board displays.

If you would like anymore information regarding this new course please contact Mr Scott.

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## Congratulations!

The PE department would also like to give a special mention and congratulations to **Jennie McGill** and **Kim Noel** who have both been selected to represent Jersey in the U15 Hockey Squad and to **Richard Goncalves** who has successfully been selected for the Jersey U15 Football Squad. We wish them all the best in their training and fixtures.

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## Kit Sponsorship

The PE department are looking for sponsorship for squad kits. If you would be interested in sponsoring any kit we would be most grateful. Please get in touch with Mr Kellet on 8 2 2 9 3 5 or [j.kellet@grainville.sch.je](mailto:j.kellet@grainville.sch.je).



## Careers Fair

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September, Y10 & Y11 pupils attended the annual Careers Jersey Fair, at Fort Regent as part of their careers guidance entitlement. This was once again kindly sponsored by Jersey Finance and provided the opportunity to visit and speak to representatives from a wide range of career/employment opportunities both locally and wider a-field. Y10 benefited from gaining an insight into different sectors, which hopefully has had a positive affect on their recent Trident work experience selections.

Y11 will have continued to build on their experiences to date and have started to firm up their choices for 16+.

**Di Blampied—Careers & PSE Co-ordinator**

## Activity Week 2009 ....Activity Week 2010

The re-launch of Grainville School Activity Week 2009 was a resounding success. Activities ranged from off-island trips to Dorset and Paris, to Ecology where students helped make lunches for animals at Durrell and Kreative Kitchen in which students created some culinary masterpieces. The feedback from both staff and students has been extremely informative. Students stated that they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves but also recognised that they had learnt new skills and Staff enjoyed working with students in environments outside of the classroom. Activity Week 2010 will run between 19 and 22 July 2010. At present two Off-Island trips are being offered to France and Stratford and the On Island Activities will be launched to students just after half term. Should you require any further information please contact the Activity Week Co-ordinator, Miss Jackson on [c.jackson@grainville.sch.je](mailto:c.jackson@grainville.sch.je).





## ***The Internet and how to make it a safer place for your children to visit***

A **PRESENTATION** for **PARENTS**

by **CEOPS**

***Child Exploitation & Online Protection Centre (UK)***

on

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2009 @ 6.30pm – 7.30pm**

**OR**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009 @ 1.30pm – 2.30pm**

**at Don Theatre, Fort Regent**

**Just come along - admission is free!**

### **Challenge Days**

This year Grainville School is very excited about introducing what we call 'Challenge Days'. These days will involve the whole school working towards enhancing the Personal, Social and Health education already provided through the curriculum taught lessons.

There will be 3 challenge days each year following a path steeped in the Personal Social and Health Education programme.

The whole school will be off timetable and all staff will be involved with working with one of the year groups.

The **first Challenge Day** is **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November** and the following areas will be covered on this day.

#### **Year 7 – Friendship Day**

This will be a chance for the whole of Year 7 to work together in the hall; the focus of the day will be how to be a good friend to those around you. As well as exploring aspects of bullying and E safety. This is a follow on from the transition work that has been done with this year group already.

#### **Year 8 – Prison Me No Way**

This is a day run by the prison service. The students will take part in a series of workshops that explore life in prison, as well as the antisocial behaviour that might get them there in the first place.

#### **Year 9 – Enterprise**

Enterprise week is the week before our challenge day and so we will be tying this in. This day will involve the launch of the Jersey Enterprise game as well as using money and resources to market and create a product that is pitched to a panel of Business mentors.

#### **Year 10 – Pure at Heart – Positive Relationships**

This will include a series of workshops exploring positive sexual relationships. Pure at Heart are a group from Ireland who will conduct the workshops we also have Brooke coming in looking at the mechanical baby programme and a possible workshop from the woman's refuge.

#### **Year 11 – Study Skills**

This is a series of workshops that will help Year 11 prepare for their exams exploring different styles of revision, relaxation and memory.

The **second challenge day** will be **17<sup>th</sup> March**; the theme for the day will be International dimensions

The **third challenge day** will be **June 14<sup>th</sup>** and will tie in with Environment week.

# BINGO NIGHT

Thursday 3rd December sees the return of the Design & Technology Departments Family Fun Bingo Night.

Everybody welcome!

**Venue:** Main Hall

**Time:** Doors open at 6:30 for a 7:00 start.

**Tickets:** On the door or from Main Reception. A letter for ordering the tickets is included in this mail shot.



## Poetry Slam

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 20 Grainville students worked with 20 students from Le Rocquier in Grainville School Hall. The group were led by London based Farrago Poetry where in just under 3 hours they composed their own poems and added performance techniques to them.

At the end of the session students had to perform in front of the entire group and the top three from both schools were put through to a live final at the St James' Centre that evening.

The three groups representing Grainville were:

- Sarah Sones, Ossia O'Donovan, Victoria Clare
- Talluah Brewer, Brooklyn O'Neil, Mia Traynor
- Andre Rodrigues, Sophie Rolland and Katie Fox who made it to the final round



**Miss Alexander & Farrago Poetry**



**Andre Rodrigues, Sophie Rolland & Katie Fox**



Over the half term we have introduced a new pay phone into Student Reception. Calls cost 10p for a local landline and 20p for a mobile phone.

Please could you ensure that your child has money put aside for emergency phone calls. Thank you.



On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October we held a Wear What You Like Day with a fancy dress theme to raise money for Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust. The day was organised by the Gifted & Talented pupils and was a huge success.

The total we raised was an outstanding **£704.50!!**

The day included a fancy dress competition, face painting, cake sales, football hardest shot challenge and the whole day was taken in good spirit by all the pupils who were involved.

### Highlights:

- Winner of 'Best Fancy Dress' – **Ian Baya** (Year 7 – Dressed as a penguin. He won a Durrell Adoption Package which was donated by Durrell)
- Winner of 'Hardest Shot Challenge' – Andrew Barreto—64 mph (Year 10)
- 140 Cakes/cookies – sold out in 20 mins!!

A great day was had by all. Well done to everyone who contributed toward this fantastic day!!

Mr J Scott

**G & T Co-ordinator**



**Ian Baya—The Winner  
with Mr Wood and Mr Scott**



**The Cake Sale**



**Face Painting**

## MUSIC UPDATE—Mr Goffee-White

The start of this term has been a busy one for our GCSE and Musically Gifted students. The instrumental service has provided a series of concerts aimed at secondary music students involving artists from the UK. The students have attended a series of interactive concerts where they are able to see and hear first hand some of the best professional musicians currently working in the UK; learn lots of information about rhythms, history of songs and the blues; and take part in musical performances with students from other Jersey Schools.



**Mr Goffee-White**

The highlight so far has been Joe Cassidy improvising on the Marimba standing next to a student half his size in front of a packed St James Church. All the students have represented Grainville superbly.. The artists we have been to see are: 'O DUO' a world class percussion duo; 'ELAINE DELMAR', a brilliant jazz vocalist from London and 'SPIKEDRIVERS', an innovative Blues Band.



**'O Duo'**

### Literacy

'Literacy' is essentially having the ability to communicate effectively in different ways and in different situations. Each half term, there will be a whole school Literacy skill to focus on, which could relate to 'Reading', 'Writing' or 'Speaking and Listening'. These are the three basic Literacy skills which students can use in school, the wider community, and ultimately in life. The 'focus' skill will be encouraged by the teachers of all subjects to promote the recognition of transferring from one situation to another and to reinforce the skill.

This half term we are focusing on spoken Literacy with the aim of encouraging students to develop their explanations and more effectively convey their understanding.

The skill for this half term:

**When you are answering a question, say it in a sentence.**

All students have been given a username and password for Mymaths.co.uk. This is an interactive and user friendly mathematics website that is specifically designed to boost students' levels at Key Stage 3 and grades at Key Stage 4.

Each of the lessons in the library is complemented by Online Homework. Your child will be directed to do these tasks by their teacher. Alternatively they may have been asked to work on one of our Booster Packs. When you open an Online Homework or Online Worksheet you will be prompted for login details. These are set out below. If you use these the scores will be recorded once you have completed all questions.

If no lessons are appearing then you have a **Pop-Up Blocker** installed. You **MUST** allow MyMaths.co.uk to use Pop-Ups.

There is a system of Traffic Lights for each of the Worksheets and Homeworks to indicate how successful your child has been. If a **green light** appears next to a topic, they have good skills in this area. If an **amber light** appears they still have difficulties. If a **red light** appears they need to go back and relearn the topic. Try the Lessons again.

Your child's teacher may have set them a task. Access their task sheet on the main menu to find out. You will also find their results here.

It will also tell you what questions your child could and couldn't do, how many times they have attempted the worksheet and when they last tried it. You can help your child by encouraging them to visit the site and revise for their exams. If you have time, you might want to work through some of the topics with them. The lessons are clear and easy to follow.

An effective strategy is to pretend that you have forgotten how to do it and ask them to show you how. Putting them in the position of "teacher" is good for their confidence and gets them to talk about their thinking.

You should also be clear about the support that the school offers. Please see your child's maths teacher if you have any more questions.

## Wear What You Like Days - Charity Events

Dates for your diary—During the academic year we will be holding 6 Wear What You Like Days. As a school we wanted you as parents / carers to be aware of these Charity Events in advance.

Any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school on 822900.

Term	Date	Charity
1 <sup>st</sup> half term	16 October 2009	Durrell
2 <sup>nd</sup> half term	20 November 2009	Children in Need
3 <sup>rd</sup> half term	5 February 2010	Day for Change
4 <sup>th</sup> half term	19 March 2010	Sports Relief
5 <sup>th</sup> half term	14 May 2010	Jersey Charity TBA
6 <sup>th</sup> half term	25 June 2010	Lepra – Leprosy charity

## Contact Details

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Head of Year 8	Mr A Aouane	822966
Head of Year 9	Miss P Ward	822985
Head of Year 10	Mr G Monaghan	822954
Head of Year 11	Mr N Selby	822941
Student Support	Mrs K Bruce	822943
Office Manager	Mrs S Fitchett	822921
Student Absence	Mr T Radiguet	822922
Main Reception	Mrs Medder	822900

## FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

November	
12 Nov	Year 7 Settling In Evening
13 Nov	Year 11 Maths Modular—Year 11
19 Nov	Queens Baton Relay
19 Nov	Year 11 Science Modular—Year 10 & Year 11
20 Nov	Children in Need Day
23 Nov	Too Much Punch for Judy—Year 11
23 Nov	HPV Injections—Year 8
24 Nov	Whole School Challenge Day
26 Nov	Year 12 Presentation Evening
December	
3 Dec	Design & Technology Bingo Night
9 Dec	Wishing Tree Day
13 Dec	Christmas Revue Rehearsal
14 Dec	Christmas Revue—1st Night
15 Dec	Christmas Revue—2nd Night
16 Dec	Carol Service