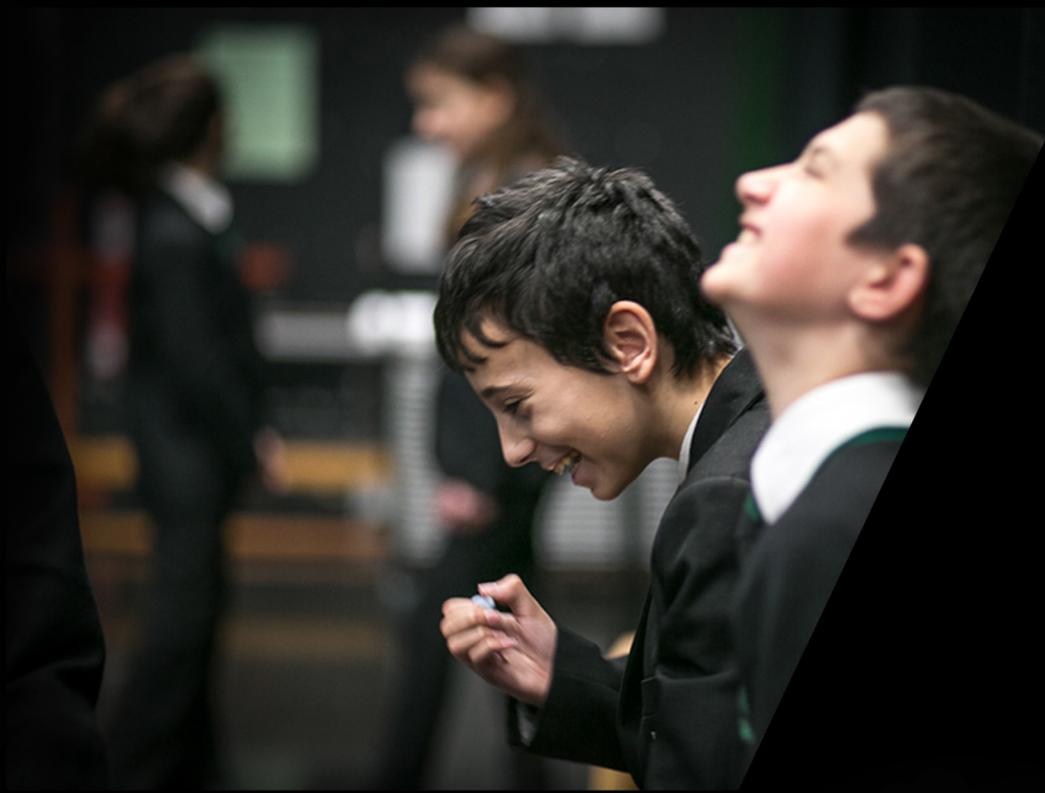




Haute Vallée School

Pride in all we do

Pride . Ambition . Respect . Teamwork





Welcome to Haute Vallée School



We are a school with high expectations of ourselves and our students. We take great pride in developing regular links with parents and the wider community and we look to provide opportunities wherever possible for our students to contribute to community life and special events.

All staff at the school commit to providing a professional culture in which learners can thrive and develop their talents. It is important to us that all learning can take place in a safe and happy environment, one in which students can fully develop their potential, will grow in confidence and will enrich and make a difference in the wider community for many years after leaving us.

Parent and stakeholder feedback is important to our future success and we welcome the views from all members of the community as we continually seek to improve. You will find our school to be friendly, welcoming and supportive, and we expect all students to model these values throughout their time with us and beyond.

Core Principles

We recognise that learning and education is a lifelong process, that not all students learn in the same way or at the same rate. As such, our goal is to provide a broad and balanced curriculum which inspires all students, and rewards initiative, creativity and effort. It is our responsibility to ensure that the learning environment and opportunities we create, gives every student a chance to grow, flourish and achieve.



Our Core Values

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- All students develop a confidence to learn independently, are ambitious and determined to achieve high standards in all that they do. A climate of high aspiration is integral to a culture of high effort and high outcomes.
- Every student should have the opportunity to achieve challenging goals and to develop positive relationships through collaboration and teamwork.
- Our students can engage and contribute to the wider community events and activities, that they make a positive difference to the lives of others. Our students will take a leading role in developing their curriculum, will maximise their learning, and respect the rights of all individuals to learn in a safe and supportive environment.
- Parents/carers must take a leading role to ensure that all young people understand their rights and responsibilities of being an active, caring and valued member of the school community.
- All members of the school community can engage fully in the technological advances which are transforming the way we think and learn.

Learning Communities

Teaching & Learning

All students will experience a wide range of learning opportunities, we look to engage learners in a reflective process of review and improvement, and we aim to promote a risk-taking culture by rewarding a “have a go” approach to all learning experiences.

There is a strong emphasis on Literacy and Numeracy across the curriculum and students will complete extended writing tasks on a regular basis across all subjects.

The development of a growth mindset approach is central to our classroom philosophy. Students are taught how to improve their learning potential through rigorous practice and personalised learning strategies.



Classrooms

Our school is blessed with wonderful facilities to support great learning. We have a 300 seater Theatre, a dedicated Science complex with 7 fully equipped laboratories, a 25m swimming pool, and from September 2015, a state of the art 3G sports surface for the school and the community. Our fully operational Wi-Fi technology also ensures that all students have superfast internet connection from every building.

Digital Strategy

As a school, we are determined to ensure that learners can use a variety of resources in the classroom, and that they will be safe and well-informed by the use of new technologies. We aim for all learners to be inspired by the endless possibilities of wireless technology, but we also ensure that the use of devices in schools is carefully regulated, and that all students understand the pitfalls and can use such devices safely. All teachers are equipped with an Apple iPad for use in class and there is an expectation, over time, that all our students will have a similar personal device for use in the classroom.

"Being a Haute Vallée Digital Leader has helped me become more confident when using new technologies."

Year 9 Student



Opportunities for All

The Curriculum

Students in Year 7- 9 will all follow courses in English, Mathematics, Science, Modern Foreign Languages, Humanities, Design Technology, ICT, Art, Drama, Music, PSHE and PE.

Years 10 and 11 can achieve up to ten qualifications at GCSE or equivalent. Three subjects are chosen from option blocks, across a wide range of subject offers, in addition to the compulsory courses in English, Mathematics, Science, PE, PSHE and Careers.



Year 9

This is a key time for students as they consider their Key Stage 4 options and begin to plan for the longer term post-16 pathways. Throughout the year, students will be introduced, and begin to study, some of the GCSE curriculum content. Extensive guidance and support is provided by the Head of Careers and Senior Leadership team, mentors and Academic Head of Year, to match students with the most suitable courses in Key Stage 4.



Leading the Way

Developing leadership potential is vital to our teamwork culture and there are many opportunities for students to take on leadership roles at our school, whether as council representatives, student and sports prefects or by joining several teams who lead initiatives with Digital Learning, Community engagement, and Learning initiatives.

The Jersey Student Business Challenge will include Haute Vallée students for the first time in 2016 and this will be an opportunity for our students to test their business ideas with a real-time business venture, funded and supported by several high-profile corporate partners. Applications for teams will begin in the Autumn Term 2015.

A Head Boy and Head Girl are selected from Year 11 each year, and they will fulfill a high profile role as ambassadors for our school, meeting visitors and representing Haute Vallée at a number of important public events throughout the year.



Life After Lessons

We have an array of extra-curricular opportunities for students beyond the classroom, both at lunchtime and after school each week. These include many sports clubs, Drama productions and the less obvious groups such as an Italian club, and a walking club which have proved very popular with both staff and students taking part.

The annual school production sees many students and staff working together on a well-known stage show. The shows are a highlight each year for the school, drawing packed audiences to our wonderful theatre over several evenings.

Achieving Potential

Assessment & Reporting

Student progress is continually monitored with a rigorous tracking and assessment programme. Progress is measured against individual targets, which are benchmarked from end of Year 6 and Year 9 teacher assessments, with parents receiving progress reports in every school term each year.

Praise, reward and recognition are key features of our school approach to learning. Student effort is graded across all subjects to produce a Commitment-To-Learning score (CTL), and this ensures that the attitudes and commitment of every child can be acknowledged, regardless of their starting points.



The Future

Throughout the final Year at Haute Vallée a great deal of support and planning is undertaken to prepare Year 11 for life after Haute Vallée. The Year 10 Trident Work Placement programme gives students a taste of the working world, and a full careers programme ensures all students, and parents, are made aware of the possibilities for further study post-16 or full-time employment.

The school celebrates the achievements and commitment of Year 11 with a Leavers Awards Ceremony, attended by parents and all teachers at the school, followed by the traditional Year 11 Prom, a wonderful finale to five Years of endeavor by our young people.

Additional Information

School Day 2017 -18	
08.30 - 08.50	Mentoring / Keynote
08.50 - 09.50	Lesson 1
09.50 - 10.50	Lesson 2
10.50 - 11.30	Lunch
11.30 - 12.30	Lesson 3
12.30 - 13.30	Lesson 4
13.30 - 14.00	Break
14.00 - 15.00	Lesson 5
15.15	Buses Depart



Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance at Haute Vallée is a vital component of achievement. The school is proactive in striving to improve attendance and punctuality to lessons. The Attendance Officer will work in partnership with parents and students to promote the importance of full attendance and punctuality. Parents will be informed as early as possible when a problem is identified. Attendance percentages and lates are recorded continuously by the school and information pertaining to the individual student is featured in both the Interim and Full School Reports.

All student absence must be reported each day by 9:30. For more information regarding our attendance policy and the procedure to follow when your child is unwell visit the school website.



Homework

All students at Haute Vallée are given homework which is meaningful, relevant and an extension of the learning in the classroom. It is important that students establish a routine for doing homework. Parents / carers should encourage students to do this by creating an appropriate environment in which to work, discussing the work and encouraging pride in their work by asking to look at their books.

Homework timetables can be viewed on the school website.



Uniform

Smart appearance is essential and we welcome support from parents in ensuring high standards of uniform are maintained. A neat and smart appearance helps foster an identity and sense of pride in our school community.

A copy of the school's Uniform and Appearance Policy can be downloaded from our website or requested directly from the school.

Catering

We are fortunate to have Capsicum Catering, a subsidiary of Jersey Potteries providing nutritious and healthy food which adheres to the Jersey Food Standards. Our canteen is a bright and spacious environment for both students and staff. Students can also bring lunch or snacks with them to school. For more information regarding the food service provided, visit the school website or www.capsicumcatering.com.

Personal Property

Personal property is the student's own responsibility. In order to help them safeguard their property we have provided lockers. There is a locker available for each student on receipt of £10 which £5 is refundable at the end of Yr 11.

Students are asked to keep bags and possession in their locker and ensure their locker is secure.

Any items of value or large amounts of money should not be brought into the school. If this is unavoidable these must be left at the school reception for safekeeping.



Student Voice

One of the many aims of the school is to foster student responsibility and leadership and to involve students in decisions that will improve all aspects of their school life and the community. There are many ways that students can be involved:

- Year Council
- School Council
- Student House Representatives
- Student Librarians
- Digital Leaders
- Community Leaders
- Learning Leaders
- Prefects

Please see the school website for more information regarding the many opportunities that students have to be involved in their school community.

Enrichment Opportunities

There is an extensive range of opportunities for all students at Haute Vallée School.

- Sports Clubs
- Music and Drama
- Trident Work Experience
- Challenge Week
- School Walk

You can find more detailed information on any of the opportunities on our school website.

Careers Guidance

Throughout their five years at Haute Vallée the Careers Education and Guidance Programme supports all students to develop an accurate and realistic view of themselves and provides sufficient information to enable them to make sound decisions about their futures.

All parents / carers are most welcome to make an appointment to come into school and discuss the options and opportunities available to all students with the Head of Careers.

Student Support Service

The school is fully committed to meeting the needs of students with special educational needs. All students at Haute Vallée have access to the full curriculum though some students will follow a modified curriculum to meet their specific learning needs. This may involve additional support within lessons or withdrawal for help on an individual or small group basis.

The inclusion team comprises of the following staff:

- Educational Needs Co-ordinator
- Behaviour Support Co-ordinator
- Teaching Assistant Team
- English as an Additional Language (EAL) Co-ordinator
- Attendance & Welfare Officer
- Inclusion Co-ordinator
- School Counsellor & Safeguarding Co-ordinator

There is more information on inclusion and Student Support on the school website.

Safeguarding

Haute Vallée School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all students and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Website / Twitter

Please log onto www.hautevallee.hv.sch.je for further and more detailed information on Haute Vallée School. If you can not find the information that you require, then please do not hesitate to contact the school for assistance. We are constantly updating the website and our twitter feed @HauteVallee to provide our community with up to date and relevant information.

Travel to School

There is a regular bus service to and from Haute Vallée School provided by the LibertyBus group. The current information and timetables are available from the LibertyBus Information Office at St Helier, their website www.libertybus.je or by phone 828555.

Parents and carers need to be aware that on the school bus the only adult supervision is the bus driver. Hence, there is a need for parents / carers to stress to their children that they must behave safely and sensibly.

The school buses depart each afternoon at 3:10.





Pride in our uniform
Pride in all our work
Pride in our school community

Demonstrate a growth mindset
Exceed expectations

PRIDE

Be a good role model
Respect each other
Respect ourselves

Pride in our environment

AMBITION

Work collaboratively

RESPECT

TEAMWORK

Remain focussed
Challenge yourself
Persevere

Make positive contributions
Respect our facilities

Support each other
Encourage each other
Celebrate each other's successes

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