



# NEWSLETTER

October 2025

## Message from Principal Verona Tomlin

Last academic year was a fantastic one, full of incredible enrichment opportunities that showcased our students' talent, hard work, and community spirit. It was a year where our school values of Ambition, Respect, Responsibility and Resilience truly shone.

A standout highlight for me was our Sports Day. It was more than just a competition; it was a celebration of our newfound unity. Seeing students from both La Mare de Carteret and Les Varendes come together, cheering each other on and competing with such great sportsmanship, showed that we are truly one school community. The energy was electric, and it was a proud moment for all of us. This event perfectly demonstrated our shared responsibility to support one another and the respect we have for our teammates and competitors.

Another highlight was our incredible school productions of 'The Addam's Family' and 'Bugsy Malone'. The dedication and creativity of everyone involved, from the actors and musicians to the backstage crew, was simply brilliant. The shows were a testament to the resilience and ambition of our students and staff, who worked tirelessly to deliver performances that truly captured the essence of teamwork and artistic flair. I cannot wait to see 'School of Rock' this year.

As we begin this new year, let us carry that same spirit of collaboration and enthusiasm into everything we do. There will be new challenges, new friendships and new opportunities for our students to shine, both inside and outside the classroom.

Whether you are exploring a new subject, joining a club or getting involved in a school event, remember

the incredible things we achieved together last year. Let's make this year even better, building on our strengths and creating more unforgettable memories.





## Transition Days

Last summer term, we welcomed our new year 7 students to the school for their Transition Days. And what a fabulous bunch! We had two fantastic days at LVHS when students got a taster of our high school.

We hope they have settled well in their start with us, and cannot wait to see them progress across Year 7.

## Duke of Edinburgh Success

One of our school values is Resilience. The definition of Resilience... completing your bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award on a wet and windy weekend! Well done to our Year 9 students who never stopped smiling and were absolutely brilliant. At the end of last term, we had the most amazing time celebrating everything that is Les Varendes when students enjoyed Activities Week.

We started the week with our Beau Sejour Takeover with arts and craft, dance, drama, Lego building, and a huge array of sports activities! It was such a lovely day and our students did us proud.

We then had our School Walk, which raised money for charity, a day in beautiful Herm and we had a variety of activities down at La Mare as part of our West Coast Challenge. Enjoying time on the beach,



paddle boarding, Up Climbing, Aztech soccer sessions, an Immersive History experience beach art, fishing... you name it!

Thank you to all our students for their enthusiasm, and to the staff who worked so hard to make the week such a success.

## Year 11 Prom

We had a fantastic evening at the Peninsula Hotel, celebrating our Class of 2025. We are so proud of how hard these students worked in preparation for their GSCE examinations and it was a pleasure to celebrate each and every one of them at their Prom.

We look forward to seeing them on Thursday 13th November for their Presentation Evening.



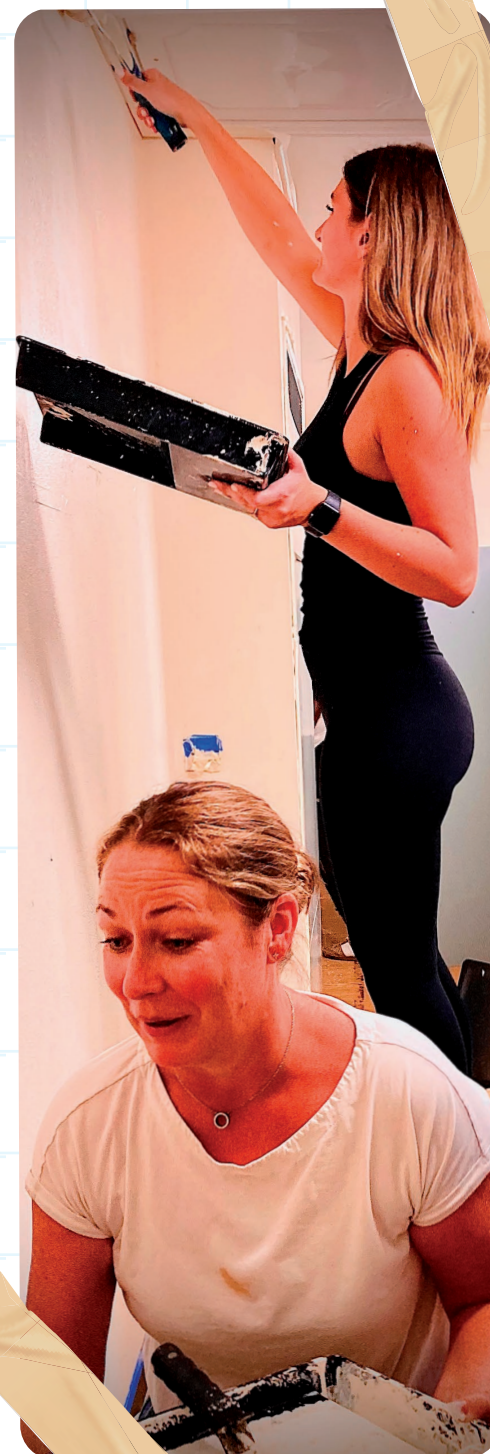


## Getting Ready for the New School Year

Community is at the heart of everything we do at LVHS, and we need to give a huge thank you to the wider community that have given up their time to get our school ready for our staff and students this September.

We have had a huge undertaking this summer as La Mare de Carteret and Les Varendes merge. Contractors, caretakers, teachers, the Education Department, HFL and friends of the school have worked tirelessly to ensure our school is ready!

A special mention goes to the Guernsey Basketball Association who have been amazing... painting, moving, packing and unpacking... That is what 'community' really means



## Coming up this term...

Please check the calendar for all our upcoming events.

- Launch of our Charities Appeal
- Black History Month
- Remembrance Day
- Christmas Door Competition
- House Maths Competitions
- House Sports Competitions
- House Graphics Competition
- House Bake Off Competition
- House Christmas Reading Competition
- Year 7/8 Disco
- Zedra Mud Run
- Swimathon
- Rewards Trips
- Peer Mentor Training
- Student Voice Meetings
- Shoe Box Appeal
- 'License to Kill'
- Careers Show
- Sixth Form and TGI visits
- Parental Workshops – including Study Skills, KS3 History and Home Learning