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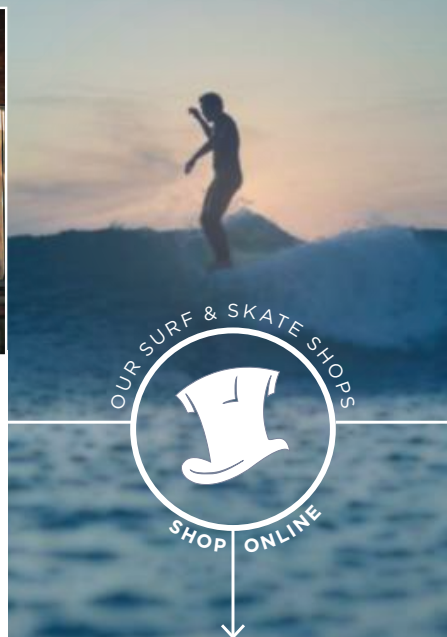
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This stunning charcoal drawing is a piece of GCSE work by Year 11 student Sunny Hansford. This drawing is copied from one of her own dramatically lit black and white photographs. The drawing is composed of layers of chalk and charcoal, building up the details to the final delicate marks. An inspirational piece of Art to be proud of!

Dear Parents

As the school year draws to its close, it's a time to look back on a 'bumper' year for Les Quennevais School and to look forward to our much needed summer holidays. Our students have worked incredibly hard this year across the curriculum and by involving themselves in the wide range of extended opportunities we offer outside the curriculum that so many of them take up. At the time of writing, I am thinking particularly about the 22 students taking part in their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh planned expedition. The scorching weather was an added challenge, to their sheer effort, commitment and endurance. By digging deep and supporting each other, our Duke of Edinburgh students are a proud example of our school values: Ambition, Resilience and Respect.

The academic year has been a truly memorable one for so many reasons - a year in which the school secured the highest attaining GCSE results in the history of any 11-16 school in Jersey. A year when our school was validated externally as the outstanding environment for learning and personal development we have strived to create and a year in which saw a spade finally in the ground for the much longed for new Les Quennevais School build. Very special indeed!

We have just welcomed the class of 2023, our new Year 7's, who will start in September - all 172 of them!! Their transition days were extremely successful and very happy! I think we are all in agreement, this year group is something very special and we can't wait for them to join us in September for the beginning of an exciting 5 years!

Our school has also built several successful and important Corporate Partnerships this year, with local businesses whom have been generous, both with their time, funding and the opportunities this will create for students in the future. It means a great deal for us to gain this investment and commitment from local firms, who genuinely want to give something back and play a part in delivering something special for our young people.

JT Global proudly sponsored our recent Year 6 Transition Programme, enabling us to offer an enhanced experience for our students. I know the free smart phones were a hit with parents and students and their assistance with helping parents navigate the internet safely was most welcomed. **Rok Regal**, the contract builders for our new Les Quennevais School, not only want to build us the best school imaginable for future generations, but also support the current students of Les Quennevais.

They have offered us a wealth of opportunities for students to develop a deeper understanding of all the roles, skills etc, needed to deliver a project of this size and a unique insight into how it all happens, with hands on experience.

Rok Regal generously sponsored our recent Whole School Awards day, which saw over 180 students' effort, determination and excellence recognised and celebrated in what is always a very special day for our school.

ATF Fuels, a local supplier, were one of the first to come on board and provide us with sponsorship for Year 9 Teambuilding Day.

Finally, **St Brelade's Bay Hotel** and the **David Whelan Health Club** have offered us constant and much valued support this year, and they have also generously sponsored our new Les Quennevais mini bus, which will enable us to transport countless numbers of students to and from events and reduce the need for costly coach transport, so we can utilise funds elsewhere.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all our local businesses who have supported our school this year, whether it was a raffle prize, supporting students on work experience or by placing an advert in an edition of 'Q News'. All of your support means a great deal to us and in times of great financial pressure any help, however small, can make a big difference to what we can do. If there are any other businesses that would like to become a Corporate Partner and play a significant role in working with us, please contact our School Business Manager, Alex Richardson, particularly if you are keen to play a part in what we can offer in our new school. Exciting times ahead!

The class of 2018 have completed their formal GCSE exams and my goodness they have worked so hard, we have everything firmly crossed for results day, 23 August. It was lovely to say goodbye formally at an emotional Leavers' Ceremony and we sure had fun at their Leavers' Ball. School days are precious, creating lifelong memories as well as igniting passions for learning and forming lifelong friendships. This is our hope for this lovely, very special and very talented group of young people. This world needs personalities and skills like they have and I know they will make the world a better place. #alwaysquennevais!

May I wish you all a wonderful summer with your families. Thank you for your support and I hope you are as proud to be part of this outstanding community as we all are at Les Quennevais School.

Mrs S Hague
Headteacher

Students star at CCA competition

Miss J Heseltine, Teacher of Art

Year 10 students Nadia Williams and Amelia Couvert were chosen from students across the island, to exhibit their landscape paintings at the Summer Exhibition held at the prestigious CCA Galleries International.

It was a real testament to the talent of these students as the exhibition also hosts work from professional artists.

Both pieces of art received Certificates of Excellence and Nadia won the Student Art award, such an achievement. The private viewing was a lovely evening and Nadia was 'over the moon' with her award. Both pieces of work looked stunning, hung above traditional fire places in this beautiful gallery. Both paintings have buyers interested in purchasing the work which has been compared to that of professional artists!

Well done to both girls such an achievement.

It is great to have such support from CCA Gallery International and Young Jersey Artists who encourage and paid for our students to enter this prestigious event.



Amelia Couvert



Nadia Williams with her winning piece



Year 7's keep excelling in Art

Mr P Jones, Assistant Headteacher

Yet again, the current Year 7 have excelled themselves in their Art lessons. To create an accurate, detailed study of Monet's landscapes or Van Gogh's portraiture each painting filled with thousands of thoughtful brush marks is a significant challenge for any year group, let alone our youngest students.

The sheer number of beautiful paintings worthy of displaying this year is extraordinary and reflects the exceptional ambition, resilience and talent of this year group.

Students have spent many weeks building these paintings from scratch using a variety of brush marks and learning to mix a wide range of colours.



Year 7's work on display in the Gallery

The Year 7 Paint Project empowers our students to genuinely think like artists and make complex decisions which will open up a whole world of exciting art from Year 8 to GCSE level.

Meet Mr Price

Mr O Price, 2i/c Maths



Q Who is Mr Price?

I am originally from Wales and have been teaching Maths for 26 years. I studied for my degree in Plymouth and went into teaching after a few years working in industry and haven't looked back.

My two children have grown up and left now so my wife and I decided we would make a big change and move to Jersey to enjoy the beautiful coast and hopefully warmer weather. We haven't been disappointed. YOLO. (Look it up if you don't know the meaning!)



Q How would you describe yourself in three words?

Caring, patient and happy.

Q Who was your favourite teacher at school?

A teacher called Mr Grant who taught me maths and had the same style of teaching I seem to have ended up employing.

Q Whats the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

You can achieve anything as long as you focus on success.

Q Likes?

I like watching rugby union, anything to do with motor-bikes, riding my Ducati motorbike, cooking (mains not puddings), reading and walking.

Q Dislikes?

I dislike unfairness in any form. I also dislike walnuts and apricots!

Q What are your sporting interests?

Moto GP / BSB / WSB, snooker, tennis and International football (Euros or the World cup) I have also done a mini triathlon, 6 Cardiff Half marathons and one in Plymouth where I set my 1Hr 38 min record (a long time ago)!

Q What excites you about Les Quennevais?

I am really excited about starting in a new school with new challenges and opportunities to make a real difference in the lives of the people I will teach and help here. There is no better reward in teaching than meeting an ex pupil or current pupil and for them to just say I made a difference and helped them succeed.

Fundraising

Miss D Le Quesne

Our Non-Uniform Day for Eoin's Trust this term was a great success, and showed just how respectful and giving the LQS community are.

Eoin's Trust was set up in memory of Eoin Corcoran, a Les Quennevais student. Eoin was a wonderfully charitable student, raising money with his Bronze, Silver, Gold class for many organisations such as MacMillan Cancer Support. Eoin's Trust has been set up to fund Les Quennevais students to be able to access off-island opportunities, in respect of his parents wishes.

Our staff also got stuck in to some fundraising by way of cake sales in the staff room, raising money for Heads Together and the Island Walk charities in Jersey and Guernsey.

Each year, I am increasingly proud of your generosity. I would like to say a huge thank you to each of you who has participated or donated in any way to our charity ventures this year. The fundraising calendar for next year is shaping up to be very exciting; with Red Nose Day being the headline act! Watch this space...

Building partnerships for Whole School Awards Day



Mr A Richardson, Business Manager

The Whole School Awards were once again held at the Les Quennevais Sport Centre, which celebrated the outstanding efforts, endeavours and achievements of the students over the past academic year. For the first time ever the school were able to secure sponsorship for the event and have formed an exciting partnership with the company responsible for delivering the new school in 2020, Rok Regal.

Presenting the awards was Bob Matthews, CEO of Rok Regal who also spoke to the audience about how excited he is personally to be involved with delivering a state of the art secondary school for the west of the island and being responsible for a building that will provide an exceptional learning environment for future generations. 190 students received awards for effort and excellence in each subject.



Whole School Awards

Consistent and outstanding performance throughout Year 7

Zoe Dumbrell

Consistent and outstanding performance throughout Year 8

Erin Price

Consistent and outstanding performance throughout Year 9

Eve Bish

Consistent and outstanding performance throughout Year 10

Ebony Parker

Home & School Association award - outstanding effort and endeavour Lower School

Catarina Goncalves

The Eoin Corcoran Award for Charity

Charlie Dunn

The Baines and Band Optometrists Award for Work in the Community

Jordan Fryer

The Welsh Awards for Creativity and Innovation

Finley Drury

Lydford Cup for progress in English or Mathematics

Joseph Dagilan

Student who has made great personal progress in Lower School

India Henstridge

Chair of Governors Award for the Student who has made Great Personal Progress

Leila Holley

Governor's Award Spirit of Les Quennevais Award

Holly Vibert



Mrs Hague addresses the audience



*Mr Letch, Chair of Governors
Mr Bernstein, Mrs Hague and
Richard Cheal with Bob Matthews
and Richard De Gruchy of Rok Regal*



Mrs Hague with the Year 11 winners



Bob Matthews and Richard De Gruchy from Rok Regal with the prize winners

Year 11 Awards presented at the Year 11 Leavers Ceremony

Matt Banahan Award

Toby Ritzema

Good Neighbour Award

Grace Burnouf

Ann Blampied Memorial Trophy

Kiah Kuppe / Ollie Norton

Tom McKeon Portfolio Award

Joel Turner

HSBC Outstanding Sporting Achievement

Harry Doolan

Headteachers Award

Joel Turner

Drama Award

Erika Van Halm

Alan Hemmings ICT Award

Kurt Loosemore

Music Award

Joseph Clough / Sophie Risby

Shield for outstanding academic achievement over five years

Joseph Clough / Jade O'Leary

Julian Bernstein Art Award

Cara Smith

Les Quennevais School Values Cup

Ambition: Jade O'Leary

Resilience: Eric Gouveia

Respect: Kylah Wood

Home and School Association Award

Ayisha Audrain

If you'd like to find out more about becoming a Corporate Partner of Les Quennevais School please contact Mr Richardson by email - a.richardson@lqs.sch.je or telephone the school.

Meet Bob the Builder

Bob Matthews, CEO Rok Regal Contruction Ltd



My name is Bob Matthews and I am the Chief Executive Officer for the ROK Group of companies and also the Project Director responsible for the delivery of your new school.

I have lived in Jersey for 23 years working in the Construction Industry, I was seconded over by a large UK firm and I loved the Island so much I never returned to the UK, bringing up my family here in Jersey. In this period, I have built or refurbished 11 Primary Schools, constructed the iconic New Police Station Headquarters – the most modern in Europe, I have refurbished the old Jersey Girls College into apartments, refurbishment of The Opera House and The Royal Court, I have worked on La Moye Prison, Jersey Gas, the General Hospital & Mansell's fuel station, just to name a few of my projects.



Q Where did you go to school?

I was born in London and went to London Nautical School. My chosen career path was the Royal Navy, unfortunately due to being partially colour blind on Red and Green (which are the most significant colours in Navigation) my career in the Navy wasn't to be. However, my actual career path in construction has been as equally rewarding.

Q Which aspects of school helped you become the person you are today?

Even though the school had a strict dress code and etiquette standards, it made me an extremely strong individual with strong grounding for discipline and personal presentation, achieving personal confidence and gratification when presenting myself to prospective employers. Commuting to and from school gave me the independence and confidence when I left school, to travel far afield, even though the career in the Navy did not come to fruition.

Q What was your biggest challenge at school?

My school was in Waterloo, in the centre of London and as I lived 70 minutes away from the school, travelling by crowded underground and buses for 2 hours every day was challenging but imperative, and very tiring for a young boy ...no time for Play Station when I finally arrived home! This being a naval school, our uniform was full naval attire consisting of double breasted blazers and a naval cap and parade was always at 8.30 am where you would be required to line up and be inspected for personal presentation of your uniform. If this was not up to standard detention was enforced.

Q What has Rok Regal built before?

ROK Regal are at present, renovating College Gardens (Old Jersey Girls College) into apartments and we recently constructed the iconic New Police Station Headquarters – the most modern in Europe.

Q What excites you about the LQ build?

Les Quennevais School is an important project for Jersey and for the future population as an ongoing legacy. I will really enjoy the construction and the challenges it will bring with it, but the ultimate delivery of the project will make me extremely proud and satisfied knowing that 'you' and your future generation, will benefit and appreciate the hard work and effort that is required for you to enjoy your new surroundings.

Q What excites you about working with staff and students on the new build?

School projects are very satisfying to construct, I have previously included the students with site visits and competitions. As this is a landmark school and project for Jersey I am sure that there will be many staff and pupils interested in the construction of this project. We would like to involve the pupils with the construction of this building, as there will be an opportunity for the older pupils to work with us on the project and possibly take a career in this exciting industry.

Q What path did you take to get where you are now?

As previously discussed, my first chosen career path was not construction, however my father directed me into a career in construction following in his shoes. My first employer was a large company sending me to college 1 day a week and paid me a salary as an indentured student. My first position was a trainee engineer, based in London, on projects such as Brooklands Racing Track, numerous Tesco and Sainsbury Stores. I left this company and joined a company in Somerset as a Site Manager and built the Henry Hoover industrial park, schools, banks and commercial buildings. With this company I was then seconded to Jersey as Project Manager where I built the Opera House, Waterfront Pool and Cinema, Royal Court, numerous schools and commercial buildings. Since being in Jersey I have been a director of two businesses before forming ROK Construction and building the business to where it is now. My moto has always been 'to challenge the status quo' and opportunities will arise.

Q Why would you recommend a career in construction?

Construction is a people orientated business and will always be that way due to the complexities and uniqueness of buildings, this makes it special and reassuring that you will not be controlled by Artificial Intelligence in the future.

There are so many fields in construction: design, surveying, structural engineering, mechanical and electrical engineering, construction management and trades operatives. It is so diverse that there are many opportunities for school leavers to fit into these different sectors.

The level of salaries in construction are as good or better than accountants, lawyers, pilots, doctors and even teachers and the right individuals can easily gain promotion and salary increases, as the demand for skilled construction workers throughout the world is in high demand.

Every day is a different day in construction albeit change in weather, a technical challenge to overcome. This is somewhat different to many other employment sectors that are very mundane.

Buildings are long term statements and are visible for all to see and generally be proud to have been involved with, how many other sectors of employment can offer this?

I have worked in construction for 32 years and progressed to being Chief Executive Officer and Shareholder of one of largest building contractors in Jersey, progression from a trainee to the boss is very achievable and I am proud to be part of the Jersey Construction team.

Q What advice would you give students looking at their career options?

Unfortunately, with the internet and peoples demands in life, everybody wants immediate reaction. Construction is a long-winded process and very complicated. Many people underestimate the technical work involved with producing a building and this is why there is a shortage of construction workers worldwide. The industry has really changed in the last 20 years and is not only a place for males but there are many positions for females. The industry will always need people therefore job security is extremely good.

You can study at college and gain professional qualifications, in the way of a degree or you have the alternative of a part-time apprenticeship, working within a business allowing you to gain professional qualifications and still earn money with the added bonus of gaining experience of working in the industry.

Q Favourite aspects of your job?

There is not a favourite aspect of my job as it is all encompassing, if anything at all it is being able to create a building to be admired, resolve problems/difficult tasks, achieving deadlines and leaving behind a legacy as your new school will be.

Q How do spend your time away from the building site?

My favourite hobby is skiing as I have done it since I was 4 years old. At the age of 20 I was a qualified ski instructor and have skied in Europe and North America. My time in the mountains allows me to switch off from the day to day pressures of work.

I am also a keen diver and have dived around the coast of Jersey, Egypt and the Maldives.

Q Favourite biscuit for your tea break?

Chocoloate digestive.



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Where are they now?

An interview with ex-Les Quennevais student Jack Arthur



I'm Jack Arthur and I am a site manager for Rok Regal construction. Since leaving Les Quennevais, I did a full-time construction course at highlands for a year, and have worked at Rok ever since then for 5 years, starting out as a trainee site manager.



Q Which years were you at Les Quennevais?

2007 - 2012.

Q Which teacher made the biggest impression on you?

Mr Finney, he always reinforced that if you don't work hard and put the effort in, then you're not going to get a lot out of school, and you will struggle to succeed in your career path. This stuck with me and helped me to focus, and achieve my goals.

Q What was your biggest challenge at school?

Paying attention and not messing around trying to be the class clown. I eventually overcame the challenge!

Q Greatest achievement at school?

Finishing all my GCSE's at grade C and above

Q Song/band/album that defined your school years?

Arctic monkeys, I bet you look good on the dance floor.

Q Favourite school lesson or activity?

School Rugby was something I always looked forward to.

Q Favourite memory of Les Quennevais?

Winning the Year 11 Football Schools' Cup.

Q Which aspects of life at Les Quennevais helped you become the person you are today?

Being punctual is a very important part of my job and people rely on me to be in different parts of the island throughout the day. The teachers made sure I was never late for lessons and that stuck with me!

Q What excites you about the LQ build?

The sheer size of the building and that it will be such a stand out building in the area, being able to say that we built it is something to take a lot of pride in.

Q What path did you take to get where you are now?

When I was at school I went to Highlands every Friday during Years 10 & 11 and did a BTEC Level 1 in Construction, doing things like brick laying, carpentry, painting and decorating.

When I finished school I then did a full time BTEC Level 2 in Construction where I did more advanced practical construction courses. Once I completed that course I then got a job at Rok as a trainee site manager / site engineer. Whilst working at Rok I did a BTEC Level 3 in Construction on day release from work for 2 years. After completing that I did an HNC (Higher National Certificate) in Construction, again a 2 year course on day release from work. I am currently doing a BSc Construction Management degree which I go to night classes for, and I am coming to the end of my first year, of a 2 year degree.

Q Favourite aspects of your job?

Working hard as a team. Working with other trades and professions to deliver projects on time and on budget, gives a lot of satisfaction.

Q What advice would you give students looking at their career options?

Chose a career path that interests you. Don't Just take a career path because your friends are taking that career path, or because someone told you that's what you should do.

Q Favourite biscuit for your tea break?

I pinch Bob's so chocolate digestives!

Language clubs going strong

Miss P Farnham, 2 i/c Modern Foreign Languages



Spanish Club

Wow! What a fantastic year we have had at Spanish Club! ¡Lo hemos pasado genial este año!

Throughout the year, we have done a variety of activities. We started off by coming up with a whole list of fantastic activities that students might like to do in Spanish Club. The good news is, we still have plenty left to do! The lovely group of students who have attended Spanish club have been a joy. Their excitement and enthusiasm is inspiring. They have particularly enjoyed playing Kahoot where we had the chance to practice useful phrases as well as learn about Spanish culture. One of the highlights of the term has been playing Twister in Spanish. We started off by learning the different colours and the words for 'hand, foot, left and right'. We were then ready to get started! It was definitely a hit. Students have particularly enjoyed the conversational aspect of Spanish. We have been revisiting this through different games and conversations which have helped to boost the students' confidence as well as their pronunciation.

On the whole, it has been a fantastic year and we look forward to welcoming students, both new and old, to Spanish Club in September. Due to the fantastic array of after-school clubs on offer within the school, we have decided that, from September, Spanish club will run during lunchtime to avoid clashes. The day is yet to be confirmed – watch this space!

Jèrriais

We are very fortunate to have Aline Cattermole coming in on Wednesday lunchtimes to offer Jèrriais lessons to our students. Jèrriais is the traditional language of Jersey. It is an important part of Jersey's heritage and it bares lots of similarities with French. As a department, we feel that it is important for our students to have the opportunity to learn the language and learn about its history. At the moment, we have a fantastic group of Year 7 students who are attending the Jèrriais sessions. Each week, they are building on their vocabulary and their confidence is growing rapidly. We hope that this continues to be a success and we look forward to welcoming more students in September.

French Film Club



Every jeudi lunchtime, up in the MFL corridor, Year 7's are being introduced to the delights of French cinema. Throughout the year the audience has been transported from the African plains in 'Le Roi Lion' to the rural hills of Provence in 'Jean de Florette', it's sequel 'Manon de Sources' and most recently to the affluent suburbs of Paris, in the comedy, 'Le Petit Nicolas.'

The French Ciné Club aims to ignite and develop the student interest in the language and French culture through the use of film (subtitles and popcorn)! Hearing the language on a regular basis also enhances their listening and speaking skills in the classroom.



Year 7 students enjoying french cinema at lunchtime



Year 11's go out in style for their Leavers Ball



Mr C Jones, Head of Year 11

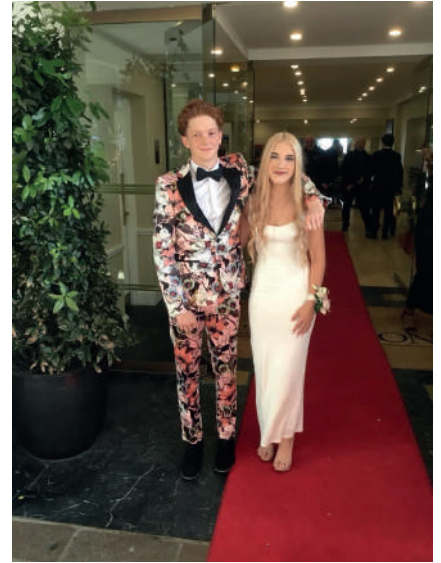
After a wonderful Leaver's Ceremony which saw the Class of 2018 attend their last school event as students, the boys donned their best tuxedos and the girls glammed up for the eagerly anticipated Year 11 Leavers Ball held at the L'Horizon Hotel.

Staff and parents were waiting to see how and by what mode of transport they would arrive in, the most notable entrances of the evening being Star Wars Chubaka, a States of Jersey Fire Engine and the football champions arriving in the open top beach bus, courtesy of their proud Headteacher!

The students were impeccably behaved throughout the evening, weere great company and were a real credit to the school. We wish them the best of luck for the future and hope they get what they thoroughly deserve for their upcoming exam results. #alwaysquennevais



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Watts House win Sports Day and House Competition as records tumble



It was fantastic weather, the House mascots were out in full force and Mr Bell's drums were competing with Mr Pritchard's trumpet which all made for a brilliant and competitive atmosphere for our recent Sports Day which saw no less than six school records broken.

McKeon's Callum Osmand and Jamie A'Court both clocked 13.50 seconds in the Year 7 boys 100m for an equal share of the new record. This was the last record held by Mrs Ashley's son Philip dating back to 1999! There were further honours for McKeon in the 4x100m boys relay with a new 58.03s record.

Bibinha Poree set a new Year 8 200m record with a time of 28.72s, while Elisha Hiller claimed a middle-distance double with records in the Year 9 girls 800m (2.39.13 sec) and 1500m (5.29.08).

James Sunley re-wrote the record books for Year 10 boys in the 300m, after clocking 40.89s.

After going behind to Tranter after the morning session, Watts had to dig deep and find that competitive edge that Mr Pritchard has so ruthlessly instilled in them over the years. Needless to say they found their edge and ran out comfortable winners overall.

McKeon put on a valiant effort and won the Year 7 Shield, their sporting future is looking very tasty indeed and offer a real threat over the next few years. The Year 8 and 10 Shields were won by Watts and Tranter won the Year 9 Shield respectively.

The final Sports Days results were Watts in first with 798 points, Tranter runners up with 722 points and McKeon finishing very close behind in third with 703 points

This meant that the overall House Competition results for the year was:

Watts 1st: 370
McKeon 2nd: 230
Tranter 3rd: 205

This is fantastic for Mr Pritchard, Head of Watts who goes out on a high as he and Mrs Pritchard say goodbye to Les Quennevais and look forward to a new chapter in Marbella. We couldn't be more happy for them and wish them the best of luck for their new and exciting future.



Mrs Hague watching her favourite event the high jump



Tweedle dee and tweedle dum, Mr Salmon and Mr Ferguson in support of McKeon



Watts celebrate victory



McKeon with the Year 7 Shield



Tranter with the Year 9 Shield



Farewell Les Quennevais



Grace Burnouf and Joel Turner, Head Girl and Head Boy

It's been such an honour to have spent the last 5 years on an incredible adventure at Les Quennevais School. From Sports Days, to Comic Reliefs, to Activities Week and even lessons, everything has been a euphoric experience or something character building and I believe those are the two most important values that Les Quennevais embodies so well.

The Drama Department has been a huge part of my school career and will be one of the things that I'll miss the most. To be part of such a large group of ambitious and fearless people is something that I can't express in words. It's been truly remarkable to see how far the productions have come since I was in Year 7. I look forward to seeing next year's tremendous show and all those yet to come with such a phenomenal cast and workforce.

It's also been a pleasure to have got on so well with not just a fabulous departing year group, but also the years below and the rest of the school. The school is filled with boundless potential and praiseworthy compassion for one another and I truly believe that what starts in this school can and will change the wider world.

This last year I have had the honour of taking the role of Head Boy. It's been my greatest wish to give back all I can for a school that's done so much for me and my peers. I hope that in this position I have helped this community as much as I can and I look forward to passing the baton on to the next Head Boy and the Deputies.

I have recently just finished my final GCSE exams along with the rest of my year group. For anyone who is nervous about their upcoming exams, I can tell you that they are not as terrifying as you think. When it comes to preparation it is simply a lot of small things done well and every piece of work you do towards them you will thank yourself for. And what's been most amazing is seeing how tightly it bonds the year group together. Everyone going into an exam is in the same boat, you can't help but support one another in times like that. We pick each other up and breathe confidence into one another, it's simply what you do as a year group.

And so, I am deeply saddened that I am having to leave this school. Everyone from the students, the teachers and the support staff I have become such friends with and I will always remember the feeling, the privilege and the sensation of being able to walk into to a school each day and be so welcomed by a loving and ambitious community. I wish good luck to everyone and encourage you all to keep reaching high for the effect it has is limitless.

Joel Turner
Head Boy 2017-18



Les Quennevais is such a special school and time has flown by, so make the most of every second. I have loved every lesson as the teachers here are truly unique and amazing, making every lesson enjoyable. The teachers here have put in so much effort and energy to make our GCSEs the best they can be and less terrifying. Personally, I was very scared to do my exams but with preparation and hard work they are not impossible, although they may seem it. It is a stressful time but with all the revision classes and help provided to us students by all the amazing teachers we were fully prepared and could go into that exam hall knowing we did everything we could to do our best.

Every single department has helped me and I want to say a big thank you to everyone, students and staff. It is sad the Class of 2018 have to say goodbye, but we all wish everyone the best of luck and enjoy every moment because they will be dearly missed when it's time to move on.

Our time at Les Quennevais will certainly never be forgotten but reflected on as such a significant time in our education as we use vital skills we have learnt here throughout our lives. For Joel and I to be Head Boy and Head Girl has been such an honour as we love the community here at Les Quennevais so much and we are so passionate about everyone here that makes Les Quennevais such an incredible school.

I wish everyone the best of luck and make the most of every second as it goes by so fast. I hope that you enjoy the school as much as this year group has and try your hardest as it will pay off. Be ambitious because everyone at Les Quennevais is capable of being successful with whatever they put their minds to. Don't forget to respect everyone because Les Quennevais is a strong community that will be missed when it's time to leave. Finally keep being resilient because all your hard work will pay off on results day so make your time here matter.

Grace Burnouf
Head Girl 2017-18



New Head Boy & Girl

Jake Dupre and Holly Vibert



The application process began with a letter asking for an opportunity to apply to be a Prefect. We both interviewed and despite having some difficult questions to respond to, we felt that they had gone well and at this stage, we both declared our interest that we would like to be considered to go for a more senior post.

When we then received a letter saying we were shortlisted, both of us knew that we would have to thoroughly prepare as the competition for these roles was tough. A meeting followed where all the shortlisted candidates were brought together and we were told as to how the process would work.

We both felt incredibly nervous as we entered Mrs Hague's office. Sitting at the table with our Headteacher, Mrs Morley and Mr Harris firing questions at us is certainly an experience we won't forget!

We have already had our first taster of this leadership role as we delivered our first speech to Year 6 students and parents on Transition Evening. Again, this was a new experience for us and our nerves were certainly tested, but as we delivered the speech to our second audience of the night, we both relaxed and felt more confident in our delivery.

We have enjoyed bonding as part of our new Senior Student Leadership Team with students who will play roles as Deputy Heads – this was embodied in our team building day at Creepy Valley.

We are both really looking forward to the future in this role and we are extremely grateful to be given this opportunity to serve the school that has done so much for us. We are going to prove to ourselves that we can do anything; yes there will be challenges but we know with hard work and determination we will both be able to achieve anything we want to.

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Year 9 Teambuilding Day

Mr D Morris, Head of Year 9



On Tuesday 3rd July 2018 Year 9 took part in the annual Team Building Day at the airport playing fields. The event was run by the ATC and provided students with the opportunity to complete problem solving and team building activities.

We were all a bit concerned at the beginning of the day as the weather didn't look as though it was going to be on our side. However, as luck would have it, the rain dispersed and held off and the weather improved as the day went on.

On arrival, students were divided into their Form Groups ready for the challenges that lay ahead. We took part in activities such as Mohawk Walk – a balance beam activity, Spiders Web – students having to get their teammates through different sections of the 'web' and Fire Rescue – involving wooden planks, bottles of water and upside down crates. All the students worked brilliantly in their teams ably supported by their Form Tutors. The day finished with each Form completing the infamous 'Gun Run'. Teams of up to 10 students (and Tutors!) from each form had to pull an artillery gun around a course and finally under a cargo net.

Overall the day was won by 9S with 9L in 2nd and 9N finishing 3rd. The spirit and teamwork shown by all forms was outstanding and once again underlines what a credit they are to our school and why I am so proud of them as a year group.

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Students embark on maiden expedition

Brooke Higginson and Bella Jones, Year 9 students



Everything was set. Backpack, sleeping-bag, trangia, maps, first-aid kit, tents. On Friday 6th July, students undertaking the DofE Bronze award set out on their practice expedition. This was going to be a 12 mile walk across the north coast of Jersey, finishing at our camp for the night at Crabbe.

Our group began our expedition at St Catherine's Woods and it wasn't long before our first mistake occurred as we realised we had taken a wrong turning and made our way back down the steep hill we had just climbed, only to then find the right route and head up another steep hill! Much to the rest of our group's annoyance, we lugged our giant bags all the way and traipsed up the correct hill. To our delight, at the top of the hill we discovered we were in the right place: Les Mares Stables. From there, we followed the road around until we came to Rozel Campsite and then made our way into the bay and our first check point.



It wasn't too long a stretch before we then reached our second check-point at the zoo, where we were greeted by all the teachers with bottles of water which were greatly appreciated.

We discovered that the next leg of the journey was the furthest part of the walk. It was at this point when we had stopped for a rest that our second problem occurred as a member of our team lay back and found herself lodged in a bush! After numerous attempts we managed to heave her giant bag out of the bush and carried on to our next check-point at St John's Church. From this point, we knew we had broken the back of our trek and it wasn't long before we passed through St Mary's and then on to Crabbe. When we saw Mr Harris at the end of the road we all danced with joy and relief. We had made it.



As the first group there (not that it was a competition!) we got to choose a plot to pitch our tent and as we all began to get this done, the rest of the groups also began to arrive. By early evening, all groups had pitched their tents and dinner was cooked on our trangia cooker. Despite all feeling very tired, there was still enough energy for all of us to gather round the camp fire, where we roasted marshmallows, sang songs and played various games, before all heading to our tents for a well-deserved night's sleep.

At 7:00am we woke to the sound of Mr Harris banging trangias together giving our cue that breakfast needed to be cooked. Our group had prepared beans on toast, whilst others enjoyed porridge and even pancakes! Sad that it had come to an end, we packed away our camp before we were then collected to go home. This however was only the practice and we now look forward to completing the assessed exhibition in September – we are ready!
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Tuesday 4 September - First day of term

Thursday 13 September - Battle of Britain Day (Staff Inset Day)

Friday 14 September - Y7 Transition Project Exhibition

Thursday 27 September - Y10 Trident & GCSE Information Evening

Monday 8 October - Private view LQ Art exhibition & Fashion Show Harbour Gallery

Thursday 11 October - Year 6 Open Evening

Friday 12 October - School Inset Day. School closes 12.25pm

Monday 15 October - Inter-House football & netball

Wednesday 17 - Monday 22 October - Y11 Geography Field Trip

Tuesday 6 November - KS 3&4 Tutors Evening 1

Tuesday 13 November - KS 3&4 Tutors Evening 2

Monday 26 November - Y11 Mock exams commence (2 weeks)

Thursday 29 November - Y9 Subject Evening

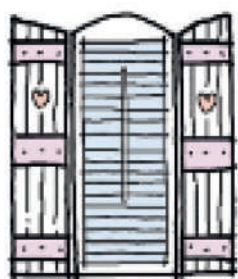
Friday 14 December - Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 19 December - Last day of term

Monday 7 January - First day of new term

Thursday 17 January - Y9 Options Evening

Tuesday 22 - Thursday 24 January - Oliver! at Jersey Opera House



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