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THE ST HELENA AMBASSADOR



Editorial

Hi, welcome to the St Helena Ambassador!

In this edition you can find out about Prince Andrew Schools' Results Day, how a Police helmet travelled all the way to St Helena from the Port of Dover, and see 'before' and 'after' photos of the newly fitted handrail at the Jamestown Wharf.

If you'd like to contribute a story to the St Helena Ambassador or have any suggestions on what you'd like to see included, please feel free to contact me on tel: 22470 or via email: jodie.s-constantine@sainthelena.gov.sh.

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Prince Andrew School Results Day

Former Year 11, 12 and 13 students of Prince Andrew School (PAS) received their GCSE and A-Level exam results on Friday, 26 August 2022. The official Statement of Results was issued to students in a short presentation held in the PAS Hall.

In attendance were parents, teachers, and representatives from the Education, Skills & Employment Portfolio, Connect Saint Helena Ltd, Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc, and the Bank of St Helena.

During the presentation, Portfolio Director of Education, Skills & Employment, Wendy Benjamin, addressed the students and said: *"To you all whether the results were as you expected, or if they weren't as you expected, be proud of what you have achieved so far. If you are a little bit disappointed with what you have achieved, remember there are always opportunities to continue and to resit. So don't give up and remember you're another step along the road in your educational journey so keep going, be proud, and congratulations to you all."*



Career Access Support Officer (Workforce Development), Cynthia Bennett, also spoke on the day about the Work Experience Programme which students undertook between 27 June and 5 August 2022 and presented certificates to students who completed the Programme. Following the presentations, parents and students were given the opportunity to speak with staff from Career Access St Helena, Connect Saint Helena Ltd, Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc, and Bank of St Helena, about the Apprenticeship Scheme, and the Exams Officer regarding possible exam resits or remarks. Others were also able to discuss with teachers about returning to Sixth Form Academic Route.

Head Teacher of PAS, Penelope (Penny) Bowers concluded: *"Congratulations to all students at the culmination of your studies whether you are Year 11, Year 12 or Year 13. You all should be proud of your results and I sincerely hope that you now have a good foundation from which to start the next part of your journey, wherever you hope to be. A special vote of thanks to Exams Officer, Kerry Peters, for the work keeping everyone organised with exams and related admin; but also to all the staff at Prince Andrew School for the ongoing work that you do in ensuring that our youth gain successful outcomes in their exams."*

St Helena representatives presented with Port of Dover Police helmet

Harbourmaster, Steve Kirk, and Head of Maritime, Mia Henry, were recently presented with a brand new Port of Dover Police helmet during their recent exposure visit to the Port of Dover, UK.

Steve explained:

"The Port of Dover Police Inspector presented us with a Port of Dover Police helmet, which was a very nice gesture, however we wondered how we were going to get this back to St Helena! In the end I managed to somehow pack it in with my luggage."

The helmet is now proudly displayed at Safety, Security & Home Affairs Headquarters.

Mia concluded:

"We would like to thank the Port of Dover Police for the gift and for hosting us and we look forward to returning the favour one day."



The four week exposure trip included Steve, Mia and Deputy Registrar of Shipping & Seafarers, Alan Bennett, visiting Dover, Cardiff and Jersey, as well as attending the annual Red Ensign Group (REG) conference held in the Isle of Man.

Whilst in the Port of Dover, Steve and Mia were treated to a tour of the facility including the port control tower, the cruise ship terminal and arrival terminal for passengers and vehicles travelling on the ferries. The focus of the visit was International Ship and Port Facility Security. Both witnessed search patterns being carried out and, in discussion, were surprised to learn about the similarities to St Helena's security issues.

They were accompanied by Charlie Proberts and Simon Corkill from the Maritime Operations Division at the UK's Department for Transport, who are expected to visit St Helena next year. Having Charlie and Simon present also gave an insight into security compliance and what may be expected of St Helena in the future.

Port Facility Security Officer, Rachel Tappenden, and Port of Dover Police Inspector, Ian Hodges, delivered a very interesting presentation on some facts and figures of the port, some of which were an eye opener.

Handrails replaced at the Jamestown Wharf

The rusted handrails at the Jamestown Wharf have recently been replaced.

For a while, the handrails, especially the section in front of the St Helena Yacht Club, had deteriorated and rusted, and posed a serious health and safety risk.

The replacement railings were ordered from the UK and is made from Glass Reinforced Plastic (GRP). GRP has many advantages especially when compared with steel, such as high tensile strength, low weight, is a durable and sustainable product, and corrosion resistant – this is particularly ideal as the handrails are located at the Wharf and are constantly exposed to saltwater which causes corrosion.



Phase 1 of the works were carried out by the maintenance team of the Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development Portfolio - Remy Young, Melvin O'Dean, Colin Thomas, Gerald Phillips, Patrick Stevens, Eric Henry and Ashley Leo - overseen by Foreman Plumber, LeRoy Plato. The Masons - Gerald Phillips, Patrick Stevens and Eric Henry - repointed and rendered the wall while the Plumbing Section installed the railings.

The works took approximately four weeks (often delayed due to the ship/cargo works) to complete.

Phase 2 will see the replacement of the railings near Thompsons Crane Steps in the near future.

Thanks are also extended to the Technical Section for providing the technical support and to the Procurement Office for procuring the railings.