



2nd June 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians

Alternative Curriculum Week (3-7 July 2023)

We are pleased to confirm this year's ACW programme for the Lower Fifth. ACW aims to combine fun with building self-confidence and life skills, away from the routines and constraints of the classroom.

Monday 3 July

We are delighted to announce a ground-breaking partnership between Ladies' College and PwC which makes it possible for the Lower Five to participate in practical sessions led by three of the UK's top **improvisational drama** practitioners. The sessions will develop personal skills of flexibility, collaboration, and creative spontaneity – these are some of the 'soft skills' identified by universities and employers as key differentiators in their most successful and effective problem-solvers – hence the partnership with a global business such as PwC.

Registration will be at college at 08:25. The activity will be overseen by Jon Trevor <https://jontrevor.me/> who has years of experience as a professional improviser, working with organisations, businesses, and schools. Jon is a certified 'Applied Improvisation' trainer and sits on the board of the AIN (the global organisation that oversees work in this area). He is joined by Heather Urquhart and Jules Munns <https://andalsoimprov.com/ab/> who have toured internationally, won a variety of awards (including Heather's Olivier award-winning work with Showstoppers) and are highly experienced in training adults and students.

Students will work with each other and with staff from PwC, using improvisation as the vehicle for engaging in new experiences and developing new and original ideas within a team. It is a powerful vehicle for building confidence, trust, assertiveness, and resilience. Students will be **dismissed from college at 15:30.**

The whole year group is invited to **return to college at 18:30** for **Kip in the College** overnight. Pizza, ice cream, and movies will be included, and we will have access to the Guild Field for games. A kit list will follow shortly. Some girls are helping the History department with a presentation that evening and they will join the rest of the group once that has finished.

Tuesday 4 July

After **breakfast at college**, students will be taken by bus to activities with **Outdoor Guernsey**, with groups alternating between Jumbo Paddle-Boarding at Cobo and High-Ropes at Rue Mainguy, with minibus transfers between the sites.

At lunchtime students will be bussed back to college for the final **improvisational drama** sessions. Students will be **dismissed from college at 15:30.**

Wednesday 5 July

Registration will be at college at 08:25. Dr Marshall is running a joint **conference-style event** for Lower Five students from Ladies' College and Elizabeth College. Students will discover how trees are being used to mitigate carbon emissions and be taken outside to measure scientific data. They will view the new *Nature Guernsey* film and learn how to evaluate the carbon footprint of their meals.

Elizabeth College students will depart at lunchtime, and our students will walk to La Vallette bathing pools for **an afternoon of beach games**. Students will be **dismissed from La Vallette at 15:30**.

Thursday 6 July

We return to normal school timings. In the morning we will have a whole school **House Taskmaster Competition** on the Guild Field. Melrose will be holding their summer fête around the edges of the field, so Senior School students will have plenty of opportunities to visit stalls and purchase snacks, so bring lots of 50ps!

In the afternoon, the Senior School and Sixth Form will be bussed down to La Valette bathing pools for our annual **House Swimming Competition**. Students will be **dismissed from La Vallette at 15:30**.

Friday 7 July

The morning will begin with our traditional **end-of-year assembly**, followed by a new event; **Ladies' Got Talent** in the hall, before we finish for the summer break at 12:30.

Payment

PwC are kindly subsidising the improvisation event, meaning the whole week is costing just £100 per student. This includes the improvisation sessions, Outdoor Guernsey activities, insurance, minibus transfers, evening meal, and breakfast at Kip in the College.

Please make payment via BACS no later than Monday 19 June.

Account: The Ladies' College

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We will send you a more detailed itinerary and kit list nearer the time.

Summary of the week

Apart from the 12:30 finish on Friday, each day will begin with registration at 08:25 and end at 15:30. Break and lunch service will be available in The Core.

	Morning	Afternoon	Additional info
Mon 3rd	Improvisation <i>at college</i>	Improvisation <i>at college</i>	Students dismissed <i>from college</i> Kip in the College from 18:30 <i>at college</i>
Tue 4th	Students bussed from college to Outdoor Guernsey Jumbo SUP & High Ropes	Students bussed back to college for Lunch and Improvisation Sessions <i>at college</i>	Students dismissed <i>from college</i>
Wed 5th	Eco conference with EC students <i>at college</i>	Beach games <i>at La Vallette</i>	Students dismissed <i>from La Vallette</i>
Thu 6th	House Taskmaster activity <i>At college</i>	House Swimming Competition: students bussed to <i>La Vallette</i>	Students dismissed <i>from La Vallette</i>
Fri 7th	Final Assembly & Ladies' Got Talent <i>at college</i>	Term finishes 12:30	Students dismissed <i>from college</i>

Should you have any questions about ACW, please do not hesitate to contact us, using the following email address: acw@ladiescollege.ac.gg

Kind regards,

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