

# JC Board Chairman's 2024–2025 Year End Report

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## JC Board Chairman's Message for the 2024–2025 Yearbook



It has been my privilege to serve as Chairman of the Board of Management of Jamaica College for the 2024–2025 academic year which has just ended. I am now pleased to present this Year End Report to stakeholders.

The year has been one of steady progress and meaningful activity. From academic achievements and sporting successes to improvements in our facilities and continued partnerships with the wider community. We have worked together to strengthen our traditions while embracing opportunities for growth.

## Mandate and membership

The Board is created by the Education Act with the broad mandate to manage the affairs and operations of the school. We are comprised of representatives from all sectors and stakeholder bodies and during this past year we welcomed three new members: David Wright the new President of the Old Boys Association; Handel Johnson the new President of the Parent Teachers Association and Rohan Bruce the new Students Council President.

They all quickly made lasting contributions to the life of the school at Graduation Exercises, Teachers' Day, Champs, Labour Day, and through representations made for their constituents, including Rohan (a fourth former!) lobbying for certain canteen reforms which are being implemented.

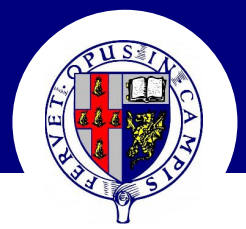
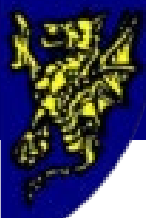


The full membership of the Board at year end, and their positions or areas of special focus, are:- Lance Hylton (Chairman); Wayne Robinson (Principal); Merna McPherson (Admin Staff Rep and Board Secretary); Ian Forbes (Vice Chair and Sports); Edward Alexander (Fundraising); Norman Minott (Facilities); Lowell Campbell (Stakeholder Engagement and



Communications); Fiona Hutchinson (Finance Cttee Chair); Delroy Beckford (Personnel Cttee Chair); Richard Cargill (National Council on Education Nominee); Erica Barrett-Smith (Academic Staff Rep); David Hamilton (Ancillary Staff Rep); Rohan Bruce (Students Council Rep); David Wright (JCOBA Rep); Handel Johnson (PTA Rep); Alfred Thomas (Local Community Rep); Errol Holmes (Special Expertise Human Resources); Renee Rattray (Special Expertise Education); Norman Hemming (Special Expertise Diaspora).





## New Website

During the year the Board fulfilled one of its first year goals by establishing a new website at [www.jcboard.com](http://www.jcboard.com) where one can now find detailed information about the Board itself, including its membership and activities; the school's Legal and Governance Structure; Statements or Releases issued by the Board, Policy positions on certain matters as well as News about events of interest. As we build out the site, we will also offer merchandise for sale, and opportunities for donations and volunteerism.



## Improved Academic Results

The primary purpose of the school as an educational institution is the academic instruction of the students, and, in this regard, we were pleased to note our continued improvement in the major CSEC examination results.

The percentage of boys passing **5 subjects or more, including Math and Eng**, increased from

- ✓ 65.06% in the 2022 CESC exam;
- ✓ to 75.9% in the 2023 CESC exam;
- ✓ **to 76.61%** in the 2024 CESC exams being 190 of the 248 cohort.

The percentage of boys passing any **5 or more** subjects increased from

- ✓ 76.4% in the 2022 CESC exam;
- ✓ to 80.9% in the 2023 CESC exam;
- ✓ **to 84.65%** in the 2024 CESC exams being 210 of the 248 cohort.

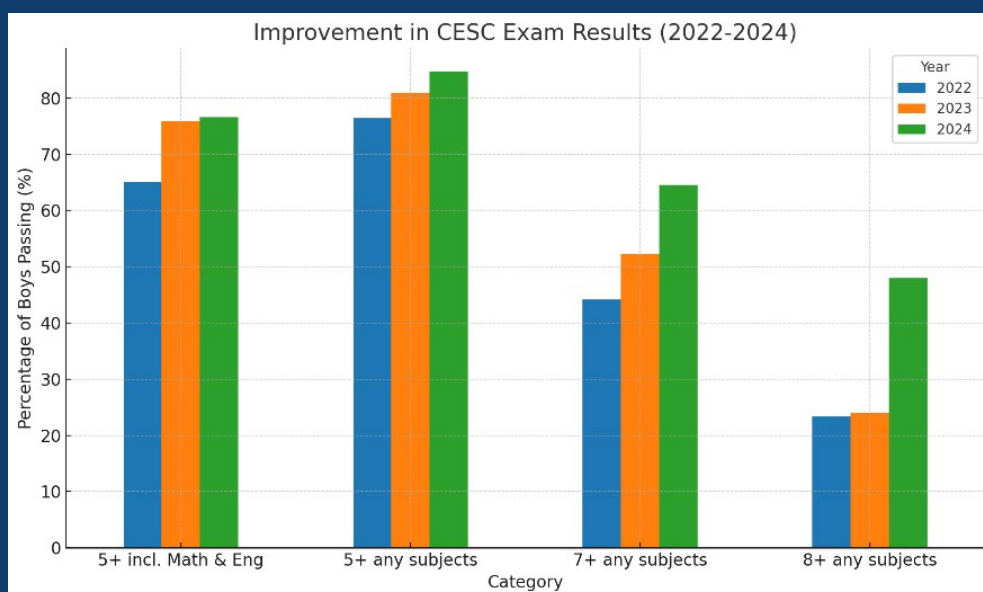
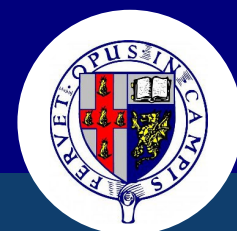
The percentage of boys passing any **7 or more** subjects increased from

- ✓ 44.2% in the 2022 CESC exam;
- ✓ to 52.3%, in the 2023 CESC exam;
- ✓ **to 64.52%** in the 2024 CESC exams being 160 of the 248 cohort.

The percentage of boys passing any **8 or more** subjects increased from

- ✓ 23.3% in the 2022 CESC exam;
- ✓ to 24% in the 2023 CESC exam;
- ✓ **to 47.98%** in the 2024 CESC exams being 119 of the 248 cohort





SUBJECT	2024 %PASS
ADD MATHS	68.8%
BIOLOGY	89.3%
CARIBBEAN HISTORY	81.5%
CHEMISTRY	97.4%
ECONOMICS	91.7%
EDPM	89.1%
ENGLISH A	92.7%
ENGLISH B	90.2%
FOODS	100.0%
FRENCH	66.7%
GEO	94.7%
HSB	98.9%
Industrial Tech(Electrical)	96.9%
IT	98.8%
MATHEMATICS	73.5%
OA	97.1%
PE	100.0%
PHYSICS	89.9%
Princ of Accounts	98.4%
Princ of Business	97.9%
SOCIAL STUDIES	91.9%
SPANISH	90.3%
TD	98.3%
VISUAL ARTS	90.0%
Integrated Science	
TOTALS	91.00%

## Winning JSE High School Stock Market Team

The diverse yet successful scope of the school's offerings was evident in our winning the Jamaica Stock Exchange (JSE) High School Stock Market Game for the seventh straight year. In the Teacher's Game, coach and business teacher Oliver Irons placed first for the seventh year in a row with fellow teacher assistant coach Jehu Graham placing second.

The Board partnered with the JSE to organise a Trophy Presentation Event hosted by the JSE and involving the Bank of Jamaica Governor (also a

Fervet JCGB). We also successfully secured donations for the Team from Old Boys in the industry: Chris Williams who paid for the Boys' Blazers and Douglas Graham who donated computer equipment. Thanks to them and congrats to the Coaches and the Team.

The Board also hosted the team and coaches at a celebratory dinner funded privately by Board members.



[Links to more photos](#)



## Nationally Acclaimed Aviation and Robotics Programmes

Our diverse offerings also include the Aviation and Robotics Programmes, both of which were featured this year on prime time TV



## Outstanding Music Programme

Our Music Programme, which this year was without drumming, was crowned Top All Boys School Nationwide by the JCDC Competition for 2025 for the third straight year. In the JCDC's Kingston and St. Andrew Parish Awards Music Ceremony, even without drumming this year, we amassed a medal haul of 32 – including 5 Gold, 9 Silver and 18 Bronze. We placed third overall behind St. Andrew for Girls (Second) and Ardenne High School (First).

In the NATIONAL AWARDS – Joshua Brown and Shawn Myrie won Best Class 4 Piano Duet; Shawn Myrie won Best Class 4 Instrumental Solo and Neil Stewart won Best Class 4 Recorder Solo and Best Overall Recorder Performance.

## Winning Hockey Team

In Hockey JC won the 2025 Victor Tomlinson league championship trophy for Under 19 High Schools and the U16 Team won their overall competition. Congratulations are due to Coaches Alonzo Muir, Aubyn Ferguson and Kemar Mitchell. The Board hosted the team and coaches at a celebratory dinner funded privately by Board members.







## Nationally Acclaimed Schools Challenge Performance

Our Schools Challenge Team also achieved great heights not seen in almost 40 years when the team advanced to the Grand Finals. While the final result was not what we hoped for, the team did us proud and generated a significant amount of positive publicity and goodwill for the team and the school locally and overseas. JC was featured in full page newspaper ads and in TV coverage in the most favourable light as the academic excellence, poise, and maturity of the boys and school were highlighted. Much praise is due to the team and their coaches and managers. Coach Chanarie Lindsay; Co-Manager Jahmar Clarke, Co-Manager Wayne Harris; Captain Jaheem Khouri; Vice captain - Marvin Whyte, Team Player Mason Jai Edwards, Team Player Jamarli Banton.





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## Visit by Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers

Jamaica College was honoured to have been chosen by the Prime Minister of Jamaica, Hon Andrew Holness, as the only high school to be visited, by himself and members of his cabinet, to commemorate the opening day of the new school year on Monday September 2, 2024.

The decision to choose JC also demonstrates the positive image of respectability and success that attends our brand.



Visit to JC by Prime Minister on September 2, 2024



## Collaborations with Parents, Teachers and Old Boys, including Labour Day and Teachers Day

During the Academic year the Board was happy to work closely with the PTA and JCOBA including facilitating elections, General Meetings and amending the PTA constitution. In fulfilment of another of our goals we now manage a growing database of stakeholders to whom important messages can be sent and events such as elections managed. We have also sent out messages on behalf of the JC Trust through this facility.

We also assisted with and participated in the annual teacher's day events and labour day events.



[Link to Google Pics of Teachers Day Activities](#)

[You Tube Teachers Day](#)

[Link to Google Pics of Labour Day Activities](#)

## Graduation and other School Activities

Of course the school also did extremely well in several other school sports and extra curricula events which I am sure will be expounded on by other writers in the Yearbook. The Board supported in many of these and also participated in the Annual Graduation exercises for 5th and 6th Forms.



[JC 5th Form Graduation Ceremony](#)

[JC March to Champs](#)

[JC March to the National Stadium](#)

## Behind the Scenes Board Activities

Most of the work of the Board tends to be behind the scenes, dealing with policy issues, students and staff disciplinary matters, legal issues, Ministry issues and school finances. These and other activities which don't lend themselves to a report such as this have also been attended to.

### New Business Unit, Boardroom and Business Offices

The Board has also seen the need for the introduction of more private sector styled professional help in certain areas of the school's operations.

To this end, and with the help of funding from generous Old Boys such as Phillip Gore and Karl Hendrickson, we have created a company called Jamaica College Enterprises Limited (JCEL) which has already engaged a professional chartered accountant who has materially strengthened the school's accounting team.

One of our key initiatives arose from recognising the need for JC to better manage and maximise its business affairs by placing our many non-educational, revenue earning activities, under the care and management of a private sector style business unit. JCEL will fulfil this role, and the team will include an accountant, a business manager and an administrative assistant. With the added, generous assistance of the Family of the late Danny Williams, the Building on campus that bears his name has been retrofitted and refurbished by JCEL to create a fully functional and equipped business office to house the new staff, and the Board now has a modern conference room in which to meet and from which JCEL has already started to conduct business meetings with counterparts.



Constructions of New Business Offices and Conf Room

### Annual Christmas Treat for Security

One of my most satisfying annual rituals for the past thirteen or so years, has been treating JC's security staff to hams, chickens (for the non ham persons) and sometimes other Christmas treats. This year was no different and the gifts were well received, but the giving was even more rewarding.





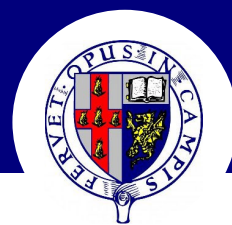
## Refurbishing of the Front Wall, and Beautification of the Main Entrance

Since the start of the calendar Year the Board has undertaken the Refurbishing of the Front Wall, and the Beautification of the Main Entrance gate of the school. This ongoing project has included the repainting of the entire front wall, light poles bus stop and the actual gates. We have also carried out repairs to the wall and lettering which had been damaged in a car crash years ago.

We also are partnered with Hope Gardens (which is chaired by Board member Alfred Thomas), and together with funding provided by board members personally, we are beautifying both sides of the front entrance with flowers and foliage to welcome parents and students to the new year!







[Link to Board Website with Wall Refurbishing Pictures](#)

[Link to Google Pics with JC Wall Refurbishing Pics](#)



**Truly the College is Flourishing and Work, Is Burning, In The Field!**  
**FERVET**

**Lance Hylton**  
**August 2025**