

**REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION, SPORT & CULTURE
TO QUESTIONS ASKED PURSUANT TO RULE 14 OF THE RULES OF
PROCEDURE BY DEPUTY LINDSAY DE SAUSMAREZ**

Response preamble:

Some of the following questions refer to 'class size'. In the primary phase of education, where learners are typically taught as a single class group for all subjects, the concept of a 'class' and 'class size' is straightforward. In the secondary phase, learners typically have a 'tutor group' for registration and pastoral purposes but for subject teaching, they are not taught as that tutor group, and will, as they progress through the year groups and make subject selections, become much more mixed and diverse classes with varying class sizes, depending on subject take up and the optimum class size for the subject. For example, a desk-based GCSE subject class will differ in size from that of a laboratory-based GCSE subject.

For this reason, the information provided in respect of class sizes for the secondary phase of education is for tutor groups, and then for English and maths classes, as these are the only two desk-based subjects that are taught to all learners in the 11-16 phase of their education.

Question 1

For each of the States-maintained primary schools, please specify the total number of students, the number of forms of entry per year group, the average class size, the largest class size and the smallest class size. Please provide comparisons, where possible, with previous years.

Answer

Total number of learners and class sizes

School	Oct-24				Nov-23				Nov-22			
	Total number of students	Average Class Size	Largest Class Size	Smallest Class Size	Total number of students	Average Class Size	Largest Class Size	Smallest Class Size	Total number of students	Average Class Size	Largest Class Size	Smallest Class Size
Amherst	460	21.9	25	18	482	23	25	20	480	22.9	25	20
Castel	319	24.5	28	19	339	24.2	28	19	349	24.9	28	19
Forest	140	20	26	15	140	20	26	14	155	22.1	26	17
Hautes Capelles	405	23.9	29	18	418	23.2	29	18	433	23.8	28	20
La Houquette	254	21.2	28	15	275	21.2	27	17	305	21.8	28	16
La Mare de Carteret Primary	276	19.7	24	17	288	20.6	23	18	287	22.1	29	17
Notre Dame	229	20.8	29	15	241	24.1	29	18	248	22.5	27	17
St Anne's (Primary)	78	15.6	20	11	78	19.5	23	13	92	18.4	30	10
St Martin's	500	25	28	19	527	25.1	28	20	544	25.9	28	20
St Mary & St Michael	134	19.1	26	11	137	21	27	14	139	19.9	26	15
Vale	415	20.8	25	17	426	21.3	26	18	447	21.3	24	15
Vauvert (incl. Herm)	344	24.4	26	22	344	24.6	28	22	336	23.5	26	22

Forms of entry per year group

School	Oct-24							Nov-23							Nov-22						
	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Amherst	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Castel	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Forest	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hautes Capelles	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	3
La Houguette	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
La Mare de Carteret Primary	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
Notre Dame	2	1	2	1	2	3		1	2	1	3		3		2	1	2	3		3	
St Anne's (Primary)	1	1		1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1		1	1		1		1	1
St Martin's	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
St Mary & St Michael	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Vale	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Vauvert (excl. Herm)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

Notes:

1. All primary data excludes children in Nursery year groups

Question 2

For each of the States-maintained secondary schools, please specify the total number of students, the number of forms of entry per year group, the average class size, the largest class size and the smallest class size. Please provide comparisons, where possible, with previous years.

Answer

Total number of students and tutor group sizes

School	Oct-24				Nov-23				Nov-22			
	Total number of students	Average Tutor Class Size	Largest Tutor Class Size	Smallest Tutor Class Size	Total number of students	Average Tutor Class Size	Largest Tutor Class Size	Smallest Tutor Class Size	Total number of students	Average Tutor Class Size	Largest Tutor Class Size	Smallest Tutor Class Size
La Mare de Carteret High	217	18.1	20	16	327	16.4	20	13	433	18.3	21	16
Les Beaucamps High	722	26.7	30	17	642	23.8	27	16	582	22.6	28	15
Les Varendes High	614	22.6	26	20	574	23.8	27	21	486	22.1	25	19
St Anne's (Secondary)	48	12.5	15	6	41	10.3	13	6	45	11.3	12	11
St Sampson's High	691	25.6	30	21	689	24.5	27	21	702	23.7	29	17

Notes:

- As part of its phased closure, La Mare de Carteret High School did not have a year 7 intake in 2023/24 and does not have year 7 or year 8 students in 2024/25. There are consequential increases in the total number of students in other schools as the new partner primary school model takes effect.

Forms of entry per year group

School	Oct-24					Nov-23					Nov-22				
	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
La Mare de Carteret High	N/A	N/A	4	3	5	N/A	5	4	5	6	Vertical tutor groups*				
Les Beaucamps High	6	6	5	5	5	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Les Varendes High	6	6	6	5	3	6	6	5	3	4	6	5	3	4	4
St Anne's (Secondary)	3				1	3				1	3				1
St Sampson's High	5	5	5	6	5	5	5	6	5	6	5	6	6	6	6

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- *Vertical tutor groups comprise learners from each year group, therefore the school was not operating a standard 'forms of entry' model.

As students in the secondary phase move between classes for subject lessons, a per subject class size break down has also been provided for English and Maths as these are the two subjects all students must study throughout their 11-16 education. When students study their 'option' subjects, including participation in The Guernsey Institute College 14-16 vocational courses, class sizes are generally smaller.

Class Sizes: Maths

School	Year Group	Oct-24			Nov-23			Nov-22		
		Average Class Size	Largest Class Size	Smallest Class Size	Average Class Size	Largest Class Size	Smallest Class Size	Average Class Size	Largest Class Size	Smallest Class Size
La Mare de Carteret High	Year 7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25.7	28	11
	Year 8	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.5	23	11	21.7	25	17
	Year 9	23.7	28	15	20.3	20	16	22.5	27	12
	Year 10	18	22	15	22.8	26	18	25.3	29	19
	Year 11	22.8	28	16	20	26	15	24.8	28	19
Les Beaucamps High	Year 7	29.7	30	28	25.7	30	19	26.6	29	24
	Year 8	26.2	32	17	26.4	32	23	18.3	26	12
	Year 9	28	33	25	20.6	29	10	25.6	33	19
	Year 10	27.3	34	21	26.6	33	20	22.8	32	11
	Year 11	26.8	31	20	22.8	28	15	24.3	31	19
Les Varendes High	Year 7	24.5	30	12	24.8	30	17	27.6	30	19
	Year 8	23.2	31	10	27.2	30	24	24.4	28	17
	Year 9	26.6	31	25	25	29	22	22.3	26	17
	Year 10	23.2	28	18	23.7	31	18	20.5	29	11
	Year 11	23.7	29	17	20.8	28	17	25.7	29	21
St Anne's (Secondary)	Year 7	13	13	13	12	12	12	11	11	11
	Year 8	12	12	12	10	10	10	7	7	7
	Year 9	11	11	11	7	7	7	10	10	10
	Year 10	8	8	8	6	6	6	5	5	5
	Year 11	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
St Sampson's High	Year 7	23.8	30	18	24.8	30	16	27.4	31	21
	Year 8	26.2	29	21	27	31	21	24.8	30	13
	Year 9	27.6	30	22	24.7	31	13	22.3	30	11
	Year 10	23.7	31	12	26	30	20	25.3	31	12
	Year 11	26	30	24	24.5	30	15	26.4	34	18

Class Sizes: English

School	Year Group	Oct-24			Nov-23			Nov-22		
		Average Class Size	Largest Class Size	Smallest Class Size	Average Class Size	Largest Class Size	Smallest Class Size	Average Class Size	Largest Class Size	Smallest Class Size
La Mare de Carteret High	Year 7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25.7	26	25
	Year 8	N/A	N/A	N/A	18.5	23	13	21.7	26	15
	Year 9	23.7	27	20	15.3	15	12	22.5	27	17
	Year 10	17	19	14	22.8	26	18	25.3	27	23
	Year 11	23.8	30	19	25	26	22	24.8	26	21
Les Varendes High	Year 7	24.5	28	22	24.8	26	21	27.6	28	27
	Year 8	23.2	30	16	27.2	30	23	24.4	27	19
	Year 9	26.8	28	25	25	28	20	22.3	25	21
	Year 10	23.4	27	20	23.7	25	22	20.5	28	17
	Year 11	23	26	18	20.8	28	17	25.7	26	25
Les Beaucamps High	Year 7	29.7	32	21	25.7	27	24	26.6	27	26
	Year 8	26.2	32	13	26.4	28	24	19.5	28	15
	Year 9	28	31	20	20.6	24	19	25.3	31	15
	Year 10	21.8	32	17	26.6	31	17	22.8	30	14
	Year 11	27	31	22	22.8	29	13	24.3	29	18
St Anne's (Secondary)	Year 7	13	13	13	12	12	12	11	11	11
	Year 8	12	12	12	10	10	10	7	7	7
	Year 9	11	11	11	7	7	7	10	10	10
	Year 10	8	8	8	6	6	6	5	5	5
	Year 11	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
St Sampson's High	Year 7	24.2	25	22	25	27	23	27.4	28	27
	Year 8	26	28	24	27	29	25	24.8	29	9
	Year 9	27.6	29	27	24.5	25	24	22.3	28	15
	Year 10	23.7	29	21	26	29	20	25.2	30	19
	Year 11	25.2	29	19	24.3	30	20	21.3	28	13

Question 3

For the Sixth Form Centre, please specify how many students are in each year group, and what are the average, largest and smallest class sizes. Please provide comparisons, where possible, with previous years.

Answer

The first table provides the year group totals and the numbers for tutor groups in the Sixth Form. Students are taught in these groups for some of the extended curriculum including Personal Development.

Year Group	Oct-24				Nov-23				Nov-22			
	Total number of students	Average Tutor Group Size	Largest Tutor Group Size	Smallest Tutor Group Size	Total number of students	Average Tutor Group Size	Largest Tutor Group Size	Smallest Tutor Group Size	Total number of students	Average Tutor Group Size	Largest Tutor Group Size	Smallest Tutor Group Size
Year 12	193	16.1	17	13	209	14.9	21	12	224	16	22	12
Year 13	185	15.4	17	14	201	15.4	20	12	195	15	18	11

The table below shows the average class size for all other curriculum areas in the Sixth Form and includes comparisons with previous years.

Year Group	Academic Year		
	2022	2023	2024
Year 12	13.5	12.1	12.3
Year 13	10.7	11.6	10.6

Question 4

Please specify how many FTE teachers are:

- a.** employed across the whole Les Varendes site;

Answer

Across Les Varendes High School & Sixth Form Centre, there are currently 80 teaching staff, equating to 76.24 FTE. This includes 4 non-teaching staff; the Principal of the 11-16 School; the Principal of the Sixth Form Centre; and two Additional Learning Needs Coordinators (ALNCos).

- b.** teach only sixth form students (Y12 and Y13) at Les Varendes;

Answer

There are currently 13 staff (12.2 FTE) teaching only Sixth Form classes.**

- c.** teach only secondary students at Les Varendes High School (Y7-Y11);

Answer

There are currently 30 staff (27.44 FTE) teaching only secondary students at Les Varendes High School, however, a number of these are also teaching at La Mare de Carteret High School during this transitional year, to assist with continuity of teaching for students. **

- d.** teach both secondary students at LVHS and sixth form students at Les Varendes;

Answer

There are currently 33 staff (32.6 FTE) teaching in both Les Varendes High School and the Sixth Form Centre.**

Notes:

** These numbers reflect the commitment to ensure continuity for students and staff as they transition to the new 11-16 school at Les Varendes and the separate Sixth Form provision.

- e.** teach sixth form students at Les Varendes and secondary students at any of the three other high schools (Les Beaucamps, La Mare de Carteret and St. Sampson's).

Answer:

There is currently one member of staff (0.9 FTE) who is based at Les Varendes High School teaching across the 11-18 age range but who also teaches at one other of the high schools in the Secondary School Partnership.

Question 5

Will the same deployment of teachers still apply once the Sixth Form Centre has moved to La Mare de Carteret in September 2025, and if not, to what extent will it change?

Answer

It is important to keep in mind that the Secondary School Partnership is intentionally designed to be an 11-18 partnership, allowing collaboration of leadership and staff across the high schools and the sixth form.

The new operating model will result in different deployments. It is currently anticipated that 3 staff who will be based at the Sixth Form Centre in September 2025 will also be teaching at one of the three 11-16 schools. In the initial phase of the move to the new staffing structures (with the new operating model due to 'go live' in September 2025), the Secondary School Partnership's Executive Leadership Team has decided to minimise movement across sites. This means the number of staff who will be required to teach across sites is fewer than the assumptions made in the Full Business Case when it was approved, as this assumed a number of cross-site teachers based on 'steady state' operating, rather than the immediate post-transition period when the new operating model is being embedded.

The alignment of staff to the new target operating model was completed at the end of the 2023/24 academic year. At the start of the current academic year, all teaching staff within the Secondary School Partnership were surveyed to understand the age-ranges/key stages in respect of which they have prior teaching experience, and to confirm their appetite (regardless of previous experience) to teach across the whole Secondary School Partnership age range. This information is now being assimilated, and will be used to inform the 'steady state' position referred to above. However, it must be realised that this will be an iterative process, which will be evaluated and evolved based on the development of staff over time, and to reflect changes in personnel within the teaching workforce.

Question 6

Please provide data to enable the comparison of the cost-effectiveness of the current staffing arrangements at the Les Varendes site (i.e. as a standalone secondary and standalone sixth form) with the previous staffing model (i.e. as an 11-18 school).

Answer

The tables below show the budgeted staff costs for each of the current schools for 2024 and 2025 along with the modelled staff costs for the Secondary School Partnership for the 2025/26 academic year.

Budgeted Staff Costs per School	2024 Budget (based on 2023/24 academic year) £m	2025 Budget (based on 2024/25 academic year) £m	SSP Estimate (based on 2025/26 academic year) £m
La Mare De Carteret High	3.0	2.6	-
Les Varendes High	6.5	6.8	5.3
St Sampsons High	4.8	4.7	4.6
Les Beaucamps High	3.9	4.2	4.7
Sixth Form Centre	-	-	3.6
Total	18.2	18.4	18.1

Budgeted Staff Costs per Pupil	2024 Budget (based on 2023/24 academic year) £	2025 Budget (based on 2024/25 academic year) £	SSP Estimate (based on 2025/26 academic year) £
La Mare De Carteret High	9,100	11,900	-
Les Varendes High	6,600	6,900	6,300
St Sampsons High	7,000	6,800	6,600
Les Beaucamps High	6,100	5,900	6,800
Sixth Form Centre	-	-	8,000

Notes (for both of the tables relating to question 6):

1. Staff costs for each year are based on 2024 rates.
2. 2025 includes a temporary increase of £0.2m for additional teachers during this transitional year (funded through the Transforming Education Programme).
3. As part of its phased closure, La Mare de Carteret High School did not have a year 7 intake in the 2023/24 academic year and does not have year 7 or year 8 students in the 2024/25 academic year.
4. There are a number of staff at La Mare de Carteret High School and Les Varendes that are teaching across both sites during 2024/25 (see the answers to question 4 above). The costs in the tables above reflect the budgeted costs by school and no adjustment has been made to the costs for staff timetabled across two sites.
5. The Secondary School Partnership (SSP) costs for 2025/26 are calculated using the SSP financial model within the relevant Full Business Case.
6. 2024 and 2025 budget figures for Les Varendes includes both the 11-16 school and the Sixth Form Centre. The 2025/26 estimated cost for SSP splits out the Sixth Form Centre.
7. The 2021 Policy Letter stated the new model would cost no more than the current model of secondary education.

Question 7

Please provide a full breakdown of GCSE and A Level grades (if possible by each grade itself – as opposed to wider banding – and by school) achieved by students in States-maintained schools, along with data from comparable years.

Answer

As was explained in response to Rule 14 questions published on 6th October 2023, it is the usual practice for results data to be published in the Committee's Annual Report each January (previous versions of which can be found on the [States of Guernsey website](#)). This formal publication timeline allows time for the provisional results that are published on 'results days' each August to be validated, and for the validated data to be shared and

discussed with the Committee and shared with each settings' Interim Governance Board for discussion at their governance meetings in the second half of the autumn term, before the information is released more widely.

Should the data in the next Annual Report be insufficient, it is suggested that a request for further detail is made following the report's publication.

Date of receipt of the Question: 25th October 2024

Date of Reply: 8th November 2024