



## JAMAICA COLLEGE FOUNDATION

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Dear J.C. Alumni,

It is my pleasure to write to you as a J.C. Old Boy, who I am sure is interested in knowing about the transformation of our old school.

We set out two (2) years ago to reestablish J.C. as the number one (#1) School in the country and to this end we have made substantial progress. In order to give you an idea of what has been done, I am attaching a document which I believe will demonstrate that much has been accomplished. Winning the Manning Cup and Oliver Shield last year after 33 years was really a fitting climax to a big effort.

Although much has been done, a great deal remains to be done and some of it will involve a lot of money. In addition to the constant repairs and upgrading, building of new Computer Labs and so on, we have to build a new Auditorium, convert the existing Dining Room/Auditorium into a decent Canteen, build more accommodation for staff and set up an Endowment Fund of say, One Hundred and Twenty Million Dollars (\$120M). I estimate that the total amount required to complete the five (5) year project, including the Endowment Fund is Two Hundred & Seventy Million Dollars (\$270M). To date we have received commitments of One Hundred and Forty Million Dollars (\$140M) over a five (5) year period including Fifty Million Dollars (\$50M) from Karl Hendrickson, and so we are just past the half-way mark.

I urge you to spread the word amongst our old boys as we need all the support we can get.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact me at your convenience.

“Floreat Collegium, Fervet Opus in Campis” : May the College flourish, work is burning in the field”.

Yours sincerely,

**R. DANNY WILLIAMS, O.J., C.D., Hon. LLD., JP.  
CHAIRMAN**

Trustees – R Danny Williams, O.J., C.D., Dennis R.A. Chung, Phillip Gore  
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**IMPROVEMENTS AT JAMAICA COLLEGE  
2006/2007  
THROUGH THE TRUST, THE FOUNDATION,  
DONATIONS FROM OLD BOYS & M.O.E  
TRANSFORMATION FUND**

1. Administration & Finance
  - i. Identified and appointed a new Principal and Two Vice Principals
  - ii. Administrative Offices fully computerized
  - iii. Installed new School Management Software system – i.e. computerization of all Student & Teacher Records with provision for online accessing and updating of relevant information
  - iv. New Accounting system and new Payroll system
  - v. Three ADSL internet installed at no initial cost and will attract no ongoing service cost
  - vi. New PBX System installed
  - vii. Net Speak installed
  - viii. Security Cameras installed in Principal's offices
  - ix. Introduced ongoing Staff Development Seminars
  - x. Commenced creation of Data Base of Old Boy's through the new Foundation offices
  - xi. Rented land to U.S. Embassy for employee parking
  - xii. Rented 8 acres Watercourse Land to AISK
  - xiii. Commenced preparation of Strategic Plan for School 2007 - 2012
  - xiv. Commenced the development of a School Facilities Plan as well as a Sports Improvement Facilities Plan
  - xv. Started the development of a Web Site for the school
  
2. Physical Facilities
  - i. Cleaned up Grounds – removed 24 loads of garbage from Drax Lodge and School Campus
  - ii. Ensured proper clean up and maintenance of school by Maintenance Contractor, Mrs. Campbell



- iii. Fenced in Basket Ball Court – Thanks to Florida O.B.A.
- iv. Created and furnished Offices for the New Jamaica College Foundation and Old Boys Association
- v. Converted 'Old Gym'/Old Woodwork room into two new class rooms
- vi. Converted part of the Swimming Pool Changing Room Building into a class room for selected young men with severe behavioral and academic problems, THE SUCCESS CENTRE
- vii. Asphalted several areas – Driveway in to Principals Offices, Driveway behind Scotland West, Parking areas in front of the school campus, Areas in front of the Fourth Form Block, Area in front of new tuck shop
- viii. Waterproofed all slab roofs
- ix. Repainted the entire School Campus (interior and exterior - ongoing)
- x. Refurbished and Furnished Principal's Residence
- xi. Refurbished 4 of 6 Staff Cottages
- xii. Re-roofed Simms Building
- xiii. Re-roofed and repainted the School Chapel and repaired windows and pews.
- xiv. Fixed 50% of all Windows and 85% of all Doors and Grills
- xv. Refurbished 80% of all Science Laboratories (infrastructure)
- xvi. Fixed some of the electrical problems – classroom lights etc. (ongoing)
- xvii. Converted 40 ft. Container into Satellite Canteen – Primarily for Upper School Students
- xviii. Repaired furniture – 700 desks and chairs
- xix. Obtained furniture from Food for the Poor (thrice) and M.O.E.
- xx. Put up New Recognition Boards, for outstanding past students, e.g. Rhodes Scholars etc.
- xxi. Re-equipped two original Computer Labs – Thanks to Canadian Old Boys
- xxii. Complete refurbishment of the Health and Welfare Department and created separate facility for members of staff, added two bathrooms, office for Nurse etc.
- xxiii. Refurbished burnt out buildings at the back of Simms Building and converted them for use as offices for 4 Guidance Counsellor's . (This represented a doubling of the capacity to facilitate the needs of the

- school) Additional space for visiting Counsellors', with Offices for Plant Manager and Male Staff upstairs.
- xxiv. Refurbished Female Ancillary Staff quarters including new kitchen
  - xxv. Created a new Computer Lab on CARLTON ALEXANDER BUILDING , now the Resource Centre
  - xxvi. Completely refurbished and upgraded Text Book Rental Department and added Bathroom
  - xxvii. Refurbished Print/Copy Room and storage area for Admin. Staff
  - xxviii. Created Store Space for P.T.A. Store
  - xxix. Created seven new classrooms for Fifth Form Students (Former Industrial Arts Building)
  - xxx. Created new Fifth Form Teachers Room (located on new Fifth Form Block)
  - xxxi. Created Examination Room to facilitate and stream line all activities related to external examinations and SBA's also on the new Fifth Form Block)
  - xxxii. Created additional classroom for Sixth Form students and to facilitate additional Guidance Classes
  - xxxiii. Created three new classrooms for Technical Drawing
  - xxxiv. Created and expanded new Computer Lab on Carlton Alexander Building
  - xxxv. Created two new classrooms on the World Bank Building
  - xxxvi. Refurbished the Music Department
  - xxxvii. Upgraded the Admin Bathroom
  - xxxviii. Upgraded Classrooms generally (including repainting) and putting in at least four painted Motivational Messages in each classroom as well as on the corridors.
  - xxxix. Created an Administrative Office for the Bursar
    - xl. Created additional Bathroom on Canteen Building
    - xli. Demolished old building housing Ancillary Staff and created open landscaped area with structured walkway
    - xl. Created additional walkway from the Principal's Garden to the Auditorium
    - xl. Refurbished the Cadet Headquarters
    - xl. Installed Grills to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Form Blocks
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**3. Academic**

- i. Provide J\$1.6 million to fund Extra Lessons Programme for CXC Students in 2006 and 2007
- ii. Introduced quarterly incentive scheme for Teachers - \$1.5 million/year
- iii. Introduced a programme of Assessment of Grade 7 and Grade 11 Students (Consultant Dr. Karl Bennett and his team)
- iv. Introduced performance Management System for all staff
- v. Introduced programme of ongoing upgrading and training of Teachers
- vi. Provided outstanding Blind Student with Laptop Computer with special software for visually challenged Students. Thanks to National Housing Trust
- vii. Prepared New Jamaica College Handbook (Student s' Manual)
- viii. Prepared Jamaica College School Magazine

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