



# SCHOOL PROFILE

**CAMPION COLLEGE**

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<b>Student Population:</b>	1488
<b>Academic Staff:</b>	75

## History and Mission of Campion College

Campion College is a Roman Catholic high school in the Ignatian tradition, operated in collaboration with the Ministry of Education of Jamaica. The school was established by the Jesuit Fathers as a private high school for boys on January 5, 1960, but became grant-aided (i.e. subsidized by the Jamaican Government) and co-educational in 1976. In fifty years, Campion College has risen from relative obscurity to become the leading high school in Jamaica, and one of the finest in the Caribbean. True to its Jesuit identity, the school's mission is to create "men and women for others" by forming graduates who are 'intellectually competent, open to growth, religious, loving and committed to justice'. To that end, the school has a rigorous academic curriculum as well as a carefully designed, expansive co-curricular programme for character formation.

## The Campus

The school is located in Liguanea, a commercial and residential area on the outskirts of Kingston. The majestic Blue Mountains provide a breathtaking backdrop for the sprawling twenty acre campus, with its three sports fields, tennis courts and swimming pool. Standing guard at the eastern entrance to the property is Campion Hall, a wonderful Georgian building, nationally recognized as a part of Jamaica's rich, architectural heritage and treasured by the school community as a symbol of its Jesuit origins.

## Academic Programme

**Academic Year:** The school year commences in September and ends in June. It is divided into three terms: Christmas (September to December), Easter (January to March) and Summer (April to June).

**Formal Language of Instruction:** English

**Student Intake:** The Jamaican education system is very closely patterned off the British system in which high school or secondary school begins at Grade 7. At the end of Grade 6, all primary school students (approximately 50,000) are required to sit a national standardized test – the Grade Six Achievement Test (GSAT). Based on the strength of their performance on this test and their choice of school, students are assigned to high schools. Campion College is referred to as a "First Choice" school because for the past 30 years, the 222 students assigned to Campion College in Grade 7 have scored between 95 and 100% on the GSAT, representing the top 3% of the cohort. Among our new students each year are over 80% of those exceptional students who earned national scholarships because of their outstanding performance on this most competitive examination.

## Curriculum

**Grades 7 – 11 or (Forms 1 -5):** All Jamaican high schools offer a 5-year curriculum which culminates in the sitting of the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) examinations, which are set and marked by the regional examining body, the Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC). Campion College requires all students in Grade 11 to sit for eight or nine subjects at the CSEC level, three of which are compulsory: English Language, English Literature and Mathematics. The other subjects taken at this level are a combination of any of the following:

Biology	Information Technology	Physics	Modern Languages (Spanish & French)	
Chemistry	Geography	Principles of Accounts	Technical Drawing	
Economics	History	Principles of Business	Visual Arts	Additional Mathematics

Students are awarded a high school diploma at the end of Grade 11 based on their performance on the CSEC examinations and other internal criteria set by the school for conduct, attendance and co-curricular involvement.

**Grades 12 -13 or (Sixth Form- 6B and 6A):** The Sixth Form Programme is a rigorous, two year, pre-university course of study during which students prepare for the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE) in at least four subjects. The two year course in each subject is divided into two Units. At the end of the first year, students sit the CAPE in the first Unit of the subject and at the

end of the second year they sit for the second Unit. Communication Studies and Caribbean Studies are one Unit compulsory courses that are done in the first and second year respectively.

The subjects offered at the CAPE level are:

Accounting	Geography	Management of Business	Economics
Biology	Geometrical, Mechanical &	Physics	Law
Chemistry	Engineering Drawing	Sociology	French
Computer Science	History	Spanish	Literatures in English

It is important to note that the Sixth Form is not only an academic programme, but it also provides excellent training in character development and citizenship through the opportunities available for student leadership and community service.

**GPA Calculation:** Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated using an un-weighted four point scale. All subjects, whether passed or failed, are included in the computation.

#### **Academic Awards and Distinctions:**

Students in Forms 1-5 (Grades 7-11) are ranked based on the mean of the scores they earn for each subject at the end of each term. In the Sixth Form (Grades 12 – 13), students are not ranked because of the diversity of subject combinations done at that level.

The school recognizes outstanding academic achievement at all grade levels through its Honours' System. First Class Honours are awarded when, at the end of a term, a student achieves a (mean/average) score of 90% or higher with no score below 60%. A student earns Second Class Honours when his/her average/mean score is between 80%-89% with no score below 60%.

The highest achievers in each subject at each grade level are also awarded at the school's annual Magis Awards Ceremony. Magis Awards are presented in recognition of excellence in academic performance, co-curricular involvement, school citizenship and service.

**SAT Scores:** On average, Champion students attain a score of 1800 or above on the SAT Reasoning Test. In the sciences and at both levels of the Mathematics SAT Subject Tests our students' scores exceed 650.

#### **National, Regional and International Recognition**

On both the CAPE and CSEC examinations, students of Champion College rank among the top performing students in the Caribbean region. The pass rate achieved by candidates from Champion College at the CSEC level ranges between 95-100%, while at the CAPE level the school earns a pass rate of 100% in almost all subjects.

The annual ranking of schools based on their performance in English and Mathematics on the CSEC exams has consistently shown Champion College to be the leading school in Jamaica. The national awards for the Top Performing School in Jamaica at the CSEC and CAPE levels have been claimed by Champion College nearly every year since its inception.

Each year our students win many of the coveted scholarships that are offered by the Government of Jamaica and the private sector based on performance in the Advanced Proficiency Examinations. In 2012, Champion College students won all of the 7 scholarships offered at this level, including the top awards for both male and female students.

A landmark achievement and testament to the calibre of this school is that in its short 50 years of existence, it has produced 14 Rhodes Scholars. In addition, for eight consecutive years (2003-10), the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship has been awarded to a graduate of Champion College.

**Post Secondary Placement:** 98% of Champion College graduates matriculate to 4-year colleges or universities. 20-35% of our students choose to pursue tertiary level studies in the United Kingdom, Canada or the United States, and many have excelled at the most highly rated universities, including: Harvard, MIT, Princeton, Yale, John Hopkins, University of Pennsylvania, Stanford, Columbia and Vassar in the US, as well as Oxford in the UK and McGill in Canada.

#### **Co-Curricular Programme**

Champion College's co-curricular programme is integral to its mission of forming men and women of character, compassion and commitment to justice. Students are expected to complete 70 hours of co-curricular activity each academic year. The Programme is extensive and comprises the following:

**The Sports Programme:** Champion College participates in national inter-school competitions at all age levels in: badminton, basketball, cricket, lawn and table tennis, netball, rugby, soccer, swimming, synchronized swimming, and water polo. A number of our athletes also represent Jamaica at the international level including the CARIFTA swimming championships.

**Clubs and Societies:** There are over 40 active clubs and societies catering to diverse talents and interests. Among these are the Chess Club, the Filmmakers Club, the Dance Society, CHORDS (our choir), YES (the Young Entrepreneurial Society), the Green Generation (an environmental club), the Poetry Club and Mandarin Classes.

**Community Service Groups:** Each club or society is required to carry out at least one community service project each term, but there are also specific groups for whom service is their *raison d'être*: The Interact Club is a branch of Rotary International; The Ministry Outreach Group visits the elderly indigent each week; The Champion Home Work Centre provides tutoring services to primary school students from low-income families in a neighbouring community; Teens for Change is a group of male students who mentor boys in a residential care facility; and The St. Anne's Programme is another tutoring service for children from an inner-city community.

**The Personal Development Programme:** Personal Development is a compulsory, enrichment course delivered by the Guidance Department and Grade Supervisors to all students from First to Sixth Form (Grades 7-13). Classes range from 35-70 minute sessions per week and cover topics such as study skills, time management, conflict resolution skills, issues in adolescence, the school's core values and citizenship.

**The Chaplaincy Programme:** The Ignatian values of reflection and prayerful discernment are taught through the activities of the Chaplaincy Programme. All students participate in ecumenical, Days of Reflection organized by the school's Chaplaincy Team and senior students have the opportunity to make a weekend retreat in their final year of school.



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