

The Blue Shield



Protecting, Preventing, Prepared

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The Jamaica College Safety Warden and Emergency Management Team

Roles and Responsibilities of Safety Wardens

- **Initiating Evacuations** – In an emergency, Safety Wardens promptly initiate the evacuation process, ensuring that all individuals leave the affected area in a calm and orderly manner.
- **Guiding Individuals to Designated Assembly Points** – Wardens direct students and staff to pre-designated assembly areas, preventing congestion and ensuring an efficient evacuation.
- **Accounting for All Individuals** – Once at the assembly points, Safety Wardens will assist teachers conduct roll calls ensuring all students and staff members are accounted for.
- **Monitoring for Hazards** – They regularly inspect the school premises for potential safety risks, such as faulty electrical wiring, blocked exits, or flammable materials.
- **Educating the School Community on Safety Practices** – Safety Wardens raise awareness about safety protocols, including evacuation routes, fire drill procedures, and fire prevention measures.
- **Basic Fire Extinguisher Use** – Safety Wardens receive training on how to properly use fire extinguishers and other fire safety equipment located on the school grounds.
- **Ensuring Compliance with Emergency Procedures** – Ensure that students and staff follow the school's safety guidelines and participate in scheduled drills.

How to Identify a Safety Warden

- **Distinctive Safety Gear** – They wear brightly colored vests or jackets, typically in fluorescent yellow or orange, labeled "Fire Warden" or "Safety Warden."
- **Fluorescent Armbands** – Wardens wear fluorescent armbands to distinguish themselves throughout the school and in emergency situations.
- **Presence in Emergency Drills** – During drills, Safety Wardens actively coordinate and lead the evacuation process.



safety wardens are responsible for emergency safety management and response within the school community. They are trained to act quickly and decisively in emergencies, ensuring that all students and staff remain safe in the event of a fire or other hazardous situations.



Fire Warden Training Equips Jamaica College Team with Life-Saving Skills

On February 6, 2025, Jamaica College hosted a comprehensive Fire Warden Training session, equipping 30 new participants, including students, teachers and administrative staff, with essential fire safety and emergency response skills. The training, facilitated by the Jamaica Fire Brigade, combined theoretical knowledge with practical exercises, ensuring a well-rounded and engaging learning experience. The interactive session was expertly led by Acting Sergeants "Indiana" Jones and "Harrison Ford" Gayle, alongside Officer Ferguson. Their dynamic hands-on approach transformed the day's activities into an unforgettable and empowering experience for all involved. Participants were actively engaged in learning fire prevention strategies, evacuation procedures, and the proper use of fire extinguishers.



The day was filled with insightful discussions, demonstrations, and real-life scenarios that reinforced the importance of fire preparedness. The practical exercises, including controlled fire extinguishing drills, allowed participants to apply their newly acquired skills in a safe and controlled environment.

Thanks to the Jamaica Fire Brigade's dedication and expertise, the Jamaica College team is now better equipped to respond effectively in case of an emergency. This initiative underscores the school's commitment to safety and preparedness, ensuring that staff and students can act swiftly and decisively to protect lives and property.

Jamaica College extends its heartfelt gratitude to Acting Sergeants Jones and Gayle and Officer Ferguson, for their engaging and interactive training.

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Training Day Pictures



School Earthquake Drill Report



January was recognised as **Earthquake Awareness Month**, and as part of the month's activities, schools across the island were required to conduct an informed drill to gauge their readiness for actual earthquakes. Following a school-wide sensitisation blitz, we carried out our drill on 15 January 2025.

The drill revealed several positives as well as areas for improvement, such as properly responding to emergency signals, taking the necessary steps during an earthquake, moving in an orderly manner to the assembly point, and the overall time taken to complete the drill. Using the findings from the drill, the safety team conducted a sensitisation session during general assembly on 27 January.

During this session, the team demonstrated the steps to be taken during and after an earthquake, leading the entire assembly through a practical execution. We will continue to inform and educate our school community on earthquake preparedness and other important drills and safety practices.



JC Receives Donation of Ten First Aid Kits

On **Monday February 17**, during general devotion, ten first aid kits were presented to the school. Through the efforts of team member Ms. Amelia Thomas, the kits were gifted the school, stocked with essential first aid supplies such as bandages, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), ointments, and more.

The kits were received by Nurse Gilpin, our school nurse, who carried out the distribution to strategic areas, such as staff rooms and the auto mechanics lab. While our generous benefactor wishes to remain anonymous, we nonetheless extend our heartfelt gratitude for this generous contribution.

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