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A case for **ARTS** Education in St. Vincent & the Grenadines

Education in the Arts is and has always been important. It has become almost a cliché to speak about its value on the mind, the proven trend of developing discipline and the overall ability to stimulate creativity and imagination.

This article is not just another that highlights the benefits of Arts Education; it is a reminder of an essential tool that is needed in the book-bags of ALL Vincentian children.

The demands of the 21st century economy suggest that we strongly address Arts Education to lay the foundation for a work force which is sound in creativity and innovation. Today's workers need more than book knowledge and skills to be productive. The inventors of the i Phone, i Pad and Google provide good examples. Their accomplishments represent a clear marriage of not only knowledge and skills but also creativity and ingenuity; and their work has completely transformed the way that we think, work, communicate and even socialize.



ARTS

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Furthermore, management leaders all agree that “innovation is the business competence needed for the future”. Nations that are self-efficient have all managed to nurture artistic atmospheres and St. Vincent and the Grenadines should be no exception. The point is, we need to see Arts Education as more than a hobby, it is only then we can truly prepare our students to compete with the bigger world: the outside world. The awakening and embracement of a new artistic world right here in St. Vincent and the Grenadines may signal the beginning of new things to come.

The Creative Arts are now an integral part of the school’s curriculum evidenced by the presence of curriculum and teachers’ guides issued by the Ministry of Education. In Music for example, teachers are equipped with the fundamentals of the Music curriculum through the Ministry of Education’s ongoing teacher training. This training is delivered throughout Term II every academic year. The value of the subject should not be undermined; each child should be exposed to the learning of the Arts within the parameters of fair timetabling. All schools in St. Vincent and the Grenadines should strive to deliver a comprehensive Arts programme.



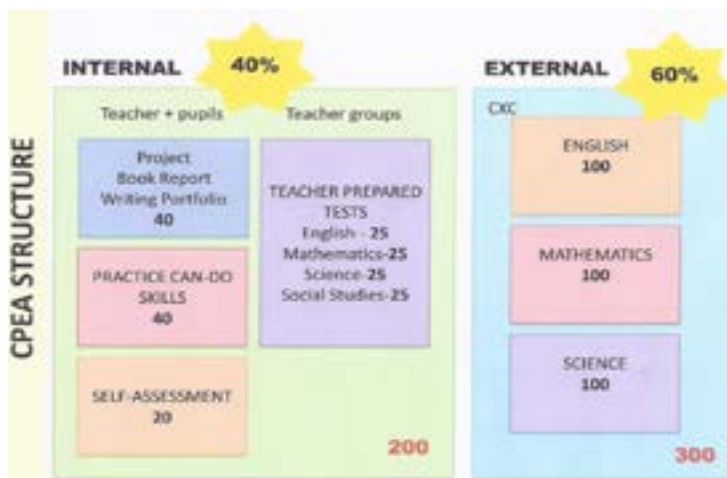
Teacher Training Practical Session. Facilitated by Education Officer Mr. Dexter Bacchus.

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How can I help my child?

There is no one more important than you, parents, when it comes to your children's success in school. Research has shown that when parents get involved in supporting their child's learning, the children:

- Complete their homework more often
- Do better in school
- Have better attendance
- Behave better in school
- Have better relationships with their peers
- Are more likely to be successful



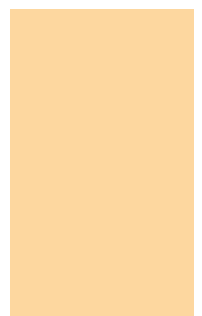
All parents need to get involved in their child's education. While some parents would be better able to help their child than others, there are some basic ways in which each parent can help his/her child to succeed.

1. Praise your child and encourage him/ her to do the best he /she can every day
 2. Ask your child each day what he/she did in school today
 3. Check your child's book to see if he/she is getting along well or if he/she needs help
- Make sure that you read the teacher's comments on assignments that are returned. If you are concerned about your child's progress at any time, let the teacher

know what you have observed and ask him/her to assist the child further.



- Build a strong and healthy relationship with your child's teacher and school. Or, you may ask someone who is competent and trustworthy to assist the child.
 - If you have access to the internet, you may also seek online help. Or, you may take the child to the library.
4. Homework is extremely important to the progress of all students.
 - Always provide a quiet place for your child to do his/her homework.
 - PLEASE, turn off the television, radio and other noisy electronics not being used to assist with the homework.
 - As far as possible, ensure that your child has all that is needed for class and to complete the homework.
 - When necessary or possible, sit with your child as he/ she is doing homework. Ensure that the work is completed.
 5. Always remember, your child needs you to see him/her through.



Junior Calypso 2013 Primary Finalists

Tuesday 2nd July, Victoria Park



Name: Kristina Christopher
(Defending Monarch)
 Stage Name: Singing Kristy
 School: Layout Primary
 Song: With rights come responsibilities



Name: Rashid Constance
 Stage Name: The Emperor
 School: St. Mary's R. C
 Song: Grandma's advice



Name: Cha-Chanie Morgan
 Stage Name: Lady Cha -Chanie
 School: New Prospect Primary
 Song: Education



Name: Damien Noel
 Stage Name: Boney Man
 School: Brighton Methodist
 Song: CPEA



Name: Tolisha Simon
 Stage Name: Little T
 School: Brighton Methodist
 Song: Corporal punishment



Name: Antonya Telemaque
 Stage Name: Singing Antonya
 School: Kingstown Anglican
 Song: The blessed tragedy



Name: Annielia Thomas
 Stage Name: Singing Nelia
 School: Park Hill Government
 Song: Tribute to mother



Name: Tia Wyllie
 Stage Name: Singing Tia
 School: New Prospect Primary
 Song: Proud to be vincy

Junior Calypso 2013 Secondary Finalists

Tuesday 2nd July, Victoria Park



Name: Jasper Alexander
 Stage Name: Loco
 School: Thomas Saunders Secondary
 Song: Carnival calling

Name: Ottis Cain
 Stage Name: Flippa
 School: St. Vincent Grammar
 School
 Song: Love the children

Name: Giovannie Collins
 Stage Name: Super D
 School: St. Joseph's Convent Marriaqua
 Song: Sick in your brain



Name: Brandon Frederick
 Stage Name: Ranking Brandon
 School: St. Vincent Grammar School
 Song: Unite this nation

Name: Samiesha Haywood
 Stage Name: Miesha
 School: North Union Secondary
 Song: Be careful with facebook

Name: Gillian Smart
 Stage Name: Feisha
 School: St. Joseph's Convent Kingstown
 Song: Vincy nice



Name: Moesha Thomas
 Stage Name: Chowder
 School: Thomas Saunders Secondary
 Song: Clean dem up

Name: Shadaney Williams
 Stage Name: Tumpanks
 School: Bethel High School
 Song: Teenagers wait

Junior Soca 2013 Finalists

Tuesday 2nd July, Victoria Park



Name: Ottis Cain (Defending Monarch)
 Stage Name: Flippa
 School: St. Vincent Grammar School
 Song: Fo Real



Name: Sarah Charles
 Stage Name: Singing Chung-Lee
 School: Greggs Primary School
 Song: The Monkey



Name: Kristina Christopher
 Stage Name: Singing Kristy
 School: Layou Primary School
 Song: Ah soca feeling



Name: Johnroy Haywood
 Stage Name: Mad King
 School: Troumaca Secondary School
 Song: Soufriere Hill



Name: Jahseem James
 Stage Name: Prince J
 School: Kingstown Gov't School
 Song: KGS on fire



Name: Delanzo Lavia
 Stage Name: Lanzo
 School: Owia Gov't School
 Song: Schoolboy soca



Name: Iran Pompey
 Stage Name: Soca Rasta
 School: Sandy Bay Secondary
 Song: Push back and show me



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GRENADINES



GRENADA



Windward Islands Schools' Games

Four teams... One dream

Saturday 26th July - Sunday 4th August 2013
St. Vincent and the Grenadines



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Meet the Team !

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The Equipment Specialist



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