MOTTO: ESSE NON VIDERI - "TO BE, NOT TO SEEM"

Monicgo Bay High School 85th Anniversary

MISSION STATEMENT

TO ESTABLISH AND MANAGE AN EFFECTIVE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM; TO ENABLE THE STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE THE HIGHEST LEVEL OFPERSONAL DEVELOPMENT SO THAT THEIR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS AND AMBITIOUS ARE FULFILLED, POSITIVE ATTITUDES AND ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF BEHAVIOR ARE ENCOURAGED AND THE MORAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IS GUARANTEED.

VISION STATEMENT

FOSTERING STUDENTS' HOLISTIC EDUCATION IN ORDER TO EMPOWER THEM TO TAKE THEIR PLACE AS PRODUCTIVE GLOBAL CITIZENS..

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"ESSE NON VIDERI" - TO BE, NOT TO SEEM....

CORE VALUES

Integrity, Respect, Accountability, Excellence, Teamwork, Faith

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WISH FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE

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HE CELEBRATION of 85 years in the life of any institution is truly an achievement and a memorable occasion that calls for reflection. I extend heartiest congratulations to the Montego Bay High School for Girls on this significant milestone and its outstanding contribution to the educational development of the nation.

Despite the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the school continues to achieve in many areas, and I commend its academic performances at the CSEC and CAPE levels, as well as the active participation of its students in sports and other co-curricular activities. Montego Bay High has truly provided a balanced education to those who have passed through its hallowed halls.

I applaud principal Gairy Powell, the dedicated teachers, hard-working educators who have remained committed to improving the institution's standard of learning. This journey would not have been possible without the contribution of those charged with the leadership and the unbreakable relationship and support rendered by the board, parents and the alumnae.

To the present students, I challenge you to be mindful of the outstanding heritage of your school. Accept the baton proudly and gratefully, with God's blessing may you continue to blaze the trail of your predecessors, the appreciative alumni of Montego Bay High School for Girls.

As you celebrate, I wish for this noble institution continued success in achieving excellence for years to come. Have a blessed and truly wonderful anniversary.

FAYVAL WILLIAMS Minister of Education, Youth and Information

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LOOKING FORWARD TO MORE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS

T IS with pride that as mayor of Montego Bay, I extend heartiest congratulations to Montego Bay High School for Girls on the occasion of its 85th anniversary.

This institution, which has been around since 1935, has been delivering to the parish of St James, Jamaica, and indeed the world, well-rounded and educated professionals who have been making major contributions in their fields. This school has been living up to its motto of '*Esse non videri*' ... 'To be, not to seem'.

The city of Montego Bay and the St James Municipal Corporation are proud to be associated with the Montego Bay High School for Girls, an institution which started out as St Helena's High School under the management of the Anglican Church at 46 Market Street before being relocated to its present site, which was known then as Beaconsfield.

Special tribute must be paid to the school's leadership over the years, which include Miss Blanche Jeffrey-Smith, Mrs Ritchie Croskery, Mrs Marjorie Grahame, Mrs Janet Morrison, Mrs Barbara Smith and Mrs Donna-Marie Redway, and others who have kept the institution upfront and centre as an institution of choice

for both parents and students.

Montego Bay High School has not only distinguished itself in the field of academics, but has also been as a top performer in the arts, in sports and other extracurricular activities.

I am looking forward to seeing the outstanding contributions which the school will continue to make as Jamaica joins the world in the Fourth Industrial Revolution. I want to use the opportunity to encourage members of the school's community to continue to blaze the trail in keeping Montego Bay High School for Girls among the top educational institutions in St James and Jamaica.

Again, the St James Municipal Corporation congratulates Montego Bay High School for Girls on its eight and a half decades of building great minds of young ladies from across the parish. 'Esse non videri' ... 'To be, not to seem'!!!!

LEEROY WILLIAMS Mayor of Montego Bay

WE MUST STRIKE A BALANCE BETWEEN TRADITION AND NEW IDEAS

A S WE celebrate 85 years of existence, I am pleased that we have been walking the walk as our motto, 'Esse Non Videri', implies. Eighty-five years of existence means that we have a rich tradition to uphold, yet we must strike a balance by embracing and adapting to new ideas and practices to remain relevant and guarantee that our girls are well prepared for the 21st century. This is being achieved by the qualified and enthusiastic staff (quite a number of whom are past students) who have been working

S WE celebrate 85 assiduously to ensure that the girls are well years of existence, I am prepared academically, socially, spiritually and psychologically.

The school remains an equal-opportunity institution as we serve girls from all areas of St James and surrounding parishes, as far west as Savanna-la-Mar in Westmoreland and as far east as Discovery Bay in St Ann. The girls continue to excel in many facets, with academics continuing to be a beacon. Our annual CXC performance usually features many subjects with 100 per cent pass rates, and it was no different this year.

Our 800-plus student body is constantly competing in sports and co-curricular

activities (more than 30), and not just competing, but winning. We have been all-island tennis champions for the past six years and we are a force to be reckoned with in swimming. The medals and trophies keep piling up in JCDC's dance, music and speech competitions, 4-H and in too many other areas to list.

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More recently, we have made some improvements to our aged infrastructure. A three-classroom block was constructed by Food For The Poor and the science labs were refurbished. Our multipurpose court was resurfaced, the car park expanded and surfaced, as well as the wireless network

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Congratulations MONTEGO BAY

MONTEGO BAY HIGH SCHOOL

The JMMB Group congratulates the Montego Bay High School on its significant **milestone of 85 years**.

We celebrate and acknowledge the contribution and accomplishments made during these years of service to your community; and we value those who have helped to contribute to your success.



NITY IN MOTION

CONGRATULATIONS TO MONTEGO BAY HIGH SCHOOL ON YOUR 85TH ANNIVERSARY FROM: THE INTERNATIONAL ALUMNAE



2014 – Honoree Mrs. Lorna Myers (seated with school principal Mrs. Donna Marie Redway) and MBHSIAA Board members.



2017-Chairman Karen Morris Clarke (center) Presents check in aid of Scholarships and Sports

MAINTAINS RECORD OF UNPARALLELED EXCELLENCE

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THIS NOBLE institution has achieved another major milestone in a year when the world was impacted by a global pandemic which all but left us paralysed. Our 85th anniversary celebrations have been altered drastically but we remain undaunted. Though great plans of coming together were abandoned, our past students from across the globe have found creative ways of expressing gratitude for this institution which has impacted our lives greatly.

Upon reflection, we give thanks for our founding fathers, who saw the importance of developing a school for girls, and the Government which responded positively. The invaluable support of our past students, parents, businesses and friends of the school is most encouraging. We owe a debt of gratitude to our teachers, administrative and ancillary staff, led by our principal, Gairy Powell, who rank among the best as they execute beyond the call of duty.

Montego Bay High School continues to maintain a record of unparalleled academic excellence and boasts a strong programme of extracurricular activities, offering a perfect balance. Our graduates continue to accomplish mighty feats and we have every reason to be proud of them.

While our 2020 vision was completed as we wished, many

improvements have been executed, top of the list being the restart of our sixth form, introduction of additional subjects to the delight of our girls. Our physical plant remains top of mind as we continue to work on a 21st-century school complex and help is always welcome.

On behalf of the board of management, we invite everyone to join us in this cause as we celebrate this noble institution which has given so much to us.

MYRTLE DWYER Board Chairman Our graduates continue to accomplish mighty feats and we have every reason to be proud of them.



MONTEGO BAY HIGH SCHOOL

Past Students' Association Kingston Chapter

Esse non Videri



TO BE AND NOT TO SEEM.



A special touch of Montego Bay in the Capital City

As we celebrate the 85th Anniversary of the establishment of our cherished alma mater, Montego Bay High School, the Kingston Chapter joins the extended school family, in celebrating this special anniversary, giving thanks to all who have contributed to the successes over the years. We say a special thank you to past and current members of the Board, Teachers, Administrative and Ancillary staff who have shaped our school, and kept up the high standards for which we have come to be known. The Kingston PSA represents Montego Bay High School in the capital, and we consider this a special privilege which we execute with sheer pleasure and pride

The story of the current Kingston chapter is one of perseverance and togetherness. It all started on a bright Saturday morning on February 20, 2016, when a group of past students from the Montego Bay Chapter set out for Kingston with the sole objective of re-establishing the Kingston chapter which had been dormant for over 20 years!! The mission was successful. Some 40 MBHS past students , who now reside in Kingston and neighbouring parishes heeded the call to get the Kingston chapter restarted. An Executive Team was established to guide the process and the rest is history. The Group dubbed the Montego Bay High School Past Students Association, Kingston Chapter, "MBHS PSA Kgn." for short, got to the business of reuniting long lost schoolmates and friends.

The MBHS PSA Kgn. has come a long way since that special Saturday morning. Each year the Group organise events including our Annual Thanksgiving Church Services, Fund Raising Brunches, Retro Fetes and Family Fun Days. Our membership comprises past students of the MBHS who are now residing in Kingston and immediate environs. At each meeting it is a pleasure to see participation from members representing decades ranging from the nineteen fifties to the two thousands, decked in house colours. Our periodic introspective review, reflect tangible achievements for the benefit of our school, all accomplished in an environment of togetherness, thoughtfulness and high spirits. In fact we take pleasure in referring to ourselves as a fun group that also gets business done.

Some of our main contributions to the school include :- A programme of special welcome, continued assistance and mentoring to new past students attending tertiary institutions in Kingston; Welcome and donations in cash, kind and very loud voices, to our younger sisters that come to Kingston to participate in Champs, Swim meets and Tennis tournaments; ad hoc contributions to the school's building fund and welfare programme as well as the overall upkeep of the school's plant; and general assistance to anything Montego Bay High School in Kingston. Each year we undertake a special project which benefits the school and provides us with pride and accomplishment. Past successful projects have been:-the painting of the Barbara Smith building to a "brilliant yellow"; donation of J\$500,000 to the building fund; and furnishing a number of gazebos with well needed benches. As with everything else, our activities for 2020 have been curtailed by the COVID-19 pandemic. This has however presented the opportunity for our dedicated team to come up with ways and means of delivering more services to ourdearschool intheform of Covid compliant sanitation facilities and services.

We are celebrating our 85th anniversary at one of the most difficult times the world has experienced in recent memory, namely under the cloud of the COVID-19 Pandemic and its associated economic and social fallout. This has given us reason to pause and reset our minds and lifestyles to what is popularly referred to as the 'new norm." We at the Kingston PSA are pleased to note that the new norm includes our continued commitment to working towards not only to the up-liftment of our cherished alma mater through provision of physical support to the infrastructure , but also with emotional support to all who call themselves present or past student, and or employee of the Montego Bay High School for girls as we remain true to our motto, Esse non Videri, to be and not to seem.

85 YEARS OF PURPOSE-DRIVEN MISSION

T IS a great pleasure for me to convey my heartiest congratulations to Montego Bay High School (MBHS) for 85 meaningful years of a purpose-driven mission in the year of our Lord 2020. To the board of directors, all members of staff, the

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alumnae, present students and to all others associated with this institution, I am pleased to be a part of this remarkable occasion.

The school community as a whole conforms to the belief that it truly takes a village to raise our children.

'Esse non videri' (To be and not to seem). With all its glory, grandeur and goodwill to its credit, MBHS continues to exude excellent performance in academics and is one of the most outstanding educational institutions in Jamaica. It is

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education to young women so as to put them on a firm foundation to become model citizens. Parents and guardians will always have a stronger sense of purpose and responsibility to promote inner moral compass and to help prepare our children for the unknown future.

This evolving world of diverse democracies and unpredictable challenges has sought and forced responsible changes to which

Montego **Bay High School** adapts accordingly.

This is due mainly to the untiring efforts of the board members, academic and ancillary staff, alumnae, parent-teacher association and the business community. Thank you for being an essential part of the development and success of the school.

SONIA BLAGROVE MBHS Parent-Teacher **Association president**

BALANCE

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built out for students to access the Internet in a safe environment. Major beautification of the grounds and recycling activities have started and are intended to be on-going.

Our past students continue to excel in all aspects of society. They are leaders in business, the tourism industry, the justice system, government, health, and science and technology. The many chapters of the Past Students Association (PSA) are strong; always seeking out ways to contribute to their alma mater, especially as it relates to the welfare of our most financially vulnerable students.

With five more years of

accomplishments under our belt, I must thank the Board of Management, led by Myrtle Dwyer; the Member of Parliament, Mr Heroy Clarke; the Regional Director, Dr Michele Pinnock; and the staff of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information Region 4, the many chapters of the PSA, and the parents. Special thanks to the hard-working academic, administrative and support staff who have made the achievements possible by their day-to-day efforts.

The period since March 2020 has certainly made our lives more difficult but we remain undaunted by the circumstances. Together we will continue to rise, together we will continue to conquer, and together we will continue to achieve.

GAIRY POWELL Principal



THE BEACON ON THE HILL HAS STOOD THE **TEST OF TIME** "There are not any shortcuts

to any place worth going." Beverly Sills T HAS been rightly said that the improbable with great poise.

Montego Bay High School for Girls is not only an institution but it is a leqacy, and I am, along with many others, a living testament to this legacy. I am among scores of students who have had the opportunity to be transformed from quiet young girls into poised and influential young ladies.

This seasoning process began the moment we proudly attired ourselves in the famous grey and white. On the day of our arrival, surrounded by unfamiliar faces, we began a journey that has resulted in long-lasting friendships and eternal gratitude. Throughout this journey, we faced many gruelling tests but by God's grace, the wise leadership of our untiring principals and staff and the sisterhood shared between past and present students, we achieved the

This Beacon on the Hill has stood the test of time and its undying flame serves as a light to those who have the privilege of gracing its reputable halls. Being a student of this institution for more than six years has not only brought me closer to realising my full potential but has also given me countless opportunities to serve as a positive influence on hundreds of young ladies.

With its rich tradition and culture, I am confident that the Montego Bay High School will carry on the legacy of giving wings to the potential of its students so they may reach the pinnacle of success.

STANIA MCINTOSH Head Girl



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PURSUING EXCELLENCE IS A WAY OF LIFE FOR MBHS

T GIVES me great pleasure to congratulate Montego Bay High School (MBHS) on its 85th anniversary. The weekend of virtual celebrations provides a wonderful opportunity for friends and

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classmates to Reminisce, Reconnect and Reunite while honouring the school's years of service and achievements.

Since its inception, Montego Bay High has had a stellar reputation and is committed to the academic and personal growth of its students. By helping the students achieve, Montego Bay High's dedicated faculty and support staff have prepared countless individuals for successful

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Contact us for your writing and publishing needs www.thewriteryink.com thewriteryink@gmail.com (860) 206-9965 or (860) 830-8006 and rewarding lives. The school has also inspired its students to excel at extracurricular activities that have helped to build strong character and leadership skills.

Pursuing excellence is not a one-time job, it is a way of life for Montego Bay High. Doing a good job is not always about impressive innovation, sometimes it is about doing something with dedication.

Our MBHS sisters have spread their wings, near and far, but remain steadfastly connected and dedicated, to be, and not just to seem, as good stewards of this institution.

On behalf of the Montego Bay High Alumni Association – Toronto Chapter, I commend everyone associated with the school throughout its history for their dedication to the students and their continued investment in the community.

Thank you for 85 years of excellence.

ANGELA GOODEN President Montego Bay High Past Students' Association – Toronto Chapter

Since its inception, Montego Bay High has had a stellar reputation and is committed to the academic and personal growth of its students. By helping the students achieve, Montego Bay High's dedicated faculty and support staff have prepared countless individuals for successful and rewarding lives. The

members of the international alumnae have for 10 years kept the 'school spirit' alive.

CELEBRATING OUR LEGACY AT THIS Extraordinary milestone

N BEHALF of the MBHS Alumnae Diaspora, I send warm greetings and congratulations on the 85th anniversary of our great alma mater, Montego Bay High School for Girls.

Today we are celebrating the legacy of this great institution's former students, educators, administrative and custodial staff, whose significant contributions have been the driving force behind the success of the Montego Bay High, 'The Beacon on the Hill'.

As we virtually celebrate this extraordinary milestone, I reflect on the contributions and impact made by our alumnae volunteers. They have paved the way by enthusiastically sustaining and surpassing the goals set for their mission. I see at first hand the passion they share and how they collaboratively combine forces and ideas to provide the essential resources for the students and staff they serve.

The members of the international alumnae have for 10 years kept the 'school spirit' alive. I celebrate their resilience and the vital role they play in the legacy and stellar reputation of Montego Bay High School. Their pride, passion and grace are unmatched. The school's record of excellence in academics, sports, leadership, and extracurricular activities began with its students and continues with its alumnae giving back priceless time and talents with love.

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I am proud to honour the late Ms Pauline Chambers, the matriarch of our alumnae family. Her legacy will continue as we emulate her exceptional talents.

Thanks to all the businesses, family and friends who continue to support all our fundraising endeavours. You are indeed our partners and we celebrate you, too, this 85th anniversary.

KAREN MORRIS-CLARKE International Alumnae of MBHS



I am delighted to extend warm congratulations to Montego Bay High School on the celebration of its 85th Anniversary. I celebrate this noble institution which has been educating and molding wonderful women of distinction since 1935. In the same spirit, I also congratulate the recipients of the 2020 Nellie Taylor Annual Educational Award; Jahnae Belvitt, Marissa Malcolm, Devanae Stone, and Leonie Campbell.

Miss Merlene Mullings established this fund in 2011 in honor and loving memory of her mother, Nellie Taylor. Ms. Nellie was a vendor at the Chetwood Primary School in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Education was extremely importanttoMs.Nellie and she was an advocate for those in need throughout her life.

Montego Bay High School has continued to prepare its students to stand strong in themselves; to stand strong for their community; to stand strong with Jamaica, and ultimately, to stand strong around the world.

MBHS CONTINUES TO PROVIDE EXCELLENT EDUCATION

AM profoundly honoured by the opportunity to serve as the president of the Montego Bay High School for Girls Alumni Association of South Florida.

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In these uncertain times, it's reassuring to know that my alma mater continues to provide the excellent education

that allowed me to be academically prepared to pursue my career path and helped me to meet my daily challenges, both morally and ethically.

The South Florida Chapter of Montego Bay High School for Girls extends our fondest congratulations and

best wishes for our *alma mater's* 85th anniversary celebration. South Florida Chapter remains committed in its partnership with other MBHS chapters. Working together to strengthen and support the success of our alma mater is testament of our indebtedness to

this remarkable institution that played a pivotal role in our formative years.

As a past student of MBHS, your voice and actions matter. Join your local alumnae association, attend alumnae events, participate in your class reunions, and give back to MBHS by donating to our MBHS alumnae associations. There are also benefits to be gained by being a member of an association. It can provide networking opportunities that promote personal relationships, offering access to lifelong friendships.

We are confident that our commitment to help and support the faculty and student body of MBHS will enable our beloved alma mater to maintain its excellence in preparing outstanding women to think beyond themselves, serve the common good, and help preserve the truly unique institution for generations to come.

AUDREY SMITH President, Montego Bay High School Alumnae For Girls South Florida Chapter, Inc

WE HOPE TO CONTINUE TO BE A BEACON

HE MONTEGO Bay High School Past Students' Association is a well-established organisation of dedicated members. They create a link between current students with the intention of keeping the connection alive.

The continued growth of the school is buttressed by our efforts to mentor and assist with infrastructural development, while ubiquitously providing other services that enhance the profile of the school.

Renowned past students provide a path of advancement to which current students can aspire. This aspiration can propel hard work, diligence, discipline, integrity, and the essence of good character.

Infrastructure development, we hope, will allow present students to access better technological savvy to function in the 21st century. We hope fervently that we continue to grow and in the process be a beacon of light to all we serve.

Happy 85th anniversary, Montego Bay High School.

ROBERTA HUNTER President Past Students' Association, **Montego Bay Chapter**



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It is with great pride that The Montego Bay High School Alumnae Association of New York, Inc. congratulates the entire Montego Bay High School community on 85 years of excellence. Since MBHS welcomed its first students in 1935, it has consistently educated and cultivated women of distinction.

While much has changed at MBHS since 1935, the girls' uniforms, the career paths they follow, and the technology they use the core principles of teaching have remained the same, and are some of the prevailing constants that allow MBHS to stay true to its foundation

MBHSAANY celebrates these past 85 years and knows that the next 85 will be even brighter.



The MONTEGO Bay High School for Girls was established in 1935 by the Government of Jamaica because the parish of St James had no high school for girls. It was, therefore, the first government-owned high school for girls to be established on the island. (Cornwall College was the first for boys). The school is supervised by the Ministry of Education with a local board of management. In the 1930s, St Helena's High School, which was a private school run by the Anglican Church and situated at 46 Market Street, had been closed due to the lack of funding. It was said that things got so bad financially that the then custos of St James, Sir Francis Kerr-Jarrett, had to take money from his pocket to pay the teachers. He, along with Archdeacon E.S. Harrison of the Anglican Church, and Phillip Lightbody, the sitting member of the Legislative Council, petitioned the Government to start a school for girls. In response to that plea, a property named Beaconsfield at 51 Union Street was bought. It consisted of a two-storey house and outbuildings situated on approximately two acres of land. As the name of the property was Beaconsfield, the PLEASE SEE **HISTORY**, 17

THE MONTEGO BAY HIGH **SCHOOL CAPE PROGRAMME**

HE HIGHER School Certificate was introduced in 1949, and the first set of students sat their examinations in 1950. In 1978, 'A' level classes were transferred to the Montego Bay Community College along with the other sixth forms when it opened.

Minister of Education, the Rev Ronald Thwaites, encouraged administrators of all secondary schools to include sixth forms as part of their expansion plans. The idea to reintroduce the sixth form was concretised in 2013 by the chairman of

the board of governors, Myrtle Dwyer.

In September 2014, PROJECT IGNITE saw 13 Grade 12 students registered for the humanities and business and they were ranked first in the island by Educate Jamaica. Today, six years since the inception, we have added subjects inclusive of the sciences so that our students remain relevant and competitive as 21st-century citizens.

The achievements of the students include certification through the Career Advanced

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Graduating Class of 2019 with Principal - Mr. Gairy Powell; CAPE Programme Coordinator- Mrs. Elaine Williams, Events Coordinator- Mrs. Sharon Cunningham-Moore (second row) and the Chairman of the Board of Governors – Ms Myrtle Dwyer (front row)

CAPE 2020

SIX SUBJECTS (FIVE STUDENTS)

Moiah Anderson Doneka Cooke **Britney Dawkins**

Kimani Dehaney Alexia Ferguson

FIVE SUBJECTS (10 STUDENTS)

Mikaliah Allen Davea Barrett Toni-Ann Cowan **Regina Frazer Gynelle Guthrie**

Nevina James Stania McIntosh Samra Pierre Sabre Spence

Kacy-Ann Watkins

Titarcian Gordon

Camile Grayson

Nickelia Holness

Kvla Headlev

Brianne Irons

Chanice Lewis

Stanea McIntosh

Nidia McFarlane

Shauna-Kaye Rodney

Kae-Shanae Virgo

Michaelle Willis

Abena Purrier

Ladi James

Nia Levy

FOUR SUBJECTS (29 STUDENTS)

Nashoya Bailey Diandra Blackwood Kimberley Buchanan Alethia Campbell Levia Campbell Zaria Carter Trisania Clarke Janiele Cole Shantae Cooke Shahine Cummings Abigail Daley Adena Dowman **Zhane Forrest** Gabriell Gardner Shelly-Ann Gayle

THREE SUBJECTS (ONE STUDENT)

Kirsty Campbell

CSEC 2020

11 SUBJECTS (SEVEN STUDE)	ITS)
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Aaliyah Reid Kimberlev Campbell Isabel-Marie Chrissia Christie Thwaites Oniesha Gallimore Tyanna Wong **Donay James**

10 SUBJECTS (32 STUDENTS)

Makada Lewis

Shannaia

McDowells

Kimoy Miller

Jemeisha Minto

Brianna Ricketts

Romae Stanley

Rogernae Taylor

Tyler-Rae

Tomlinson

Dora Watt

Arianna Walker

Andrea Wilson

Arianna Wilson

Abegayle Thomas

Shanecia Muir

Monese Malcolm

Ashley Allen Brianna Amore Tedra Bulgin Yasmin Bird Reneika Campbell Quaciana Channer Aliyah Clare Jade Cohall-Cunningham Cassania Davidson Jada Dehaney Mkhala Findley Knade Green Treasure Green Martina Gunter Keyanna Jarrett Alisha Johnson Britanya Lawrence

NINE SUBJECTS (58 STUDENTS)

Cheyenne Allen Abigail Anderson Kiersten Bennett Shaniquah Bernard Sharian Blagrove

Ariana Blake Melissa Brown Arianna Buchanan Akilah Calvin Angelica Clarke

NINE SUBJECTS (CONTINUED)

Abby-Gayle Cole Mikayla Cooke Shavell Deer Alaina Dixon Alyssa Eccleston Arielle Edwards **Dijonae Ellis Garielle Foster** Deon Gordon Shanice Gordon Abijanae Grant Juvelle Grant Serena Griiffiths **Tenele Green** Jayon Jones Tavia Kameka Gio-Vanya Lambie Dianna Lawrence Shyhiem Lawrence Shayla Lester Kaila Lynch Sabrina McGarvey Shakala McPherson Sutanya Miller Britania Morris

EIGHT SUBJECTS (29 STUDENTS)

Aaliyah Frater

Tricel Galloway

Jey-Ann Hayles

Ashley Hunter

Donna Hylton

Ashley Grey

Kourtnie Bent Camouy Bright Toni-Ann Campbell Danielle Chisholm Annada Clarke Tashana Edwards

Stephanie Nelson **Monigue Richards Britney Robinson** Gleneisha Sinclair Caila-Mari Swaby **Yssanne Thomas Alliyay Windross**

EIGHT SUBJECTS (CONTINUED)

Donashay Johnson

Tionne Jones

Aryanna Kerr

Davina Moulton Sholovia Moulton Taise Nish **Ajah Parkins** Shiniele Phipps Sherice Ramson **Britney Reid** Jaden Reid Thiana Reid Danella Rowe **Britney Simms** Kayanna Smith Sudane Spence Chad-Dale Stephenson Ashanti Stewart **Breanna Taylor**

Mackala Leach Chardonay Lee Samantha Lewis Micaela McBean Janoiya McKenzie Paris Messam Kay Ash

Jemoya Richards Aliah Reid Abigail Rhoden Shannique Sinclair Alina Taylor Tyana Thobourne Ramona Vernon Johniera Williams

SEVEN SUBJECTS (16 STUDENTS)

Kayla-Marie	Bethany McIntosh
Ashman	Petergay Minto
D'Genae Barrcks	Chuckeisha Murray
Tyhecia Campbell	Shikera Richards
Jeheina Edwards	Mariah Samuels
Crystal Fowler	Imani Wallace
Christina Hines	Khayla Watson
Shereeka James	Samarah
Desreca McCook	Wedderburn

SIX SUBJECTS (NINE STUDENTS)

Nahriah Bennett	Alyana Mullings
Devene Birch	Tianna Smith
Kiyahna Black	Gianna Stennett
Kaylia Brown	Amesha Williams
Shania Dowe	

FIVE SUBJECTS (FOUR STUDENTS)

Daidrea Gibbs **Diandre McKenzie** Nickeiva Harrison Garene Powell

TRIBUTE FOR MRS ELAINE SOMERVILLE

To live in the hearts of those we love is not to die.

HE PAST Students' Association of the Montego Bay High School mourns the passing of our beloved member, Mrs Elaine Somerville, and sends condolences

to her family.

She was a member of the first cohort of students when the school opened for the first time in 1935. and was the last known survivor of that group. Mrs Somerville had previously attended St Helena's High,

an Anglican school at 46 Market Street. When that school was closed, it was replaced by the Montego Bay High School for Girls at 51 Union Street, and we are happy that she became a student of our institution. She was a foundation member of



MONTEGO BAY HIGH SCHOOL!!!

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the past students' association. Her support and generosity to the association and, by extension, the school, have been outstanding. She never missed an opportunity to demonstrate her love for her alma mater. Mrs Somerville has left a shining example of sharing and caring. She will be remembered by generations of past students who have been helped

She was a member of the first cohort of students when the school opened for the first time in 1935. and was the last known survivor of that group.

by her in various ways.

She was the proprietor of Henderson's Book Store and, through this medium, she has helped generations of past students by way of holiday jobs, permanent employment, and assistance with school supplies. She gave to many causes without fanfare or publicity. May her life be an example to others and may her soul rest in peace.





TRIBUTE TO PAULINE CHAMBERS

A SWE celebrate our 85th anniversary, we recognise the achievements of this outstanding past student, champion athlete, gifted, loving sister and friend, Pauline Chambers.

Pauline attended Montego Bay High School from 1954 to 1958. A brilliant student who excelled in all her subjects, she was involved in athletics, drama, music, dance, cookery, and the school's choir.

She offered care to the students who had to travel to school, offering part of her lunch. This trend continued into her adult life as she ensured that the school's feeding programme remained viable. Pauline was an outstanding athlete. As a member of Denham House, she challenged everyone on the track. Her main challengers were Margaret Vernon (*nee* Gourzong), Christine Dexter (*nee* Scarlett) and Pauline Powell.

Pauline was also a great team player, being a representative of the Montego Bay High School's track team, at Western Champs, and All-Island Champs Competition.

Lorna Humphreys, one of her best friends, shared, "When I entered MBHS in 1955, a bond was formed immediately with this quiet, fun-loving student.

"An indomitable woman of faith," stated Merle Fray Young. "We

actively participated in the Christian Fellowship group. Loving, forgiving, loyal, and cheerful are words to describe her.

Pauline established, maintained and contributed to the past students' association (PSA). Her persistence in keeping the association alive was phenomenal, even hosting meetings at her home in Mango Walk and having numerous fundraisers, for the benefit of the PSA. She remained a very active member up to her passing. As a part of Pauline's legacy, all six PSA chapters will continue to celebrate her life.

We salute you, with love ... Pauline.

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Hearty congratulations to our 'Sisters' from

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on their milestone

85th Anniversary

You have been a beacon shining brightly in Montego Bay playing an integral role in education nationally and internationally. Best wishes for many more years, educating young minds and contributing to our national development.

ON TOUR WITH MBHS ALUMNI - BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER!

Where the experience of the experience of the experience of the experience. But hosting a tour for our sisters from the Montego Bay High School Alumni – lawks ... well dat sweeter dan cook food!!

And that's exactly how we felt when we welcomed a group of our alumni sisters from the Kingston and Montego Bay chapters on our Falmouth Food Tour in August 2019. Their excitement was evident from the moment they streamed off the bus, eagerly anticipating a taste of the heritage, culture and food that the historic town of Falmouth has to offer. For the next three hours, our expert team guided the animated group through the vibrant streets of Falmouth, recounting the story of this once small fishing village which rose to become the richest New World Port south of Charleston in the 18th century. In-between stops at renowned Georgian architectural sites and





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Members of the Past Students Association of Montego Bay and Kingston chapters supporting their sisters on the Falmouth Food Tours in 2019. Jamaica Culinary Tours is owned by past students Anne and Janet Crick.

historic monuments steeped in poignant stories of slavery and the fight for freedom, our sisters paused to savour authentic Jamaican dishes and the intriguing stories behind the cuisine. We shared tidbits – like how the Scotch bonnet pepper got its curious name, while alumni members shared childhood memories of Falmouth and nuggets from their family culinary traditions. It was a mutually rewarding day!

Later that year we enjoyed a similar rich experience, first with the dynamic group of MBHS 76ers, and then with a group of retired librarians, organised by one of our very own alumni.

Sisters supporting sisters – Good food for thought!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE NOTEGO BAY High School par excellence, retired.

for Girls has its roots and its growth firmly embedded in the relentless efforts of so many stalwarts; some of whom have retired and, regrettably, some who have died within the last five years.

• **Mrs Donna-Marie Redway** is our immediate past principal, and it was she who oversaw the reintroduction of the sixth form and led the school so ably for seven years.

• **Miss Marlene McGregor**, our champion PE teacher, formidable 4-H adviser and chief decorator, retired.

• **Mrs Tonita Maxwell**, science and mathematics teacher, Science Department Head and supportive past student, retired.

• Mrs Leleith Graham, the quiet and motherly form teacher and teacher of mathematics, retired.

• Ms Colleen Daley, Spanish teacher

• **Mr Michael Dennis**, career art teacher, retired.

• Mrs Esther Dennis, teacher of religious education and history, retired.

• Ms Ruth McKenzie, fearless in the execution of her office duties, retired.

• **Mrs Mary Barnes**, ancillary worker who dedicated over 34 years of her life to the school, always ensuring we had a clean environment to operate in, retired.

• Mrs Christie Casserly transitioned this year and will long be remembered for her dry wit and being an excellent language and Spanish teacher.

• Mrs Pauline Chambers, Aunty P, one of the school's long-serving board members, passed away last year.

We salute all these persons and say "walk good", whether here or in the next life.



Blue and white uniforms from the early days (left) and new sixth-form uniforms.

HISTORY

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school became known as Beaconsfield School and the girls were affectionately called 'Beacs' girls.

Under the competent leadership of Miss Blanche Jeffrey-Smith, the school began with 40 students and three teachers. This high school was established with the aim of developing in all its students mental alertness, physical health, spiritual consciousness, and a sense of responsibility, so that they would grow up to be self-reliant individuals capable of earning their own livelihood while serving the community to the



best of their ability.
THE SCHOOL UNIFORM

In the 1930s, the students wore navy blue tunics with white blouses and navy blue socks. At one point in the school's history, the students wore green and white pinstripe blouses with grey six-panel tunics, grey socks and black shoes. The use of the green and white pinstripe blouse was aborted in the late 1970s (1976 was the last year it was worn) due to unavailability of the fabric. The students, since then, have resumed wearing white blouses. The school badge with the school motto became a vital part of the school uniform. Students could be punished if they were seen without their badges attached to the upper left region of their tunics or blouses.



Happy 85th Anniversary -Montego Bay High School for Girls

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PHOTO FLASHBACK



Function in the Montego Bay High School auditorium in bygone days.



CAPE

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Programme active participation in co-curricular activities, including the Sixth Form Association, which has indeed showcased the students' organisational and philanthropic capabilities.

Our students have received various awards and scholarships at the national, regional and international levels. Appreciation must be expressed to the Tourism Enhancement Fund for constructing the CAPE Science Laboratory, New Fortress Energy and the various chapters of the Past Students' Association.

The CAPE programme has indeed helped in the development and enrichment of school life. We look forward to greater things in the future as we celebrate the 85th

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Gaudeamus Igitur (Let us therefore rejoice)

The Montego Bay High School (MBHS) Class of 1976 congratulates our beloved Alma Mater on reaching the awesome milestone of 85 years of educating young ladies.

With great pride, we recount the fact that the MBHS was the first Government owned high school for girls to be established on the island, and are especially proud of the sound education within the classrooms and in sports. The class of '76 holds with fondness the years we spent in those hallowed halls and acknowledge that this institution, and the fine educators that served there, were significantly responsible for rearing us to become the world class citizens we are today.

We have seen the school undergo many incredible changes and we hope to remain a part of the continued improvements.

We congratulate the Administration, the School board, the Principal, the teachers, the PTA past and present; the current student body and the growing body of MBHS Alumni and their active associations for the achievements of this noble institution.

Thanks to all the businesses, organizations and individuals that are supporters of this school; your input has been invaluable.

As we join the celebrations of this momentous occasion we wish our beloved Montego Bay High School for Girls God's blessings now and throughout the years to come.

Vivat academia! ...Semper sint in flore! (Long live our school! ...May they always flourish!)

LIST OF HEADMISTRESSES/PRINCIPALS

Miss Blanche Jeffrey-Smith 1935-1944

Mrs Millicent Croskery (nee Ritchie) 1944-1947



Mrs Janet Morrison 1947-1962



Mrs Marjorie Graham 1962-1970



Miss Helen Lindsay 1970-1978

Mrs Muriel Crick 1978-1979 (acting)



Mrs Barbara Smith 1979-1996



LIST OF HEADMISTRESSES/PRINCIPALS



Mrs Patricia Lemonias 1996-1997 (acting)



Mrs Faith Clemmings 1997-2009

Mrs Julian Myers-Coleman 2009 (acting)



Mrs Donna-Marie Redway 2010-2017



Mr Gairy Powell 2017-2019 (acting)

Mr Gairy Powell 2019-present



PHOTO FLASHBACK



1975: Mrs. Peggy Antrobus, chief of the Women's Bureau addressing students at the annual prize giving ceremony of the Montego Bay High School in January.



Congratulations to Montego Bay High School for Girls on





1956: Photographed above are Miss Enid Chin (left), Head girl Montego Bay High School and Mrs Janet Morrison headmistress with two "Honour Rolls" presented to the school in commemoration of its twenty first birthday which was celebrated on September 29 with a buffet supper. The Montego Bay High School Old Girls Association which sponsored the function presented the rolls.

Congratulations Montego Bay High School on the outstanding milestone of 85th Anniversary

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SPORTS REPORT

FOOTBALL

2015-2016 was the most successful season for the football team. The girls advanced to the semi-finals of the ISSA Girls Football competition, under the guidance of Rudy Robinson, Hanif Comrie and Gladstone Brissett.

Players, Ruth-Ann Lorman and Cameika Davis received scholarships to the University of Maine Fort Kent, USA.

In 2017-2018, being coached by Gladstone Brissett and Jodi-Ann McGregor, the team advanced to the inter-zone round. Tajhna Myres, Deandra Brady and Tashae Malcolm went to the National Under-16 trials. Others participated in the 'I'm Glad I'm A Girl' camp.

TENNIS

From 2014 to 2017, six girls built a legacy as national champions under the guidance of Marlene McGregor. In 2018 -2019, Krista Hoarde and Georgia Reid guided the new team to retain the title

 ${\it Shaeda\,Nickel,Shea-Ann\,Kameka\,and\,Abigail\,Perue\,represented\,the\,country.}$

NETBALL

In 2014-2015, the U-14 netballers were crowned Western Champions and Zone Winners. Bryanna Coleman, Davea Barrett and Shelly-Ann Gayle, were a part of the National Under-16 trials.

TRACK AND FIELD

Tahira Morris, represented the school at the National Boys and Girls Championship in 2015. Roshelle Clayton and Tahira Morris secured scholarships to colleges in the United States and Canada, respectively.

BADMINTON

Under the guidance of Mr Rohan Lee, the skills and techniques of the girls were developed as they participated in the 2018-2019 competition.

BASKETBALL

Coached by Delroy Campbell, in 2016 the basketball team placed third in the ISSA Rural Open Girls Basketball Competition. Brianna Coleman received the award for player with the most rebounds.



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