



## Talks on National Student Hotline



**Stakeholders of both the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Social Development partnered in the National Student Hotline Sensitisation meeting at the Cascadia Hotel and Conference Centre in May.**

The National Student Hotline is an initiative of both ministries which seeks to create a vehicle for children and young adults, between the ages of 4 and 25, to have a dedicated outreach service. According to the Chief Education Officer of the Ministry of Education, Yvonne Lewis, the programme allows for communication, trust and collaboration; which would in turn allow for greater access for students to express their problems and be heard.

The hotline, which was developed in response to the abuse and death of Amy Emily Annamunthodo in 2006, is expected to be launched in July 2010. Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Social Development, Jacinta Bailey-Sobers, outlined

some of the major goals of the National Student Hotline as aiming to enhance and sustain access by students with problems and the expansion of outreach to the socio-economically disadvantaged in society. Mrs Bailey-Sobers explained that there would be an extensive outreach service which would promote the hotline in communities to promote awareness of the initiative.

Additionally, the Student Hotline promises; round the clock accessibility, to be staffed with over 40 trained and well equipped volunteers who would be supervised, to answer and give advice to the young people utilising this service and to ensure the safety of all callers according to the nature of the case. Furthermore, all calls made to the student hotline are free and confidential, which would therefore allow for ease of accessibility and use by children.

For more information on the National Student Hotline please call, 624-0402 or 627-6844. - KR

## Sports and rhythm for National Primary School Sports

The excitement was palpable as the mammoth crowd of pupils from various schools converged on Wednesday 19 May, 2010 at the Hasely Crawford Stadium for the National Primary School Sports. As the sun shone brightly so did the array of colours that represented every educational district in the country. From Port of Spain to Tobago, pupils of varying ages were excited to participate in mostly athletic events. Parents, principals and students avidly supported their favorite team members as music was provided by a robust rhythm section from the Victoria district.

A number of Ministry officials were present at this event, most notably was our Permanent Secretary, Maurice Suite and the Director of Curriculum Development, Dipwatee Maharaj, who were seen encouraging our young athletes. As is typical on a Sports Day, concession stands of every imaginable edible item was present, babies too young to be cognisant of the day's event slept in their mother's arms while others cheered their older brothers and sisters. Groups of boys and girls huddled in different parts of the stadium as though discussing matters of national importance. All in all the day was a success as evidenced by the happy, excited, albeit tired faces, of our primary school pupils. - CM





# Restoration of Queen's Royal College Historical Building



Front view of Queen's Royal College

The German Renaissance architectural style was celebrated on May 7, 2010 as the Ministry of Works and Transport officially opened the Queen's Royal College (QRC)' s

newly-restored main building at Queen's Park West, Port of Spain.

Perhaps this will be the genesis of restoration projects for all of the historical buildings around the savannah known to the local population as the "magnificent seven". This was the call from Mr. Bernard Mackay, Consultant, Bernard Mackay Architect, as he spoke in great detail of the restoration works done to the Victorian era building. He is of the view, "what exists must not be altered but restored". Mr. Hinkson, QRC Principal attested to the meticulous work of Mr. Mackay, in every step of the restoration project. - NS

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# National Primary School Sports Winners

## MARCH PAST

1. St Patrick
2. Victoria
3. St George East

## TEAM WINNERS BY DISTRICT

1. Port of Spain and Environs
2. Tobago
3. North East
4. Victoria
5. St George East
6. Caroni
7. St Patrick
8. South East

## UNDER 9 FEMALE

1. Twanna Homeward, North East
2. Gabriella Walters, Victoria
3. Patrice Richards, Caroni

## UNDER 9 MALE

1. L'Jean Richardson, North East
2. Terrell Noel, Victoria
3. Kegel Chance, Tobago

## UNDER 11 FEMALE

1. Cheziah Phillip, North East
2. Schrese Trim, Tobago
3. Janea Spinks, Caroni

## UNDER 11 MALE

1. Adel Colthrust, Victoria
2. Anson Moses, Tobago
3. Chane Gomes, South East

## UNDER 13 FEMALE

1. Kermisha Serapio, North East
2. Michella Niels, Caroni
3. Antonia Paul, Tobago

## UNDER 13 MALE

1. Jeffrey Plaza, Port of Spain
2. Taffarel Joseph, Tobago
3. Jahi Hernandez, St George East

## UNDER 15 FEMALE

1. Kimmysha Solomon, Port of Spain and Environs
2. Jeminise Parris, Port of Spain and Environs
3. Vivienne Lezama, South East

## UNER 15 MALE

1. Isaiah Castle, St Patrick
2. Peter Wilson, South East
3. Andre Pollard, Caroni

