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Garvey Maceo High Gets \$1-m Technology Boost from Jamalco



Halse Hall, Clarendon - Students at Garvey Maceo High School are set to benefit from 10 desktop computers that were donated by Jamalco. The computers, which are valued at some J\$1.1m, were officially handed over at a ceremony that was held at the institution recently.

Principal of the institution, Erica Ewbanks explained that the computers will assist the students in their preparation for the new exam formats being rolled out by the Caribbean

Examination Council (CXC).

"CXC is now moving away from T-squares and drawing sheets to AutoCAD and the computers will aid in preparing the students for the new exam format. It really warms our heart as a small school, to be identified with a big brand," she said.

Information Technology Teacher, Georgiann Brown, lauded Jamalco for its timely contribution. "We have some computers, but they are not enough to accommodate all the students. Because of Jamalco's contribution, we will now be able to expand and offer more students an opportunity to undertake CSEC subjects such as Information Technology and EDPM (Electronic Document Preparation and Management). The students from other subject areas will also benefit from these computers as they will be better equipped to complete their SBAs (School-Based Assessments)," Ms. Brown explained.

Addressing the handing over ceremony, Managing Director at Jamalco, Austin Mooney, said Jamalco and Garvey Maceo High have had a long and fruitful relationship, while highlighting Jamalco's contribution to the institution over the years.

"We want the students in our operational areas to get a world class education, and as such, we are committed to ensuring that the schools in our areas are equipped with the basic technical resources needed to supplement their traditional teaching needs," Mr. Mooney said.



Photos:

1. From left: Jamalco's HR Director, Christopher Buckmaster greets fifth form students Ameka Edwards and O'Neil Black during a ceremony to hand over computers that were donated by Jamalco recently.
2. Garvey Maceo staff members and students share the lens with the Jamalco team and Chairman, Railroad Community Council, Gaston Thomas.