



Media release

Cancer survivor tackling Standard Chartered Jersey Marathon for Teenage Cancer Trust

A cancer survivor from Jersey is preparing to #runforareason at this year's Standard Chartered Jersey Marathon, raising funds for Teenage Cancer Trust.

Chris Fancourt, 37, a teacher at Samarès Primary School, was diagnosed with a rare form of PNET abdominal cancer in September 1999 and was given a 20-30 per cent chance of surviving treatment. After five operations and several months of chemotherapy, he was given the all clear and is now preparing to run his first ever marathon in fancy dress to celebrate 15 years' cancer free in 2016.

'Having been at such a low point during my treatment, where even getting out of bed was an ordeal, there were times when walking out of Southampton hospital into a taxi was almost beyond me,' said Mr Fancourt.

'At the time I didn't foresee a future, let alone being here today preparing to run my first ever marathon. As the years ticked by, I became stronger and my love for running grew. Here I am in 2016 with a hundred miles in my legs since the start of the year. I'm slowly gearing up to what will be a tough challenge, but one which I hope will raise a lot of money for Teenage Cancer Trust – a charity very close to my heart. I'm well known for my fancy dress costumes and I have a few ideas swirling around my head, so I'm sure I'll be one to look out for on the starting line!'

This year, organisers of the Standard Chartered Jersey Marathon are calling on people to share their reasons for entering the race on social media using the hashtag #runforareason. The aim is to inspire others to consider taking on the challenge and in turn raise as much money as possible for the event's charity partners, Seeing is Believing and Brig-y-Don Children's Charity.

Richard Ingle, chief executive officer at Standard Chartered in Jersey, added: 'There are so many reasons why people decide to take on a marathon, from raising money for personal causes through to overcoming hardship or simply wanting to take on a new challenge. Our #runforareason campaign aims to capture the essence of what drives people to enter the Standard Chartered Jersey Marathon, and will hopefully inspire others to sign up. Chris' story

is an inspiration to us all, and we wish him the best of luck with his training and fundraising in the run up to the marathon.'

This year's Standard Chartered Jersey Marathon takes place on Sunday 2nd October. Online entry is open at www.jersey-marathon.com.

To share your stories, tweet @Jersey_Marathon using the hashtag #runforareason or go to www.facebook.com/Jerseymarathon.

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