



Weekly Update | Friday 18 October 2019

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Dear Parents,

I'd like to invite you to our annual House Drama competition – all organised, cast and crewed by the boys themselves. Our Sixth Form students get to practise their leadership and teamwork skills as directors, who co-ordinate their House peers in just four, short weeks and deliver a 25-40 minute adaptation, guaranteed to entertain you. Drama is one of the activities where we encourage our boys to express all their colour and character with gusto!

At the end of second evening, our Panel of Judges will award prizes. Who will win Best Performer, Best Performer in a Supporting Role, Best Newcomer, Best Set, Best Publicity and the overall winning House? If you can make it to one or even both of the evenings, below, I'm sure that you'll enjoy the experience as much as the boys would appreciate your support. Often, Old Victorians will mention their fond memories of the House events, such as House Drama, over and above any other school event. We hope that you and your son make the most of these memory-making moments during his schooling days with us.

Parents, we hope to see you on the night, and boys – as they say in theatre, break a leg!

HOUSE DRAMA COMPETITION WEDNESDAY 23 AND THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER, HOWARD DAVIS THEATRE

Doors open 6.15pm. Tickets: £1.00 per House play, available from Housemasters and on the door.

- Wednesday 23 October:
 - 6.30pm, Sartorius – The Play That Goes Wrong
 - 7.15pm, Dunlop – Lose Not Thy Head
 - 8.00pm, Diarmid – Neville's Island
- Thursday 24 October: 6.30pm, Bruce – Lord of the Flies
 - 7.15pm, Braithwaite – Black Adder Goes Forth
 - 8.00pm, Results & Prizes

SPORT

Hockey: 1st XI, 4 - 3 JHC Tigers | Colts, 3 - 2 Island Ladies

Football: Y7A JSSSA Tournament - 2nd | Y9B JSSSA Tournament - 3rd

MUSIC - VCOC

The following boys were nominated by their instrumental teachers as the best performers in their groups, and from this list (in no particular order), Mr Murton randomly chose the STAR OF THE WEEK and winner of the musical prize, Riley Johnston-Scott.

Well done to: Matthew O Connell, Cameron Duff, Leon Hardman, Morris Cotillard, Yanis Irtizaali, Ethan Rankin, Oliver Kownacki, Will Shaxson, Riley Johnston-Scott, Sydney Smith, Michal Kusiak, Archie Barnard, Alexander Reczynski, Filip Nowacki, Jenson Oldham, Luca Desbois, Sean Neal, Jacob Riley, Henry Williams, Winter Cotillard, Byron Major and Max Hazzard.

CCF

Bailiff Swearing-in Ceremony, Thursday 17 October: The CCF Halberdier Guard supported the Royal Court during this momentous occasion; the cadets were led by RSM Myles Willcox and inspected by the new Bailiff and His Excellence the Lieutenant Governor. A number of other pupils also represented the Sea, Army and Air Cadets.

CCF Y9 Recruits: Last Friday the CCF welcomed the newest Y9 recruits from both Victoria College and Jersey College for Girls, the second year of our partnership. The intake this year was an exceptional 57 cadets, which will certainly keep our adult volunteers and cadet NCO team busy in the coming weeks.

CAREERS

Jersey Skills Show, Friday 18 October: Y9 and Y12 boys explored the varied career pathways and opportunities on offer by the exhibitors encompassing sectors such as technical/ digital; health and care; construction and engineering; finance, law and business; creative; and hospitality, tourism and culture.

SUPPORTING OUR BOYS

This Tuesday at College, 21 parents attended the CYPES workshop for parents and carers, "Supporting anxious young people." We've since received emails, commenting on its usefulness. We will keep you informed of any other such courses, which empower you to keep supporting your son through the ups and downs of growing up.

CONGRATULATIONS

- Aidan Carroll achieved a Merit in LAMDA Acting Grade 8
- Oscar Watkins achieved a Pass in his ABRSM Violin Grade 2
- Darius Kayley was accompanied on the piano and organ the St George's Church with Les Conteurs Singers

STAYING IN TOUCH

SIMS Parent app: Thank you to all those Y7-11 parents who have already signed up. For those of you who'd like some support in registering, please contact: s.watkins@vcj.sch.je.

Follow us on Twitter: @VCJAcademic: Be among the first to hear all about your son's exciting learning experiences throughout the school day, as well as upcoming, academic enrichment and extension opportunities for your sons.

INAUGURAL ATHENA SOCIETY DEBATE, 3.45PM THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER – GREAT HALL

The newly formed Athena Society aims to introduce our boys to formal British Parliamentary style, adversarial debating and to develop their oral communication skills. The debates will take place on the last Thursday of each half term, and is open to all Y12 and 13 students.

The motion for the first debate is: "*This house believes that a second referendum is the only way to break the current political stalemate.*" The speakers will be Tom Mulholland, Oliver Wilderspin, Charlie Bloor and Ben Wiseman; and the chair will be Mr Wooldridge.

CO-CURRICULAR GUIDE – AUTUMN 2019/20

So many opportunities for your boys to join in, try out and have fun - please see attached.

SHOW OFF YOUR CHESS MOVES!

The 1938 Mary Jacomb Trophy, Sunday 3 November at St George's Preparatory School: Open to juniors aged 18 and under (as at 1 January 2019). Entries close Friday 1 November. For more information contact: info@jerseychessclub.com

