



## Weekly Update | Friday 4 October 2019

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### Dear Parents,

Beyond the school gates, we are as ever proud of our boys who actively pursue their own interests and challenges. Parents, if you'd like to share your son's achievements outside of school with us, please email: [admin@vci.sch.je](mailto:admin@vci.sch.je).

### FOUNDERS' WALK

From Deputy Head Master, Dr Hughes: "Well done to all our boys, the vast majority of whom completed the whole course and showed resilience throughout, especially our younger year groups. They impressed us with their determination to succeed. We trialled online registration this year to make the day's operations smoother, and as an added bonus, were able to report the percentage of boys within each House completed the full course: Braithwaite 87.6%, Dunlop 83.7%, Diarmid 82.9%, Sartorius 80% and Bruce 71.4%."

### VICTORIA COLLEGE ORCHESTRAL CHALLENGE (VCOC) – Bailiwick Express

Thank you to Bailiwick Express for 'blowing our trumpet' this week in [their article](#).

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 musical prize, Jacob Riley. Keep up the great work: Angus McLachlan, Fraser Baird, Michael Kusiak, Josh Penabla, Morris Cotillard, Yanis Irtizaali, Ethan Rankin, William Yates, Thomas Renouf, Caspar Balans, Oliver Boyle, Alex Reczynski, Rufus Smith, Sydney Smith, Archie Barnard, Oscar Luff, Filip Nowaki, Adam Nash, Cillian Mangan, Jacob Riley, Max Hazzard and Samuel Patidar.

### SPORT

#### Hockey:

1<sup>st</sup> XI, 3 - 2 Hautlieu HC  
1<sup>st</sup> XI, 3 - 3 Crusaders HC  
2<sup>nd</sup> XI, 4 - 1 Hunters HC  
2<sup>nd</sup> XI, 2 - 3 JHC Vintage  
Colts, 4 - 5 JHC Tigers

#### Football:

1<sup>st</sup> XI, 6 - 2 Guernsey Grammar and 4 - 5 Hautlieu  
U16A, 3 - 2 Les Quennevais and U16A, 10 - 0 Grainville  
U16B, 3 - 1 Les Quennevais  
Y9A, 3 - 3 Grainville and 2 - 4 De La Salle  
Y9B, 3 - 1 Grainville and 2 - 0 De La Salle  
Y8A, 7 - 0 Les Quennevais, 4 - 1 Le Rocquier and 3 - 1 Great Baddow School  
Y8B, 7 - 0 Les Quennevais and 7 - 2 Le Rocquier  
Y7A, 4 - 0 Grainville and 1 - 3 Le Rocquier  
Y7B, 4 - 1 Grainville and 0 - 5 Le Rocquier

## **HEAR YE, HEAR YE: Y12 Lunchtime Lectures and History Department's Athena Society**

In line with the ethos of providing a rounded education and developing the whole child, we present our Sixth Formers the following two new initiatives; one of which also presents an opportunity for our parents and OVs who are keen to get involved with our school.

Y12 Lunchtime Lectures, Wednesdays 12.05 – 13.05: An exciting addition to the Y12 enrichment timetable this year, the weekly lecture programme is designed to stimulate the interests, broaden the horizons and expand the knowledge beyond the taught curriculum of our students – which in turn will help them with their Extended Project Qualification, standing out at job interviews and so on.

So far this term, the boys have already heard about Ernest Shackleton, Monomyths (how every story is the same) and Endurance Sports. Future lecture topics include: Falconry, Leadership and Management, the VCJ Class of 1911 and Sports Psychology. What might you offer the Y12s?

From our Assistant Head Academic, Mr Crossley: "We are seeking volunteers, parents for example, who may have a hinterland they'd like to share with the Sixth Formers; either from their previous career(s), or any other interest or passion. For those who'd like to contribute, please email: [p.crossley@vcj.sch.je](mailto:p.crossley@vcj.sch.je)

Athena Society, last Thursday of half term, Great Hall: The History Department is launching a Sixth Form only formal debating club to help the boys develop oracy, as well as speaking and listening skills. The boys who chose to name the society after the Goddess of Wisdom, will soon be debating the society's first topic, "This house believes that holding a second referendum is the only way to break the current political stalemate." For those who'd like to be heard, contact Mrs Plummer.

## **CO-CURRICULAR: Combined Cadet Force (CCF)**

CCF - Lieutenant Governor Cadets 2019-20: We are delighted to announce that RSM Myles Willcox and Staff Sergeant Finn Simpson-Cohen have been appointed as Lieutenant Governor Cadets for 2019-2020. Both submitted a written application and attended an interview at Government House as part of the selection process. They follow in the footsteps of OVs Aldo Sappe and Peter Langlois who held the appointment last year. They will now support His Excellence at a number of functions over the next 12 months, including Remembrance Sunday and Liberation 75 in May 2020. Congratulations also go to Charlie Baird, who applied through TS Jersey Sea Cadets, and has been appointed alongside Myles and Finn.

CCF Biennial Review: Today the CCF has undergone a Biennial Review. This two yearly inspection was conducted by Lieutenant Commander James Moseley RN (the Executive Officer of CCF Navy HQ in Portsmouth), and he was assisted by staff from the CCF Army and RAF HQ teams. The day began with a formal review and parade of the Contingent in the Quad, followed by a demonstration of the activities in which the cadets take part. The cadets were a credit to their respective College's and the Contingent, and all the Reviewing Officers were very impressed by their enthusiasm and the activities displayed.

## **CO-CURRICULAR: Clubs**

Colts Basketball sessions, Wednesday lunchtimes: Available to Y11 as well next week. Bring trainers and meet Mr. Picot outside HDT at 13:10 to join in.

## **SUPPORTING OUR BOYS**

New Mobile Phone Policy: In line with recent research and best practice, we are limiting mobile phone use during school hours 08.25 – 15.35 to just Sixth Form students. Parents were informed by letter this week and students in assembly. In the spirit supporting our boys through a strong partnership between home and school, we encourage parents to discuss the new policy and ensure that your son is fully aware of its details, as well as the rationale behind it.

CYPES workshop for parents and carers – Supporting anxious young people, Tuesday 15 October (18.30-20.30): Facilitator and Primary Mental Health Worker (Psychology & Well-being Service), Steve Wharmby, will help the group explore the delicate balance of parenting a child with kindness and exposure; and provide useful insights and take-home strategies. Places are still available. Venue TBC: Le Brocq or Howard Davies. For more information, email Mrs Watkins, Head of Inclusion: [s.watkins@vcj.sch.je](mailto:s.watkins@vcj.sch.je)

## CONGRATULATIONS

- Winners at the Jersey Post Celebration of Cricket Awards 2019: Will Perchard was awarded 'Young Cricketer of the Year 2019' (Weekend Divisions 1 & 2) and Charlie Brennan, both 'Player of the Year' (Jersey Junior Age Group) and 'Cricketer of the Year' (Weekend League Division 2)
  - Josh Lawrenson was selected as a reserve, and will accompany the Jersey Cricket Team on its World Cup 20/20 qualifying tour in Dubai
  - George Marriott achieved a Distinction for his LAMDA Public Speaking Exam
  - Winners of the Summer History Essay Competition: £50 Amazon voucher for Tom Bowden, £15 for Rhys Thomas and £10 for Jack Harben
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