



## Weekly Update

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Friday 27 September 2019

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### Dear Parents,

This week we've celebrated Founders' Week: a colourful and fun week in which we saw our boys walk, run, relay and be inspired. We had the pleasure of welcoming back former Head of Sixth Form, Mr Alan Hamel, who was guest speaker at our Founders' Assembly. Thank you, Mr Hamel for sharing your memories with our school.

We were also delighted that Mr Hamel could present ties to our newly appointed school Prefects. Congratulations to the following: Scott Douglas (Diarmid), Myles Dryland (Dunlop), Isaac du Val (Bruce), Matthew Mourant (Braithwaite), Christopher Stride (Dunlop) and Rhys Thomas (Diarmid).

The boys gave it their all this week as they represented their houses in the Cannon Race, the Tug of War and the house stalls in the main quad yesterday. Although we had to postpone the Knight Shield Relay due to the weather, we will be rearranging this for another date in the near future.

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### Founders' Walk Sponsorship

If you haven't already done so, please could you kindly pay your son's sponsorship money via BACS (online banking): Account number: 31237632 | Sort code: 402534 | Reference: FW (prefix) your son's tutor group/ class and initials, e.g. FW DU9 JS.

Thanks to those who have paid their sponsorship money already. We will update you with the totals raised by each house, as soon as the monies have been fully counted.

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### Jersey Festival of Words (JFOW)

"Is having a healthy relationship with food more beneficial than scrutinising the contents and calories in our diets?" This week, our boys were joined by their KS4 peers from JCG and Le Rocquier and we welcomed Jersey Festival of Words with a talk, 'Eat it anyway', by authors Eve Simmons and Laura Dennison. Thank you to all involved in the organisation of this topical talk, which is relevant to both boys and girls. A special thanks to sponsor, Saltgate.

This Saturday, JFOW will be back at Victoria College. This time, they're bringing a friend, The Gruffalo! Come to our Great Hall for the 'The Gruffalo in Jèrriais' event at 10.00.

Later that day (15.00), audiences can hear authors Richard Roper and Nick Duerden's talk, "A life less lonely", which explores the topic of how loneliness in the UK has reached epidemic levels. Once again, the talk is sponsored by Saltgate and will be followed by tea/coffee provided by the College.

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## Victoria College Orchestral Challenge (VCOC) – performers of note

From Mr Murton, Director of Music: “Week two of VCOC passed by eventfully and the feedback from teachers is extremely positive. The following boys were nominated by their instrumental teachers as the best performers in their groups, and from this list (in no particular order), I have randomly chosen our STAR OF THE WEEK and winner of musical prize, Caspar Ballands.

Keep up the great work: Alex Reczynski, Rufus Smith, Charlie Anders, Sam Hall, Chris Hoskins, Caspar Ballands, Adam Nash, Noah Morel, Leon Hardman, Arthur Andrews, Max Hazzard, Samuel Patidar and Rhean Vardon.

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## Co-curricular: Combined Cadet Force (CCF)

Assize D'Heritage, Monday 23 September: the CCF Halberdier Guard had their first parade of the new academic year at this annual event, held at the Royal Court. The cadets, led by RSM Myles Willcox, were inspected by the Bailiff and His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, who complimented them on their confidence and turnout.

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## Co-curricular: Clubs

From Mr Akers: “Well done to all the boys on the Scuba dive course this week, who took their first dip into the pool at the Bouley Bay Dive Centre, to experience the sensation of breathing underwater. Big smiles all round despite the inclement weather. A big thanks to all the parents for your support with pick-ups and drop-offs.”

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## Supporting our boys

Y7 Vintage Sports Day, Friday 4 October: The school’s anti-bullying ambassadors are organising a cake sale and soft drink sale, much like the popular bottle stall at VCP’s Summer Fete. For bottle donations: please bring these into the school office before Friday 4 October. For cake donations (homemade and shop-bought are all welcomed!): please bring these into the school office on Thursday 3 October in enclosed containers (clearly and securely labelled). Containers will be available for collection from the school office on Monday 7 October).

We would appreciate any support you can provide by way of bottle and cake donations or by helping on the stall during the event. Please contact the school office for more details.

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. For more information, email Mrs Watkins, Head of Inclusion: [s.watkins@vcj.sch.je](mailto:s.watkins@vcj.sch.je)

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## Our people and community

Stroke Association: Well done to Adam Gavey of 10Bu, who shaved his head over the summer and raised £400 for the charity.

Jersey Hospice: A great first row by our staff team at the Dragon Boat Festival last Saturday. They raised £320 for the charity.

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## The week ahead

VCJ Open Evening, Wednesday 2 October, 17.00-19.00: All welcome. No bookings required. Park at Langford and JCG. Please help us spread the word and share our [post](#), [event](#) and [tweet](#) via your social networks.

## Careers events

- Monday 30 September: Launch of the Young Enterprise competition

- Tuesday 1 October: Y11 Assembly on Drama and Btech Business, to help them with their A level decisions ahead of the Post 16 Evening
  - Wednesday 2 October: Y12 & 13 Every Child Our Future training for those students who will be going to St Luke's Primary School to help the younger students with their reading skills. This is a worthy contribution of the boys' time to our community, and in turn, represents the service orientation attribute sought by employers – a great addition to your son's personal statements and CVs.
  - Friday 4 October: Y10 Assembly by Skills Jersey about the Skills Show on Friday 18 October at Fort Regent
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