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Dear Parents,

This week the school came together to remember those precious lives lost in armed conflict, as well as the causes for which they fought. We thank the Lieutenant Governor for his address and the Chelsea pensioners and invited guests for attending our Armistice Assembly on Monday.

As we commemorate Remembrance Day, we'd also like to share the latest edition of our school's annual publication, 'The Victorian', now readable online via Issuu and available for you to share widely with friends and family.

Combined Cadet Force – Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Assembly

Remembrance Sunday: A combined squad of cadets, including a JCG cadet, represented the CCF at the Ceremony, which was held at the Cenotaph in St Helier. Our two Lieutenant Governors Cadets also presented wreaths to some of the Principles, and Sgt Henry Shorrocks carried the Normandy Veterans Association standard, which we now parade on their behalf. Fortunately, the weather remained dry for the service and our cadets were praised for looking smart and representing the Contingent well.

Armistice Assembly: Three cadets and two students, buglers – Sam Oldridge and Johnny Hopwood – supported the assemblies at VCJ and VCP, as well as the combined procession past the statue of Sir Galahad.

DE PUTRON CHALLENGE – CLEAN SWEEP FOR VCJ AND VCP

Three teams representing Victoria College (Sixth Form, Y8 and Y6) won their heats of this 'University Challenge' type competition – a clean-sweep first for us! Well done to the following boys and good luck for next week's competition against Guernsey: Oliver Wilderspin, Ed O'Sullivan, Tom Mullholland, Xander Dawes, Pranav Khullar, George Carney, Mathieu Therese, Sam Lawrence, Jack Byrne, Toby Stott, Riley Brennan and Jules Herve.

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND LECTURE SERIES – GET ON YOUR SOAPBOX!

At Victoria College, we encourage our students to delve into their personal topics of interest, develop informed opinions and enjoy public speaking. What better way to nurture this than to see staff and friends of the College speak passionately about their topics of choice and role model this valuable skill.

Y12 Lectures Series, 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. This in turn will help them with their Extended Project Qualification, standing out at job interviews and so on.

Have you ever wondered how the New Zealand All Blacks have managed to stay on top for so long? Y12s will next hear a talk on sports psychology by Peter Gough. They'll also soon hear from Jersey Zoo on their conservation work and from Mrs Palfreyman on the AIDS pandemic. What might you offer our 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

Y10 Student Voice Joint Debate with JCG

From Mrs Falla, our new Head of Student Voice: "The following boys completed some fantastic research and spoke eloquently on the topic, 'Technology is making our life worse, not better': Matthew Brown, Charles Maloney, Seth Ruelle, Jamie Vieira and Oliver Grace. Well done to all the JCG students, whom also spoke well. We all thoroughly enjoyed the debate."

The Rotary Student Peace Debate

Today, the following students debated on the topic of 'Climate Change – Renewable Energy versus The Jersey Way' at the Island-wide school event: Umar Hamid, Luke Proudfoot, Jared Toudic, Leo Olssen and Ollie Cawley. The debate was held in the States Chamber, with Mr Tim Le Cocq, presiding.

Miss Bryan, Wellbeing Coordinator, and Mrs Watkins, Inclusion Coordinator, remarked: "Our Y12 students were knowledgeable on the topic and spoke with confidence, as they considered the impacts of climate change and extreme weather events on the health and wellbeing of communities in Jersey and around the world. Congratulations to the winning JCG team."

SPORT

Hockey

VC 1st XI 3 - 4 Crusaders

VC Colts 1 - 2 Hunters

Football

VC 1st XI 4 - 7 Elizabeth College

VC 1st XI 1 - 2 Guernsey Grammar

Senior House Badminton: 1st Bruce, joint 2nd - Dunlop and Sartorius, 4th Diarmid and 5th Braithwaite

Our 1st XI footballers play Elizabeth College on Saturday morning in their final U18 CI League fixture. This game is scheduled at College Field, but it may be moved to FB Fields, depending on rain. For updates, follow us at: [VC PE Department twitter](#)

CO-CURRICULAR: Clubs

Climbing Club started this week, with Y7-12 boys all getting their first taste of the Langford climbing wall. Under the Guidance of our qualified instructor, and with assistance from Mr Akers, the boys made a great start to their NICAS certificated course.

Scuba Club this week saw the completion of all theory sections for our Scuba divers. All boys passed their theory exam and will move on to the open sea elements in the summer months, once the temperatures rise. The boys have had great fun both in the Langford pool and at the theory sessions. Bouley Bay Dive have been incredibly supportive by arranging additional sessions and moving their allocated times to fit around the needs of the students and the College. Thank you to Toyah, Adam and the rest of the team.

OUR PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

12Di House Charity Fundraising for MIND Jersey and Silkworth Lodge Jersey

Thank you to all the staff, students and parents who kindly supported this charity day last Friday, and helped raise £2,700 (with funds still coming in), for these two, local charities. Sumo Staff Wrestling was a great success, as seen in the double-page spread, in last Saturday's Jersey Evening Post. Anthony Crolla's guest appearance was a big hit with the boys, and the cake sale sold out in minutes! The team will draw the raffle on Monday 18 November. Prizes winners will be notified via the form tutor, and prizes collectable from the School Office.

Y12 Mock Job Interviews – Thank you to the corporate community

Do you remember your first ever job interview? This week our Y12s attended their mock job interviews, most of which were held in offices in town – getting to the right place at the right time being a vital part of the task. Mrs Job, Head of Careers and Ms Kusumo, Foundation & Development would like to say a big thank you to our ever-supportive [Foundation Partners](#), Rathbones, Quilter Cheviot, Saltgate and Société Générale Kleinwort Hambros; as well as all the organisations who, together, conducted 86 interviews this week: Ogier, Aztec, KPMG, Skills Jersey, Itchyfeet Recruitment, EY, Intertrust, IQEQ, BDO, Mourant and ASL Recruitment.

MUSIC

The following boys were nominated by their instrumental teachers as the best performers in their groups: Daniel Kirkby, Harry Newbold, Josh Penabla, Will Yates, Zach Grandfiled, Ranajay Alhawat and Byron Major. From this list, Mr Murton, Director of Music, selected the Star of the Week, Noah Morel.

CONGRATULATIONS – JERSEY MUSIC EISTEDDFOD 2019

- Thomas Renouf won the Galiya Ogunslesi Trophy for his cello performance
- Corey Parker won the D.C. Labey Trophy for his singing
- Jack Le Vesconte was awarded gold for his drum solo performance

Well done to all the boys who took part in the Eisteddfod.



Alun D Watkins | Head Master
