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Dear Parents,

We have just received some updated information from the UK Education Department outlining the process they will be adopting to determine GCSE and A Level grades for this summer's candidates. I will be writing separately to parents and boys for these two year groups later today to provide further information.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

This week I have to make a special mention to all our boys at the end of this unprecedented week. It has been particularly unsettling and testing for Years 11 and 13, I have to commend you for your calmness, continued positive attitude to lessons and acknowledgement of this global pandemic.

CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS

In this rapidly changing and responsive week, we will endeavour to update everyone by email as soon as we can. Please visit the [States of Jersey Government website](#) for the latest information on Coronavirus.

END OF TERM ASSEMBLY AWARDS

In light of the end of term assembly being cancelled, all pupils who have earned Sports Colours or earned a Bistro voucher (Key Stage 3) and Amazon vouchers (Key Stage 4), will receive these in the post shortly. Many congratulations to these boys and our apologies that you could not receive these at school.

VICTORIA COLLEGE WEBSITE

The calendar function is now back up and running on the website.

VC SCHOOL TRIPS

There have been a number of school trips affected by the current travel situation. We are working with travel companies and our insurers regarding the reimbursement of costs of any trips which have been cancelled. We are exploring all options to ensure that we are able to refund as much of the cost possible and will be in contact with parents when we have more information.

FOUNDATION PARTNERS

We were delighted to receive new 1st XI cricket kit this week for the 2020 season. Our sincere thanks to [Rathbones](#) for their continued support of College sport.

HEALING WAVES

Our 6th Formers have been fundraising for Healing Waves by competing in a series of challenges against students from JCG. Prefects Charlie and Tom were delighted to present a cheque to Dom and Nicki from Healing Waves-Ocean Therapy this week for £118.78.

Ocean Therapy is a relatively new but internationally recognised natural form of therapy, which helps better the lives of those living with neurological and physical disabilities and/or conditions. The service of this group enables individuals, locals and holiday makers to access the ocean safely to participate in water sport activities. This offers them an opportunity to experience something new and enjoy the benefits of the ocean.



CCF

Navy & RAF Fieldcraft Training

Last Friday, the Navy & RAF Sections deployed to Crabbé for an evening of Fieldcraft Training. The training began in Greve De Lecq Woods with Kazz from Absolute Adventures, teaching the cadets some basic survival skills.

Following an evening meal of MOD rations, the cadets headed up to Crabbe Range and took part in a round-robin of Fieldcraft challenges run by the senior cadets to test their skills of movement, stalking, concealment, observation and intelligence gathering. Well done to all on what turned out to be a damp night and thanks, as always, to our adult volunteers for making events such as these possible.

THE VICTORIAN – 100 YEARS AGO

Certainly not on the scale of what we are experiencing across the globe...but here is an interesting anecdote from The Victorian exactly 100 years ago, about an outbreak of measles just before the Easter break!

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THE VICTORIAN.



The beginning of this term was delayed for four weeks, short of one day, by an epidemic of measles. An omnipotent Sanitary Authority decided that we must be subject to the same restrictions as the Primary Schools and the picture shows. At first we were rather pleased—those of us who had not examinations impending. Then it became irritating. And finally the strange portent was seen of an opening at which all rejoiced. By way of compensation we lose a week of the Easter holidays, which are reduced to the meagre dimensions of two and a half weeks. It says much for the zeal of the O. T. C. that some fifty-five Cadets are going to the Musketry Camp at Les Landes.

VCPA

The Victoria College Parents' Association meeting scheduled for Tuesday 24 March has been cancelled. The next meeting is planned for 12 May, however this will be confirmed nearer the time.

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SHOP

Please note the shop will not be open on Thursday 2 April.

Where I would usually sign off by wishing you all a very enjoyable weekend, I must extend this to wishing you good health and to reiterate our pledge to support the boys at this very uncertain time.

Kind regards,
Alun Watkins
Headmaster