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Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Mathieu Thiege and Logan Copp-Neill who have both won a Rathbones KeepCup! Both boys took part in Rathbones Stock Market Quiz last Friday as part of our National Careers Week campaign. Please could Mathieu and Logan's parents ask them to collect their prizes from the Marketing office in the main building.

Thank you to Jersey Hospice's Chief Executive Emelita Robbins for presenting to our year 12 boys in their enrichment lecture this week; Emelita spoke about how she came into her role, as well as the support Jersey Hospice can offer and the importance of volunteers and fundraising.

We are currently experiencing some technical issues with the calendars on our website. We will be sharing the school's schedule on our Facebook page each evening for the following day. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

If you recall this story in last week's newsletter, our Good Samaritans have come forward and I am pleased to disclose they are: Henry Harrison, Tom Harben, Henry Dawson, Aidan Johnstone, Jamie Watling and Robbie Forrest.

The wonder of social media, our FaceBook post was seen by the lady herself and she has asked that we thank them, which I am delighted to do. "Thank you boys. You are a credit to the school".



CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS

This week we have received calls from parents checking that soap and hand sanitiser are available at school. I can assure you that the site management team are regularly refilling the dispensers. Unfortunately, it is difficult to source large volumes of hand sanitiser at the moment, but with the support of parents, we would encourage boys to carry personal pocket-size sanitisers at school, which would help greatly.

Please visit the [States of Jersey Government website](#) for the latest information on Coronavirus.

#HANDWASHINGSONG CAMPAIGN

Following the Government of Jersey guidelines for proper handwashing with regard to Covid-19, we have shown our support and with enthusiastic help from our Prefects, we have produced a video as part of the Government of Jersey's #handwashingsong campaign.

It is recommended that you wash your hands to two verses of 'Happy Birthday', but we thought it was more fitting to use the College Carmen instead. Great to see supportive comments. If you haven't seen this [please click here to watch the video](#). It has already reached over 2,000 people!

Following on from the success of our #handwashingsong video, Head Prefect Sam Moore and Jordan Khawaja spoke to ITV Channel TV this afternoon.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO SUPPORT BOYS WITH MATHS AND ENGLISH

We are looking for any parent volunteers who may be able to assist with small group and individual reading support or Mathematics, to help boys in Years 7-9 on a regular basis during the school week. If you feel you are able to help with the support and development of our boys, then please do contact the Headmaster's Secretary hmsecretary@vcj.sch.je to arrange a time to meet.

JERSEY ART EISTEDDFOD

The Jersey Art Eisteddfod is currently in full swing and the Exhibition, being held at the RJHS Showground, is open until 4pm this Sunday, so please visit if you can. We are delighted that Victoria College has over 50 entries from all Year Groups on display.

Our congratulations must go to Upper Sixth Sartorius student Oscar Nimmo, who had six pieces accepted – three drawings and three paintings, all of which were awarded Platinum Certificates. In particular, one of his paintings was awarded the Fred Sands Trophy for best piece in the A level age group, selected from all Jersey Island 6th Forms.



SWIMARATHON / UK MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE



In light of the cancellation of the Swimarathon, it was decided to hold our own event to continue with our fundraising. Today we held a 'UK Mountain Challenge' on the Langford climbing wall. The challenge was to relay as many times as possible in one hour, with three targets in mind – Scafell Pike (978m), Snowdon (1085m) and Ben Nevis (1345m).

I am also thrilled to inform you that [Saltgate Investment Services](#), one of our valued Foundation Partners, have kindly offered to match our fundraising effort of £461, therefore taking the total raised by the boys to £922. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support.

COMMENDATIONS FOR MUSIC

Caspar Ballands, Oliver Boyle, Oliver Chappell-Jenkins, Alex Germain, Monty Gleeson, Beau Gurner, Harry Newbald, Finlay O'Prey, Josh Penabla, Charlie Rentsch, and Will Shaxson.

Stars of the Week for Music

Louis McKinnon and Ryan McCann.

CCF

CCF - RAF Royal Air Squadron Trophy Competition

Last weekend, a team of 14 Cadets from the RAF Section, led by CWO Aidan Carroll, competed at the National Final of the Royal Air Squadron Trophy at RAF Halton. The competition saw the cadets assessed in drill, shooting, teamwork, first aid, RAF knowledge and aircraft recognition. The team did very well and exceeded our expectations with a third place finish (out of 230 CCF RAF Sections across the UK), our best finish for a number of years.

The prize for the cadets will be another trip to the UK in June for a day of flying with the Royal Air Squadron Flying Club. Well done all and thanks to our volunteers Sqn Ldr Blackmore and Flt Lt Faria for giving up their weekend to take the team away.

CCF - Senior Leadership Course

Also last weekend, CCF cadets Elian Church and Fern Le Marinel completed a Senior Leadership Course run in conjunction with Jersey Air Cadets. The course covered the theory and principles behind being an effective senior leader and tested all cadets in areas such as drill and teamwork. Well done to both and thanks to Jersey Air Cadets for the opportunity.

SPORT

Hockey

Congratulations to Tom Heelis, Jamie Watling and Robbie Forrest who have all made the Island 1st Team squad for hockey, for the up-coming inter-insular against Guernsey.

Football

There are a plethora of our boys involved in the age-group Murrattis currently. U-18s won 3-0 last weekend, well done to Rhys, James, Max, Tommy & Toby.

MURDER MOST FOWL

Well done to everyone who took part, acting or solving! This event proved very popular and our successful detectives from Sartorius proved the murderer was none other than...Dominique Poulet with the cross! The boy's efforts in this competition will contribute towards their points for the inter-house academic STEM cup.

VCPA

The Victoria College Parents Association welcome any parents who wish to join their meeting on Tuesday 24 March, from 7pm in the De Quetteville Library.

UNSUNG HEROES

Whilst we try to include as many of our boys' achievements as we can in the weekly newsletter, we believe there are a few unsung heroes at the College. If your son has been participating in any co-curricular or charitable activities that we can shout about, please email our Marketing department on communications@vcj.sch.je. Please also follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) to see daily updates of life at Victoria College.

I wish you all a very enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,
Alun Watkins
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