



Weekly Update | Friday 20 December 2019

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Dear Parents,

It's finally here – the last day of a rather long term, which I'm sure has been eagerly anticipated by students, parents and staff alike.

Looking back on the first half of this academic year, I'm filled with pride, seeing just how much we've all achieved together. I'd like to express my thanks to all the staff and parents for supporting our boys academically, emotionally and in their co-curricular endeavours.

In this season of giving, I would like to thank our Foundation Partners, Rathbones, Quilter Cheviot, Saltgate and SG Kleinwort Hambros, who have generously supported our school both financially and with their time and expertise. With their support, we're able to make our school more accessible to those boys and families who need it most.

In particular, Saltgate have launched two Sixth Form full bursaries with the additional offer of paid work experience. We are pleased to say that one family has already benefited from the bursary this year, and we look forward to placing another student in 2020.

On this note of goodwill and thoughtful giving, I wish you all a restful Christmas break. I hope that you enjoy making the most of precious family time – a chance to slow down, connect and appreciate all that we have.

Y12 JOINT-SCHOOL DEBATE – CHRISTMAS CONFIRMED!

From Mrs Falla, Teacher of English (Student Voice Lead): "Five of our Y12 students took part in mixed teams with JCG, debating the motion 'in this season of good will, this house believes Christmas does more harm than good.'

Ed O'Sullivan, Luke Proudfoot and George Yates spoke convincingly for the motion, winning over the judges. But Oliver Wilderspin and Jon Chamberlain won over the masses and the students voted, thankfully, in favour of Christmas!"

CCF - 2020 Athelings Selection

From Mr Fidmuc, School Staff Instructor: "Congratulations to Tom and Will Mulholland who have both been selected to represent the UK Cadet Rifle Shooting Team on the annual Athelings Tour to Canada in the summer.

This is a fantastic achievement for them, and a just reward for the effort that they have put in to shooting since starting on the College indoor range in Y9.

Tom and Will are our 47th and 48th Athelings, and add to our recent success of 16 Athelings since 2010.

We are also hopeful that George Yates, who has been selected as a reserve, may also get a place.

This success is only possible with the support of the College, our Shooting Coaches and the Jersey Rifle Association. The CCF thanks you.”

SPORT

Blomfield Standings

1 st	Sartorius	53.5
2 nd	Dunlop	48.0
3 rd	Braithwaite	42.5
4 th	Bruce	42.0
5 th	Diarmid	39.0

Hockey League Table – Division 1

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	▲ □ Old Victorians (Jersey) Convicts	11	8	3	0	44	19	25	27
2	▼ ■ Crusaders Crusaders	12	7	4	1	42	24	18	25
3	— ■ First Names Group HHC Hautlieu	11	5	1	5	38	43	-5	16
4	— ■ Victoria College (Jersey) VC-I (Jnr)	12	4	2	6	42	40	2	14
5	▲ ■ Jersey Affinity JHC Tigers	11	2	1	8	23	48	-25	7
6	▼ ■ Jersey Affinity JHC Leopards	11	1	3	7	30	45	-15	6

Hockey League Table – Division 2

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	▲ ■ Victoria College (Jersey) VC-II (Jnr)	9	8	0	1	33	13	20	24
2	▼ ■ Jersey Affinity JHC Vintage	9	7	1	1	36	17	19	22
3	— ■ Jersey Affinity JHC Lions	10	5	1	4	32	34	-2	16
4	▲ □ Old Victorians (Jersey) Victoriana (Jnr)	9	4	2	3	27	18	9	14
5	▼ ■ Jersey Hockey Ladies	9	3	2	4	24	20	4	11
6	▲ ■ Victoria College (Jersey) Colts (Jnr)	10	1	1	8	20	42	-22	4
7	▼ ■ First Names Group HHC Hunters	10	1	1	8	13	41	-28	4

MUSIC

From Mr Murton, Director of Music: “A big thank you to all the boys and staff who joined the carol singing at the main gate this past week. We hope that this resurrected tradition will grow.

Next term we have three big, main events in Music! As our Orchestral Challenge starts its second term, the boys are now starting to show how well they are working. But it’s not all about orchestral music; so on Wednesday 29 January, we have our second Band’s Night – an evening of rock music by various bands featuring our boys. House Music – 12 and 13 February: a slightly updated version of this annual competition will see more boys being involved. Spring Concert on 26 March starts at 5pm as it will feature not only our Concert Band and Sinfonia, but also the VCOC Orchestra.”

CO-CURRICULAR

From Mr Akers, Senior Teacher – Co-curricular: “A huge thank you to parents, students and staff for your support with encouraging our boys to get involved in the Co-Curricular programme this term. As well as the fantastic House sports offered by our PE department we have had boys climbing, scuba diving, coding, and taking part in a range of debate clubs.

Our boys have won the architectural inter school competition, De Putron Inter school challenge, and have entered UK wide National town planning competitions.

Our staff have put in hours of their time voluntarily, to support our co-curricular programme – thank you to those involved in making possible our rich and varied co-curricular offering.

Next year is already looking exciting with golf tuition, RYA Level 1 yacht sailing and other activities being planned.

Many of our in-school activities go toward the Ed Le Quesne Academic Cup, including our first Big Quiz of the term which was held in the Great Hall and won by Sartorius. More events and opportunities will be coming up next term, please ensure that you keep your son informed, and continue to encourage him to join in.”

CI STUDENT BUSINESS CHALLENGE 2020 – JERSEY LAUNCH, THURSDAY 16 JANUARY

This annual inter-school event, designed to inspire future entrepreneurs, challenges students aged 11-16 to demonstrate their business acumen with an initial investment of £100, to make a profit, benefit their community, or, if possible, both! Within ten weeks, teams must impress the judges before facing a Dragons’ Den-style final with business leaders.

Along with some volunteer Dragons (teachers), Mr Akers presents the [2020’s Student Business Challenge](#) teams:

- Candescent Crafts: Jonny Wright, Alex le Cornu and Samuel Lawrence
- Eco Living: Jan Bochenski and Tom Barrett
- The Gardening Gang: Oliver Pryke, John le Fondre and Will Read
- Scent Tree Candles: Will Dengate, Seb Kirkby and James Willets
- Chopshop: Ian Korzuch, Logan Copp-Neill and Dylan Thomaidis
- Mats and Co: Jamie Parslow, Jack Tennant, Harry McCarthy and Nic Barbosa-Kawala
- Reflection Direction: Giles Wille, Otis Williams, Harvey Sanders and Jacob Mauger
- Brilliant Bottle Company: Harry Newbald, Beau Gurner, Morris Cotillard, Dan Kirkby

CAREERS – CALL FOR PARENT SPEAKERS, ‘LOVE MY JOB’

Do you love your job? During National Careers Week (2-6 March 2020), we would like parents to come and talk at our Y7-9 assemblies about what they enjoy about their job. Please email Head of Careers, Suzanne Job, if you’d like to take the stage and inspire the next generation: s.job@vcj.sch.je

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 2019

Thank you to all who took part in ‘Christmas Jumper Day’ yesterday. So far, we have raised £392.38 for Variety - the Children's Charity of Jersey - with donations still coming in.



Alun Watkins | Headmaster
