



## Weekly Update | Friday 13 December 2019

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Dear Parents,

We kicked-off the festive season this week with a lively and atmospheric ‘Christmas Crackers’ music concert, held in the Great Hall. It was heart-warming to see so many of our talented boys play music, and to see so many of you in the audience appreciating and supporting them.

Next week, we shall all look forward to starting the Christmas school holidays on Friday 20 December, with our annual Carol Service at the St. Helier Methodist Centre, Halkett Place, St. Helier at 14.00, after which, the boys will be dismissed from town. Parents are warmly invited to attend but please let us know if you are coming as space is limited.

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### **Mock election 2019 - Democracy in action**

The Returning Officer for the Victoria College constituency declares that the total number of votes given to each candidate was as follows:

| Party                           | Candidate         | Votes |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Liberal Democrats               | Leo Olsson        | 198   |
| Conservative and Unionist Party | Oliver Wilderspin | 168   |
| Green Party                     | Joshua Rabet      | 45    |
| Labour Party                    | Luke Proudfoot    | 39    |
| Brexit Party                    | George Yates      | 29    |

Therefore, public notice is given that **Leo Olsson (Liberal Democrats)** is duly elected as the Member of Parliament for the Victoria College constituency. Total number of votes cast was 489, with 10 votes rejected on technicality.

From Deputy Headmaster, Dr Hughes: “Well done to all involved. A huge thank you to all the Y12 students who helped over the course of the day, but in particular Ben Wiseman, who assisted for the whole day. I would also like to thank the candidates who have put so much hard work into campaigning over the past two weeks. None of it would’ve been possible without the dynamic drive and democracy champion, Mrs Plummer – thank you.”

### **CCF**

CCF - Senior NCO Course

On Sunday, five Y12 cadets completed a joint Senior NCO training day, run in conjunction with Jersey Air Cadets. The course is aimed at developing the junior leaders into the future senior leaders within the CCF. The course covered a whole host of topics including: the role of a SNCO, problem solving, building morale, working in teams, communication and commanding a squad on parade. This makes up part of the leadership training package available to all cadets, and will be followed by a practical residential course in the spring.

#### CCF - Y9 Recruits Passing Off Ceremony

Today was a milestone for our newest recruits, as they passed out of the recruit training programme and joined the three single service sections. The ceremony began with the formal presentation of their new berets by the Headmaster of Victoria College and Principal of Jersey College for Girls, in the presence of friends and family.

#### MUSIC

From Director of Music, Mr Murton: "Our 'Christmas Crackers' concert went down a storm last night. The Concert Band set the tone from the start, with the Sixth Form singers, Voces Victoria, bringing a mix of Bing Crosby, Jeff Buckley and Michael Buble. The audience clamoured for more; and were able to take part in a medley of Christmas songs sung and played by all.

The solo performers excelled themselves: Cosimo Dhimi-Hounsou on flute, Leo Vernaglione on trumpet and William Perchard on saxophone. The String Orchestra playing the Stairway to Heaven, produced a mature sound. The evening was an eclectic mix of the musical talents here in College, with Mr Anthony Griffin as our compère extraordinaire, linking the concert elements with quick wit and sparkling repartee. The evening raised £365 for the NSPCC and our Orchestral Instrument Fund."

Congratulations to the VCOC 'Star of the Week': Michael Gothard

#### CO-CURRICULAR

From Senior Teacher – Co-curricular, Mr Akers: "Around 80 boys and a staff team all enjoyed competing in the first 'Big Quiz' event this week. The new termly quiz tests boys on a range of academic subjects and themed general knowledge. With hot pizzas during the interval and festive music rounds, the boys all had a great time. The competition builds towards the Ed Le Quesne Academic Cup; awarded at the end of the school year. The winners of the Christmas theme quiz were Sartorius, followed by: Braithwaite 2nd, Dunlop 3rd, Diarmid 4th and Bruce 5th.

A big thanks to all staff for their support with marking and organisation."

#### CAREERS

All Y12 students visited recruitment agency, ASL this week to find out about how a recruitment agency works. Their visit completes their terms' learning on the 'World of Work' topic, which covered CV workshops and mock job interviews with 14 employers, including our [Foundation Partners: Rathbones, Quilter Cheviot, Saltgate and SG Kleinwort Hambros](#).

In the New Year we will be turning our attention to university applications.

#### Y12 Lectures Series – What would your extended 'TED talk' topic be?

The Y12 Lecture Series was added to the enrichment timetable this year, intended to stimulate our students' interests, broaden their horizons and expand their knowledge beyond the taught curriculum.

If you have a 'hinterland' that you'd like to share with our Y12s, please email Mr Patrick Crossley, Assistant Head Academic: [p.crossley@vcj.sch.je](mailto:p.crossley@vcj.sch.je)

#### SUPPORTING OUR BOYS

### Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will be holding a 'Christmas Jumper Day' next Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December to raise money for Variety - the Children's Charity of Jersey. Boys should wear their usual school uniform along with their Christmas Jumper. A donation of £2 will be collected during morning registration.

### SIMS Parent App

Thank you to those parents who have now signed up to this app. If you haven't yet signed up, please do.

Once you have signed up, please review your details such as email addresses and telephone numbers, parental permissions etc. As we are coming into the winter months, please also take the opportunity to check your current arrangements for your sons' dismissal in the event of school closure due to inclement weather. All changes can be submitted through the Parent App and will automatically update your sons' record. Should you encounter any problems signing up or using the app, please contact Mrs Watkins - [s.watkins@vcj.sch.je](mailto:s.watkins@vcj.sch.je), who will be able to assist you.

### CONGRATULATIONS

- **Alexander Askham** achieved brown belt in karate, awarded by the IKKA Jersey Kenpo Karate Association



**Alun Watkins | Headmaster**

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