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Dear Parents,

Our school motto, 'building successful futures', especially came to life this week. On Thursday, we hosted our third Careers Fair. The Great Hall was abuzz with 158 of our Sixth Form (Y12-13) students talking to exhibitors from 24 organisations, about the myriad of fantastic career options for them to explore in a variety of industries: health/medical; legal; finance; media; digital; design, engineering and construction (DEC); and more.

One of the key benefits that we offer at Victoria College, and something that sets us apart from other secondary schools, is our strong Careers provision, supported by our links with alumni and the corporate community. Together, we are able to enrich our students' learning experience and enhance their prospects beyond College.

We'd like to thank our Foundation Partners, [Quilter Cheviot Ltd](#) and [Rathbones International](#), and all the organisations who came to share their knowledge and experience with our students: [Alter Domus](#), [Aztec Group](#), [BDO](#), [Carey Olsen](#), CIGPE, [Deloitte](#), [Digital Jersey](#), [EY](#), [G4S](#), [Human Health Chiropractic](#), [ITV](#), [IQ-EQ](#), Jersey General Hospital - Pathology/ Biomedical Science, [KPMG](#), [Mourant](#), [Ocorian](#), [Ogier](#), [PwC](#), [RBC Wealth Management](#), [Sionic](#), [Skills Jersey](#) and [Waddington Architects, Interiors & Landscape](#).

We stay in touch via [LinkedIn](#), and hope that you'll also [follow us for updates here](#).

SPORT – A SUCCESSFUL UK TOUR FOR OUR FIRST XI FOOTBALL TEAM

For our football-loving boys, it doesn't get any better than this. We won all four matches and ended the week training at [Chelsea FC's Cobham facility in full Chelsea kit](#): VC 4-2 Cobham Cougars, VC 7-4 St Alban's, VC 1-0 Eton and VC 2-1 Mill Hill School from Pennsylvania.

JERSEY SPORT ACTIVITIES

If you're looking to keep your boys active during the holidays and/or after school, Jersey Sport offers: [Christmas Holiday Activities](#) and [Spring term 2020 After School Activities](#)

CCF

Junior Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) Course

On Sunday, 15 Y11 cadets completed a joint Junior NCO training day, run in conjunction with Jersey Air Cadets. The course helps develop the cadets into the leaders of the future, and covers topics including: uniform standards, drill, duty-of-care, activity planning, leadership and discipline. It is part of the leadership training package available to all cadets.

Staniforth & Le Brun Shield

On Tuesday afternoon the CCF smallbore shooting team gathered to shoot the qualifying round of the national inter-CCF shooting competition, the 'Staniforth'. We now await the targets to be scored and find out if we have qualified for the final. After a quick break for pizza, some of the team returned to shoot in the inter-cadet force 'Le Brun Shield' competition. We have historically done well in this event, having won every year since 2014; but this year we were pipped to the post by the Air Cadets. Congratulations go to Tom Mulholland who topped the leaderboard and won the Le Brun Cup for highest scoring individual.

OV Smallbore Shooting Competition

The annual 'Bangalore Trophy' took place on Wednesday – well done to all involved. Congratulations to the boys for beating the OVs by 19 points and to the Braithwaite team, in the inter-house match, beating Diarmid by three points. Top shots were George Yates (boy) 98/100, David Le Quesne (OV, experienced) 97/100 and Ashley Morris (OV, 'out of practice') 100/100.

MUSIC

Victoria Fair, Jersey Museum

Last Saturday, our Y7-8 choristers kicked-off the festive fair, singing Christmas music for the visitors; followed by our strings and brass players, and then a debut performance from some of our Y12-13 Voces Victoria singers (joined by Dr Gareth Hughes, Deputy Headmaster). The boys attracted lots of attention through their music and received compliments all round.

OV Visit

On Tuesday, OV Giles Robson came to visit us. Giles is one of the top, blues harmonica players in the world, and is looking forward, as we are, to collaborating with our rock musician students next year.

Victoria College Orchestral Challenge Concert

On Thursday evening, our Y7s performed for parents, family and friends to demonstrate their progress, after just one term on the Victoria College Orchestral Challenge. VCOC 'Stars of the Week' are: Michael Kusiak (Week 10) and Ethan Rankin (Week 11).

Christmas Crackers Concert, Thursday 12 December at 19.00-20.30, Great Hall

Come and join in the festive spirit, with performances from the Choir, Concert Band, string players, soloists and Voces Victoria. Tickets are free; [book your seats on ticketsource.com](http://book.your.seats.on.ticketsource.com).

From Mr Francis Murton, Director of Music: "Well done to the boys for all their hard work, and thank you to the teachers and parents for supporting them throughout the many events of this particularly musical week."

DRAMA

From Miss Ria Hill, Teacher of Drama: "I went to watch and support our boys in Drama Lab's production, 'His Dark Materials' at the Opera House last Friday. I was highly impressed by the standard of acting, and it was fantastic to see so many of our boys involved and playing lead roles. Well done to all involved, both front and back stage."

HEAR AND BE HEARD

Mock Election – Your vote matters

Candidates, Oliver Wilderspin (Cons), Luke Proudfoot (Lab), Leo Olsson (Lib Dem), Josh Rabet (Greens) and George Yates (Brexit), began campaigning this week, in advance of the election on Thursday 12 December. They held a Q&A during the Y7-9 Assembly, and will also be available for questions at a hustings next week.

St Helier's Shadow Conseil Municipal - Youth Member

The Constable of St Helier would like to hear from Jersey's young people (residing in the Parish of St Helier, aged 16-24) who are interested in becoming the Youth Member in the newly established [Shadow Conseil Municipal](#), to fulfil a [specific role](#) on behalf of their peer group.

This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone interested in politics, government, serving their community and helping make St Helier a better place for young people: in short, to make a difference.

The Youth Member will be elected at the Parish Assembly on Wednesday 18 December, along with other members, details of the election process can be found [here](#).

Y12 Lectures Series, Wednesdays 12.05 – 13.05

This week, Y12 heard from Sarah Cunningham from Jersey Zoo on the topic of conservation. Next week, we will hear from Mrs Palfreyman on the AIDS pandemic.

The Y12 Lecture Series is a new addition 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

Survey opportunity: "Communication is related to every human activity"

From our CYPES colleague, David Bras – Assistant Youth Worker, Project Team: "Have you ever considered this statement? I am currently doing some research into how we communicate and share information with each other, and how this might impact us all. I am interested in your views on this topic. Please complete the five-minute [questionnaire here](#), and share it with any friends, family and young people. All responses will be anonymous. Thank you."

CALL FOR EXAM INVIGILATORS – PART-TIME, PAID POSITIONS AVAILABLE

If you or someone you know are interested in part-time work during January for our mock exams and during May-June for the public exams, please email Mrs Liz Smith, Examinations Officer: l.smith@vcj.sch.je or call on 638230. Training provided.

CONGRATULATIONS

- **Oscar Luff** achieved gold for his French (Y7 set verse) at Jersey Eisteddfod
- **Corey Parker** achieved gold for his 'West-end experience' singing at Jersey Eisteddfod
- **Darius Kayley** won the Jurat F. Ahier Cup for his French (own choice verse) and the Tarragona Cup for Spanish at Jersey Eisteddfod
- **Cosimo Dhami-Hounsome** achieved a merit for his Grade 5 Music Theory exam



Gareth Hughes | Deputy Headmaster
