



Headmaster's Newsletter

FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2019

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Dear Parents

I trust that your son is settling well into his new year. As you'll see below, the school is very much already abuzz with activities and initiatives undertaken by our students, staff and wider school community.

This week, we had the pleasure of especially welcoming our Y7 parents at the Information Evening on Wednesday, which was then followed by a dinner at the Bistro, graciously hosted by the Parents Association. Thank you to all those who made it so warm and welcoming.

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze

During last Sunday's practice day, Year 10s learned how to pitch tents, cook on stoves and navigate a route using maps and route cards – all in preparation for their upcoming, assessed expedition on Monday and Tuesday.

CCF

Air Crew Reception: On Wednesday evening a team of RAF Cadets, lead by Sgt Myles Dryland supported the annual Air Crew Reception at Government House, assisting with car parking and marshalling duties, along with Flag Party for the Sunset Ceremony.

Air Display Fundraising: On Thursday all the CCF turned out to help the Jersey Branch of RAFA with their annual 'Wings Appeal', selling various merchandise along St Aubin Bay. Well done to all the cadets and adult volunteers who supported. We will soon share with you the total amount raised.

Shooting Club: This week we welcomed Year 9s onto the Indoor Range to try out small bore shooting. It was great to see nearly half of the year group give it a go.

Thought-leadership: @WomenEdJersey

Launched by History teacher Mrs Plummer, WomenEdJersey is a non-profit network that seeks to address the gender imbalance in education's senior roles. Mrs Plummer hosted the first WomenEdJersey event on Monday, which was hosted in our Great Hall. It is clearly a topical subject, judging by the media interest it received from BBC Jersey, [ITV](#) and [Channel 103](#). Join the conversation on Twitter: [@WomenEdJersey](#)

Sport

Football results

- Y9 A: 4 – 3, Le Rocquier
- Y9 B: 3 – 0, Le Rocquier

This week's fixtures – Hockey

- Friday 13: 1st XI v OV Convicts (LQ - 7.30pm)
- Saturday 14: Colts v Island Ladies (Claremont - 9.30am)

This week's fixtures – Football

- Friday 13: - 1st XI v De La Salle (CF - 4.00pm)
- Saturday 14: Yr 8 Inter-House (Sa v Bu and Bw v Di) (CF - 9.00am)

Next week's fixtures – Football

- Monday 16 - Yr 7A & B v Haute Vallee (HV - 4.00pm)
- Tuesday 17 - Yr 8 A & B v Haute Vallee (CF - 3.45pm)
- Wednesday 18 - Yr 9 A & B v Haute Vallee (CF - 3.45pm)
- Thursday 19 - U16A & B v Hautlieu (CF & Haut - 3.45pm)
- Friday 20 - 1st XI v Highlands (CF - 4.00pm)

Congratulations!

- [Tanguy Billet-Masters](#) achieved a Distinction for his LAMDA Speaking Verse and Prose Grade 8
- [Finlay Clark](#) and [Seb Moffet](#) were part of the winning Jersey Youth Team during the 2019 Motocross Inter-insular held recently in Guernsey
- [Finlay Clark](#) also achieved his Grade 4 for Trumpet
- [Oli Hotton](#) was one of two Youth Riders who completed the gruelling and most difficult option 100km course of the [C5 Alliance Cycle Challenge](#). The event, which is in its fifth year, raised over £3,000 for the Neil Hussey Heart Charity, with more than 300 cyclists riding in memory of OV Neil Hussey (Dunlop Head Boy)

Our people and community - Hands on hearts

Last Saturday, on College Field, family and friends of OV Kay Famoriyo held a fundraising football match, [CRY for Kay](#), in his memory – Kay loved football. The event raised close to £10,000 for Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) – thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Victoria College is working with a local charity to help reduce the incidence of sudden cardiac death in the young. The [Neil Hussey Heart Charity](#) will soon launch its programme of free heart screenings in schools.

The charity is grateful to have raised adequate funds to test every 16 year old in Jersey, and are now calling on more 'hands-on heart' volunteers who can help roll-out their free screenings. If you are a physician, qualified to conduct electrocardiograms, and can volunteer a three-hour session, please get in touch via email: foundation@vcj.sch.je.

Next week

Y7 Orchestral Challenge: We are raising the bar musically at Victoria College – that is by the end of academic year, every boy in Year 7 will be able to play an orchestral instrument up to Grade 1 standard. This is the first challenge of its kind in Jersey! Everyone in the year group will receive a weekly 30 minute lesson on an orchestral instrument with a specialist teacher. Tune in for more... If you'd like to find out more about this initiative, we are looking for a sponsor to ensure its longevity and accessibility: foundation@vcj.sch.je

Co-curricular clubs: Following on from Mr Akers' assemblies this week, we are pleased to announce the commencement of these co-curricular clubs, and encourage all boys to take part and have fun:

- Chess club - Tuesdays in the Library from 13:10
- Scrabble club - Thursdays in the Library from 13:10
- Card games - Fridays in the Library from 13:10
- SCRATCH programming - Fridays in Devenport 1 from 13:10



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