



Weekly Update | Friday 8 November 2019

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 - PSHE: Children in Need. We need cakes!
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Dear Parents,

I hope that the October half-term week provided a welcome break from school routine.

This week, we saw many of you at the Y9 GCSE Options Evening. Subject teachers were on hand to guide students and parents in deciding which of the wide range of subjects on offer, best suit and support each boy's longer term higher education/ career goals.

More than a school, we are also a knowledge hub – the staff and students benefit from specialist and visiting speakers, as you'll see below. If you or someone you know is particularly passionate or knowledgeable on a topic suitable for our students, we would welcome and encourage your involvement in further enriching the learning experience here at Victoria College.

As the wintry weather is upon us and roadside visibility is further compromised in the rain, pedestrian safety is paramount. In addition, we are mindful of being a good neighbour and would like to minimise the concerns that we field from nearby residents – most recently from Claremont Road (behind College Field) and Clarence Road (by VCP). Please keep free pavements and access to driveways and emergency vehicle access areas – NO parking/ waiting is allowed.

Y12 LUNCHTIME LECTURES, WEDNESDAYS 12.05 – 13.05

An exciting addition to the Y12 enrichment timetable this year, the weekly lecture programme is designed to stimulate the interests, broaden the horizons and expand the knowledge beyond the taught curriculum of our students – which in turn will help them with their Extended Project Qualification, standing out at job interviews and so on.

Recent topics have included: Ernest Shackleton, Monomyths (how every story is the same) and Endurance Sports, Falconry, Leadership and Management, the VCJ Class of 1911 and Sports Psychology. What might you offer our Y12s?

From our Assistant Head Academic, Mr Crossley: "We are seeking volunteers, parents for example, who may have a hinterland they'd like to share with the Sixth Formers; either from their previous career(s), or any other interest or passion." For those who'd like to contribute, please email: p.crossley@vcj.sch.je

COMPUTER SCIENCE: KPMG TALKS CYBERSECURITY – PHISHING QUIZ FOR PARENTS

We welcomed KPMG this week, who spoke to our Y10 Computer Science students about cybersecurity, with a focus on phishing: <https://phishingquiz.withgoogle.com/>

KPMG are keen to teach students valuable lessons on how to stay safe online and how they can champion the protection of their own personal data and online security.

PSHE: DR ARIC SIGMAN TALKS SCREENTIME AND SOFT DRUGS

This week our Y7, Y8 and Y9 students heard from Dr Aric Sigman, on the issues surrounding screen dependency in young people. We are supporting our students achieve a healthy balance in their young lives and in a super-connected and screen-centric world.

Dr Sigman also spoke to our Y10 students on the topic of vaping – sharing his experience, knowledge, recent research information and fielding questions from the boys on this supposed ‘safe’ alternative to smoking.

We hope to have Dr Sigman back with us again in future to continue our conversations on these important topics, with both our students as well as, next time, our parents.

PSHE: CHILDREN IN NEED. WE NEED CAKES!

On Friday 15 November: Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are holding a cake sale at break-time to support the Jersey Children in need appeal. Please bake/buy and bring donated cakes to the School Office Reception on Thursday 14 and Friday 15 November.

CCF – ARMY STEM CAMP

During half-term three cadets attended the national Army Cadet STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Camp on Salisbury Plain. They all had a great time seeing a whole host of military displays and demonstrations, and enjoyed a ride in a Warrior Armoured Personnel Carrier.

SPORT

Hockey

VCJ 1st XI 4 - 5 Hautlieu

VCJ 2nd XI 3 - 1 VC Colts

Football

Y8B JSSSA Tournament – VCJ 2nd place

This Saturday will see the 1st XI Footballers travel to Guernsey to play Elizabeth College in the U18 CI League. On Saturday 16 November, the two teams will clash on College Field for the return fixture – kick-off at 10.30.

MUSIC

Orchestral Challenge Concert – Thursday 5 December: Book your tickets

100 boys met together for the first time on Thursday afternoon for the second phase of our Orchestral Challenge. The noise was phenomenal, however, considering they had only had six lessons before this, we managed to get everyone playing together. I am indebted to the staff and older pupils who joined us to help make it work. We've just four more rehearsals to go until the VCOC Concert on Thursday 5 December, when we will present our first term of hard-work to parents and friends. Please [book your free ticket on Ticketsource](#).

Joint Colleges' Orchestra: Wednesday 13 November, 17.00 – Jersey Opera House

Hear from the best musicians from JCG and VCJ perform in our joint orchestra on Wednesday, as part of the [Jersey Eisteddfod](#) programme.

Christmas Crackers! Thursday 12 December at 19.00 – Great Hall

Our annual Christmas Concert takes place in the Great Hall, boys and staff will be there to entertain you with the choir, concert band, sinfonia, brass group and soloists. Mr Griffin will compere and there will be some audience participation! Please [book your free ticket on Ticketsource](#).

CONGRATULATIONS

- Leon Pierre won the U18 Table Tennis Tournament in Nottingham and won 16 out of 17 matches in the Channel Island Junior Top 12 Tournament
- Sam Romer has been selected for the south west zone of the national optimist sailing squad
- Donovan Tindall won silver at the national Brazilian Jiu Jitsu competition



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