



## Weekly Update | Friday 25 October 2019

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Dear Parents,

It is the end of an incredibly long and busy first half of the Autumn Term and, as ever, we have managed to pack a great deal into the past 7 weeks. You will have seen regular news about all the events taking place via our weekly updates and today's update shows that we have kept the momentum going right up until the half term break.

I am delighted to announce that this year's copy of the Victorian is now being distributed via Tutor Groups. If your son has not yet brought home a copy, we will ensure that this is passed on to him after half term, along with those for our Year 11 cohort, who have been taking part in the Trident programme over the last two weeks.

Trident offers our students an invaluable insight into the world of work. Our students have undertaken a wide range of different placements in all areas of Island society including the civil service, education, construction and engineering, banking, law, pharmacy, veterinary science and hospitality, to name just a few. We are very grateful for the opportunities that have been afforded to our students and for the time taken by the Trident team to put this scheme in place.

As you know, after half term, we will be introducing our updated Mobile Phone Policy. Parents were sent a copy of this policy earlier in the term. These changes come into effect on the first day back to school: Monday 4 November at 8.25 am. I am very grateful to those parents who have submitted further questions regarding the policy changes and so I have included below an updated set of FAQs. I hope this will further clarify one or two of the queries we have received about the implementation of these changes. I have been delighted with the positive feedback I have already received from so many parents about this policy and I hope that you will support us with this change to ensure the best possible educational provision for all our boys.

### **MOBILE PHONE POLICY FAQ'S**

Attached, you will find the FAQ's for the New Mobile Phone Policy.

### **HOUSE DRAMA – THE RESULTS!**

Many thanks to those parents who supported this year's House Drama. The talent was incredibly strong this year and every cast and crewmember should feel extremely proud.

Keeping their crown, Braithwaite were the winners of House Drama 2019 with their performance of Blackadder.

2nd: Dunlop

3rd: Diarmid

4th: Bruce  
5th: Sartorius

### **Other Awards**

Best Publicity: Sartorius

Best Set: Braithwaite

Best Newcomer: Charlie Rentsch 7Bw

Best Supporting Act: Harvey Godel 12Bw

Best Actor: Chris Stride 13Du

### **Judges specials**

Best Female: Thomas Waller 9Du

Best Dead Character: Matthew Pierce 11Du

The judges found it a very tough decision, as they were so impressed with our boys. Well done to all involved!

### **SPORT**

#### Hockey

1st XI 3 - 4 OV Convicts

2nd XI 3 - 2 JHC Lions

Colts 1 - 5 JHC Vintage

#### Football

1st XI 4 - 0 Hautlieu

U16B 4 - 1 Les Quennevais

Y9A JSSSA Tournament - VCJ 1st

Y8A JSSSA Tournament - VCJ 3rd

Y7B JSSSA Tournament - VCJ 2nd

### **MUSIC - VCOC**

The following boys were nominated by their instrumental teachers as the best performers in their groups, and from this list (in no particular order), Mr Murton randomly chose the STAR OF THE WEEK and winner of the musical prize, Oliver Chappell-Jenkins.

Well done to: Leon Hardman, Edison Slater, Oliver Kownacki, William Yates, Albert Joshua, Sydney Smith, Oliver Chappell Jenkins, Chris Haskins, Byron Major, Cillian Mangan, Max Hazzard and Samuel Patidar.

### **CCF**

#### **CCF Army Exercise Striking Sapper**

Over the weekend and under the direction of Capt Coe, as night fell on Friday the Army Section deployed into the field for Ex Striking Sapper. Well done to all, especially the Year 10's on their first blank firing exercise. By Saturday morning, the exercise was complete and the cadets headed back to College to hand in kit, and the inevitable weapons cleaning! Well done to all and thanks to our Adult Volunteers for making activities such as this possible.

#### **CCF Lieutenant Governor Cadets Appointed**

On Tuesday, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen Dalton held a reception at Government House to present insignia and certificates to the Islands' newly appointed

Lieutenant-Governor Cadets. After a stringent selection process involving the Island's cadet organisations, five cadets have been selected to be Lieutenant-Governor Cadets, three of which are Victoria College boys. Congratulations to: Cadet RSM Myles Willcox - Victoria College CCF, Cadet SSgt Finn Simpson-Cohen - Victoria College CCF, and Able Cadet Charles Baird - Jersey Sea Cadets.

### **Shooting Coaches Wanted**

The College Shooting Club is one of the most popular co-curricular activities and runs during term-time on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday's from 3.25pm to 5.30pm for pupils of Victoria College and Jersey College for Girls. There are currently in excess of 60 members of the Shooting Club aged 13-18.

The role of Shooting Coach covers everything from introductory briefings, administration and record keeping, to coaching and running the indoor range.

The College competes in the British School's postal leagues, championships and tri-service cadet competitions. The College has a continued history of success in these competitions and is well respected in the Schools and Cadet Forces' shooting communities thanks to the efforts of the current and previous Shooting Coaches.

The Shooting Club is a feeder to the local small-bore clubs and to our College full-bore shooting team, where we also continue to be very successful. There is also the option to support the fullbore team on Sunday mornings with the JRA from March to October, and whilst at Bisley for the Schools' and Imperial Meetings.

Although relevant previous experience and qualifications are desirable, full training and support will be given. Coaches must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the role, including checks with past employers and will require DBS vetting, which can be arranged by the College. There is also a requirement to attend an annual safeguarding training course (2hrs).

The role is voluntary, flexible and although ideal, there is no requirement to attend every session every week.

For an informal discussion please contact J-P Fidrmuc (CCF School Staff Instructor) [j.fidrmuc@vcj.sch.je/01534638289](mailto:j.fidrmuc@vcj.sch.je/01534638289).

### **DIARMID CHARITY DAY - FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER**

12 Diarmid are running a charity event on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, raising money for their house charities - Silkworth Lodge and Mind Jersey. Friday 8<sup>th</sup> will be a dress down day and students will need to bring a minimum donation of £2. However, they may want some extra spends for delicious cakes at break and the chance to see the most exciting sporting event of the year.... the Staff Sumo Scrap! For £2 entry, students will be able to watch members of staff battle it out in inflatable sumo outfits. What's more, supporting the event is renowned world champion lightweight boxer Anthony Crolla who will be speaking to the boys about mental health and offering autographs in return for a generous donation! 12 Diarmid are incredibly excited to run this event and hope you will get behind us and support these important charities. Thank you!

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Jacob Slack who has achieved his stage 1 Windsurfing certificate and stage 3 RYA Sailing certificate. He has also been selected for the Jersey U14's Hockey team.

### **STAYING IN TOUCH**

SIMS Parent app: Thank you to all those Y7-11 parents who have already signed up. For those of you who would like some support in registering, please contact: [s.watkins@vcj.sch.je](mailto:s.watkins@vcj.sch.je). Once you have signed up, please take a moment to check your information and update as necessary.

**PERSONAL, SOCIAL, HEALTH AND ECONOMIC (PSHE) SURVEY**

As the final part of the PSHE audit that has been taking place in secondary schools this term, the Education Department have asked us to send the following message out to all parents:

“We value your feedback and are keen to hear about your child’s experience of PSHE. Please complete this short survey to tell us about any areas of PSHE you think are particularly important. Many thanks for your time and support in completing the survey”.

Please use the following link – the survey will close on Friday 1 November 2019.

<https://survey.gov.ie/s/WXFAK/>

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very restful and enjoyable half term.

Yours sincerely,

**Alun D Watkins**

Headmaster