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Dear Parents,

We are proud to announce that the winner of House Music 2020 is Bruce House!

House Music maintained its status as one of the most popular and exciting events in the VCJ calendar. With superb performances from Junior, Colts and Senior students from all houses, Wednesday and Thursday's events were a perfect example of the exceptional musical talent we have here at Victoria College. It takes a lot of courage to stand up in front of your peers and perform either an instrumental or vocal piece, but our students managed it seamlessly – so congratulations to all boys who took to the stage over the last two evenings. The event also would not have been possible without the help of teachers, families, the VCPA and of course Mr Murton our Director of Music, so thank you to everyone who made the event possible.

We were very lucky to have four special guests with us adjudicating, Mr John Bowley, Mr Anthony Noel (OV), Miss Robyn Lezala and Mr Giles Robson (OV). Thanks goes to them for taking the time to come and judge this very close competition.

## **INSET DAY**

In this year's joint Learning Conference, on 14 February 2020, Professor Dame Alison Peacock will talk about creating a culture of learning where teachers know they are trusted to respond to learners, focusing on building irresistible learning through curriculum design, pedagogy and formative assessment.

Teachers from Jersey College for Girls and Victoria College will collaborate in workshops at the 2020 Conference, where they will share ideas to use in the classroom covering areas such as form tutoring strategies, giving effective feedback, behaviour for learning, use of technology and supporting SEN students. There will also be career-based training, including moving into middle and senior leadership and effective interviewing techniques.

## **SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE**

20 students (Years 11, 12 & 13) took part in the UK Maths Trust Senior Maths Challenge. Congratulations to Year 11 who won the Year 11 heat and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, beating both our Year 12 and 13 teams. Well done.

Years 9, 10 & 11 have just completed the Intermediate Challenge in lessons with the results due back from UKMT after half term.

## CO CURRICULAR

Several of our boys will be completing their NICAL Level 1 and 2 Climbing Awards this week.

## CALL FOR PARENT SPEAKERS – YEAR 12 ENRICHMENT LECTURES

On Wednesdays, from 12-1pm every week, we are running enrichment lectures for our Yr12 students to enlighten them about a range of different topics. So far this year we have had talks on: Endurance Events, Nutrition, Mental Health, Birds of Prey, Conservation and Hastings.

We have some exciting topics lined up for the rest of the year, but also have a few spaces available. If you have a hobby, topic or life experience that you feel would be interesting for our Yr12 students to learn about, please contact our Head of Sixth Form, Mr Alan Falle ([a.falle@vcj.sch.je](mailto:a.falle@vcj.sch.je)).

## JOIN OUR TEAM AT VICTORIA COLLEGE - CURRENT VACANCIES

### **Finance Manager**

Victoria College is seeking to appoint a dynamic and experienced Finance Manager to join the finance and administration team. This is an exciting opportunity to join the College as we continue to implement our strategic plan for growth and development across all aspects of the school. The successful candidate should be able to work under pressure in a busy and vibrant school environment. They will be organised, flexible and approachable and be able to work to strict deadlines. For an informal discussion please contact Mrs Carolyn Ferguson, Bursar on 01534 638259 or please apply via [Gov.je](http://Gov.je).

I wish you all a restful half term and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 24 February.

Kind regards,  
Alun Watkins  
**Headmaster**