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Dear Parents,

This week 12 cadets completed their Navy training, our boys had a range of successes across rugby, hockey and swimming, and we also saw the start of blossom on the College trees – Spring seems to be on its way!

On Wednesday, Jersey Dairy visited the College to provide our students with a complimentary healthy breakfast of yoghurt, fruits and honey as part of their Bring Back Breakfast campaign. They managed to serve 250 boys in 25 minutes!

Local farmer, Andrew Le Gallais presented on 'The Importance of the Jersey Cow in her Island home' to our Year 12s as part of our enrichment lecture series. Andrew brought in two special guests, Felicity and Star from his herd, for the boys to interact with. Felicity and Star were incredibly docile and ended up staying into the lunch hour so that students across the whole college were able to come and pay them a visit. [See photos on our Facebook page.](#)

MUSIC

House Music next week, is one of the most popular events of the year and the boys have been working hard to prepare their performances and we are all looking forward to some lovely music making on Wednesday and Thursday nights. You can register for tickets here: www.ticketsource.co.uk/victoriacollegearts

The boys in Year 7 are motoring through the orchestral challenge, so much so that we are awarding three "Star of the Week" prizes as these particular boys have shown some excellent progress. Well done to: **Finlay O'Prey**, **Shema Byrne** and **Luca Desbois**.

The commended boys are: **Sam Hall**, **Josh Penabla**, **Fraser Baird**, **Monty Gleeson**, **Zoran Plummer** and **Padraic Dunphy**.

SPORT

Rugby

This week our Year 7 Rugby team won 30-0 against Les Quennevais. Well done boys.

Hockey

Congratulations to our 2nd XI hockey players who have been crowned Division 2 league champions having won 11 straight games. An awesome achievement.

Basketball

Our senior basketball team ended up losing 45-38 to an excellent Guernsey Grammar side. Great to see the boys enjoying the opportunity provided.

Swimming

Congratulations to Filip Nowacki, Oscar Dodds and Casper Whitewood, who were named as the top team at the Hampshire Counties with Tiger's Swimming Club over the weekend. The boys also took home a multitude of medals in the fly, free and individual medley heats. Very well done to all the boys.

CCF

College Shooting Club

Congratulations to Joe Beddoe and Louise Yates (JCG) who have qualified for the final of the British Schools' Senior and Junior Championships respectively. We wish them good luck and good shooting for the final.

Navy Training

12 Cadets completed a Navy training weekend led by Lt O'Hare and Lt Bish. The cadets completed a challenging night operation in their respective watches, before a series of challenges on Saturday. The competition finished with a Navy classic of Bucket Ball - with Starboard Watch pulling it back to win the overall competition. Well done to all involved. - Lt O'Hare

PEER MENTORS AND THEIR WORK WITH THE CHARITY VARIETY

Year 12 peer mentors have delivered an assembly to their whole house or individual tutor groups to announce the support we are going to provide the Variety Charity next week. The Variety Charity supports disadvantaged children in Jersey.

From Monday onwards, the boys will have the opportunity to purchase a Variety Gold Heart pin for £1 to help transform the life of a child through the Variety Charity. We hope you and your son will help us to support this worthwhile charity.

COUNTER BULLYING STAFF INSET

Yesterday we hosted a training day for secondary school staff on 'Counter Bullying' – an island-wide initiative which we will share with you in the summer term. Your son's well-being is always our primary concern and working in partnership with yourselves and your son is paramount. Please do let us know of any concerns you may have, no matter how small. We are here to support all aspects of your son's journey through the school.

Kind regards,
Alun Watkins
Headmaster