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Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week at Victoria College. Our boys have achieved some fantastic things this week, including, hosting a 3 course dinner for paying guests at Highlands and taking home a record breaking four awards at the PwC Jersey Young Musician of the Year Competition 2020.

A group of our boys have been offered the opportunity to earn their RYA Level 1 Yacht Sailing certification with Go-Sail.je. ITV Channel TV aired a segment on the incentive last week, the clip is available on [our Facebook page here](#).

SIXTH FORM TASTER DAY

On Wednesday we welcomed Year 11 students from other Jersey schools to spend some time with our Sixth Form. Students from four other schools were guided around VCJ by our Year 12 students. They also attended A level lessons and the weekly Year 12 enrichment lecture, which was delivered by on-island tech expert Rory Steel, from Digital Jersey. We believe it is important to enable students from other secondary schools across the island to understand the opportunities available in our Sixth Form and we hope to welcome the boys back again in September.

MUSIC

Last weekend proved interesting for our musicians with some fine results from the PwC Jersey Young Musician of the Year Competition. We had four winners as follows: Darius Kayley – Senior Piano, Leo Vernaglione – Senior Brass, Ed Clarke – Junior Brass and Cosimo Dhama-Hounsom – Junior Woodwind. These boys have set a new record for Victoria College, as we have never taken as many as four awards home at this competition.

The Junior winners will be presented with their awards on Saturday 29 February 2020 at the Jersey Opera House, at which point the Seniors will compete in the final. Congratulations to all our winners and best of luck to Darius and Leo.

VCOC Commendations

Arthur Andrews	Alex Askham	Frazer Baird	Archie Barnard	Shema Byrne
Luca Desbois	Cameron Duff	Morris Gotillard	Michael Gothard	Samuel Hall
Leon Hardman	Ghassan Hasan	Cillian Mangan	Finlay O'Prey	Josh Penabla
Joshua Pinzari	Zoran Plummer	Ethan Ranklin	Alex Reczynski	Harvey Sandars

GCSE DRAMA

This week, sixteen Year 10 students performed their first piece of GCSE practical coursework, a scripted performance where they showcased both their performance skills and understanding of two contrasting plays. Miss Hill and Mrs Ogg were impressed with the boys and their achievements. Well done!

DR ARIC SIGMAN – PSHE TALKS

[Dr Aric Sigman](#), an American lecturer who gives talks on PSHE to parents and students, will be coming into the College on Wednesday 4 March to talk to parents on a variety of different topics. He will be hosting two sessions, the first at 6:00pm and the second at 7:30pm. Please save this date in your diaries, and we will provide more information on the topics he will be covering after half term.

CCF STEM CHALLENGE

On Sunday, a team of seven cadets represented the CCF in an inter-Cadet Forces STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Challenge. This was the inaugural STEM competition, replacing the former shooting competition, and was the 4th event in the annual Governors' Cup Competition.

The competition saw the teams take part in four very different challenges that not only tested their problem solving and construction skills, but also their team work and communication skills. With great scores across all four challenges, the CCF team were announced as the winners, just ahead of the team from the Air Cadets. Well done to all involved and thank you to our adult volunteers for giving up their Sunday morning to support the boys.

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).

JOIN OUR TEAM AT VICTORIA COLLEGE - CURRENT VACANCIES

Support role for Food and Nutrition

Victoria College is looking for someone to provide technical support for our growing Food and Nutrition provision. The position is available for 8 hours a week at £20/h, initially on a temporary basis.

The right candidate will be:

- passionate about food;
- excited by the opportunity to help our students explore their own enthusiasm for food preparation;
- have a good understanding of food hygiene; and
- be willing to take an active role in supporting the subject.

The role will involve helping to set up the classroom for practical work, organising equipment and resources, managing students' use of the fridges/freezers and supporting the students in the preparation and cooking of food. The position is available after February half term, and expressions of interest should be sent to Mr Will Gorman (w.gorman@vcj.sch.je).

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](#).

Kind regards,
Alun Watkins
Headmaster