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Dear Parents,

This week marks the end of the January mock examinations for Years 11 and 13. Well done to all boys who have put time and effort into their revision.

Our boys have been busy this week, donating cheques to MIND Jersey, Silkworth Lodge and Variety Jersey, alongside working towards their Grade 1 in the Victoria College Orchestral Challenge (VCOC), winning World Town Planning prizes and compiling a 3 course menu for paying customers.

You may have also read in the news this week, that former student Rufus Scholefield and teammates 'The Dorabros', [successfully rowed the Atlantic Ocean in 36 days, 10 hours and 32 minutes](#). What an achievement.

CHARITY DONATIONS

MIND Jersey and Silkworth Lodge

Last term, Diarmid House ran a series of events to raise money for [Mind Jersey](#) and [Silkworth Charity Group](#), including a cake sale, dress down, a teachers 'Sumo Scrap' and even a visit from professional boxer [Anthony Crolla](#). The whole school managed to raise an amazing £2,803.24!

Sammy Cooil and his classmates from 12 Diarmid presented James Le Feuvre from Mind and Jason Wyse from Silkworth Lodge, with cheques for £1,401.62 each.

Thank you to all students, staff, parents and teachers, as well as our generous sponsors; [Barclays](#), [B&Q](#), [Dandara](#), [Hepburns Insurance](#), [Normans Jersey](#), [Romerils](#), [SandpiperCI Careers](#), [SGB Hire Channel Islands](#) and [The Entertainer Toy Shop](#).

Variety – The Children's Charity, Jersey

Chris De La Haye and Joshua Stuart, two of our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, presented Sandra Auckland, Chief Barker from [Variety - the Children's Charity of Jersey](#), with a cheque for £396.38. This money was raised at the end of last term where students donated in order to wear a Christmas jumper to school. We are very much looking forward to supporting Variety again in the future.

WORLD TOWN PLANNING DAY – PRIZE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Royal Town Planning Institute's (RTPI) World Town Planning Day Competition 2019 was designed to inspire students to take a closer look at both their local and wider environment and the many decisions that impact it. The 2019 competition focus was on how skilled and creative planning can help combat climate change.

We are delighted to announce that Eden Powell, Nicholas Reddy and Dakai Todd have been announced as Runners Up in the 11-15 "Best Group" category. Congratulations to these boys.

Each prize winner will receive a certificate and Amazon token, and RTPI resources. The RTPI will also present each winner with a 2020 Affiliate RTPI membership, and £50 vouchers for materials for their school. Any other pupils that entered will receive a commended certificate signed by the RTPI President.

MUSIC

Victoria College Orchestral Challenge (VCOC)

This week we hit the half-way point of the VCOC and some of the boys have started to work on their Grade 1 pieces already. While work is going well, special mention should go to: Ollie Boyle, Alex Reczynski, Sebastian Mooney, Luca Debois, Henry Williams, Beau Gurner, Leon Hardman, Josh Penalba, Ranajay Ahlawat, Arnav Bhattacharya, Star of the Week goes to Beau Gurner.

Thursday 30th January - 7pm Rock Night

With four bands performing a variety of music, we hope that you will join us. The Howard Davis Theatre will be set up cafe style, so bring your own refreshments sit back and enjoy the music from pupils, staff and a few visitors. Tickets are free: but please book your place online at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/victoriacollegearts

House Music - Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February

Tickets for our annual House Music competition always go like wildfire. Please reserve the dates in your diaries. Tickets will be available from Friday 7th February 2020.

End of term Concert Thursday 26th April 5pm

We had a very successful VCOC concert for our Year 7 boys at the end of last term, and as they are making more progress, we will have a second concert at the end of this term. To this concert I have invited the *Concert Band* and *Sinfonia Strings* so that they can perform to the younger boys and audience. The concert will last about 80 minutes and please note the late afternoon starting time. Tickets are free: but please book your place online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/victoriacollegearts

3 COURSE DINNER AT HIGHLANDS

As part of our Food and Nutrition Course at Key Stages 3 and 4, a group of 8 students from Years 8, 9 and 11 would like to invite you to a 3 course dinner that they will prepare and serve at Highlands College.

Date: Thursday 30 January

Time: 7.00-8.00pm

Venue: Highlands College

Cost: £30 per person, available from contacting Mihaela Lazarescu on 01534 608560, or emailing academy@highlands.ac.uk.

The boys will be led by Chef/Lecturer Dom Farrell and Mr Gorman, and have been working hard over the last few months to put the menu together. Two of the dishes featuring on the menu were winning dishes in last year's House Food competition. The event will finish at 8pm.

Menu:

Bass

Pan roasted fillet of sea bass, roasted tomato and red pepper pesto, Mediterranean freekeh salad

Lamb

Cannon of lamb, onion puree, caramelised shallot, honey roasted carrots, fondant potato, red wine and juniper jus

Chocolate

Chocolate and hazelnut fondant, Baileys cheesecake ice cream, bitter chocolate crumble, fresh raspberries

Filter coffee and tea

SPORT

Hockey

1st XI 6 - 5 Crusaders
2nd XI 6 - 2 Island Ladies

Rugby

1st XV 35 - 12 Hautlieu
Yr 9 50 - 29 De La Salle
Yr 8A 20 - 25 De La Salle
Yr 8B 55 - 0 De La Salle
Yr 7 35 - 20 St Michael's

Blomfield Standings

1 - Sartorius 60.5
2 - Dunlop 60
3 - Diarmid 57
4 - Bruce 54
5 - Braithwaite 53.5

Kind regards,
Alun Watkins
Headmaster