



Friday 12 June 2020

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Dear Parents,

It has been great to have our Year 10 and Year 12 boys back in school this week. They have been positive, cheerful and definitely pleased to be back. We are now looking forward to building on this momentum. Next week, our provision will include subject-specific teaching for boys in Years 10 and 12 and their programme of study will include additional optional work and some extra-curricular activities. I am really hopeful that we will be able to reintroduce more Year groups in the coming weeks but for the time being, we will continue to adopt a blended approach of remote learning and in-school face-to-face teaching.

Parents of boys in Years 7 - 9 will have received a parentmail today from Mr Akers outlining the optional co-curricular activities that we are planning to introduce from next week between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm each day. This week, Year 7 & 8 have successfully begun work towards their College Diploma. On Monday, they received the first of their tasks in Art, Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Drama, English, Geography and Philosophy, with a specially created task in Business as well. In addition, there has been core work in English, Maths and French, daily physical challenges and book readings every lunchtime. It has been wonderful to see a variety of work coming in, from surveys conducted on the Island's bat population, monologues written to Miss Trunchbull, experiments done on the properties of salt in cooking and emotive letters written to our future selves. The boys have engaged with it wonderfully well and next week, they will be receiving the first task in their other subjects. Mr Crossley will be showcasing a selection of some of the excellent work being submitted. For a reminder of the details of the College Diploma, please watch this short video. [Year 7 & 8 College Diploma](#)

Now that Mrs Lucy Ogg has taken maternity leave I am pleased to inform parents of Year 7 boys that Mr Tom Smith has taken on the role of Academic Head of Year 7 and Transition Co-ordinator. He will continue to act as Housemaster of Braithwaite House.

I am delighted that we are beginning to get back to some kind of normality and we are awaiting further information from our Education Minister and CYPES regarding the next stage of our phased return of students and staff.

REMINDER : Years 10 and 12 devices

Please can all Year 10 and 12 boys remember to bring in their devices for next week. These are needed to access online lessons taking place.

CHANNEL VICTORIA - Message from Dr Hughes, Deputy Headmaster

In his digital message, Dr Hughes welcomes back students to school and discusses the successes of Challenge75. The video can be viewed [here](#)



CHANNEL VICTORIA - Co-curricular and Citizenship Award Launch

Unable to do so in person, Mr Akers introduces the 2020 Co-curricular and Citizenship Awards online, please [view here](#). There are two categories and three age groups. The award is to celebrate the efforts, successes and activities outside of the classroom and school and this may include volunteering during isolation. Notes of how to apply can be viewed in the detailed [CC&CA PowerPoint](#).

ACADEMIC AND HOME LEARNING - Message from Mr Crossley, Assistant Head Academic

Timetables for Years 10 and 12 from 15th June

You will have received a letter from Dr Hughes this week regarding the phased return of Years 10 and 12 from Monday 15th June. For information, we will be providing Y10 pupils with a hard copy of their timetables on Monday morning, to ensure boys are clear about where they need to be and when. To facilitate this, we will be asking all those in the 10X group to attend the Great Hall on arrival, and all those in the 10Y group (this will be clear from Dr Hughes's letter) to attend the HDT on arrival at 0830. Year 12 students will have their timetables provided to them in advance of Wednesday.



YEAR 11 & 13 VCJ BOOK RETURNS 2020

We are asking all Year 11 and 13 students to book a 15 minutes slot to return their subject books. There will be a temporary station in the Howard Davis Theatre, managed by [Mr Wooldridge](#), running from 15 to 26 June.

VCJ Book Returns 2020

Information on how to book has already been sent to Year 11 and 13 parents, however the online booking system can be [accessed here](#).

CO-CURRICULAR WEEKLY HOME LEARNING CHALLENGE – Mr Akers, Senior Teacher: Co-Curricular

Co-curricular Update

The results for the sports recreation competition are finalised. This week boys have been recreating their favourite sporting moments. We've had a number of famous goals from World Cup winners and Premier League champions and the audio editing of the videos has been great. Well done to all involved. Excellent work to Sartorius who win the overall challenge. A bar of chocolate to each of our Year group winners and a £5 Amazon voucher for Sebastian P for his excellent work dodging and ducking his dad's best efforts!

We look forward to seeing your efforts from next week's challenge.

Year Group Winners:

7	Bw	Jacob C
8	Du	Neil S
9	Sa	Seb P - overall winner!
10	Sa	Jonty B
11	N/A	N/A
12+13	Sa	Harvey B

CHALLENGE : 'Celebrate Local' Home Cooking Competition



Brief

We are so lucky to live on an island with such an abundance of wonderful, fresh produce grown by skilled and passionate people. Whilst supporting our local businesses at this time, we would also like to increase our students' awareness of locally available produce by challenging them to cook a meal, for at least two people, using at least three items that are locally sourced.

Following the closing date, we will collate entries and decide upon a winner in each year group, as well as an overall student winner and a 'friends and families' category for OVs, parents and friends of the school.

Requirements

To enter the competition, you will need to provide :

- Ingredients list with information as to where you sourced your local ingredients
- Step-by-step recipe with photos, including any processes used and safety considerations
- Photos of your final dish

Your final dish must be for a minimum of two people, and your **entry must be submitted by 12:00 on June 23rd.**

How to submit?

You should send your ingredient list, recipe and photos to Mr Gorman for judging (w.gorman@vcj.sch.je).

A PowerPoint template will be sent by Show my homework task for your submission, to enable us to compile a VCJ cookbook once the competition is complete

Scoring

We will consider the following aspects when deciding who has won in each category;

- The range of local produce and local suppliers used
- The level of detail in your recipe
- Appearance of final dish
- Bonus marks for engaging with the school twitter (@VictoriaCollege) or Instagram (@VictoriaCollegeJersey) or Facebook (Victoria College, Jersey) accounts as well as the accounts belonging to your local suppliers so we can all celebrate local.

Local Produce

Some examples of local produce include;

- Jersey Royals
- Jersey Dairy products
- Locally grown fruit and vegetables
- Eggs
- Locally caught seafood
- Locally bred poultry and meat
- Locally baked bread

Finding Produce

<https://hedgeveg.je/> has been set up to enable Jersey residents to find their nearest hedge veg stall or explore and find some of the hidden gems out there. This may be useful in sourcing your ingredients. Homefields Jersey have also produced a chart of seasonal produce which you can find [here](#).

MUSIC – Mr Murton, Director of Music

Victoria College Orchestral Challenge

The boys enter their final week next week and are gearing up to their final Challenge Assessments. These will take place through most of the week beginning 22nd June. Parents, please be on the look-out for the timetable.

We are immensely grateful to the staff, parents and boys who have continued to work hard to keep our Challenge on track. The final assessments will be a super climax to our year. As I write, we have many boys who will be continuing their lessons in Year 8 with the VC Orchestra Project. Well done to all of you!

CCF UPDATE – Message, Mr Fidrmuc, Staff School Instructor

Weekly Quiz - Round 6 - Military History (Dunkirk, D-Day & the Occupation)

On Friday last week we had 30 cadets taking part in the third round of the CCF Weekly Quiz, testing their Military History Knowledge. It was a close competition, but this week George D (Yr11) topped the board beating all others, and also moving to the top of the Champion Cadet leader board. Well done to all.

Inter-Section - This Week

(Top 5 individual scores used)

Army

RAF

Navy

Individual Results - This Week

1st George D (& Top Yr 11)

2nd Robert M

3rd Oliver W (& Top Yr 12)

Connor W – 5th (& Top Yr 10)

Keziah R – 13th (& Top Yr 9)

Champion Cadet League Table (after 4 scoring rounds)

George D (Yr 11)

Oliver W (Yr 12)

Charlie B (Yr 12)

Robert M (Yr 11)

Connor W (Yr 10)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We are aware that the current COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause a good deal of financial hardship for some of our parents. I would urge you to contact me, in confidence, should you wish to discuss your current financial situation and what the school may be able to do to support you. In the first instance, please contact my secretary, Mrs Emily Oldridge via e.olderidge@vcj.sch.ie.

EXTERNAL RESOURCES

Volunteering : Volunteer.Je offers opportunities for people aged 14 to 18 with organisations that demonstrate compliance with the highest levels of governance and safeguarding.

May I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

With kind regards,

Alun Watkins
Headmaster