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I'd like to commence by thanking you for sparing a few moments to read this message and have a look at our First Ever KSJC Newspaper. We believe that this is the ideal platform for KSJC and fellow students to stay in touch with you and express various opinions and experiences.

Elected with the slogan "Stronger Together", we're ensuring that this message is being conveyed through our works throughout the year. Junior College deserves a unified council, working tirelessly together for the utmost benefit of every student present and those aspiring to embark on a new adventure within this College.

KSJC Article

It is being widely recognized that young people should have the right to be heard and also to speak out about their school experiences and difficulties, This is exactly the set of principles that the KSJC (Kunsill studenti Junior college) is built upon. To serve as a voice for the rest of the students in Junior college irrespective of their political, religious, cultural or social background, hence being an independent organization with no political attachment whatsoever. One of its main aims is to ensure a proper and improved environment based on the students' needs to promote a better learning environment both on a national and international level and an overall memorable sixth form Experience.

This year's council, for the first time ever, is made up of eight board members elected by fellow Junior college students in the yearly election. The addition of the role of Vice-president has already been a great asset to the team due to the great load of work that needs to be carried out in a year. The council is presented with a set of proposals from the contenders of which they aim to work on in their year. This year the council has worked diligently in unprecedented times and has successfully completed 75% of its proposals.

These include successful events such as the KSJC Christmas ball and Prom which were attended by around a thousand people. People danced the night away to great tunes from local DJs as well as spend time with fellow students.

KSJC is not only about helping students but also aims to raise awareness with various campaigns and workshops. These include the animal awareness campaign, Live green campaign and education campaign regarding Mental health and Sexual Health.



As a council it is our intention to continue our hard work in order to complete our manifesto despite the challenging times. We look forward to welcoming all new students.

Key Proposals

Proposals

Colours the LGBTIQ + Workshop.

Description:

This workshop was done in collaboration with Malta pride with the main aim to raise awareness on Equality and LGBTIQ. The workshop took place on the 19th of February at the Junior College Youth Hub where students had the opportunity to share their experiences whilst making everyone feel at ease.



Proposal

Incentive to use travel mugs by offering reduced prices from nearby cafeterias.

Description:

As part of our Green Policy, KSJC has agreed with both the Junior College Canteen and Lemon Lime and Orange to offer a REDUCED price for those who present their own cup when ordering a hot beverage. Ranging from the essential morning Tea or Coffee to that warm and delicious Hot Chocolate, Junior College students are given a price reduction for reducing the use of disposable cups.



Proposal

The Transport Fund to promote alternative transportation methods.

Description:

This year KSJC teamed with our sponsor the cyclists to provide students with this great green incentive. Students are eligible for a 20% Reimbursement upon purchasing a new bike + a 10% discount! That means that they will be enjoying a 30% discount in total.



Proposal

Free First Aid & AED Courses

Description

For the first time KSJC hosted the first ever First Aid and AED Course free of charge for Junior College students. These courses were held on 13th and 17th of July at the Red cross premises with aim to help students develop and enhance their skills and knowledge.



Proposal

Free Sign Language Course

Description:

KSJC aims to ensure a more inclusive environment on Campus, it was for this reason that the very first sign language course was held on the 11th of March. Students had the opportunity to go through the basic foundations of Sign Language and its role today's society.



Proposal

The First Ever Tour in the Sky

Description:

For the very first time KSJC offered 2 students the opportunity to fly on a small plane and tour Malta. This unique experience was fully funded by KSJC and offered the winners some truly wonderful memories.



Proposal:

New sports equipment for students.

Description:

The council is always at the forefront to provide students with equipment to allow for recreational activities within the campus. We provided sports equipment such as tennis rackets, tennis balls and basketballs amongst others.



Proposal:

Multiple Social events with the 2 biggest being Christmas Ball and Prom.

Description: This year 2 biggest events were without doubt Christmas Ball and Prom with approximately 1000 attending each event.



Organisations in Junior College

SDM

SDM was founded by a group of University students in 1974. SDM finds its origins as a student organization in a troubled political period of the time. One of the main aims of the founders was that, during a period when freedom of expression was not always respected, the University students and those students in other Post-Secondary Institutions be given the opportunity to express their opinions, not only on political issues connected to the education system but also in national politics. Today, this has remained one of SDM's main objectives. SDM encourages and recognizes the contribution of students to the University of Malta, G.F. Abela Junior College, MCAST, ITS, Sir M.A. Refalo Gozo and society in general. As a student organization, SDM is the ideal forum where every student can learn how to express his ideas whilst giving a valid

contribution to our lives as students. Throughout the year, we organise various events that target different students. Events vary from academic events such as focus groups, seminars, study groups and others to social events such as parties and ongoing gatherings throughout the year. In every institution, an executive team or a sub-committee give the chance to every individual to join the SDM team and contribute within the organisation. SDM is a dynamic organization and is open to change. SDM works towards: **Creating a social conscience amongst Maltese students. Ensuring that the rights of Maltese students are maintained. Promoting the political and social participation of students on University, National and International levels.** SDM is the oldest and largest political organization run by students at the University of Malta. As a member of SDM, you can voice your opinion.

Pulse

Pulse Social Democratic Students of Malta was founded on 19th March, 1997, with the purpose of being an active organisation representing students all over the islands. Commencing operations at the G.F. Abela Junior College and the University of Malta, Pulse started fielding candidates for the students' council elections, with a successful result and a notable track-record, especially in KSJC: the Junior College students' council.

In 2012, Pulse continued on its mission to expand its representation, becoming the first-ever recognised student society in MCAST, and therefore increasing its reach to all College campuses in Malta and Gozo. This was followed by recognition as the first-ever political student representation in the Gozo Sixth Form. In December 2013, Pulse obtained an absolute majority of votes and seats in KSM: the MCAST Students' Council, together with the highest-ever turnout recorded in the Council's history. Moreover, in 2016 Pulse was also administered as the first student organisation within ITS. It has managed to win any election taken place in the past years with a staggering majority, hence occupying all positions in the ITSC

Pulse aims to continue expanding its representation in order to continue building on the work conducted so far. Furthermore, with clear aims for the future, the organisation will continue providing effective representation through clear policies and a student-centred agenda.

Teatru Kullegg

Teatru Kullegg is a student-led Junior College organisation. It brings together students who all share curiosity and passion for Theatre and Performance. It was first established as 'The Junior College Theatre Group', but in 2018 it was rebranded as Teatru Kullegg or TK. As an organisation, TK works the same way a theatre company would with the exception that it is student-led. With the help of a coordinator, students get to experience what it would be like to be part of a company who creates theatrical pieces, all while learning and growing in a safe space.

The two main annual events organised by Teatru Kullegg are the Christmas Concert and the Junior College Soirée. Every year, the student committee together with the coordinator hold auditions for students to take part in these performances. The committee work on marketing and producing these events while the student members of TK work to create performances. For the annual Soirée, students are chosen to take various roles such as director/s, stage manager/s, stage designer/s, choreographer/s and vocal coach/es, amongst others. They all work together, alongside the committee to create and present a play in the month of February.

The goal of our organisation is to create a space in which anyone is welcome to come and experience all aspects of theatre, on stage and/or behind the scenes. To the naked eye, theatre might seem just a source of entertainment but when looking deeper, students realise there is so much more to this art form. It is a medium whereby students can express themselves and during the process, they explore ways of how to transform thoughts, feelings and concepts into art. Teatru Kullegg encourages students to be free and share their talents while also reinforcing artistic skill and put it to practice.

As of the scholastic year 2019-2020, Teatru Kullegg is run by coordinator Marcelle Teuma as well as the TK Committee: Martina Zammit, Mark Ciantar, Julia Camilleri and Kaylie Magri. Teatru Kullegg held last years' Christmas Cabaret on 12 December 2019 and will be holding the annual Soirée titled 'Cinder' based on the classic fairytale of Cinderella on 7, 8 and 9 February 2020.

Chrisco

Chrisco is the Junior College students' Christian community coordinated by the Chaplain, Fr. Anton D'Amato. This group animates the spiritual, religious and liturgical life of the College, especially during Advent and Christmas, and Lent and Easter. Furthermore, Chrisco organizes regular meetings for students in which opportunity is offered to make new friends, enhance talents and various teamwork skills, voluntary work experiences, spiritual guidance and character formation.

Throughout the academic year, the Chrisco group is involved in various socio-religious activities including cross-curricular ones, where Chrisco supports and even animates activities with various departments at Junior College.

Manga Club

Manga club is the ideal space for those who are interested in Japanese Otaku culture. Our aim is to explore this culture within our weekly sessions from different aspects and through numerous activities.

Manga Club has been up and running for thirteen years and currently has around forty regular attendees. Though we are a large group, members feel at home in Manga Club and have formed tight-knit friendships. We welcome all students, including those who are new to this subculture and would like to discover more about it.

The weekly Wednesday sessions typically include discussions concerning anime and manga, playing games, drawing, and even dancing. Members also assist each other with cosplay. This year, some new activities have been introduced, including collaborations with other student organisations, namely Film Club, as well as inviting knowledgeable guests to give talks and demonstrations on various topics within the subculture and other areas of Japanese culture. The club also takes part in various school activities, such as Open Day where we typically set up a performance.

Apart from Wednesday sessions, Manga Club now also hosts optional, yet much-loved Dungeons and Dragons campaigns. Those members who are interested in this world-famous roleplaying game form groups of around five players and meet up after school to play. This additional activity has proven to be very successful within the past few months.

Article by Students

Parascandalo by Luke Azzopardi

Growing up I have always looked at arts as an expression of one's character, history and vision. The past year I have had the opportunity to work in the fashion industry with the clothing brand, Parascandalo. You could say that I have touched many areas within the industry but most importantly I have worked very closely to the designer when designing new collections, marketing the brand and I have also modelled, both on the runway and photoshoots.

When it comes to designing the product, it is generally a mixture of two elements; what the designer has in mind in terms of design, combined with what is trending in the current market. At this stage there is a very fine line as one has to create something original, yet not too out of the norm in order to sell. When it comes to Parascandalo, the designer, Marco, generally focuses on hand-painted work, Maltese slogans, unique takes on hoodies and jackets, and custom dresses.

Although the design of the product is of utmost importance, good marketing can take the brand to a new level. With effective social media marketing, nowadays, you can reach a very wide audience whilst also being able to target specific types of customers. Regular posting on social media provides an easy way to engage and interact with customers in order to keep the interest high. Influencer marketing is another method which we use highly at Parascandalo so that people can see the clothes on others with a good reputation in the fashion industry.

Although the concept of modelling is not complicated, people generally misinterpret how easy or hard modelling can get. People assume that as long as you have the 'look', all you have to do is walk in a straight line or stand in front of a camera, which is partially true, but that's not all. As a model, on the runway, one has to completely understand the image that the designer is trying to portray. Fashion shows tend to change from one brand to another depending on the brand itself, style of the specific collection and music used during the shows. When it comes to photoshoots, the model must first understand the purpose of the photoshoot. When I had the opportunity to work with Charles & Ron, the purpose behind the photo shoot was for a look book for their new collection. Here, the focus was the clothes and how they looked, therefore, posture and styling were the two most important factors. In another photo shoot, the outcome had to be an advert

for Lee's Hairstylist Salon, therefore the main focus was the hair whilst also promoting Parascandalo and the photographer.

All in all, working in fashion is all about creativity and the understanding of other people, including workmates, viewers and buyers. For that, I would definitely say that any creative mind with love for fashion should have a go within the industry and try their luck!

There is no Planet B by Martha Attard

1. How it all started

In order to make a difference, we must act responsibly.

My name is Martha, I am a 16-year-old with a simple wish that we live a clean future.

“It all started when my dog used to eat anything he found on the floor”

It was when my dog ingested many harmful things off the ground, just because others weren't bothered to throw the things away in their appropriate place, that I decided to act.

I started out with arranging regular clean-ups, to do my part for the environment. I did some alone and some with a dedicated group of volunteers. Keeping in mind the pollution concern in Malta, I try to do my best and encourage those around me to learn about the importance of a clean environment and the consequences of a polluted environment.

In my opinion, the future is ours and any changes we manage to do at this point will benefit us and those around us in the future.

2. Impacts of pollution

These can be seen every day and all around you. Pollution is ruining our environmental health, ecosystems and drinking water not mentioning human health “Humans are also regularly harmed by pollution. Long-term exposure to air pollution, for example, can lead to chronic respiratory disease, lung cancer and other diseases.”

[Cited from World Wildlife].

Pollution isn't only littering but other major forms include plastic pollution, air pollution and so much more.

“Air pollution 'kills 570 people a year' in Malta. Air pollution is a bigger killer than smoking, according to shocking new research. Filthy fumes from cars, lorries, factories and industrial chimneys kill an estimated 8.8 million people around the world annually”