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## Message from the Secretary General

Dear reader,

we hope that you are all well and healthy! As the current situation is still a turbulent one, we urge you to follow every safety protocol which has been implemented by the National health authorities.

First and foremost, I'd like to begin this message by welcoming every incoming Freshers to Junior College. We are sure that these two years will be some of the best

moments in your life! As KSJC, we will ensure that you are well oriented on anything related to your first steps within Junior College. Although we probably won't have the opportunity to meet physically, always feel free to contact us through our various social media.

Secondly, we know that this will not be an easy step forward for neither student at Junior College. Adapting to the new protocols and safety measures which have been implanted will be quite a challenge, but one which we can conquer together.

Lastly, we hope that this newsletter shall provide you a brief update of our works in recent weeks and also an introduction to the organisations which shall be there to help you!



## Key Proposals

### **The Transport Fund to promote alternative transportation methods.**

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.



### **Free First Aid & AED Courses**

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.



## Tour in the sky



The sky is the limit for this council! In 2020, this council brought every student's dream of touring the sky into a reality by organising the first-ever Tour in the Sky event. Lucky participants got to spend the day touring across our breath-taking scenery of the Maltese Islands.

## 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 the annual Soirée titled 'Cinder' based on the classic fairytale of Cinderella was held 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.