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Photography Competition - 'Breaking Barriers'

Amanda Calleja - 'Believing'

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## Photowalk in the Capital

Members of the Junior College Photography Club spent a whole morning in Valletta taking photos as part of a practical activity. This exercise is done annually during the Easter recess and the students, having attended a number of sessions of a free course in basic photography have the opportunity to put into practice what they learnt.



Valletta offers various subjects to please any photographer's appetite. Whether shooting architecture, people, etc. Malta's capital is a territory which the students enjoy exploring and shooting whatever grabs their attention.

The Junior College Photography Club was established in 2015. It attracts students who are interested in photography. Most students are complete beginners, whilst others seek a way of polishing or extending the already mastered skills. Students meet weekly and follow a basic course in photography which includes theory sessions, site visits as well as practical sessions including a photographic studio session. Interested students may contact the club coordinator on [photography.jc@um.edu.mt](mailto:photography.jc@um.edu.mt)



## Vote 16 @ JC

The Department of Systems of Knowledge, in collaboration with Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ, recently organised a number of workshops related to the lowering of voting age to 16 years. On 5 March 2018, and with a unanimous Parliamentary vote, Malta became the second EU country to grant 16 year-olds the right to vote. The first opportunity for Maltese 16 year-olds to vote will be on 25 May 2019. Vote 16 @ JC was aimed to give JC students the opportunity to participate in workshops and explore the main concerns associated with making choices at age 16.



Students were given the opportunity to explore whether the main concerns expressed by young people and adults with regards to Vote 16 are issues that hinder their level of preparation and if they relate specifically to 16 and 17 year-olds. The students were presented with four main concerns: whether they are mature enough to vote; the little unbiased information available; not being sufficiently educated; and being easily pressured into making certain decisions. They had to discover these concerns while debating on various issues including education, driving at 16, Maltese feasts and the health service. In the concluding discussions, students reflected on the concerns raised and how their age actually impacts these concerns. Hopefully this experience has enabled our students to feel empowered to make choices and to be prepared to counter major concerns related to Vote 16. Moreover, this activity complemented the topic of active and responsible citizenship, which is part of the SOK syllabus.



*'L-Erba'  
Evangelisti'*

Preżentazzjoni fuq il-proġett ta' restawr u konservazzjoni ta' pitturi tal-bidu tas-seklu XVII mis-Sinjura Valentina Lupo B. Cons. (Hons.) u d-Dott.sa Maria Grazia Zenzani - Atelier del Restauro, u inawgurazzjoni tal-ewwel pittura

waqt kunċert ta' mużika mill-  
**UNIVERSITY OF MALTA JUNIOR COLLEGE ENSEMBLE**  
taħt id-direzzjoni tal-Mro. Manoel Pirotta

Is-Sibt, 4 ta' Mejju 2019 | 8.30PM  
Knisja Parrokkjali l-Antika ta' San Ġiljan Ospitalier  
(Ta' Lapsi)



*Din l-attività qed tittella' bil-kollaborazzjoni tal-Kunsill Lokali San Ġiljan*

## Collection of Soft Toys; Bazaar items; Bedding & Animal Food

The JC4Others Committee will be collecting soft toys in good condition, bazaar items, bedding & animal food for future charity activities along the third term. Please bring these items after Easter recess till Friday 3 May. All items will be collected at the Chaplain's Office in Room C016, or the Office of the Principal.



## Codesprint Malta

Recently, eight Computing advanced students participated in the Codesprint Malta competition which is a national programming challenge. Five of the students managed to make it to the final, with Kurt Agius and Michael Debono finishing in second and third place respectively. WELL DONE!



The event was organised by the Directorate for Learning & Assessment Programmes within the Ministry for Education & Employment. Powered by ICE Malta and supported by ESkills Malta Foundation.

## European Day for Solidarity

On the occasion of the 'European Day for Solidarity between Generations' held annually on the 29 April, the JC Department of Sociology was invited to participate in a national conference held at the Valletta Campus. The half day activity, Silver Lining for Intergenerational Solidarity was held in collaboration with the UM Department of Gerontology and Dementia Studies, Faculty for Social Wellbeing, together with the Parliamentary Secretariat for Persons with Disability and Active Ageing.

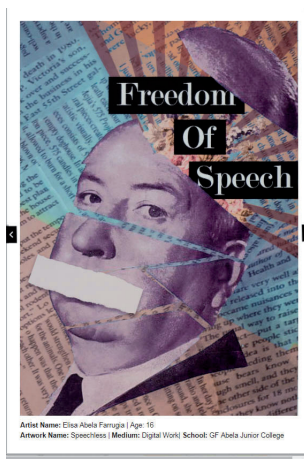
Students from two advanced level Sociology classes attended the seminar. Three students from each class worked together on the theme of intergenerational solidarity under the guidance of Dr Angele Deguara and Mr Noel Agius. They conducted research and an online survey for a presentation entitled, Are we Different, presented on the day by two of the students, Ms Corinne Debono and Ms Chimaine Farrugia. Other presentations at the conference were given by Professor Marvin Formosa, Head of the Department of Gerontology and Dementia Studies, the Hon Mr Anthony Agius Decelis, Parliamentary Secretary for Persons with Disability and Active Ageing as well as representatives from the Department of Active Ageing and Community Care and Aġenzija Żgħażaġh.

## Sovereign Art Foundation

The Department of Art participated in this year's 'Sovereign Art Foundation Students Prize' and is celebrating the result of the four runner ups that made it to the final: Hayden Grima, Maylene Muscat, Elisa Abela and Andrew Deguara. This artistic competition aims to encourage and provide a forum to promote the work of aspiring artists and to promote art and creativity in schools while also raising awareness of the plight of disadvantaged children both in Malta and abroad. This year's theme was FREEDOM and we proudly announce that Andrew Deguara placed first from the judges' panel and Elisa Abela placed second in the public's vote. We thank all of the members of staff and students that contributed in the public voting.



Artist Name: Andrew Deguara Famugia | Age: 16  
Artwork Name: Straight | Medium: Acrylics | School: GF Abela Junior College



Artist Name: Elisa Abela Famugia | Age: 16  
Artwork Name: Speechless | Medium: Digital Work | School: GF Abela Junior College



## From the EURO – CENTRE

### InterACT for Inclusion – Germany Youth Exchange

The Junior College group of students participating in Erasmus+ Project 'InterACT for Inclusion', a youth exchange promoting active lifestyle, inclusion and tolerance, recently traveled to Germany. The second youth exchange as part of this project was organised by Louise Otto Peters Schule located in Wiesloch between 18 and 22 March.



The Maltese, German, Finnish and Belgian youths took active part in open discussions related to inclusion and tolerance and participated in themed workshops, debates and cultural activities with the aim of acquiring skills which will empower them towards personal development, social inclusion and active citizenship. Physical activities were included throughout the programme to stimulate learning and break intercultural barriers.

The Project co-ordinated by Ġ.F. Abela Junior College and funded under the Erasmus+ programme, will come to end in August 2019.

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