



## The Official Weekly Newsletter for Junior College Students

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### European Elections 2019

For the first time in Maltese history, 16-year old youngsters have the right and civic duty to vote in electoral processes. In view of the upcoming EU Parliament Elections in May, Junior College in collaboration with the EU Parliament Office in Malta is organising an information campaign and a mock voting activity in the JC Canteen on **Monday 8 April**.

Additionally, students and staff are invited to participate in a Political Debate with MEP candidates. The debate organised by Hsieb Hieles JC will take place on **Tuesday 9 April** in *Sala 247* (room D215).

**Be duly informed  
Choose your Future!!**



EUROPEAN ELECTIONS  
2019

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FIND OUT HOW TO  
**CHOOSE YOUR  
FUTURE**

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G.F. Abela Junior College Canteen  
8 APRIL 2019 • 10.00 TO 14.00



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European Parliament  
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in Malta

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### **Tug-of-War4Charity**

Date: 9 April  
 Time: 12:00  
 Teams: 10 participants  
 Donation: €1  
 Apply at the Sports Hall by 5 April

### **Beach Games**

Date: 10 April  
 Time: All morning and early afternoon  
 Teams: 4 participants  
 Games: Beach volley, beach soccer, beach dodgeball, trekking and water games  
 Apply at the Sports Hall by 5 of April

### **Walk4Charity**

Date: 16 April  
 Time: 09:30  
 Donation: €1  
 Destination: JC - The Point and back  
 Meeting point: Foyer @ 09:15

### **Football4Charity**

Date: 26 April  
 Time: 09:30  
 Teams: 7-a-side  
 Donation: €1  
 Meeting point: 7-a-side ground

## **Use of Lifts**

Students may not use the lift except on grounds of sickness or injury, provided that they seek prior authorisation from the Office of the Principal. Under normal circumstances, only the permit holder can use the lift.



## **Visits to UM**

On Wednesday, 20 March, the Physics Department organised two visits for first and second year students taking Physics at Advanced and Intermediate Levels: one to the Faculty for the Built Environment and the other to the Faculty of ICT.

The group of students who went to the Faculty for the Built Environment was greeted by the Dean of the Faculty, Professor Alex Torpiano, who gave a presentation about the courses offered and the opportunities they lead to. Afterwards students had time to ask questions, and were also given a tour of the laboratories.



The other group visiting the Department of Microelectronics and Nanoelectronics was given a presentation by the Head of the Department, Professor Ing Edward Gatt. Later the students were shown different projects done by university students and were later taken to the workshop. They were also given information about Artificial Intelligence.

These two visits have put Physics students in a better position to make a well informed choice about UM courses, leading them to the profession that mostly suits them.



# Biodiversity on a small scale....

## Lichen Salad for the snails:

These snails *Papillifera papillaris* (about 1 cm in length) were observed on a low wall within the College Campus grounds feeding happily on lichens. These snails are very common in Malta but capturing them feeding is a less common sight. Lichens are fantastic organisms as they actually consist of two cohabiting species which help each other out: what we see (often as a crustlike growth on rocks) is the fungus but within this fungus is an alga which supplies nutrients through photosynthesis to the fungus. Special thanks to Professor Patrick J. Schembri for the identification of the snail species.



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# MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE EU COURT OF JUSTICE

**WHEN**  
Thursday  
4 April 2019  
12pm - 1pm

**WHERE**  
Junior College  
Conference Room

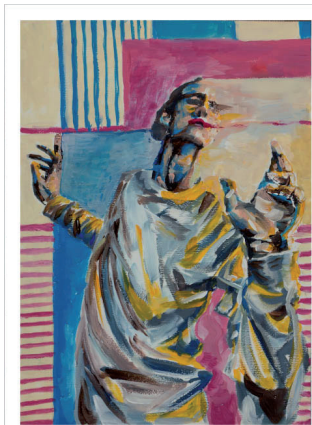
**FEATURING**  
Maltese Lawyers & Linguists  
The European Court of Justice  
Luxembourg

## PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON:

- LANGUAGES
- EU JOBS
- EU COURT OF JUSTICE
- MULTI-CULTURALISM



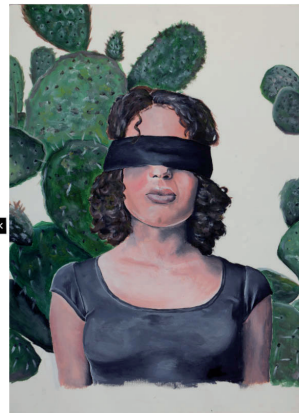
**BENEFITING**  
ALL STUDENTS INTERESTED  
IN THE EU AND IN WORKING  
ABROAD



Artist Name: Andrew Deguara | Age: 16  
Artwork Name: Straight | Medium: Acrylics | School: G.F. Abela Junior College



Artist Name: Elisa Abela | Age: 16  
Artwork Name: Speechless | Medium: Digital Work | School: G.F. Abela Junior College



Artist Name: Hayden Grima | Age: 16  
Artwork Name: Globally under the crown | Medium: Acrylics | School: G.F. Abela Junior College



Artist Name: Maylene Muscat | Age: 15  
Artwork Name: Slavery | Medium: Charcoal | School: G.F. Abela Junior College

## Reminder - Vote for Our Students

Support our Junior College students Andrew Deguara, Elisa Abela, Hayden Grima & Maylene Muscat by voting, using the following [link](#).

Never treat anything you do  
as a stepping stone.  
Do it fully, and follow it completely.



# Young Reporters for the Environment - 2019 Projects

**Author: Elise Muscat**

Agricultural land taken to feed cars instead of people new fuel station seen through its security fence just prior to its inauguration.



**Author: Elise Muscat**

Pavement fuel pumps in central Mosta. The car mirror reflection represents the backwards viewpoint of fuel stations as seen through the mirror of an all-electric car.



**Author: Elise Muscat**

Developing a new service station on arable land with the rusting excavation equipment and security fence contrasting with the green land of the encroached field.



**Author: Abigail Attard**

**Planting seeds in recycled cups**

Over the past few months, I have been helping a group of people with disability by doing activities every Friday evening. Amongst the many activities, I have decided to grow local oak trees, by reusing ice cream cups, therefore rediscovering the importance of trees, and how to reuse our waste food containers, rather than throwing them for recycling.



Another project article for The Young Reporters for the Environment was submitted to the Times of Malta. Please use this [link](#). For more information please contact [annick.bonello@um.edu.mt](mailto:annick.bonello@um.edu.mt)

## Awareness on the School Mobility Scheme

Come and join the JC Environmental Committee for this event to be held between 08:00 and 09:00 on 3 April in Car Park 4 (near the Administration building). This will be followed by a networking session in the Conference Room.

Students participating in the School Mobility Project – the Bicycle Advocacy Group (BAG) – are invited to attend, as well as other students and lecturers who are interested in participating in future initiatives.

The overall scope of this event is to promote green initiatives, for a more sustainable living with the commitment of students and lecturers.

Students attending this event will be exempted from their session.



## Plastikaxxa on College Campus

JC students and members of staff are encouraged to make use of Plastikaxxa to recycle plastic bottles and plastic caps (the latter collected in aid of *L-Istrina*).

A close-up photograph of a woman's mouth with red string tied around it, symbolizing silence or being silenced.

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**SILENCE IS GOLDEN**  
**...REPORT ABUSE**

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POLICE EMERGENCY LINE	112
APPOĠĠ	2295 9000
WOMEN'S RIGHTS FOUNDATION	7970 8615

Commission on Gender Based Violence & Domestic Violence

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