Message from the Head of College

The previous edition of The Voice focused on just 48 school days to go to the first GCSE examination. The last 6 weeks or so have passed by extremely quickly and students will be starting their examinations shortly after they return from the Easter break. An extensive programme of extra revision classes and booster sessions has been put in place, some over the Easter holidays and some during lunchtime and after school sessions. Students should take every opportunity to work with teachers on revising and covering any ground of which they are still unsure. Details of the arrangements for Year 11 over the course of the next few weeks are highlighted on page 4.

This edition also contains a lot of success stories from the PE department and our congratulations go to Liam Knight with his Olympic swimming trials and to the Year 7 Football and Netball teams, as well as to Aisling Ruff, Katie Hutchinson and Amy Haines-Eynon who qualified for the Cambridgeshire team at the English Schools Cross Country.

I hope you enjoy reading the news in this edition of The Voice and may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a good Easter break.

HELP FOR HEROES

Since December 2011, we have been raising money for Help for Heroes, a charity which helps service man and women who have been injured during a tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Help for Heroes is a charity close to my heart because I hope to join the military one day, and I feel that it is my duty to help the personnel who get injured. I have met ex-military amputees who have all said that without the help and support of Help for Heroes, life would be extremely hard.

To raise money, I asked for a Year 10 and Year 11 non-uniform day on Friday 9 December 2011, organised a cake sale and held a raffle. All of these were fun to arrange and take part in. Thanks to your generous donations and participation we have raised £447.98, and more is still being raised as Greyhound tickets are still on sale for £5.00 at Student Reception.

The money we have raised will go towards various projects such as building rehabilitation centres for amputees and support for Personnel Recovery Centres at Colchester, Tidmouth, Catterick and Plymouth.

Amy-Louise Paul, 11ECL

Year 10 Health and Social Care: 30 Babies

The beginning of half term saw the delivery of 30 babies to our Year 10 Health and Social Care class. The girls had made money towards hiring them through car washing in December. Students had to take home a baby which was programmed to behave like a new born for the first night and a 6 month old for the second night. In other words, scream!

The babies looked so cute when they arrived. Some were white, some black, some Asian, and one student took home a Japanese baby! I am told it is very hard work minding these babies; some seemed to cry all through the night and the girls could not tell whether they needed a bottle, a nappy change or just a cuddle. We had even considered the expense of looking after babies, but overall it was a great learning experience for the girls.

Mrs Blackmore, Health and Social Care

Amendment to article in issue 20 on ‘Donation to the Streets’ We apologise for not mentioning that Tesco donated 30 cans of soup to the Charity.

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Delivering Learning for Life within an Aspirational Culture
COMENIUS PROJECT
S Reilly, Assistant Headteacher

The Comenius Project involves an international partnership between Arthur Mellows and three other schools in Poland, Spain and Italy. The project is supported by the British Council and will run for 2 years. So far the 10 Year 8 students involved in the project have made a DVD of the College, have put together a Comenius corner in the library and have started photographing and filming body gestures and language in preparation for a book/DVD, which will be the final product of the project.

As part of the project, staff and students have the opportunity to visit each other’s schools and we were delighted to be able to host the first visit to the UK between Wednesday 14 March 2012 and Sunday 18 March 2012. Our Year 8 students made our visitors welcome by holding a special assembly, where, after an exchange of gifts, the students welcomed their visitors by speaking in different languages. There were also a number of dance and musical performances by the students.

The visitors spent two mornings in school and also spent an afternoon at Northborough Primary School, where the children presented a delightful assembly on the topic of “Inspiration.”

We also held an evening in school, for staff, students, parents and governors. Steve, our chef and his staff at Cucina, cooked a traditional English meal for everyone. Our parents kindly brought along some fabulous desserts, which went down well. This was a great opportunity to chat with our visitors and to find out more about the schools in Poland, Italy and Spain.

A close-up magician provided the entertainment with some amazing card tricks and fork bending. He did bring his own cutlery, fortunately!

On Saturday we took our visitors to London and were shown around the Olympic Site by a Polish and English speaking guide. He entertained our students with stories about how the original Olympian athletes used to perform naked, so as to ensure that no women could take part! It was fascinating to see how a deprived area of London has been regenerated and with so many materials recycled in the buildings. Mr Jones, our Head of Year 8 and a subject teacher of Geography and PE, was busily making notes and I expect the Olympics site will feature in his lessons over the coming weeks!

We were sad to say goodbye to our guests, who were by this time good friends, but we will be keeping in touch through the project work next term. We have planned our next visit to Poland in October, where we will all be reunited once more.

Opposite are some of the reflections from our students:
COMENIUS PROJECT

My favourite part of the visit to London was the tour around the Olympic park. I found it incredible that they transformed the site from a wasteland to a prosperous world famous venue. Also it was interesting to learn that every pound spent would be used in legacy. *By Michael Goodwin, 8JTU.*

During the visit from the Spanish, Polish and Italian Comenius Projects, the part I enjoyed the most was forming friendships with new and amazing people, that is all thanks to the Comenius Project which has given me a chance to meet people I would not have met otherwise. I also enjoyed observing how different their cultures were to ours and how differently we all acted. For example the Spanish students kissed us on the cheek whereas the Polish students mainly shook our hands and hugged us. *By Eve Greenaway, 8VWA.*

Comenius London Day out: On Saturday 17 March 2012, we all went to London with our friends and teachers from Poland, Italy and Spain. It was very fun and interesting as we saw lots of monuments and famous places such as Nelson's Column, The Houses of Parliament, 10 Downing Street, the new Olympic stadiums and Covent Garden. We also went to the Natural History Museum. My favourite place was the Olympic Stadium because it was very interesting. I am going to the Olympics in the Summer and got to see the outside before it was fully finished. *By Lewis Taylor, 8THA*

London best bits: My favourite parts of London were the food (yum), the street performers and the tour around the Olympic park. First, we did the tour around the Olympic park, we saw the main stadium, the swimming arena that looked like a sting ray, the Olympic village, basketball stadium, the velodrome and the gymnastics arena. It was very interesting but the gift shop was very expensive. Then we looked around the Natural History Museum and went in the gift shop afterwards. Then we went to Covent Garden and on the way we had to dodge an anti-capitalist march and about 6 police vans went past us. We walked to Covent Garden and saw some street performers. My favourite street performer was the stunt man mostly because he was very funny. After that we had dinner at Pizza Hut. It was delicious and we got free drink refills. Overall it was a great day. *By Nathan Taylor, 8VWA.*

Comenius Visit: My favourite part of the Comenius visit to England was meeting all the different people and making some great friends that I will never forget! The journey home from London was especially good as we all knew the same songs and we sang and danced to them the whole way home! I also thoroughly enjoyed the day in London as we got to do and see a range of different things. I am very sad that their visit has ended but I hope I can keep in touch with them and hopefully see them again. *By Betty Porter, 8VWA.*

The best part of the Comenius Project was the visit to London. I made lots of friends and exchanged contact details. It was great to see how they acted when they were not in their home town or country. They all spoke great English and were really friendly. *By Lauren Howarth, 8VWA*

Saturday the Comenius groups and I went to London all day; my favourite part was making friends. I even gave people my details. Everybody was kind and funny and spoke brilliant English. I learnt loads that day and I will never forget it. *By Amy Lister, 8EWD*
COLLEGE NEWS

YEAR 11 KEY DATES AND INFORMATION

The last day for Year 11 will be Friday 25 May 2012 when celebrations will take place. The College has a day of awards, fun activities and entertainment planned for all Year 11 students. This is their last day before they are granted Study Leave.

DATE EVENT
Monday 28 May 2012 EXAMINATIONS: students will only be required to return to take their examinations. School uniform must be worn for examinations and normal rules are to be observed whenever students are on site. Please could you remind your son/daughter to bring their ID card with them.
Friday 13 July 2012 YEAR 11 PROM: The total cost for the Prom ticket is £25.00 and the final balance to complete this transaction is required by Friday 18 May 2012. If you have not paid a deposit yet but would like to come, it is not too late, we will just need the full amount by Friday 18 May 2012.
Friday 20 July 2012 LOCKER KEYS: Locker key must be handed to Student Reception. Students returning to the Sixth Form will be allocated different lockers.
Thursday 23 August 2012 EXAMINATION RESULTS: Results will be available from the College between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. If students are unable to collect their results on the day, a stamped addressed envelope can be left with Mrs Pickering for results to be posted.

OTHER INFORMATION:

RETURN OF BOOKS: As examinations are finished for individual subjects, students should ensure all textbooks have been returned to various departments.

CASHLESS CATERING: Students will need to clear their account before leaving the College. Refunds cannot be made due to the number of accounts. Any residual balances are collated into an account to be used towards the purchase of facilities for students in the future.

Students’ accounts will remain active until the end of the summer term so students can obtain food if they are in College during their examinations.

ACHIEVEMENT RAFFLE: As well as the ongoing iBehave rewards we have been running a Year 11 Achievement Raffle. The aim of this is to give students one final push to keep going as we enter the last few weeks before they leave. Every time a student attends an extra sessions for revision, coursework support etc, in their free time, they will receive a raffle ticket. These are being collected in Student Reception. The star prize is a Flip HD video camera along with vouchers of various sizes for other prizes. The draw will happen, along with other Award presentations, in the last day celebration assembly. The more tickets, the greater chance of winning!

FINALLY…. GOOD LUCK I am incredibly proud of how hard Year 11 students are working at the moment and how well they are coping with this very pressured time. The end is in sight and I wish them every success in the forthcoming exams. All indications are that we are in for another record breaking year of results and this is nothing less than they deserve after the commitment and dedication they have shown. I look forward to seeing the smiles when they open the results envelope in August. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents for your ongoing support.

Mrs S Gilligan—Head of Year 11

Key Stage 3 Maths Revision Packs

All orders for Key Stage 3 Maths Revision Packs have now been placed and the final packs will be distributed to students before Easter. If you missed the deadline and still wish to purchase one of these then you will need to go to www.cgpbooks.co.uk and order the following products:

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**BOOK REVIEW: The Cherub series of books by Robert Muchamore**

The series consists of 12 books about an organisation of young adult spies called Cherub (although spies sound rather childish and far-fetched, the books are actually really convincing and realistic). Cherubs, an informal name used to call the child spies throughout the series, go on a mission to deceive and trick adults for the British Intelligence. Only orphans, aged 10 to 17, are recruited and accepted into the Cherub, and high intelligence and level of fitness are required.

The story lines are action packed and keep you guessing until the very last page. As well as having insight into the missions, the storylines also include background information on each character’s personal life. The books have just the right balance, of fast paced action and teenage romance.

This series is exciting, interesting and up to date and they really make you think. They cover current world issues such as drugs, terrorism, the Middle East, human trafficking and animal experiments. The gadgets add a certain edge to these books and a clear image of the Cherub campus is set from points of view of a variety of characters.

Each book also includes the agent’s mission briefing or mission background which makes everything even more lifelike as they are so well researched and go into massive amounts of detail.

Furthermore, to end each novel, there is an epilogue explaining the outcome of everyone involved.

If you like thrillers and down to earth adventure stories or if you are bored and looking for something completely different and unusual to read, I would definitely recommend Cherub. If you have already read some of the Cherub books, then Robert Muchamore’s new series (Henderson’s Boys) about how Cherub began are also a great read.

*Book Review by Daisy Malton 9PMC*

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**FUNDRAISING FOR THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION**

Following our fundraising campaign during February 2012, we are delighted to announce that we have raised a grand total of £2523.00, in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

This event was led by 11LHU, who came up with some brilliant ideas, which incorporated the approaching Valentine’s Day with the theme of a “Heart for a Heart.” They organised a number of events, from showing the film “Gnomeo and Juliet” to selling Valentine’s roses which were hand delivered on the last day of term.

Their grand finale was a Staff Karaoke in the Hall at lunchtime, hosted by Katie Barnard and Jordan Bunch, where staff sang a variety of love songs to a full house. Mr Norris, despite being stood up by a female teacher, managed to persuade a rather attractive young lady (alias Mr Sludds) to sing with him and they were awarded first prize!

A tradition for any fundraising event at Arthur Mellows is to have cakes, which we did in abundance! The staff held a coffee morning with home-made cakes and the Sixth Form, along with students from the lower school, held a massive cake sale at break time. These two events alone raised over £500.00.

Mrs Cumberland’s Year 11 Gifted and Talented group deserve a special mention. They made and sold Valentine’s cards, which were much nicer and certainly more original than any you could buy in the shops, with messages, such as, “I love you more than my iPhone!” They raised £288.00 in total.

Year 9 held an inter-form sponsored Dodgeball competition which 9PMC championed, with 9LED raising the most in sponsorship. There were a number of students who individually did a variety of sponsored events. For example, Adam Hurd in 7KBR raised £38.00, and students in 8SWA collectively raised £41.00.

Finally, I would to say a big thank you to everyone who got involved in our fundraising event.

*Mrs S Reilly, Assistant Headteacher*
**Day 1:** We had to attend school as normal - the people you saw walking around in non-uniform - us, the 44 students going on the trip. After a long wait, we charged to GP1 to collect our stuff (all far too much of it!) and with some help from Brian, our excellent driver for the trip, loaded it on. After a laugh at our passport photos, we set off for a long drive to the ferry, some of us picking up a KFC on the way. Dover we picked up one last person, Neil from Nottingham our absolutely wonderful guide! After a 1 1/2 hour ferry trip full of food, sea sickness, titanic impressions on the deck and, probably the best things ever invented, Costa coffee fruit coolers (Yum!), we arrived in France. Straight to the hotel and bed.

**Day 2:** The Somme is a region of France that was at the centre of World War 1. We covered pretty much all of it by going over, through and around the same areas again and again. But we saw the sites of some massive battles and learnt how tractors in the area have extra reinforcement due to unexploded shells! Also, included was the Loch Nagar crater. Between this and our first cemetery visit there was a lot. There was a trip to Canada, well the Newfoundland memorial, after the many cries of “it’s a moose,” some people finally pointed out that, as the museum had said, it was a caribou. From there to the Highlanders memorial, followed by Thiepval. It was massive and an incredible sight to behold, and really hit home the scale of this horrific event. After this crazy day, we headed over to our Hostel, which was very nice. The rooms were lovely, the food was lovely, the table tennis tables were lovely... until “floor tennis” was created... then havoc unrolled! And maybe a group of 8 girls in a room was possibly not the best idea; at 11.00 pm we were still having showers, and everyone else was trying to sleep! Oops.

**Day 3:** We spent the whole day in Ieper also spelt as Ypres in English, earning it the name of ‘Wipers’ from the British troops, first it was the town centre and nutella; smurf; ferrero rocher ice cream. After starting at the Cathedral and cloth hall we headed off for Talbot House. After hearing some stories about the happy hoppers and having a cup of tea we headed to Hill 62. Hill 62 was a very ‘interesting’ place, with the rather quirky museum and the just plain weird museum extension (the sight of dressed-up mannequins and stuffed animals is enough to scare anyone) we all chuckled on wellies and headed to the trenches for a taste of the war. Mud, water and holes do not go well with over-excited children... And the pitch-black uneven floored tunnel was an experience in its own league. After trudging through trenches, jumping over trenches and being creeped out for life in the museum, we headed to Hill 62’s little bro: Hill 60. At Hill 60 we managed to cram 39 people into an old German bunker, heard some stories and chased some sheep. Off to Ieper for the Menin Gate ceremony which was very moving and interesting. But before that, we had some free time, in Ieper, with Euro’s, and unlimited access to a fun-fair.

**Day 4:** Tyne Cot cemetery. It was incredible. German cemetery, back to Canada, first gas attack. The Return. I am sure some parents could hear jaws theme tune (duh duh duh duh) playing in the background as a coach of grumpy exhausted and fed up people and some students travelled down the motorways home. Some lovely singing of the oh so famous ‘Mr Dragon’ filling our ears as well. Yet another ferry trip... Same happened as the way there... Oh except it was daylight. Some parents must have been contemplating not picking up their children. On the other hand the said coach was full of chocolate so the parents turned up!

**Some funnies of the trip:** Driving teachers round the bend; Dog with a hairband; People on the coach singing over and over again; Playing cards on the coach, badly. Having far too much stuff; Teacher catering/delivery service; Brian, Neil and the Teachers; Being buried alive; The last minute rush to get homework done on the return trip; Hostel guide; Going to bed; Having a shower; Unhealthy diets (extremes)

May I just point out the unhealthy diets to you all: Basically, if you cannot control yourself with unlimited access to junk food and Euro’s, please diet before this trip. Sometimes it was discovered that a bar of chocolate, Pepsi, 3 packets of crisps, a huge baguette and a Costa fruit cooler does not do favours for your health.

To sum up, to all the future Year Groups who may go on this trip, please go. It is an experience that you will never have again. Trust me, it’s fun. So once again a massive thank you to Mrs Price for organising the trip; to Neil our guide for just being awesome; to Brian the bus driver for being so kind and yet another being awesome and to the other 4 teachers for coming along, (nice table tennis skills Mr McGivern). Thank you everyone for reading.

*By Emma Madden, 9KLE and Leonie Terrill, 9MTU*
COLLEGE NEWS

ITALIA 2K12
We left the school car park mid-afternoon on Saturday for a steady drive to Dover. We crossed the English Channel and then travelled through France, Austria and Germany and some 22 hours later arrived in the pretty resort of Val Di Fiemme Italy. Giddy with excitement, much banter, lots of sleeps and comfort breaks made the long journey fly by. After a good night’s sleep we woke the next morning to bright blue skies, deep crisp white snow (Minus 18 Celsius) and were ready to be introduced to our ski instructors. We had “all the gear” but some of us had “no idea.”

The first challenge was the daunting ski lift that scooped us up and took us to new heights. However, after 5 hours of tuition each day and a few tumbles and laughs we slowly mastered a new skill.

In the evenings we had quizzes, swimming, fancy dress disco and all in all it was a thoroughly enjoyable trip.

We returned with a few aches and pains in places we never knew existed but definitely 100% worth it! Special thanks to, Mr Steele, Mr Low, Mrs Wilding, Mrs Gilligan and Mr Yemc for making it all possible and for their patience and good humour, or as the boys would say ‘QUALITY’.

By Alice Lait, 12KGR

PE NEWS

YEAR 7 PETERBOROUGH DISTRICT NETBALL TOURNAMENT
TUESDAY 13 MARCH 2012

The Year 7 (A) Netball team have been crowned District Champions after beating The Peterborough School in the final.

Arthur Mellows beat Kings in the semi finals to go on and became overall winners, defeating The Peterborough School 4 goals to 0 in the finals.

The Year 7 (A) Netball team will now go through to the County School Games being held on Tuesday 10 July 2012.

Well done to: Serena Korkmaz, Jadeane Christian, Holly Crowther, Bethan Gilligan, Zoe Stott, Jessica Snape and Sofia Potesta-Elliott

Arthur Mellows also fielded a B team so there is a lot of competition for places in the A squad for the final in July.

INDOOR ATHLETICS

Arthur Mellows will being going through to the County finals held at St Ives with both Year 7 boys and Year 7 girls teams. The girls were runners up whilst the boys got though in 3rd place.

The girls taking part were: Serena Korkmaz, Bethan Gilligan, Megan Porter, Isabella Ellis-Alexander, Courtney Pilbeam, Holly Crowther and Imogen Woodard

Mrs K Griggs, PE Department

ENGLISH SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulation to 3 Arthur Mellows students who qualified for the Cambridgeshire team at the English Schools Cross Country, held at Ilton, Somerset on Saturday 17 March 2012.

After a long journey to the venue the night before race day, the weather was sunny but chilly. It was a good course; on a slope around open pastures and along forest trails with long grass and several muddy patches to negotiate, team Cambridgeshire showed good spirit.

Aisling Ruff finished 6th in the Cambs team and 272nd overall. Katie Hutchinson finished 5th in the Cambs team and 167th overall; Katie has another year as an Inter girl. The Inter girls team finished 18th overall. Amy Haines-Eynon finished 5th in the Cambs team and 238th overall but suffered with a tight achilles. This was Amy’s last year; she has managed to be on the Cambridgeshire Cross Country team every year since she was in Year 8, well done.

Congratulation and Well Done to all 3 students; an impressive achievement.

Mrs D Wilding, PE Department
Approximately 200 primary school children from Arthur Mellows and Ken Stimpson feeder schools, as well as their supporters took part in a sporting festival involving Netball and Football at Arthur Mellows Village College. The tournament was held in glorious weather with the sun breaking through the fog by the afternoon.

A Level students as well as Junior and Community Sports Leaders from the College umpired and refereed all the games to a high level, allowing teachers to coach and encourage their teams. There was an excellent standard of play both in the Football and Netball competitions, with some very close and tense games.

Well done to all the youngsters who participated with a great spirit. Thank you to the leaders who were excellent role-models and showed professionalism and maturity.

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Liam Knight, 13ETR: Olympic Trials
On Saturday 3 March 2012 Liam competed in the 400 individual medley improving his personal best by 7 seconds to come 28th overall and 19th in the UK. This was from a starting place of 39th.

On Sunday 4 March 2012 Liam beat his personal best by .8 of a second to reach the semi finals of 100m backstroke televised on BBC red button. In the semi final, Liam swam brilliantly to a new personal best of 57.11 guaranteeing him a place on the GB Team for the European Junior championships, taking place this July.

The Year 7 boys Football team have made it through to the final of the County Cup tournament.

With a comfortable 5-1 quarter final win over Comberton the boys looked confident ahead of their semi-final clash with local rivals Stanground. The semi-final turned out to be a thrilling game, with the team coming back from 2-0 down and then 4-2 down to eventually win by 6 goals to 5. The whole squad were amazing in both matches but star performances from Tim Warburton in the quarter final, who controlled the midfield and Jordan Brown in the final, scoring 4 of the 6 goals.

We wish them the best of luck for the Cup Final where they will meet Sawtry.

Mr D Low, PE Department

Year 3 Gym and Dance Display at Arthur Mellows Village College
This term 200 students filled the Sports Hall and participated in a festival of Dance and Gymnastics. Every student took part in a Dance class which they had prepared during their curriculum dance time at school. It was a great opportunity for students to show their work and perform in front of an audience.

Sports Leaders from Arthur Mellows were on hand to guide and support the students during the display. A Level and GCSE dance students showed some of their set studies, which was a great inspiration to the youngsters.

Classes from Glinton, John Clare, Northborough, Eye and Barnack attended.

The dance students led everyone in a mass warm up and cool down which was great fun, active and inclusive. They also learnt the Cambridgeshire Olympic Dance, which was created to celebrate London 2012, which they enjoyed performing.

Particular praise must go to our enthusiastic and committed A Level and GCSE dance leaders: Laura Jones, Daniel Mutton, Connie Porter, Laquicher Bloomfield, Danica Pembroke, Jo-Jo Charley and Sam Pickering who were a great inspiration and super role-models throughout the display.

Mrs D Wilding, PE Department