



THE VOICE of Arthur Mellows Village College

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Message from the Head of College

External examinations are now well underway; I would like to wish all students good luck and hope that all their hard work and additional revision pays off. This newsletter comes during the week when both Year 11 and Year 13 students are leaving us to commence their study leave, although we hope that many of the Year 11 students will return to us in the Autumn term to commence their Sixth Form studies.

Building work at the College has continued with the refurbishment of the old Science block, now named The McLaren Building. During half term, the Art Department will relocate to the McLaren Building and gradually, over the course of the next few weeks, other classrooms will become occupied by Science and Media. This will make way for the start of building works to the previous Art block which will be transformed into a second Refectory. This will accommodate students at break and lunchtimes where they can eat and socialise. It will also be used for additional examination and teaching space. We hope this work will be completed by Summer 2015. During the Autumn term, work will also take place on site to refurbish the Sports Hall and changing rooms.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the Voice and that all parents and students have a restful half term break.

M Sandeman
Head of College

Key Dates next half term

Half term	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2014
Term resumes	Monday 2 June 2014
Year 8 Parents' Evening	Monday 16 June 2014
Bistro Evening	Thursday 26 June 2014
Sixth Form Induction	Monday 30 June to Tuesday 1 July 2014
City Athletics Year 9 and 10	Thursday 26 June 2014
City Athletics Years 7 and 8	Tuesday 1 July 2014
Sports Day; Years 9 and 10	Thursday 3 July 2014
Sixth Form Prom	Friday 4 July 2014
Year 10 Work Experience	Monday 7 July 2014 to Friday 18 July 2014
DofE Gold Expedition	Monday 7 July 2014 to Friday 11 July 2014
Sports Day: Year 8	Tuesday 8 July 2014
Summer Concert	Tuesday 8 July 2014
Sports Day: Year 7	Thursday 10 July 2014
Year 11 Prom	Friday 11 July 2014
Activities Days	Wednesday 16 July to Friday 18 July 2014
End of Academic Year 2013/14	Friday 18 July 2014



ARTHUR MELLOWS VILLAGE COLLEGE



SWIMMING

Heated Pool
Open to the Community



Weekends
Saturday 7 June to Sunday 20 July 2014
2.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings
Tuesday 3 June to Wednesday 16 July 2014
5.30 pm to 7.30 pm

Helpston Road, Gilton, Peterborough, PE6 7JX
Telephone: 01733 252235

COLLEGE NEWS

SWEAT THE TECHNIQUE DANCE SHOW THURSDAY 8 MAY 2014

This year's dance show was the biggest we have ever had here at AMVC with 50 students performing 26 dances to an audience of friends, family and staff. The students were an absolute credit to the school, performing a range of solos, duets and group dances with enormous energy and enthusiasm. Performances ranged in genre from Musical Theatre to Street Dance, Contemporary to Physical Theatre and subject matter was hugely varied throughout the show.

Being a part of a show such as this is a brilliant opportunity for any young performer and it was great to see dances from all Year Groups; from Year 7 through to Year 11. We even had some boys in the show this year!

A huge congratulations to all students involved.

By Miss Polson, Dance Department



BIOLOGY CHALLENGE SUCCESS

During last term, some Year 10 students took part in the National Biology Challenge competition which is the younger cousin of the Biology Olympiad. The competition consists of 2 exam papers that cover a wide range of Biological topics, including issues in the news and on nature programmes. It is not really possible to revise for the exams so the Biology Challenge is another way of identifying our gifted Biologists.

Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates will be awarded by The Society of Biology in the Summer term, once the 'grade' boundaries have been set. All our students should be congratulated for their efforts.

Below is the list of the top scoring students (scores are out of 140):

Ryan	Brennan	103
Caleb	Gostellow	102
Yacoub	Kamareddine	101
Smriti	Limbukhim	101
Matthew	Richardson	101
Ethan	Cotterell	100
Anna	Jacob	99
Dylan	Gee	98
Cameron	Pilson	98
Polly	Atkins	97
James	Hartnup	97
Emily	Shuttleworth	97
Liam	Tomblin	97
Jacob	Osborne	96
Alex	Carter	95
Alex	Gould	95
Adelaide	Hunt	95
Amy	Lister	95
Charlie	Meadows	95
Lucy	Pepper	95



By Mrs Benton, Biology Teacher

NEW METHOD OF EMAIL COMMUNICATION / ACHIEVEMENT AND BEHAVIOUR NOTIFICATION



You will be aware that for some time now the College has used i-Behave to send home messages to you regarding your son / daughter's achievement and behaviour and SchoolComms for communicating via email for letters, newsletters etc.

With effect from Monday 2 June 2014, the College is moving to a single system for email communication which will encompass achievement and behaviour notifications at the same time. We already have your email information on file, therefore the change in procedure will be relatively seamless; it will just be the style of the emails you receive that will be different.

The College will still report on achievement and behaviour, and any comments or concerns that parents have regarding the information reported should be directed back to the College via the office@arthurmellows.org email address. Alternatively, for any behavioural concerns, please do not hesitate to telephone the College asking to speak with a member of the Pastoral team.

As with all new systems, there may be initial teething problems as staff familiarise themselves with the new processes required in College. Please bear with us in the first instance, whilst practice becomes established.

If you have recently changed your email address and not notified us, please let us know. Similarly, if you have not opted for email communication before, I would encourage you to sign up to this now so that we can include you in the new system of notifications.

Your continued support in monitoring achievement and behaviour is very much appreciated and an integral part of the College's success in maximising outcomes for students.

Mrs Sanderson, PA to Head of College



Arthur Mellows Summer Concert
takes place on Tuesday 8 July 2014
at 7.30 pm in the Main Hall

COLLEGE NEWS

AUSCHWITZ



In February, Josh and I got the opportunity to visit Auschwitz and Auschwitz-Birkenau for the day with other Year 12 students from schools around

the eastern area. The trip was run by the Holocaust Educational Trust on their Lessons from Auschwitz project, who aim to continue the legacy and memory of the events of the holocaust. Before leaving, we attended a seminar in London where we were briefed and given the opportunity to discuss our expectations for the trip. The majority of us anticipated that it would be very grey and eerie; however, in reality it was quite different.

On a Wednesday, we got up in the middle of the night and travelled to Poland by plane. Our first stop was to a synagogue where we learnt of life for inhabitants of the town of Oswiecim before Nazi control; we were shocked at how close Oswiecim was to the camp itself. Auschwitz one, which was the largest camp established by the Nazis in WW2, was our second stop. It was very surreal walking those same steps as millions of Jewish and other minority groups did - it was here we learnt about the prisoners' daily routine. We saw huge displays of their shoes, bags and even hair which made the experience so much more real. Despite our previous expectations, the camp was surrounded by greenery and the sun was even shining. After Auschwitz one, we took a short journey to the death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau.

In comparison to Auschwitz one, Birkenau was double the size and had a more reflective atmosphere. It was mostly empty land as the majority of the evidence of execution was destroyed before liberation in 1945, but the feeling of memorial was still strong. To end the day, we all gathered together and held a ceremony, not just for the holocaust victims but for victims of persecution from across history. We thought of the legacy we hold as the last generation who will get to meet real survivors of the war and holocaust and the importance of continuing to remember the awful events caused by discrimination to prevent them from happening again. Although only a brief visit, our experience will be something we will never forget.

By Ella Farrow, 12TBO and Josh Ferguson, 12DGO



2FACED DANCE

WORKSHOP

A dance workshop led by 2Faced Dance Company member David Allwood, on 4 March 2014, was a huge success with the students. David writes...

I had the pleasure of visiting your school to take a 2Faced Dance Company workshop for the BTEC and GCSE Dance students, as well as the boys Dance group. I am a professional dancer from London and have worked for many companies and shows; such as, Starlight Express, The X Factor and 2Faced Dance Company for over 5 years. In this time, I have taught at many schools and colleges, taking workshops and choreographing dance pieces for their productions and courses.

On this occasion, I worked with the dancers on creating an original piece for them based on the concept and ideas presented in the song 'Get Down' by James Arthur. After a rigorous warm up and body conditioning session... which involved lots of shrieks of pain and moans and groans... we started learning combinations that would go into the routine. The first was a hip-hop and breakdance sequence which was very new for the dancers and out of their comfort zone. I also created a contemporary routine that they picked up incredibly quickly. They were also keen to help me adapt and change it to suit their individual style. We also worked on partner work and using other dancers as our base for support; this is a big feature of 2Faced Dance Company. There was a very high standard of dance ability and some extremely talented students. Despite time constraints, we managed to create a complete piece and it worked very well. The dancers said they really enjoyed it and that they had learned a lot... I don't think they liked it so much the next morning when all of their muscles ached! NO PAIN, NO GAIN!!

I hope to come back to the school for more workshops in the future as I thoroughly enjoyed this workshop and feel that Arthur Mellows Village College has some extremely good dancers!

By David Allwood, 2Faced Dance Company member



Artist of the month - A2 Level Exam

Lauren Maher



COLLEGE NEWS

Presentation Evening 2014

The annual Arthur Mellows Village College Presentation Evening took place on Thursday 3 April, during which certificates and awards were presented to a representative number of students, indicative of real success achieved at all levels. It is a tradition that such successes have become an established expectation at Arthur Mellows.

Our guest speaker this year was Mr Richard Hutchinson, an ex-student and 'Old Boy' of Arthur Mellows (1965 – 1972) and currently an Employment Judge. Mr Hutchinson was the first student to leave Arthur Mellows Village College and go on to University.

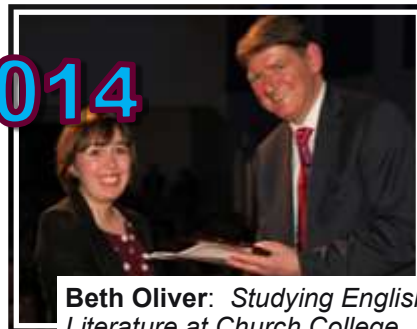
Mr Hutchinson was Head Boy at Arthur Mellows in 1972; studying at Arthur Mellows from 1965 to 1972, he left with A Levels in Geography, History and Maths. Mr Hutchinson went on to study at Sheffield University, graduating in 1975 with a BA (Law) Hons degree. He then went on to train with Warren and Allen Solicitors in Nottingham and qualified as a Solicitor in 1979.

In 1983, Mr Hutchinson became a Partner in the practice Maclaren Warner; he was appointed as a fee paid Employment Judge in 1993. In 1999, Mr Hutchinson set up his own niche Employment Law practice; he was appointed as a salaried Employment Judge in 2010. He is now based at the Nottingham Employment Tribunal.

The College has moved on a great deal since Mr Hutchinson was a student, not only in the size of the student body, but also in terms of the resources and excellent facilities offered to young people to help them achieve their maximum potential. The College was honoured that Richard Hutchison was able to be the Guest Speaker at this event.

Head of College, Mr Sandeman said;

"Academic results for the College are only one indication of success. In other areas, particularly sporting and cultural, many individuals and groups of students have been involved at all levels. Their participation resulted in a large number of awards which reflected most positively upon themselves and the College. Our students show enthusiasm which is most creditable to themselves, their parents and the College staff who care for them."



Beth Oliver: *Studying English Literature at Church College, Cambridge*



Jamie Alexander: *Arthur Mellows, Sixth Form student*

Adeela Shah: *currently studying Business Information Technology at the University of Greenwich*



Lydia Jordan: *Arthur Mellows, Sixth Form Student*



Stephen Morgan: *currently studying Medicine at the University of London*



COLLEGE NEWS

Presentation Evening Award Winners

Outstanding Achievement Award in Business	Poppy	Lane
Outstanding Achievement Award in English Language and Literature	Natalie	Hughes
Outstanding Achievement Award in English Language	Georgia	Rytina
Outstanding Achievement Award in English Literature	Beth	Oliver
Outstanding Achievement Award in Mathematics	Marc	Megginson
Outstanding Achievement Award in Chemistry	Stephen	Morgan
Outstanding Achievement Award in Physics	Innes	Turral
Outstanding Achievement Award in Biology	Aileen	Baird
Outstanding Achievement Award in History	Beth	Oliver
The Duncan Fleet Duke of Edinburgh Award	Samuel	Matthews
Outstanding Achievement Award in Geography	Charlotte	Harris
Outstanding Achievement Award in Travel and Tourism	Sophie	Whitton
Outstanding Achievement Award in Philosophy and Ethics	Ellie	Jones
Outstanding Achievement Award in Modern Foreign Languages	Aileen	Baird
The Neil Pengilley Award for Sport	Sian	Jones
Outstanding Achievement Award in Psychology	Charlotte	Rowley
Outstanding Achievement Award in Media Studies	Heather	Paxton
Outstanding Achievement Award in ICT	Adeela	Shah
Outstanding Achievement Award in Sociology	Poppy	Lane
Outstanding Achievement Award in Health and Social Care	Bethany	Banks
The Paula Whitfield Award for contributions to Drama in the College	Emily	Cartwright
Karen Gribble Award for Art	Ellie	Jones
Outstanding Achievement Award in Textiles	Hannah	Stillingfleet
Outstanding Achievement Award in Technology - Graphics	Oliver	Mee
Outstanding Achievement Award in Technology - Resistant Materials	Marcus	Swallow
Outstanding Achievement Award in Food Technology	Amy	Cancea
Outstanding Achievement Award in General Studies	Erin	McClean
Outstanding Achievement Award in Extended Project Qualification	Abigail	Hookham
Higher Sports Leader Award	Charlotte	Harris
Higher Sports Leader Award	Elizabeth	Pacey
Higher Sports Leader Award	Jake	Gardiner
Governors' Award for Best GCSE Results	Bethany	Searle
Outstanding Progress Award	Nadia	McKnight
Head Boy Award	Benjamin	Reynolds
Head Girl Award	Charlie	Wing

COLLEGE NEWS

CAREERS

With the demise of the Connexions service, Arthur Mellows Village College is committed to offering appropriate, independent, up-to-date careers information, advice and guidance to students. With that in mind, we are now offering a comprehensive in house careers service for all our students.

To complement the existing careers programme and Life Skills lessons, there will be a permanent Careers Adviser, Mrs Dawson, based in the College Library.

This service is available to all students from Year 7 to Year 13.

The service offers:

- 1:1 Careers information, advice and guidance for students
- Meetings with students and/or parents where requested
- Trips to local employers – taster days
- Trips to local further education colleges (Stamford, Peterborough, City College)
- Speakers – local employers coming into school
- Training programmes – information and advice as to what is available
- Career Opportunities information – vacancies available to young people
- Apprenticeships – what they are, what is available, how and help to apply
- Starting Work – concerns and advice
- Qualifications – what grades are needed
- Further Education – what is available in the local area
- Higher Education – what is needed, how and when to apply
- Interview Techniques and confidence building strategies
- Training Schemes which are available locally.

For further information please contact **Mrs Dawson** please call 01733 252235 ext. 318



National Deaf Junior Football Tournament

In February, I played for Peterborough United in a National Deaf Junior Football Tournament held in Reading. Having beaten all the teams in our group section, including Cardiff City FC and Derby County FC, we met and beat Brentford FC in the final to win the Trophy.



It was a 5-a-side tournament; Harry Howarth from 7ASU was also in my team. Although I played in defence, I did manage to score 3 goals, one a screamer from inside my own half.

I continue to train with the Peterborough Boys Deaf Football team as well as playing for Gunthorpe Harriers Sky Football team.

By Aaron Osker, 7SCH

Trampolining Competition at Ken Stimpson Community College on Wednesday 14 May 2014

Congratulation to the AMVC team for winning the trophy back this year.



Twenty-two students demonstrated their skills in the Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Elite categories. The students have been working hard learning and perfecting their routines. With trampolining you only get one chance to get it right, so they all did brilliantly.

Medallists

Novice

Maddy Polkey, 7JPE - 2nd

Evie Maher, 8CCA - 2nd

Intermediate

Annie Addinall, 9KCL - 1st

Advanced

Faith Atkinson, 7JPE - 1st

Jade Crossley, 9SCR - 2nd

Sophie Walden, 10HMA - 2nd



Congratulations to everyone who took part in this event.

By Mrs Burke, PE Department

AMVC Year 2 Multi-Skills Festival Tuesday 13 May 2014

YEAR 10 LEAD SPORTING EVENT WITH CONFIDENCE!

Fifty Sports Leaders from Year 10 staged and organised a FANTASTIC event for Year 2 students from our feeder Primary schools. Leaders had to plan, set up and run a range of 22 different activities for a total of 280 students to enjoy. What a BRILLIANT job they did. All the young students had an active and purposeful time learning new skills, playing games and interacting with both the other youngsters and our Leaders.



Well done Year 10 Leaders for playing your part in giving the Year 2 students a great sporting experience they will not forget.

By Mrs Wilding, PE Department



COLLEGE NEWS

MATHS CHALLENGE SUCCESS

120 students from Years 9, 10 and 11 recently took part in the UKMT Intermediate challenge 2014. Our students were very successful with many receiving award certificates and two qualifying for the next round. The following students achieved an award.

YEAR 11

Dylan	Dhokia	Best in School, Best in Year, Gold
Hester	Baird	Gold
Jack	Green	Gold
Dylan	Moles	Silver
Alex	Horn	Silver
Jack	Stevenson	Silver
Kyle	Widnall	Silver
Alastair	Wright	Silver
Samuel	Harris	Silver
James	Green	Silver
Benjamin	White	Silver
Emma	Madden	Silver
Benjamin	Nash	Silver
Harry	Halfhide	Silver
Aisling	Ruff	Silver
Matthew	Mcdonald	Bronze
Tyler	Widnall	Bronze
Natasha	Ribakovs	Bronze
Daisy	Malton	Bronze
Anna	Wood	Bronze
Kallum	Lightfoot	Bronze
Nathan	Pudney	Bronze

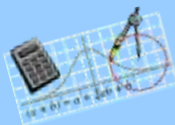
YEAR 10

Daniel	Hookham	Best in Year, Silver
Theo	Johnson	Silver
Smriti	Limbukhim	Silver
Alex	Reed	Silver
Cameron	Pilson	Bronze
Mathew	Richardson	Bronze
Robert	Best	Bronze
Luke	Harwood	Bronze
Liam	Tomblin	Bronze
Ethan	Cotterell	Bronze
Yacoub	Kamareddine	Bronze
Samuel	Sprawling	Bronze
Alexander	Smith	Bronze
Jacob	Osborne	Bronze



YEAR 9

Robin	Barber	Best In Year, Gold
Molly	Jackson	Silver
Benjamin	Solomon	Silver
Joshua	Warden	Silver
Jack	Escott	Silver
Olivia	Speechley	Bronze
Alex	Hare	Bronze
Hanna	Hughes	Bronze
Rebecca	Covill	Bronze
Jadeane	Christian	Bronze
Jessica	Snape	Bronze
Daniel	Rosocha	Bronze
Daisy	Hill	Bronze
Sophie	Griffin	Bronze
Luke	Howland	Bronze
Zachary	Hickton-Jarvis	Bronze
Joshua	Knight	Bronze



In addition to these achievements, Robin Barber (Year 9) made it through to the Pink Kangaroo round and Dylan Dhokia (Year 11) to the Maclaurin round for their high scores on the challenge. This is only the third time a student has made it through to the Pink Kangaroo Round and Dylan is the first student ever to get through to the Maclaurin Round in Arthur Mellows' history. The first round of this national challenge is entered by

thousands of Gifted and Talented students across the country and worldwide. Only a small proportion of the highest scoring students qualify for the second round, so both students did really well to qualify to this next stage.

Dylan's success continued in this second round of the competition with him achieving a Merit certificate for his high score. For Dylan to gain a Merit in this challenge is an incredible achievement because only the top 25% of participants receive an award. We would like to congratulate Dylan on his success, particularly as he had to complete additional work outside the classroom to help him prepare for this challenge.

To give you some indication of the mathematical prowess Dylan demonstrated, one of the questions Dylan answered correctly is shown below:

A regular hexagon, with sides of length 2cm, is cut into two pieces by a straight parallel to one of its sides. The ratio of the area of the smaller piece to the area of the larger piece is 1 : 5. What is the length of the cut?

By Mrs S Flowers, Maths Department

COLLEGE NEWS



The AMA, your Parent Teachers Association, consists of a small but active group of Parents, committed to raising funds to help provide school facilities or

educational items that would not normally be provided from statutory funds.

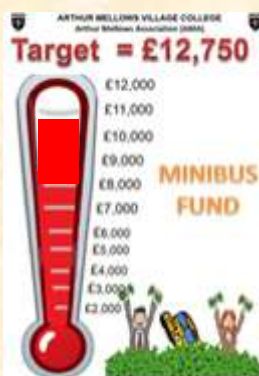
You will have seen members of the AMA selling second-hand school uniform at Parents' Evenings, running raffles and serving refreshments at school events. Now this may not sound like a glamorous way to spend your spare time, but it is very rewarding, especially as it also provides an important service to the school community.

We are delighted to have been able to support two key initiatives this year:

♦ **School Minibus** - The purchase of the minibus was a huge undertaking for the AMA, but it was an opportunity that we simply could not afford to miss as 60% of the cost was funded by grants from Peterborough City Council and the Department for Transport. So far we have raised £10,750!

♦ **African Drums** - We also managed to support the purchase of African Drums for the Music Department with a donation of £500. We hope that the drums will be both educational and good fun for students of all ages.

Neither of these would have been possible without the support and generosity of parents, teachers and students! You can support and help the AMA in the following ways:



1. **Raffle Donations** - We regularly hold raffles at school events and always need donations. Please mark your donations "AMA Raffle" and leave it with Main Reception (please note that no alcohol can be brought in by students).

2. **Revision Book Donations** - We are planning a revision book sale in September, which we hope will become an annual event. After the exams, if you have any recent revision books that are no longer needed, then please leave them at Main Reception marked "AMA Revision Books".

3. **School Uniform Donation** - We are always seeking donations of outgrown school uniform, which we can turn into cash at our regular uniform sales. Donations of good condition AMVC sweatshirts, polo shirts, coats and PE t-shirts – with name labels removed – are gratefully received. Again, please leave uniform at Main Reception clearly marked "AMA Uniform".

4. **Parent Pay Donation** - As always you can make a donation to the AMA school minibus appeal through ParentPay. Any contribution is always hugely appreciated.

If you would like to find out more about the AMA, or join the committee, or want to find out about forthcoming events, then please "like" our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/yourPTA

Many thanks for your continued support.

Angus Welch, Acting Chair of the AMA

YEAR GROUP I-BEHAVES - MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY TO FRIDAY 16 MAY 2014

As well as the many other successes of the Year Groups this term, there have been many successes in the classrooms with lots of I-behaves being given. Congratulations to the students and Tutor Groups below. **Keep up the good work.**

YEAR 7

Top 3 Tutor Groups	Top Students
7JPE	Lauren Shaw, 7SCH
7EAS	Annabel Gidney, 7JKR
7LPO	Ella Greenwood, 7EAS
	Tiegan Atkins, 7JPE
	Luke Barnes, 7EAS

YEAR 8

Top 3 Tutor Groups	Top Students
8SBO	Natalie Ellen, 8JLE
8SBL	Jasmine Hannah, 8JMF
8HGR	Corinne Wilding, 8SBO
	Keeley Tipton, 8JLE



YEAR 9

Top 3 Tutor Groups	Top Students
9KBI	Anthony Ingall, 9DWH
9KPR	Zoe Stott, 9KPR
9CTO	Emily Baughn, 9CTO
	Alex Caulton, 9SCR

YEAR 10

Top 3 Tutor Groups	Top Students
10VWA	Amy Fielding, 10CGE
10RPO	Esmae Bennett, 10CGE
10CGE	Liam Tomblin, 10VWA
	Lauren Purnell, 10RPO

YEAR 11

Top 3 Tutor Groups	Top Students
11MTU	Elen Agger, 11PMC
11SWA	Joseph Lobley, 11MTU
11IDI	Pollyanna Bentley, 11GEL
	Hester Baird, 11SWA
	Hannah Banister, 11ASH

By Miss Baker, Deputy Head of Year 10