

THE VOICE of Arthur Mellows Village College

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Message from the Head of College

Welcome to this edition of The Voice which provides a flavour of the activities that have taken place over the last few weeks at the College. I would like to draw your particular attention to the articles relating to the Comenius trip to Poland in October which complements the poignant Holocaust Remembrance Day only last week. I am sure you will agree that the entries written by the students provide an insight into this important topic that should not be forgotten by future generations.

I would like to take this opportunity to advise you that Miss Lee, Head of Textiles and Assistant Head of Sixth Form, is leaving the College for a promoted post at another school. She is an extremely dedicated colleague who is very well regarded by staff and students alike and we wish her all the best for the future.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone all the best for Christmas and a Happy New

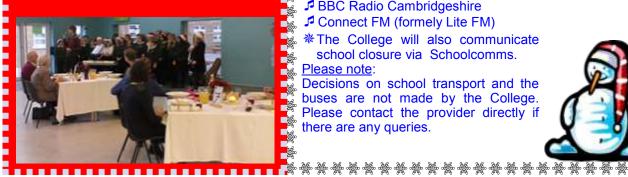
RESIDENTS CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Tuesday 11 December 2012, the College held a Christmas Dinner for the residents of Glinton. This event was planned to complement the recent Cinema nights and goes towards developing and enhancing the College's relationship with the local community.

The event was very well attended and guests were served a four course dinner by staff and Sixth Form students at the College. They were also entertained by the Junior Choir and were encouraged to participate in a Christmas Carol singalong.

This was an enjoyable event for all concerned. A representative from Glinton Friendship Group said: "We would like to excellent afternoon with fabulous food and wonderful entertainment. The Choir was a lovely idea and we were very impressed with the students passing from table to table pandering to our every need".

By Mrs Sanderson, PA to Head of College



Key Dates next half term

Term resumes Tuesday 8 January 2013 Cinema Night Thursday 24 January 2013 Year 9 Option Booklet Issued Monday 4 February 2013 Year 10 Parents' Evening Monday 4 February 2013 Thursday 7 February 2013

School Drama Production

Saturday 9 February 2013

Monday 11 February 2013

Half Term Friday 15 February 2013

Cinema Night Thursday 21 February 2013

Year 9 Options Evening Monday 25 February 2013

Year 9 Parents' Evening Monday 4 March 2013

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The legacy of Romeo and Juliet is one of the most popular Shakespeare plays across generations, diversely portrayed nationwide in theatres, both professional and amateur.

As Shakespeare schools returned to Arthur Mellows Village College for the third year, it was the director's role to incorporate the tragic love story of Romeo and Juliet to suit cast members between the ages of 11 and 18, to be performed at the Key

The direction taken to portray the famous love story was a classic ensemble together with physical theatre, complemented by contemporary music. The cast was always present on stage, representing the Montague and Capulet families wearing black and white clothing, making the difference in households clear to the diversely aged audience.



The famous fight scene, balcony scene and both death scenes were brilliant, as directed by Emi<u>ly Cartwright</u> (13EKA). Particular parts of the production stood out to me for its raw emotion and dynamic stage presence. I have never seen such an emotional performance from amateur actors at a secondary school level. In particular, Romeo (played by Ben Reynolds, 13TBO) really captivated the audience during a tragic scene, just after he had sadly lost his best friend, with a monologue recited with great passion and rage. Everyone in the theatre was slightly taken aback at the pure talent of our school's Shakespeare cast.

Juliet (Georgia Rytina, 13EKA) brought a childlike innocence to the role that is rarely seen so purely in an amateur portrayal of the character. The chemistry between Rytina and Reynolds was captivating from the first moment we saw them busting a move to Bruno Mars' 'Marry You' to the very last breath taken by both of them during their tragic death scene.

It was not until all 4 productions had ended when the national festival director, Chris Grace, commented on the performances of the 4 schools involved. He stated that Arthur Mellows' cast and directors were 'top of their game' and their production of Romeo and Juliet will 'stay with him for a long time.'

While the other 3 Shakespeare productions were brilliant, showcasing different interpretations of some of his classic plays (Macbeth, A Midsummer Night's Dream and Hamlet), they saved the best and most professional for last, leaving the audience with the extent of the emotion to leave the theatre with and effectively stay with them for a long time, or at least until the Shakespeare Schools Festival comes around next year.

Miss Kavanagh would like to express her thanks to all the students involved for their outstanding performance.

By Sophie Sear, 13SAH



PERFECT PIZZAS

Some of Mrs Turtle's groups have been making amazing pizzas recently so we took a photo of the best.

- "I thought that the pizza was colourful and I made my own box. I thought it was great." Dane Stockhill, 7JGI
- "I enjoyed making my pizza. The stuffed crust was delicious as it was stuffed with cheese." Esme Robinson, 7JGI.
- "I really enjoyed making and creating my pizza and I got some good results. It tasted delicious and my family enjoyed it! I love designing and putting flavours together." Alice Howard, 7JGI.
- "I enjoyed my pizza as it was so good. I love salmon and I put it on my pizza with olives, onion and Cheddar. My mum liked it so much she took it in to work for lunch" Eleanor Morris, 7JGI.

Food Technology Department



COLLEGE NEWS

So You Think You Can Dance?

As a hopeful/nervous parent, I joined and enthusiastic crowd in the Main Hall on a blustery. Tuesday evening to witness this year's final of a Arthur Mellows Village College 'So You Think You' Can Dance?' event, an annual competition of the Can Dance?

organised by the Dance Department. I was not quite sure what to expect: Nervous, faltering students blinded by the lights? Hardly. This was high quality stuff, thoroughly entertaining and yet another reminder of the immense talent we possess at Arthur Mellows across the curriculum, and the enthusiasm and dedication of the teaching and support staff to encourage and nurture talent in a realistic and nerve-shredding setting, and to provide students with a taste of what lies in store for them if they pursue a career in the Performing Arts.

There were 7 acts in all, from Years 7, 8 and 9, a lovely eclectic mix of classical and contemporary styles, some excellent choreography and others who are just blessed with natural ability. Some performed solo, whilst others worked in pairs. The format of the evening was that each act performed, followed by X Factor-style comments from the judging panel, who did a first-rate job. Miss Clennett and Mrs Mills used their Dance expertise to offer sensitive and supportive comments and advice, whilst Chief Judge Mr Kennedy provided comic relief by pretending to know what he was talking about. The 3 pairs of performers – Jess Snape and Belle Hillier (8LED), Chloe Gwilliam and Jess Reed (9AWE) and Amy Fielding (9CGE) and Rebecca Jones (9RPO) – showed the strength of choreography that is clearly being encouraged in Dance lessons, whilst Izzy Valerio (8KBR) danced with great style, the first round ending with a highly intense and impressive solo performance from Katie Heywood (8KBR).

In the end it came down to 2 hugely talented solo performers, Ben Gombah (8KBR) and Laura Spears (7KGA), both excellent exponents of contemporary dance, and great gymnasts, too. Ben's Hip-hop moves were amazing, but Laura's highly expressive performance and mature command of the stage just won out in the end.

I finished the night a mildly disappointed but proud parent, but the general mood was very positive. It was impossible not to be wowed by the range of talent we possess, and impressed by the way the performers all supported and encouraged each other throughout. This was not a night for big egos and bitter rivalries, but one

to simply sit back and admire talented dancers performing their hearts out. Thanks to everyone for putting on such a great show.

By Mr Zaidi, Media Studies Teacher



BOOK REVIEW "CONSPIRACY 365" BY GABRIELLE LORD

I have never really written a book review before, but I have never found any series of books that has interested me as much as this series. There are 12 books in the series, starting with January and I bet you can not guess what month it ends in? Yes, you have guessed it....December.

I think 'Conspiracy 365' are the best books I have ever read. For me to like a book, it has to excite me enough to want to read more and more of it. I definitely got into these books so much that I read February in just less than 3 days.

The main character is a boy called Callum who is 15 years old. The book is set in Australia. My favourite part so far is where Cal is crawling under his hideout and someone is crawling in the dark towards him! He thinks it is the police, when it is actually his best friend called Boges.

I think that people should read these books because the author puts in cliff-hangers at the end of each book which makes you want to read the next book. One of the best cliff-hangers is where Cal has his foot caught in a railway sleeper and a train is rushing towards him.

The books have a website that you can go on to and read part of the first book, in case you can not get hold of a copy. I think that they should make a film of the books, because it would be outstanding so you could enjoy the excitement without having to read it, if you are one of the ones that doesn't like reading, but I think that books are amazing in every way possible.

By Toby Stockell, 7ARI



COLLEGE NEWS

REBECCA BRACKPOOL 11MRI

Rebecca Brackpool was presented with a Nook Glow in recognition of her outstanding enthusiasm



and dedication to reading and helping others in the Library.

Rebecca is a prolific reader and is invaluable to the Library staff at recommending books to other students.

Rebecca puts herself out to assist on the parental choice evening, confidently chatting to parents and students about the benefits of reading and using the Library resources. On the official opening of the Library, Rebecca was the natural choice to lead the reading group and answer questions from the VIPs.

Although Rebecca is very busy with her own studies, Music lessons and Cadets, she invariably helps out at lunchtime assisting with various Library duties. She is always pleasant, smiling and cheerful – a joy to have around.

So it was with all these attributes in mind that Mr Sandeman and the Library staff wanted to express their appreciation and thanks to Rebecca. We are sure that she will make great use of her e-reader over the next few years.

By Mrs Wright, Resources Manager

Year 7 Readathon



are currently taking part in the Readathon and we would like you to support your child. Readathon is the UK's national sponsored reading event, encouraging children to read for pleasure, while raising money for charities that help seriously ill children.

Every student in Year 7 has been given a sponsorship card by their English teacher and has hopefully selected a few books that they would like to read. In return for their

commitment to this reading, we hope that parents, extended family and friends will sponsor our students. This scheme will be running until Wednesday 16 January 2013 when we will be asking students to bring in any money raised.

This has been met with a very positive response from Year 7 who are keen to read some new books and raise as much money as possible. Many thanks for your continued support.

By Miss Betts and Miss Baker, Teachers of English



Young Enterprise Company: Magic Marv Magic Mary was set up in September 2012 as part of the Young

Magic Marv was set up in September 2012 as part of the Young Enterprise Company Program in schools where students create their own business. We spent time coming together as a team of 9 students and thinking of ideas for a successful product. Our products are aimed at children and include craft kits which involve children creating,

decorating and painting.

We are a company that intends to leave their customers 100% satisfied. Our mission statement is:



To enrich the lives of children and to provide a top standard customer service while leaving a long lasting memento for both the children and their families. All at an effective cost

Recently, we have been thinking of more and more ideas to market our products as well as gain more experience



and get new ideas. Our company members have attended a conference at Wyboston Lakes which was a good learning experience and gave us a broader view of Young Enterprise and ideas for marketing and design. Our company also pitched their idea at a 'Dragon's Den' competition at Perkins Engines. We were successful in gaining a cash investment and advice from a local business.

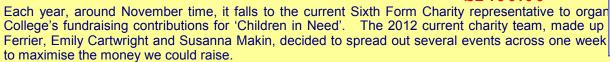
Our company sells small kits consisting of a wooden Christmas decorations, paints and a paint brush, so children (our target market) can paint and decorate them. We have also extended our product range to mugs and picture frames.

Our product will be sold at Young Enterprise Trade Fairs in the local area. Coming up soon we have plans to attend other trade fairs in Huntingdon on Saturday 15 December 2012 and Cambridge on Saturday 9 February 2013.

By Jak Grimwood, 12BZA (Marketing Director for Magic Marv)

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CHILDREN IN NEED AMOUNT RAISE





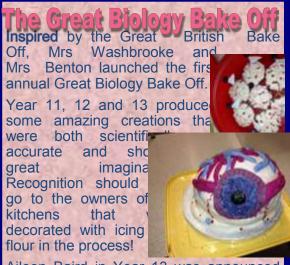
The week consisted of leg waxing, numerous sweet and cake sales, dodge ball, the 'Great Biology Bake Off' and of course the famous Sixth Form Auction. Each day raised at least £50.00 and the Sixth Form Auction raised £612.00. Alongside a whole school non-uniform day, this made up the majority of our fundraising total.

On Friday 16 November, Year 7 students Natalie Ellen and Katie Rowe, 7DVA, sold cakes that they made themselves at their running club, raising £31.00. On Saturday 17 November the girls sold their cakes around their estate; in total they raised £120.00

Other fund raising events around the school included; 8KCL involved in a Cake Sale, Eleanor Morris, Felicity Nutt and Esme Robinson from 7JGI sold Cakes, Biscuits and Jewellery and Shane Hallam, 8GBA sold sweets.

All in all it was a very successful week raising a large sum of money to go to a very good cause. A huge thanks to everyone who contributed throughout the week, as well as the charity team and all their helpers for organising the events and making it run so smoothly. Roll on next year!

By Sophie Sear 13SAH



Aileen Baird in Year 13 was announced

as the winner for her fabulous reproduction of a rocky shore ecology science, complete with quadrat and tape measure.

The cakes were sold off and over £45.00 was Children in Need.

Well done everyone.

Mrs Benton, Teacher Science







This year's Young Enterprise team consists of 9 members, collectively known as "Xhilaration". We have decided to focus on craft products such as

on craft products such as Candle Bags and hope it will be especially successful because it is something everyone can enjoy and put 100% effort into. We are aiming to take advantage of every member's skills in a way

that contributes and serves real importance to the business. The aims and objectives of our company are to provide our customers with the highest standard of product and in turn receive their satisfaction.



Recently, Xhilaration took part in the Dragon's Den hosted at Perkins Engines, and we are proud to say that we were very successful as a business and were awarded the money which we asked for. We are attributing this achievement to our teamwork

and the full commitment we have been putting in since the business was set up in early October.

We hope you will support us as well as you have Young Enterprise companies of previous years. You have been valued in the past and we appreciate your continued support of Young Enterprise at Arthur Mellows.

We will be selling our products on Academic Day on Friday 21 December for £2.99. We hope to see you there.

Xhilaration Marketing Department; Ellie Jaggard, 12EVE and Andrew Jeyes, 12BZA xhilarationye@gmail.com

Xhilaration has several trade fairs coming up in December. We will be at Huntingdon Christmas Trade Fair on Saturday 15 December in Huntingdon Commemoration Hall from 8.30 am to 4.45 pm. We will continue to attend trade fairs throughout the upcoming year in the hope of gaining experience and a greater understanding of our consumers, which will enable us to make our products more consumer orientated



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COMENIUS, BRITISH COUNCIL TRIP TO POLAND—OCTOBER 2012

Having hosted the Spanish, Italian and Polish staff and example, at the dinner hosted at Arthur Mellows, all of us students at our school last March, we were invited to visit from different countries were conversing and having fun. the Gimnazjum Nr. 1 school in Trzebini, Poland. During our stay we were overwhelmed by the kindness and hospitality of everyone we met, including the staff, students and their parents. We spent time in the school, was that they did not wear school uniform. They also ate visiting lessons and also visited Auschwitz and Birkenau, the Salt Mines (a UNESCO world heritage site) and fizzy, not tap water. We did try everything, though, and Krakow. The students who took part have written about Poland was an amazing experience. their experiences, below:

The Flight by Chelsea Humphries

It was my first time on an aeroplane, everything amazed me! The waiting felt like forever as I was eager to get on the plane. Security was scary and the shops in down and relaxed. Then we were on the move, the air we were going straight up. The journey for me was not which they had believed were only showers. boring, even though it was 2 hours. When you are flying it does not feel like you are in the air. It is not actually as scary as I had expected.

Gymnazium Nr 1 by Amy Lister

The school had 3 floors, but only 360 students. We noticed they were not as well off as Arthur Mellows, because they only used chalk black boards and had less than 20 computers in the whole school! In Languages they speak fluently in which ever language they learn, which were both English and German. In the Science again was part of the disguise. department the cabinets were made of wood and looked quite old. In each classroom they had an image of Jesus at the front of the room. It gave the impression that they were very religious.

On our first morning, the students held an assembly in our honour. They all sang the national anthem whilst we all had to stand up and watch the waving flag in front of us. The 2 students holding the flag wore sashes and white gloves. The assembly involved singing, dancing, acting and music. A really funny bit was where 3 students came in dressed as stereotypical people from each of our countries. The Italian boy drove a Ferrari motorbike and held a pizza box. The English boy was dressed in a suit with an umbrella and the Spanish boy was dressed as a footballer.

Cultural differences by Lauren Howarth

In Poland, they had some very different traditions to us.



In Poland when eating at the table in school, they are usually silent. You share stories about your day after the last person has finished their meal. Another difference a lot of sausage stews with dumplings and cabbage, and

Auschwitz by Michael Goodwin

At Auschwitz, we could not believe what had taken place there. There were lots of trees and well-constructed buildings. It just looked like a normal place, a bit like a residential area, but we all knew what it really was. Rows Departures were amazing. When we handed in our ticket of barbed wire fencing ran round the perimeter of the my heart pumped faster, I could see the plane! As we whole complex. Over 2 million Jews died there. It was pushed and shoved our way through the crowd (more only when we entered the buildings that the awful truth like them pushing us) we got to an available seat and sat about Auschwitz really started to sink in. We began to realise the true scale of what occurred there, but none of pushed us back and the noise crept up. I knew that we us could picture the scale of it, the people being marched were taking off. I did not like the massive tilt. It felt like from their overcrowded rooms to the gas chambers,

> The sign above the gate read "Arbeit Macht Frei." In English, it means "work will make you free." Everything, including this, was a lie. On arrival, the Jews were divided into 2 groups. Those who survived were useful, strong men, people with skills, translators etc. The old and the weak were sent straight to the gas chambers. There was an orchestra which would play at the gates as the prisoners returned from working in the factory at the end of each day. It gave a sense of normality, which

> Some of the Jews became Capots. This meant they



helped the Nazi guards, turning against their own people in order gain privileges.

However, they still got killed in The the end. life average expectancy of a prisoner was

between 6 and 8 weeks, due to the terrible conditions and lack of food.

The students have led an assembly on Auschwitz, in preparation for the Year 9 Holocaust Day. The Comenius group are now working on the final part of the project, which includes producing a DVD on "Culture and Body Language." They will also be performing a play when we visit Spain in April 2013.

By Mrs Reilly, Assistant Headteacher



Holocaust Remembrance D

Tuesday 11 December 2012

For the second year running we were delighted to be able to welcome Eva Clarke, a Holocaust survivor, to talk to our students about her personal story of the impact of the Holocaust on her and on her extended family. Eva described the years before she was born and her parents struggle to survive against all the odds. Eva Clarke's mother, Anka, was a 23year-old law student in Prague when the Nazis took Czechoslovakia. Her daughter, Eva, was conceived during Anka's imprisonment in Terezin, a Jewish ghetto, 30 miles from Prague. She then spent the 9 months of her pregnancy in Auschwitz before Eva was born en route to another camp.



Educational Trust

Eva's father, Bernd Nathan, was a German-Jewish architect who was shot near Auschwitz a Image: Holocaust week before liberation. He never knew Anka was pregnant. Year 9 students relay her story:



Meeting Eva Clarke

Eva stated: "My mother sent out was Auschwitz because she was still strong enough to work even though by this stage she had been interned for 3.5 years. She was sent on a horrendous train journey

on a coal truck which was open to the elements and filthy. They travelled this way for 3 solid weeks without any food and with very little water. When they eventually arrived at Mauthausen, my mother was in such a state of shock that she went into labour. I have to tell you, that at this stage she weighed just 5 stone. My mother started to give birth to me on the train, and then she had to climb off it and onto a cart; the people who were not strong enough to walk to the camp were bundled into this cart and she was lying there with people all other her who had typhoid and other horrendous illnesses. She was unable to move and she gave birth to me there. I did not breathe when I was born, and I did not move. When they arrived at the camp they found a doctor who was also a prisoner, he cut the umbilical cord, smacked me, and I began to breathe.

There are 2 reasons we survived, apart from my mother's inherent toughness. The first is that on the 28 April 1945 the Germans blew up the gas chamber at Mauthausen, this they were doing everywhere to try to conceal the evidence. My birthday was 29 April 1945. The second reason is that 3 days after my birth the American Army liberated the camp.

By Madi Challis, 9CPE

Meeting Eva Clarke

I was so excited to meet Eva as she was a survivor of the Holocaust; she was born in the last year of the war. It was incredible that her mother survived as she was so very weak. Eva's Mother went into childbirth, while being pulled



up a steep hill. She had no help from the soldiers; they said that she can "scream all she wants." She thought that she was dying. Eva was only 3 pounds when she was born, which was a dangerously low weight. It was amazing to hear her mother's experience. It gave you a real image of how dreadful life was. It was a very emotional story. Eva and her mother who is now 95, are 2 very amazing strong people.

By Chelsea Humphries, 9AWE

Meeting Eva Clarke

Listening to Eva Clarke was very interesting as her story told of her mother's near death experiences at 3 different Nazi concentration camps. When Eva was born at Mauthausen, her mother was a walking skeleton and weighed 5 stone. Eva was born the day after the Germans had blown up the gas chamber Mauthausen, so she only just survived. Eva was unusual for a new born, as she did not cry when she was born. It was lucky that the Nazi's let a doctor come to their aid.

By Michael Goodwin, 9RPO

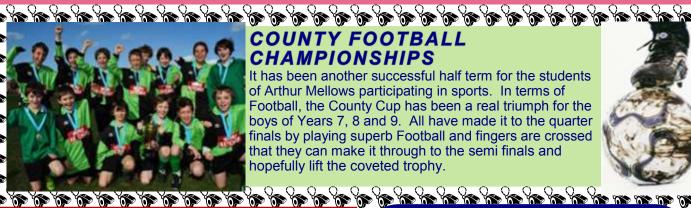


KNITTED POPPY APPEAL

- Thank you to every one who supported my 'Knitted Poppy Appeal' at Arthur Mellows. The response was overwhelming and we could not knit them quick enough!
- The amount raised from their sale this year was in excess of £620.00, which is staggering!
- Thank you to my lovely helpers; Ben Reynolds and Paige Ferrier for selling the Poppies and Mrs Duncliffe helping to knit them.
- All the money will go to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal bringing the total raised to almost £1250.00.
- Thank you Arthur Mellows Students and staff who wore their Poppies with Pride!

Poppy Reynolds, School Governor

PE NEWS



COUNTY FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

It has been another successful half term for the students of Arthur Mellows participating in sports. In terms of Football, the County Cup has been a real triumph for the boys of Years 7, 8 and 9. All have made it to the quarter finals by playing superb Football and fingers are crossed that they can make it through to the semi finals and hopefully lift the coveted trophy.



INTER FORM CROSS COUNTRY

The Inter Form Cross Country took place on Wednesday 14 November 2012. It was a great contest this year with some very impressive times. The victorious Tutor Groups were 7HGR, 8KCL and 9VWA. All credit goes to everyone who took part. The individual winners in each year were; Year 7 Boys, Joseph Mills (7SBO), Year 7 Girls, Lia Cataldo (7JGI), Year 8 Boys, Jordan Brown (8DLO), Year 8 Girls, Megan Porter (8KBI), Year 9 Boys, Jack Hopkins (9CGE) and Year 9 Girls, Betty Porter (9VWA)



"I enjoyed cross-country and it was great to win!" Joseph Mills

"Even though it was tiring, it was totally worth it as I crossed the finish line in 1st place!" **Megan Porter**



GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The girls Basketball tournament took place on Thursday 29 November, and was a very tough competition. With high hopes for the Arthur Mellows team, they did not disappoint for putting on a show, and came extremely close to winning it overall, unfortunately

claiming second spot.

Team: Millie Stevens, 9CPE Lauren Brookbanks, 9CPE Eve Greenaway, 9VWA Madi Challis, 9CPE Sarah Peart, 8CTO Megan Porter, 8KBR Holly Alexander, 8KBI.

PETERBOROUGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Another achievement accomplished this term was the success in the Peterborough School Cross Country competition.

Arthur Mellows won 4 races out of 8, with a very impressive display from the Minor girls and boys. The Inter boys were also successful winning their race along with the Junior girls.



Other schools, such as Hampton, Jack Hunt, Ken Stimpson and Kings, all won 3 races or less, meaning that Arthur Mellows were the most victorious team in the competition. This was a great achievement by the College and each and every person who took part should be very proud of their triumph.



YEAR 8 **INDOOR ATHLETIC** TEAM

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Year 8 girls are also enjoying success at the Indoor Athletics. The team are through to the County finals. This is a huge achievement for these girls. The team won all the track races which is quite outstanding. The team consists

Bethan Gilligan, 8KBR Holly Alexander, 8KBI Megan Porter, 8KBI Serena Korkmaz, 8GBA Imogin Woodard, 8SCR.

In the New Year they will be preparing for the finals which are taking place at St Ives. We wish them all the best of luck and hopefully they will bring back more trophies to add to the cabinet.

> MERRY CHRISTMAS from Harry Jackson, Year 13 (aspiring sports journalist)

