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Message from the Head of College

I had the great privilege of being in the audience of the recent production of 'Oliver' just prior to the half term holiday. The write-up in more detail can be found on the back page of this newsletter, however I wanted to reiterate how proud I was of being Headteacher of Arthur Mellows that night. I have recently carried out assemblies for all Year Groups on the theme 'Outstanding' following on from our recent Ofsted report, and to witness the talent, confidence and pure brilliance of the 'Oliver' cast, crew, dancers and musicians, reinforced my thoughts that I truly work at an outstanding school and am surrounded by outstanding students every day. Thank you!

Students in Key Stages 4 and 5 are now working incredibly hard and are focused on the Summer examinations. Students are busy attending revision sessions both during the school day and after school. I would like to emphasise that time in lessons is really important at the moment as there are only some 7 school weeks left before the first main written exam takes place. Year 11 in particular have been provided with a Revision Guide containing useful tips and resources for planning their revision timetable. Should parents have any concerns over their son / daughter's progress towards the forthcoming examinations, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Head of Year or Subject Teacher.

I would like to thank all parents for their continued support of the good work of the College.

M Sandeman
Head of College



PARKING AND HIGHWAY RESTRICTIONS

To help prevent accidents between motorists and children, could we politely ask all parents to park considerately and safely. Please remember that parking is **NOT ALLOWED** on the yellow zig zag areas marked 'SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR' when dropping off and collecting students from school. Please also remember to avoid parking on the pavement, so that access for pedestrians and pushchairs does not become an issue.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.



Key Dates

Extended Project Qualification Presentation Evening	Thursday 26 February 2015
Year 7 Parents' Evening (Tutor Groups: ASH, EBA, LBL, TCL and ZYO)	Monday 2 March 2015
Year 8 Collapsed Day	Friday 6 March 2015
Year 7 Parents' Evening (Tutor Groups: IDI, LST/SFL, MTU and PMC)	Monday 9 March 2015
Year 7 Collapsed Day	Friday 13 March 2015
Battlefields Trip	Thursday 19 March 2015 to Sunday 22 March 2015
Presentation Evening	Thursday 26 March 2015
Term Ends	Friday 27 March 2015

STUDENTS ENTERING AND EXITING COLLEGE PREMISES AND THOSE USING CAR TRANSPORT TO GET TO AND FROM SCHOOL



Parents are reminded that all students, with the exception of those who travel to and from the College in a taxi or who have a medical need, should be entering / exiting the College premises at the start and end of the day via one of the designated student pathways. Students should not enter or exit via Main Reception doors. Similarly, parents should not arrange to drop off or collect their child from the parking area in front of Main Reception – this area is not accessible to general traffic during the hours of 8.30 am and 9.00 am in the mornings and 2.30 pm and 3.30 pm in the afternoons.

To help aid any confusion, students who travel to and from the College in taxis, or who have a medical need requiring them to use the Main Reception, have been issued with a pass which they will need to show. Any student without a pass will be requested to exit via the correct route.

Your assistance in delivering this message to your son / daughter and arranging an alternative place to drop off and collect by car (other than Main Reception) would be appreciated. Whilst writing, I would take the opportunity to also ask parents to be mindful of the parking restrictions on Helpston Road, keeping clear of highway zigzag lines and traffic signage. These necessary measures are in place to protect the safety of all users and to ensure an accident does not happen at the start and end of the school day.

M Sandeman, Head of College

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COLLEGE NEWS



KS3 Recipe Competition



As part of our links with schools in Kenya and Sudan they have been asking us questions about the food we love the most. This competition is about your most favourite recipes which you look forward to cooking and eating at home.

There are three categories:

- Cakes
- Main meals
- Desserts



What do I need to do to enter?

To enter all you need to do is cook your favourite dish, take a picture of it.

Hand in the picture, a list of ingredients and a method which describes each stage of the preparation, cooking and assembly of the dish to Mrs Gray by Friday 13 March 2015

A step-by-step recipe for a fudgy soft sponge cake.

Ingredients

- 120g/4oz butter or margarine, softened
- 120g/4oz caster sugar
- 2 medium eggs
- 120g/4oz self-raising flour

Preparation method

1. Heat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4.
2. Line two 18cm/7in cake tins with baking parchment.

Technique: Greasing and lining cake tins

3. Cream the butter and the sugar together until pale. Use an electric hand mixer if you have one.

Technique: How to cream butter by hand

4. Beat in the eggs.
5. Sift over the flour and fold in using a large metal spoon.
6. The mixture should be of a dropping consistency; if it is not, add a little milk.
7. Divide the mixture between the cake tins and gently spread out with a spatula. Bake for 20-25 minutes until an inserted skewer comes out clean. Allow to stand for 5 minutes before turning on to a wire rack to cool.

Technique: Testing to see if a cake is cooked

8. Sandwich the cakes together with jam, lemon curd or whipped cream and berries or just enjoy on its own.

Required techniques



Artist of the Month
Alish Haynes Year 7
Little Monsters Printing Project



Winners will receive a canteen voucher and your recipe will be sent to our partner schools in Sudan and Kenya.

Winner announced Friday 20 March 2015



The winners: From Left to Right: Will Woodard, Liam Manning, Conor Bryan (c), Tom Anton, Mitch Stimson, Rowan Stansfield and Samuel Harris

The Christmas Truce

Arthur Mellows Village College has organised a number of events this year to remember the 100 Year Anniversary of the start of World War One. However, back in December and early January it was the turn of the boys to remember the war in a very special way. Having believed that the war would all be over by Christmas, both sides laid down their arms and swapped presents during the winter of 1914. A very remarkable event then took place when both sides played football against each other and all hostilities (apart from footballing pride!) were laid aside.

The students at Arthur Mellows Village College have been playing a football tournament to remember this event. Teams of 7 have chosen a country to represent and have played a number of matches to determine the winning 'country'.

After some very close games, it came to finals which saw 4 teams battling it out to become winners. Both semi-finals went to penalties but in the end the final was between Italy and France; Italy won on penalties.

We had over 300 students take part in this event and it was truly inspirational to watch students get involved and be part of a such an important time in our History.

By Mr Steele and Mrs Price

UNIFORM *Don't bin it – recycle it!*

We are always seeking donations of outgrown school uniform, which we can turn into cash to spend on enhancing the school experience for our children! Donations of all good condition AMVC uniform, coats and PE kit – with labels removed – are gratefully received.

Please hand in all donations to school reception in a bag labelled **AMA Uniform**.



COLLEGE NEWS

The EU Mock Council

The EU Mock Council gives students a taste of what international politics is like by simulating a real meeting of the Council of the European Union. The event was attended by 30 schools and colleges, each representing either an EU member state, the European Commission or the General Secretariat. The participating students discussed and debated 2 topics from the position of the state that they were representing.

The participating students from Arthur Mellows were Amber Vella and Joe Carter. Please read their account of the event:

Upon being chosen to represent both our school and the country of Romania at the EU Mock Council on Monday 8 December 2014, we both jumped on the opportunity to research fascinating topics that we might not have come across in our general academic studies. The Mock Council was held in the Locarno Suite of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, an environment which was both daunting and inspiring to be in amongst other schools, as well as prominent figures from the world European politics including Minister for Europe, David Lidington, and Head of EC Representation in the UK, Jacqueline Minor, as well as representatives from embassies. One of these representatives was in fact from the Romanian embassy who was therefore able to provide invaluable insight into Romania stance on the policies that we would be debating.

Having done extensive research before the event and forming our own opinions on the proposals, we were fully prepared to make our case. We split into two separate groups, each one of us arguing Romania's case on a different set of proposals. One of us debated policies relating to the treatment of juveniles in criminal proceedings, whilst the other focused on energy efficiency across the EU. Lunch also allowed a more informal opportunity to debate the proposals, and even form alliances with other member states. Having both taken our opportunities to speak, and despite being slightly intimidated by the photographers and film crews documenting the entire day, we were very satisfied with how we had represented Romania. We both felt that we had made a difference to the end result.

By Amber Vella and Joe Carter, 13SCO



Jaxon Simmonds SWIMMING

On Saturday, 6 and Sunday 7 November, I went to a swimming competition in Luton.

I swam really well and achieved 5 gold, 2 silver and one bronze medal.

My gold medal finishing events was the 400m front crawl, 100m front crawl, 200m front crawl, 100m butterfly and 50m front crawl.

I gained my silver medals in 200m Individual Medley which is 50m front crawl, 50m butterfly, 50m breaststroke and 50m backstroke. The other silver medal was in the 50m butterfly.

For my bronze medal I swam the 100m breaststroke.

Also, I gained the title of National Champion for my 400m front crawl.

By Jaxon Simmons, 10AMC



TWO NEW PARENT GOVERNORS

The College is pleased to announce the recruitment of two new Parent Governors – Sarah Clayton and Malcolm Dugdale. Both new Governors will shortly be receiving their induction into their roles and will be attending future Governing Body meetings. This completes the complement of Parent Governors and I would like to thank all parents who showed their support by voting in the recent ballot.

Mrs D Sanderson, Clerk to Governors

COLLEGE NEWS

OLIVER



Arthur Mellows version of Oliver should be available on prescription.

Anyone who was at the performance will have gone home with a big smile, and probably singing one of the beautifully performed songs.



Variety was the key to the performance. We had the wonderful voice of Mrs Sowerby screaming at her family before she even appeared on stage, the malice of Bill Sykes who just oozed evil, the adorable Oliver himself, and as for Fagin, I would come back to the next night just to see him again. Nancy, your solos were brilliant. I have seen the film many times but not picked up quite so much the pain Nancy feels about loving a violent man. The crowd scenes were excellent. Every member of the crowd was acting throughout their scenes. It was difficult to know where to look as so many little scenes were being enacted in the market, the workhouse, or Fagin's den. As for the trio between the milkmaid, the roses and strawberry sellers you made people in the audience cry with the beauty of your voices. Dancers, it was a lovely touch to have you there, you somehow interpreted the mood of the songs you were dancing to, and were a pleasure to watch. I was amazed at the skill of the smaller characters too..... The Artful Dodger has a wonderful voice and going back to the theme of variety, you and Oliver worked brilliantly together because you were so different. Oliver, how did the staff find you? You made us laugh and cry. You can hold the stage alone, or in a crowd. All this and live music from a band too.

I felt proud just to be working in a school that can produce such a performance.

By Mrs Blackmore, Teacher



District Schools Cross Country Results 2015

Congratulations to Arthur Mellows students who were selected to represent Peterborough in the County Schools Cross Country Championships at Kings School, Ely on Saturday 17 January 2015. It was a very cold day, with the ground defrosting in place to make the later races muddy and slippery.

RESULTS FOR THE PETERBOROUGH TEAM:

Year 7 - Minor Girls finished 2nd overall

Jess Camwell 26th

Lydia Shackleton 33^d

finishing 6th and 9th respectively for Peterborough.

Year 7 - Minor Boys finished 3rd overall

Harvey Hancock 7th

Sam Garner 9th

Frankie Barnet 12th

the boys were the first 3 runners finishing for the Peterborough team.

Year 8 and 9 - Junior Girls finished 2nd overall

Amelia Monaghan 3rd

Katie Porter 18th

Anna Warrington 24th

Jess McKenzie 29th

The girls finished 1st, 4th, 7th and 8th respectively for the Peterborough team.

Year 8 and 9 Junior Boys - finished 3rd overall

Ishan Limbukhim 11th; the first runner in for the Peterborough team.

Inter Girls - Year 10 and 11

Imogen Woodard 20th; the third runner in for Peterborough team.

Inter Boys - Year 10 and 11

Denzel Mpofu 18th; the third runner in for the Peterborough team.

Senior Girls - Year 12 and 13 finished 1st overall

Aisling Ruff 10th; the fourth runner in for the Peterborough team.

The runners finishing in the top 14 represented Peterborough at the Anglian Cross Country, in Ipswich on Saturday 7 February 2015.

By Mrs Burke, PE Department

