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Message from the Head of College

It has been an excellent start to the new academic year, with so many activities going on both inside and outside the College, many of which you will read about in this issue of the Voice.

The busiest event by far has been our Prospective Parents' Evening where staff and students showcased the College to Year 6 children. A special mention must go to the following students who represented the College in front of audiences in their hundreds, talking about life at Arthur Mellows; a daunting experience for the most confident of us. The following students are to be congratulated on their efforts and for being true ambassadors of Arthur Mellows: Year 7 – Annie Gidney, Ella Greenwood, Robbie King and Archie McCulloch, Year 9 – Jess Snape, Megan Porter, Charlie Crouch and Charlie Westbrook, Year 11 – Charlotte Exton, Daisy Malton, Harry Halfhide and Kiran Patel, Year 13 – Katie Barnard, Hannah Stevens, Ashwin Pathiyath and Daniel Richardson.

I would like to add that the new Year 7 students have integrated extremely well into Arthur Mellows and are already a credit to the College. They are now very settled into the routine of a busy timetable and it is hard to think that they have only been with us some 40 days or so.

Finally, the Year 11 start some of their GCSE exams immediately after the half term break and I would like to say 'good luck' to you all. This is the start of a very busy and pressurised year in terms of exams and there is a lot on offer in terms of revision and booster sessions to help all students. Please take every opportunity to maximise on the help and support that is on offer to you all.

Have a restful half term.

M Sandeman, Head of College



Arthur Mellows Village College
 Helpston Road, Gilton, Peterborough, PE6 7JX
 An Academy School

Sixth Form Open Evening
 Wednesday 13 November 2013 at 6.30 pm

Presentations by the Head of College and Head of Sixth Form and an opportunity to speak with subject staff regarding A Level choices and Applied / Vocational qualifications

View our excellent facilities and talk with our current Sixth Form students



We welcome you to be part of our high performing school

A Level Results (Summer 2013)
99.5% pass rate

"Arthur Mellows is an outstanding school" (Ofsted judgement November 2009)

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Key Dates next half term

Term resumes	Monday 4 November 2013
AMTEC Day	Wednesday 13 November 2013
Sixth Form Open Evening	Wednesday 13 November 2013
Normandy Trip	Thursday 14 November 2013 to Sunday 17 November 2013
Year 13 Parents' Evening	Monday 18 November 2013
Cucina Bistro Evening	Thursday 28 November 2013
Cinema Night	Thursday 28 November 2013
Mad Medics Trip to Peterborough Museum	Monday 9 December 2013
Year 8 HPV vaccinations	Thursday 12 December 2013
Gilton Residents Christmas Dinner	Thursday 12 December 2013
Christmas Concert	Tuesday 17 December 2013
Academic Day (students only in College for appointments)	Friday 20 December 2013
Term Ends	Friday 20 December 2013

IN THE EVENT OF SEVERE WEATHER

✳ Please check our website in the first instance where College closure information will be posted to our homepage, if possible by 7.35 am. www.arthurmellows.peterborough.sch.uk

✳ Listen to one of the following radio stations:

🎵 Heart FM

🎵 BBC Radio Cambridgeshire

🎵 Connect FM (formerly Lite FM)

✳ The College will also communicate school closure via Schoolcomms.

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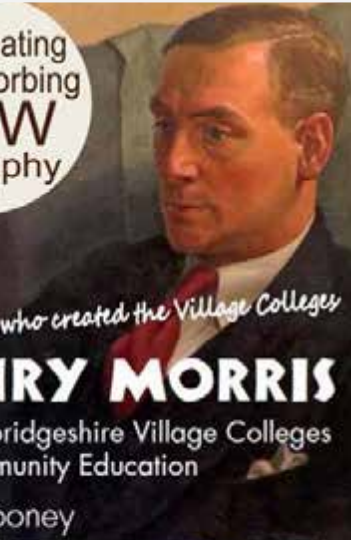


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"Absorbing"

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ARTHUR MELLOWS RESOURCES

Arthur Mellows Library is a member of Booktrust which aims to create a buzz about books.

Booktrust is an independent reading and writing charity that hopes to make an impact on individuals as well as families from all backgrounds. By giving every student in Year 7 the opportunity to choose a free book, which the school, together with Booktrust, has subsidised, it is hoped that a rich and positive engagement in reading and writing can develop. We are here to support Arthur Mellows students to gain a positive impact that books can have on all aspects of their lives.

Please help us, to help them by encouraging your child to read their chosen book. The first 10 students who then writes a review of their book will receive another one.

By Mrs Wright, Resources Manager



BY ANNE-MARIE CONWAY

I really liked this book. It was full of mystery and was a real page turner. It is both sad and happy at the same time! This book is for people who like tragic and mysterious genre of books.

It's a book about friendship and how hurtful friends can be, but also how you can trust the right friends. It is also about conquering your fears and how important it is to love your family.

The Butterfly Summer tells you about the importance of truth.

I gave it a 5 star rating as I think that Anne-Marie Conway has written an excellent book suitable for readers of 11+.

Book Review by Maia Fakolujo, 7LPO



LATE BUS SERVICE ON TUESDAY

If students wish to use the late school bus service on Tuesday evenings, they must sign in at Student Reception each week, before break time, on the Tuesday they wish to use the service. Please note that the buses leave the College promptly at 4.30 pm.



Important Note
Academic Day takes place on
Friday 20 December 2013.

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ARTIST OF THE
MONTH
KAYLEIGH
PILBEAM
11THA



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Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Thursday, 26 September 2013, the staff and students at Arthur Mellows held their Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Macmillan Cancer Charity. Teachers and Year 10 students all got busy baking cakes and biscuits to sell. There was a cake sale in the staffroom and quite a few cake sales in the corridors for the students. A Macmillan nurse popped in at lunchtime to support the students with their cake sale. The College raised £267.00; what a great team effort!



Well done everyone.

By Mrs Warrington, Head of Year 10

Warner Bros Harry Potter Studio Tour

Okay, so I know I wrote about this trip last issue, but this was a new trip for the new Year 10 media students at the start of their course, so I thought I would reiterate how good this tour is for those of you who haven't been. This time, we enjoyed 2 additional educational sessions, one on how ideas are transferred from script to screen, and another on camera techniques. Both were excellent, and it was great to see our students so enthusiastic and knowledgeable in the Q&A sessions afterwards. The point was forcibly made that the creative media industries are now the second biggest source of revenue in the UK behind the big London financial institutions, so the days of media studies not being taken seriously as a subject are surely now a thing of the past. The fact that Channing Tatum, Ron Howard, Mila Kunis, Tom Cruise and numerous other film stars were all filming that day on other sound stages certainly helped create a real sense of excitement around the studios.

As for the tour itself, this point was reinforced by the focus on the huge range of job roles and creative challenges faced by film-makers. The epic reconstruction of the Great Hall at Hogwarts might steal the show, but it was the areas showing how carpenters, draughtsmen, designers, artists, costume designers, make-up artists and many more had contributed to the success of the film franchise that hopefully inspired our students to realise that film isn't just something that other people create, but can be a realistic career aspiration for our current crop of talented media students. All in all, a great day out.

By Mr Zaidi, Head of Media



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

You are entitled to free school meals for your children if you receive:

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, an annual income **below £16,190 and no Working Tax Credit.**
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Please note: If you, or your partner, receive any working tax credit you will not be entitled to free school meals. This condition has been set by the Government and is outlined in the Education Act 2002.

The application form must be completed by the person who receives the qualifying benefit which can be requested from the Finance Department.

If your child is entitled to free school meals but you are reluctant to take advantage of this entitlement, talk to us about your concerns. We will try to put your mind at rest. If you still decide not to take the free school meals we still encourage you to apply. You don't have to accept the free school meals but you will show on our records as being entitled. The more children who are shown as being entitled to free school meals, the more funding the school will receive. This ultimately benefits your children.

MA SUCCESS

- Congratulations to Ms Parnell, Mrs Flowers, Mrs Williams and Mrs Richards on completing the MA in Education (Leadership and Management) with the University of Bedfordshire. A wonderful achievement, after a lot of hard work.

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STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING

If your son/daughter is absent, for any reason, in the first instance parents should contact the College via the:



Student Absence line (01733 254020)

and leave an appropriate message.

In all cases of absence, parents are required to notify the College daily and send a note to the Form Tutor immediately on the student's return to the College. If the absence is likely to exceed one week, the College should be informed of the nature of the illness as soon as possible.

Thank you

FOREIGN LANGUAGE LEADER AWARD YEAR 5 STUDENTS VISIT TO ARTHUR MELLOWS



On Friday 19 July 2013 5 students from our Year 12 French class (Sophie Hall, Emily Harrison, Charlotte Maclellan, Jack Yule and Andrew Jeyes) took part in the Foreign Language Leaders Award. A group of Year 5 students from the local primary school, Peakirk cum Glinton, came into the College for a fun filled morning of French. During this day the students took part in 2 classes designed to teach 2 topics, which were 'Countries of the World' and 'Foods of Europe'.

They learned vocabulary and practised their pronunciation of French words, using games and quizzes to make it more interesting. They also made their own flags and plates of food to take away with them, with many of the students showing their artistic flair!

They had a break and each student had a pain au chocolat, to get involved in the French culture. At the end of the morning they had a big team quiz, Red vs. Blue. The Blue team led by Jack, Charlotte and Andrew were victorious and they all went home with sweets in their pockets and smiles on their faces.

By Charlotte Maclellan, 13SFL

Congratulations to Charlotte, Sophie, Emily, Jack and Andrew on passing their Foreign Language Leader Award!

ARTHUR MELLOWS DANCE CLUBS 2013 - 2014

**Tuesday - Year 7 Dance Club with Miss Bugby
(12.45 pm to 1.15 pm in P6)**

**Tuesday - GCSE/BTEC Technique Class
(3.15 pm to 4.15 pm in P6)**

**Wednesday - Gifted and Talented Dance Company
with Miss Polson (3.15 pm to 4.15 pm in P6)**

**Thursday - Year 8 and 9 Dance Club with
Miss Bugby (3.15 pm to 4.15 pm in P6)**

**Thursday - Boys Dance with Miss Polson
(3.15 pm to 4.15 pm in P7)**

**Friday - Year 12 Dancers with Miss Bugby
(12.45 pm to 1.15 pm in P1)**



ZERO CARBON COMMUNITY PROJECT

The Zero Carbon Community Project has several free community events coming up.

Water themed Family Fun Day Sunday 17 November 2013, 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm, at Glinton Village Hall

Did you know it takes around 9000 L of water to make a new pair of jeans? Find out more and save water with our free kids clothes swap (for every item you bring, choose one to take away), water themed games and refreshments. Sign up for a discount water butt and free home water assessments.

Winter Welly Walk around Peakirk Sunday 1 December 2013 at 10.30 am

Meet at the Ruddy Duck for a family friendly guided walk around the watery features near the village. The walk will be around 2 miles, ending back at the pub for a free bowl of soup and bread. Please book for catering purposes: 01733 864588 / zerocarbon@peterborough.gov.uk

For more details on the above events email zerocarbon@peterborough.gov.uk or go to their website www.zerocarboncommunity.co.uk

CUCINA BISTRO EXPERIENCE 2013/14

The Dates for the next Cucina Bistro Experience are:

- ☺ **Thursday 28 November 2013**
- ☺ **Thursday 27 March 2014**
- ☺ **Thursday 26 June 2014.**

If you are interested in attending any of the Cucina Evenings, or wish to be added to our mailing list, please email lattfield@arthurmellows.org



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ARTHUR MELLOWS ASSOCIATION (AMA) SCHOOL MINIBUS APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you for your fantastic support in raising funds for our new environmentally friendly school minibus.

We are thrilled to announce that the new bus has been ordered and should arrive in the coming weeks - however we still need to raise money for the final instalment!

Since launching our appeal in June we have raised an additional £2,000. This was achieved through a combination of your very kind ParentPay donations; selling refreshments; second hand uniform sales; and a host of other activities.

We are now only **£4,035** short of our target, and are planning a lot of fundraising activities in the coming year.



<p>Make a donation through ParentPay</p>	<p>Remember that it's possible for Parents/Carers to donate direct to Arthur Mellows Association (AMA) via ParentPay.</p> <p>We are asking for donations of minimum £1.00 whenever you update your ParentPay balance.</p>
<p>Support our fundraising activities</p>	<p>The AMA are always looking out for fund raising opportunities, so let us know if you have any suggestions or wish to get involved and make a difference for our school.</p>
<p>Why not join the AMA?</p>	<p>We are really excited about the fundraising activities planned for the coming year. We cannot do this without your help.</p> <p>Why not come along to our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 24 October 2013 at 7.00 pm at the school, and join our team?</p>

We are always grateful for your children's outgrown school uniform – which we can turn into cash to spend on enhancing the school experience for all our children. Please hand in donations to school reception in a bag labelled **AMA Uniform**.

Thank you **AMA COMMITTEE**



Connecting Classrooms

What do brides dresses, toilets, mosquito nets and carrying water on the head have in common?

They are all part of the talk we had from a visitor from Water for Kids.

We spent a lot of time learning how to make toilets that use no water, how to recycle toilet waste and why it was so important to provide toilets for schools where previously they had not existed.

Students were able to meet Mrs Lucas who has spent the last 2 summers in Uganda working for the charity building water points, and latrines, though she refused to carry water on her head.

And the brides dresses? They have been donated to the local orphanage by English friends, who hire them out to local girls getting married. This and their vegetable patch keeps the orphans in business.

This was part of the Connecting Classrooms project on Water....would anyone else like to join the group?

By Mrs Blackmore, Health and Social Teacher

YEAR 7 TRIP TO GRANGE FARM

Every new Year 7 student got to go on a trip to Grange Farm. The purpose of the trip was to get to know the other students in our Tutor Group and to make some new friends. We all took part in team building activities which involved working together as a Tutor Group to earn points. The Tutor Group with the most points won chocolates and a trophy.

By Annie Gidney, 7LPO



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PETERBOROUGH QUESTION TIME EUROPEAN LOCAL DEMOCRACY WEEK

On the evening of Thursday 18 October 2013, 8 Arthur Mellows students went to Peterborough Town Hall for Question Time, as part of European Local Democracy Week. Upon entering the Town Hall we were shown to some refreshments, after which we entered the Main Council Chamber. On the Panel was; Chief Inspector Karen Newton; Councillor Marco Cereste (Leader of Peterborough City Council); Councillor David Harrington; Councillor Nick Sandford; Deputy Of Peterborough Youth Council; and an affiliate of DIAL.

Every student present got the opportunity to ask their question, which at least one member of the panel responded to. Time-permitting a further question was asked or a rebuttal of the original answer was given. Many topics were covered such as the empty shops in places like Brotherhood Retail Park, and if they could be used for pop-up shops, or art displays. The response to this was an overwhelmingly positive yes, so if anyone reading this likes the sound of using an empty space for something interesting, it's easier than you think. Other topics covered were transport and social and communal facilities. The response to this mentioned budget, and how it has to be cut, and unfortunately transport is one of few areas that can be safely reduced. Encouragement for people to use their local existing facilities such as town halls and again,

empty shops, to create their own social areas and gatherings was given. Mention was made of the recent growth Peterborough



has undergone, and how those empty shops are being filled, with brief discussion of plans for the future renewal and possible expansion of some areas of the town, encouraging even more investors to come forward. Upon being asked why the signs of these new investors were being seen in places like Queensgate, the reply was that even though the signs may not be clear yet, there was growth. Examples like the large number of big-name companies opening new stores in Peterborough.

Another large issue was the communication between the council and the public, with emphasis on the younger demographics. We were told of plans to utilise the internet and social media to their full potential, with plenty of research almost ready to come to fruition. The police are already on Twitter (@PboroCops) and the councillors said they planned to make the most of modern communications to reach out to people and get across the night's messages on a much larger scale.

All in all, the evening was considered a success, with many issues covered, plenty of interaction between the students and council members, and some lucky students even won VIP tickets to the following Saturday's POSH game!

By Emma Madden, 11ZYO

The 8 students involved in the Peterborough Question Time were: Ellie Simpson- 12SCO, Rosie Reynolds - 12SCO, Ella Greenwood - 7EAS, Corinne Wilding - 8SBO, Ellie Jaggard - 13EBE, Emma Madden - 11ZYO, Amelia Monaghan - 7EAS and Jennifer Thorpe - 13EBE; Jennifer currently represents Peterborough as part of the Youth Council

UK YOUTH PARLIAMENT'S 'MAKE YOUR MARK' CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everyone who voted for the UK Youth Parliament's 'Make Your Mark' campaign which helped Peterborough to raise its voting turnout from 5% in 2012 to 26% this year!

The purpose of the ballot was to determine which topic is most important to young people today, giving students the opportunity to vote on 15 issues ranging from bullying and unemployment to apprenticeships and green energy.

Overall 478,386 votes were cast nationwide and the top five topics will be shortlisted.

In November, the Youth Parliament will meet in the House of Commons to debate which of these 5 issues will form the basis of its 2014 campaign.

By Jennifer Thorpe, 13EBE



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Saltersford Water Treatment

On Thursday, 26 September 2013, the 'Connecting Classrooms' club of Arthur Mellows took a trip to Saltersford Water Treatment works to learn about how our water is made safe for us to drink.

We took part in 3 activities which were: 'water supply challenge', a tour of the water treatment works and we watched a video of how we clean our water.

Many parts of Africa barely have any clean and safe water to drink. As part of the *Connecting Classroom Club (also known as the Kenya Club)*, we are focusing on water safety and security. Women may have to walk miles and miles to get to a water supply, not everywhere can get clean water. It is a luxury for us, all we have to do is turn on the tap, whereas they do not get that privilege. A woman may have just given birth, the father is not around and the nearest water supply is 20 miles away, and the mother has become ill due to poor hygiene whilst giving birth. The baby needs water. If you give a baby dirty water, they will get ill quickly and possibly die. We do not have to worry about that, all we need to do is turn on a tap. It is as easy as that.

Saltersford Water Treatment Works (WTW) is located adjacent to the River Witham, upstream of Grantham. Much of the raw water treated at Saltersford WTW is transferred from the Rutland Water reservoir situated in the Ruthamford Water Resource Zone (WRZ) to Saltersford WTW.

We went on a tour of the treatment site and we learnt about the cycle that the water goes through for us to be able to drink it, and for it to be safe when we drink it. We got told about what chemicals go into the water to clean it and disinfect it.

Throughout the day we witnessed and experienced how chemistry and biology is used to treat our water, and also about the wide range of career opportunities in the organisation that requires STEM qualifications and skills.

We all learnt so much on the tour and it was all so fun! We completed a quiz sheet about the WTW, we got told about all of the different parts on the site and what happened there.

Water Supply Challenge

During our visit to the waterworks, we took part in a water supply challenge. We were given a large map, some plastic pipes and some tubs. We had to link up the pipes to each tub which represented a different building on the map. However, we also had to try to do it the cheapest way possible.

All of the groups got to work building their waterworks, each group carefully planned out their routes. Everyone had a different idea, by the end there were 4 different ideas. However, there were some problems, for example in 2 of the maps, if there was a leak at the start, it would cut the water off everywhere else. One group had managed to put in a ring road, this meant that the water would carry on flowing even if there was a leak at the start. All of the ideas were amazing, and in the end, they could not choose a winner as all of the maps were great!

**By Sophie Griffin - 9SR, Jasmin Donovan - 10EGR and Eleanor Morris - 8JGI
Photography leuan Williams, 10CGE**



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Sports Report Autumn 2013

CROSS COUNTRY

Arthur Mellows has entered the 'Fenland League' again this year, and have had some excellent performances so far after 2 competitions; the first at Crowland and the second at Stanground.

Ben Roberts, 7MHY won the first race, he was running against Year 7 and Year 8 boys, so this was an excellent achievement. Likewise, Katie Porter, 7JPE finished 4th in the first race and improved to 3rd in the second, also running against Year 7 and Year 8 girls. She led the junior girls to overall 2nd place in the team events so far, ably assisted by Anna Warrington 8SBL, Natalie Ellen 8JLE and Jess Johnson 7LPO.

We look forward to the final which takes place in the spring held at Burghley House in Stamford.



NETBALL

The girls have made an impressive start to their Netball season. Arthur Mellows has played in the Peterborough District Netball Tournaments. The Seniors were winners in their competition whilst the girls from Year 11 and Year 9 finished as Runners up.

Well done to all the girls



FOOTBALL

Arthur Mellows, Year 7, Football team has made an excellent start to their season. The team has cruised through to the next round of the National Cup beating Thomas Clarkson 8 – 0. The Year 7 team is unbeaten in the league, so far, and they have not conceded a goal.

by Mrs Griggs Head of PE

THE JAGUAR CARS MATHS IN MOTION CHALLENGE

The Challenge involves students working together in pairs who compete against each other in an effort to win a Grand Prix type race and become UK champions. This activity involves a wide range of basic, practical and applied maths skills. The software simulates the mathematics required to get a Grand Prix car through a race and so considers requirements such as the nature of the track, speed, engine tuning, weather and fuel economy.

A regional qualifier enables us to compete against other schools in Peterborough.

If any students are interested in Formula 1, applying maths to real situations or just wants to beat their mates, then qualifying takes place every **Friday Lunchtime in IT1**. All Years Groups are welcome.

Please see **Mr Treacy in M6** for more details.

By Mr Treacy, Maths Teacher



'PREP FOR EMPLOYMENT'

'Over the past half-term our Sixth Form "Prep for Employment" group has been busy getting to grips with what it's like to have a full-time job once we have finished school. Our group is for Sixth Formers who have chosen not to go to university after A Levels. It has helped us all to understand what sort of different jobs there are out there and how to get in to them.

At the beginning of term, Mrs Trawford organised a day of workshops for us all on how to write a CV, what employers expect from employees and how to go about interviews. Throughout the day we had different visitors who came in to school, such as; The One Group, Barclays and Becky Jackson from The Jockey Club. This day was very informative

and interesting as it gave us the knowledge we need to go forward in to a full-time job.

Following on from this, The One Group invited us to their office in Lynchwood where we spoke to The Human Resources Director from Bauer Media. Overall, we are finding 'Prep for Employment' a very helpful subject in giving us the tools to broaden our job opportunities in the future. Mrs Trawford is always looking for local employers to come in and speak to us, so if you feel you could bring something to our lessons please contact her at the College.

By Emily Sibthorpe, 13ETR and Shannon Dale, 13EBE

