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Message from the Head of College

This last half term has seen our Year 11 students commencing the big run-up to the external examination period at the culmination of their GCSE studies. I wonder if students realise that between the date of coming back to College after half term and the start of the first GCSE examination, there are only 48 school days. There are a number of after school and lunchtime revisions sessions running for a variety of subjects, so, students should use every opportunity to attend these to either catch up with coursework or to revise subjects.

Whilst Year 11 are coming to the conclusion of their GCSE courses, Year 9 are just about to think about choosing their GCSE options. By the time parents read this newsletter, students will have brought home their Options booklet. There is an opportunity on Monday 27 February for parents to visit the College to learn more about the Options process. Individual Options can then be discussed at the Parents' Evening for Year 9 on Tuesday 6 March before submitting their final Options form. Students who have any queries should speak with their subject teacher in the first instance.

M Sandeman

Key Dates next half term

Term resumes	Monday 20 February 2012
Year 9 Options Evening	Monday 27 February 2012
Year 9 Parents' Evening	Tuesday 6 March 2012
Year 9 Options Booklets returned	Friday 9 March 2012
Year 12 Parents' Evening	Monday 19 March 2012
Presentation Evening 2012	Thursday 29 March 2012
End of Term	Friday 30 March 2012



Molly Frost and Josh Southwell, Year 13 Students; spreading Joy and Goodwill at Christmas, by delivering mince pies and a copy of the Voice to local residents as part of their 'Environmental and Community Projects'. Gifts were well received by the local residents.



MOBILE PHONES

A number of parents have enquired about the protocol associated with the use of mobile phones. We have agreed to re-issue our protocol to avoid any further confusion.

Students are reminded that they are only allowed to bring their mobile phone into school in accordance with the following rules:

Mobile phones must be switched off and out of sight in **all** lessons.

Phones can be used both inside and outside of the College, before school, during breaktimes and lunchtimes.

Texting, calls and listening to music are only acceptable before school and during breaktimes and lunchtimes.

The camera, video and voice recording facilities **cannot** be used in the College at any time.



Students bring their mobile phone to College at their own risk.

Students who break any of the above rules will have their phones removed, stored securely and the normal pastoral systems will take over.



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.

Please note:

Decisions on school transport and the buses are not made by the College. Please contact the provider directly if there are any queries.



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COLLEGE NEWS

Donation to the Streets

Over the past 8 years, students of Arthur Mellows Village College in Glinton have annually helped out the local charity Peterborough Streets (previously known as St Theresa's). This year the students of Year 12 have organised themselves and broken the record by collecting over 2,000 food items, as well as blankets and clothing to donate.

The charity offer food to the homeless and provide essential programmes such as cooking on a budget, IT teaching, housing welfare support and washing facilities.

Students in Year 12 designated themselves a Year Group to raise awareness about the amount of homeless people in the Peterborough area and encouraged them to bring in as much as possible. A special mention goes out to the Sixth Form charity team, as well as Abi Pacey, Connie Porter, Gail Odep, Erin McI Cean, Hugh Elson, Laura Mills and Paige Ferrier. Everyone has really taken the challenge on board and motivated the younger years by contacting businesses to provide prizes for the students who have participated; Millies Cookies donated a year's worth of cookies. Mr Steele



who oversaw the activity says: "St Theresa's is now reformed as Peterborough Streets and we would hate to see the charity be unsuccessful as a result of a lack of support. Peterborough has the highest number of homeless people in the UK. Here at Arthur Mellows we have always believed this is a great cause to support, and even more so at Christmas time."

On Thursday 15 December 2011 representatives from the charity came to the College to collect the items. Diane Bentley, assistant fundraiser said: "These donations are brilliant and very beneficial to the centre. We can now give out food parcels and provide hot meals for clients of the centre. We would like to extend our thanks to everyone involved and to Arthur Mellows Village College who are very supportive throughout the year."

This has set the bench mark for the future. We are so proud of our students and the level of commitment they have shown to this task.

By Mia Holmes 13ETR

DECIDING TO CUT MY HAIR OFF

I decided to cut my hair off for charity in an Art lesson. I found out about a woman that had her hair cut off for charity in a newspaper. The next day, I told my parents I wanted to cut my hair off for charity, I then decided I would give my hair to Pantene Beautiful locks.

Getting money For the next 2 weeks, I started collecting money; from Arthur Mellows I have raised £182.25. My mum has just celebrated her birthday, and she asked people to sponsor me or give money to their favourite charity instead of giving her gifts.

Cutting my hair off Getting my hair ready to send off was really easy. I just went to the hair dressers, my hair was washed, cut off in a ponytail and the ponytail was kept in a bag. Once my hair was cut off, I did not feel any different to how I had felt before, but my head felt a lot lighter. Donating your hair is really easy, so if you are thinking of donating do not hesitate!

By Libby Polkey, 10JPE

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 9 OPTIONS

9 February 2012

Options Booklet given out to students. Information and guidance given to students in Assembly.

27 February 2012

Year 9 Options Information Evening for Parents and Students.

6 March 2012

Year 9 Parents' Evening. Individual appointments made with staff.

9 March 2012

Deadline for Option Forms to be handed in at Student Reception.

Students will be spoken to by their Head of Year if issues with Options Blocks arise (eg Options 1 or 2 not available).

Week commencing 11 June 2012

Options confirmed to student.

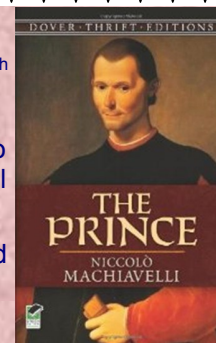
BOOK REVIEW: THE PRINCE BY NICCOLO MACHIAVELLI

The Prince is generally considered a classic. Written by Niccolo Machiavelli in early 16th century Florence, it is, in general, considered one of the greatest guides to politics ever written.

It is a guide to gaining and maintaining power and how to influence people. It is important to note that the title refers not to a royal but rather to a ruler. Machiavelli also uses historical examples from Alexander the Great to Cesare Borgia himself.

This book is, in my opinion, one of the greatest political guides ever written. I would recommend it to any businessman or politician.

By Thomas Blick 9KLE



COLLEGE NEWS

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.

We are approaching the regional qualifier where our best car competes against those from other schools in Peterborough. Two of our Key Stage 3 students came 14th in the country last year, only missing the final by two places, so we aim to go one better this year.

If any students are interested in Formula 1, applying maths to real situations or just want to beat their mates then qualifying takes place every **Tuesday lunchtime in V1**. All years are welcome. You can see **Mr Treacy in GP5** for more details.

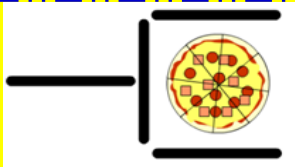
Mr P Cradock, Head of Maths

Workshop Adjustments....
get the red bar as high as possible but

You will see a graphic of the track that the software is set to and a stoppage that shows the time your car takes to complete 1 lap. At the end of the lap, your Grid Position will be shown.

When the lap is complete, you can point to each feature and see the speed actually achieved as opposed to the speed you hoped to travel at!

KEY STAGE 3, MATHS PROBLEM OF THE FORTNIGHT



You have a Pizza on a serving tray. Can you move **2 lines** so the Pizza is no longer on the tray?

To all those budding Mathematicians in Year 7, 8 and 9, do not forget the **PROBLEM OF THE FORTNIGHT**.

Remember to collect the new problem during week 1 from your Maths teacher and hand it back to them before the end of week 2.

You can gain a positive ibehave for every correct return. At the end of each term we have a prize draw for each Year Group so the more you complete the more chance you have of winning the prize. Three students received a box of Heroes at Christmas.

For those of you who think you have some good puzzles of your own then I am happy to consider them. Watch out for Lewis Manning's problem that is coming up before Easter.

Have a go at this one which is due to be handed in before Friday 2 March 2012.

Mr P Cradock, Head of Maths

Year 9 Friends of Chernobyl's Children Fundraising Update

Last June, the current Year 9 students ran a fundraising week to raise money to sponsor Sasha to come to England for a month with the Helpston branch of the FOCC. The students did a fantastic job and raised an impressive £709.93. Some of the money was used to buy Sasha some football boots, boot bag and POSH kit. The rest paid for his airfare, a year's supply of vitamins and any essential medicines, money for his mother to buy essential foods they can't afford, essential clothes eg winter coats, winter shoes and the funds needed for any activities whilst he was here.

The FOCC (Helpston) co-ordinator visited Sasha and his family in October 2011. Sasha still lives in the hostel with his mum; they still have one small room divided into two but which is kept immaculately tidy. The family shares one shower, one toilet and kitchen with about 7 other families.

Sasha is doing very well at school; he

particularly likes Maths, History and PE. Sasha loves football and is very proud of his boots and strip. Sasha has recently been taken on to a talented footballer programme in Mogilev, which means that he is training 4 nights each week as well as the weekends. He says he is the best dressed footballer there. When he went home he was full of stories and could not stop talking about his visit. He told his mum all about his trip to Arthur Mellows Village College.

Clothing Appeal

The new cohort of FOCC children will be arriving this June. All the children stay with volunteer host families who rely on donations of clothing, shoes, coats etc to ensure that the children are appropriately dressed during their stay and when they return home. The FOCC also send home essential clothes for siblings too. To this end, we are launching a clothing collection appeal. If you have any clothing/trainers/shoes/football boots that your children have outgrown, it can be

donated for the FOCC via the College. Clothing can be dropped at Main Reception from now until the summer. Please mark all donations for the attention of Mrs Reilly who is co-ordinating the appeal.

Summer and winter clothing/shoes is specifically required for: girls and boys aged 5 – 11 years (the children who will stay with host families).

Winter clothing/shoes (especially fleeces, coats, warm trousers) is also required for: siblings aged 2 – 5 years, younger teenage boys/girls and 2 older teenage boys.

Any items that FOCC cannot use are passed onto other charities.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Ms S Nash, Teacher



COLLEGE NEWS

DISTRICT SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS 2012

Thirteen Arthur Mellow students represented Peterborough in the District Schools Cross Country Championships at Kings School, Ely on Saturday 14 January 2012. It was a very cold start with the sun softening the ground to make the later races muddy and slippery.

Results :

Minor Girls (Year 7) finished 2nd overall with Megan Porter 4th and Imogen Woodard 22nd.

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Junior Girls (Year 8 and 9) finished 2nd overall with Aisling Ruff 6th

Junior Boys (Year 8 and 9) finished 2nd overall with Damian Rutterford 9th and Ryan Hunter 17th

Inter Girls (Year 10 and 11) finished 1st overall with Katie Hutchinson 3rd

Inter Boys (Year 10 and 11) finished 2nd overall with Steven Dovey 8th, Grady Wing 10th and Dan Richardson 14th

Senior Girls (Year 12 and 13) finished 1st overall with Amy Haines-Eynon 4th and Charlotte Harris 10th

Senior Boys (Year 12 and 13) finished 1st overall with Tom Hutton 14th

Ten of the Athletes qualified to represent Cambridgeshire Schools in the Anglian Cross Country on Saturday 4 February 2012 in Ipswich. Good Luck to them all.

Mrs D Wilding, PE Department



SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS SUCCESS

Recently, Mr Low and Mrs Griggs took a team of Year 7 girls and boys to Stanground School to take part in the Peterborough round of the Sports Hall Athletics competition. The students had to be involved in running, jumping and throwing events. All competitors did exceptionally well and we ended up as winners in the boys competition and runners up in the girls. This means that both teams have qualified for the County competition to be held in St Ives on Thursday 8 March 2012. Well done to all who took part.

Girls

Bethan Gilligan, 7KBR
Serena Korkmaz, 7GBA
Megan Porter, 7KBI
Imogen Woodard, 7SCR
Courtney Pilbeam, 7GBA
Isabella Ellis-Alexander, 7DLO
Holly Crowther, 7LCU

Boys

Jordan Brown, 7DLO
Audunn Olafsson, 7SFL
Aaron Branch, 7KBR
Kian Meadows, 7KBI
Jack Hewett, 7KBI
Will McCondach, 7LCU

*Mrs K Griggs,
PE Department*

The recently opened 911 Memorial Garden was our final group visit, far more impressive and moving in person than in photos. It was pleasantly free of the kind of over-the-top patriotism and sentimentality that America sometimes suffers from; instead, they have created a well-judged and genuinely affecting monument.

Some students used their 'free' time to indulge in New York's other delights, from the Museum of Modern Art to cycling around Central Park, whilst one group spent the evening on Broadway. What stands out is that we have a fantastic group of students in the Sixth Form, whose intelligence, enthusiasm and friendliness wowed every American we met just as much as we were blown away by the neon delights of the city that never sleeps.

Mr B Zaidi, Media Teacher

New York 2012



Sixth time around, this ought to be getting a bit tired as a trip, but once again our students were an

absolute pleasure to be with and made it as creatively inspiring from a teacher perspective as it was for the media students who are now on the brink of starting their practical film-making unit.

The film location tour around Manhattan encouraged students to think carefully about how to choose and use locations, with on-screen film clips from films used to illustrate the tour down such classic sites as Central Park, the Flatiron Building and the Empire State Building amongst many others. New York is the most filmed city in the world, and it is hard to escape that weird feeling as you drive or walk around that you have somehow been there before. The Friends apartment building however, remains the highlight of the tours, though as the students discovered no scenes with the actors were ever actually filmed in the city,

only the exterior shots of buildings and locations.

The follow-up film workshop with Hayden 5 was top-notch. In a slick Manhattan loft, the production company who have produced MTV music videos and TV ads for Coke and Converse went through a film-making workshop that ranged from script production, acting and directing to editing and post-production.

The next morning, we were off into another New York borough, Queens, to the Museum of Moving Image, another great learning experience set in an old film studio. Students were particularly inspired by sessions on stop-motion animation and sound production, whilst exhibits on permanent display included Yoda and Kermit the Frog and many other film memorabilia. In the evening, we went to New Jersey to see the New Jersey Nets take on the Minnesota Timberwolves in the NBA. The fact that even non-sports fans found this immensely entertaining is testament to the brilliance of the American sense of spectacle. Ever seen a man dressed as a wolf do a somersault slam dunk? We have.