



THE VOICE of Arthur Mellows Village College

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Message from the Head of College

The end of another academic year is upon us and as you will know from past editions of The Voice, there has been a lot of good news to report this year, notably the outstanding Ofsted result in December. Arthur Mellows students continue to perform exceedingly well and put in a tremendous effort in every aspect, be it their academic studies, fundraising, or extra-curricular activities.

This term sees us saying goodbye to the following staff who are moving on to pastures new: Mr Andrew (Art), Mrs Bambridge (English), Mrs Clark (Joint Head of Food Technology), Mrs Coles (Learning Support), Mr Cooper (Science), Mrs Flowers (Maths), Mrs Gilligan (Head of Year 9 / Maths / ICT), Miss Jeffs (English), Mrs Macdonald (Learning Support), Mrs Van Dongen (Science), Mr Wainwright (Design Technology), Mrs Young (Design Technology). The College wishes them all the very best for the future.

I would like to end with a quote from Colin Powell (American Statesman): **"A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination, and hard work."** Our students and staff have certainly invested 'sweat, determination and hard work' this year which came to fruition with the Ofsted result. I sincerely hope that students' dreams also reflect this when they open those envelopes on results days.

Have a good Summer break.

M Sandeman



Dear Parents / Carers

It has been reported that there have been a number of children entering and swimming in rivers and lakes in the area. Local residents have raised general concern about the safety of students over the Summer holidays.



I would recommend parents having a general discussion on the subject of safety during the warm weather and the forthcoming Summer holiday, with your son/daughter, to reinforce the message that swimming or playing in water that is not lifeguard-manned is extremely dangerous.

We will also issue a general notice to all students in school with regard to this issue.

I hope that all students and their families have a restful and enjoyable Summer break.

Kind regards

M Sandeman, Head of College

Key Dates next half term

Term Opens	Monday 7 September 2015
Year 12 Information Evening	Monday 14 September 2015
Year 7 Information Evening	Thursday 17 September 2015
Student Photos Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12	Friday 18 September 2015
Sixth Form Parents' Evening for Prep for Employment	Monday 21 September 2015
DofE Launch Evening for Year 10 Parents	Wednesday 23 September 2015
Year 7 Team Building	Wednesday 23 September 2015 Thursday 24 September 2015 Friday 25 September 2015
Year 7 E-Safety Evening	Monday 28 September 2015
Shakespeare for Schools	Monday 28 September 2015
Duke of Edinburgh - Silver Practice	Wednesday 30 September to Saturday 3 October 2015
Training Day	Wednesday 7 October 2015
Prospective Parents' Evening	Wednesday 7 October 2015
Year 10 Information Evening	Monday 12 October 2015
Year 11 Parents' Evening	Monday 19 October 2015
Half term	Monday 26 October 2015 to Friday 30 October 2015

MESSAGE FROM GILMOUR MCLAREN, CHAIR OF GOVERNORS'

As this is the final Voice of the academic year, I am pleased to record the Governors' appreciation of the hard work by staff and their dedication to the college. And to those students now awaiting their GCSE and A Level results, we hope you get the grades you were targeted and truly deserve.

Enjoy your well earned summer break.

Gilmour McLaren



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COLLEGE NEWS

SUMMER CONCERT 2015

The Summer Concert took place on Thursday 2 July 2015. The evening was made up of a diverse and excellent range of performances. A particular strength of the evening was the talented singing items, especially the "Wicked" selection performed by Megan Stainton-Roberts, Charlotte Birch-James, Amelia Glendinning and Liliana Nieddu.



The Junior Band was led by Mr Steve Lowndes, and played 2 numbers. The Hungarian Dance was especially effective. Senior Band played 3 pieces; Pirates of the Caribbean, a Tango and the theme music from The Incredibles. Despite being

smaller in number than previous years, they made a big sound playing this complex music.

The beautiful and challenging piece, "Amelie", was played on piano by Maia Fakolujo.

Our peripatetic teachers were as ever involved in the concert. Our String group played a range of pieces, but the double Viola concerto was especially noteworthy as we say goodbye to our 2 Year 13 viola players – Joseph Carter and Tim Hodgson. Both boys



have been committed to the Music Department during their time at Arthur Mellows and will be sadly missed.

It was lovely to see the debut of our Woodwind group led by Mrs Fiona Henderson. They played a Mary Poppins medley.

Our Brass group led by Mr Alex Moore played a popular Abba medley. It is lovely to see Year 7 students involved in this group.

Our 'Pop Choir' sang 3 songs, and are getting better and better!

By Mrs Hammond, Head of Performing Arts

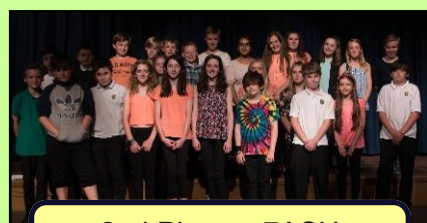


CHOIR OF THE YEAR

The 'Choir of the Year' competition took place on Monday 6 July 2015. As ever, the Year 7 classes had worked very hard to prepare their performances and gave a polished performance.

Guest judge, Mrs Emma Benyon (Head of Music at Hampton School) said: "It is so lovely to see every student in Year 7 taking part, and performing to such a high standard."

Winning Choirs:



2nd Place – 7ASH
(Counting stars Mash up)



1st Place – 7TCL
(singing Break Free)



3rd Place – 7ZY0
(See you again)

Soloists: There were many excellent soloists, but our judges felt that these students were the best of the afternoon.



Olivia Peel, Eloise Pudney, Benjamin Collins, Joel Fielding, Dante Pinto-Mitchell, Ella Covington-Miles, Marly Moore



Performers: these students were also recognised for their excellent performance, even though they did not have a solo role: Lydia Clark, Bradley Hack, Levi Coleman, Samuel Mason-Baxter, Zara Whiting

COLLEGE NEWS

GCSE RESULTS DAY – THURSDAY 20 AUGUST 2015

What happens if you do not get the results you were expecting?

DO NOT PANIC! For a start, we offer a range of courses and will endeavour to be as flexible as possible in accommodating your new situation. Remember there will be a course for you somewhere. It's not the end of the world.

However, if you do have concerns about your future and desperately need advice, then contact the College on results day to arrange an appointment to discuss your options with a member of the Sixth Form Team.



SURGERY DAY ON FRIDAY, 21 AUGUST 2015 (9.00 AM TO 12.30 PM)

For students who have accepted their conditional offers at Arthur Mellows Sixth Form Procedure for Enrolment

All students are required to formally accept their place at Arthur Mellows Sixth Form

by Monday, 24 August 2015

Enrolment will take place electronically via the College website at:

<http://www.arthurmellows.peterborough.sch.uk/form/?pid=9&form=175>

This is a simple procedure to confirm your place and subject choices. The system is live between Thursday, 20 August 2015 and Monday 24 August 2015.

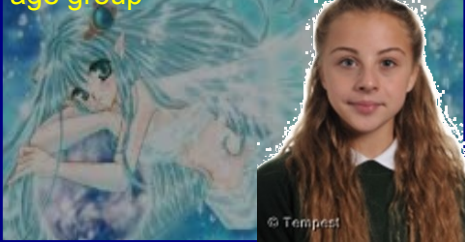
Term commences on Monday 7 September 2015

On Monday, 7 September remember to bring with you to registration your:

- ♦ Sixth Form Contract
- ♦ Your GCSE results.

Well done to Amelia Monaghan

Amelia came 4th in the English Schools 100 m and 200 m breast stroke in her U13 age group



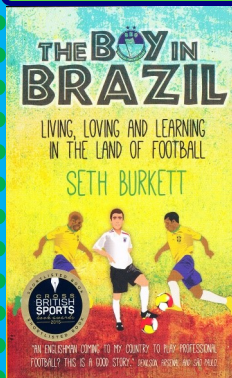
ALICE IN WONDERLAND THEMED DINING



As you can see, the Cucina staff once again did themselves proud on their recent 'Alice in Wonderland' themed day, producing an imaginative range of delicious and healthy food for the students and staff at Arthur Mellows. Watch out for more themed dining experiences in the next school term.



FORMER STUDENT: SETH BURKETT- WRITING SUCCESS



Seth Burkett, former Arthur Mellows student was recently shortlisted for the Cross British Sports Book of the Year. Although Seth's book 'The Boy in Brazil' did not win, we understand that Seth is the youngest writer ever to be shortlisted for this award.

The star-studded event was held at Lord's on Wednesday, 3 June 2015 and Seth was shortlisted in the category Football Book of the Year.

Seth has now written 3 books, his latest being 'Developing the modern footballer through futsal', which he wrote in collaboration with the England Futsal team assistant manager, Michael Skubala.

To read more go to the BSBA event magazine link is: <http://issuu.com/agilemarketing/docs/sportmagdb/1?e=1> (see page 9). There are multiple copies of his book in the school library if you are feeling suitable inspired competition.



COLLEGE NEWS

Chernobyl - Year 8 Fundraising Activities

Despite being occupied with their end of year exams, the students in Year 8 have found time to fundraise for the FOCC, a local charity which supports the children who live in the Chernobyl affected region. All the Tutor Groups participated by holding a cake sale every Friday during June. On the last Friday, they also held a non-uniform day for their Year Group and held a 'new to you' stall, as well as some fun activities, including 'soak the teacher.' So far, with money still coming in from the students who participated in a sponsored silence, they have raised a grand total of **£730.00**.

Last week, 23 Chernobyl children, who ranged in ages from 7 -12 years old, visited the school and made pizzas and biscuits with Mrs Bowman, and some of our top fundraisers. Lots of fun was had by all, with food proving to be a great icebreaker!

By Mrs Reilly, Assistant Headteacher

SOAK THE TEACHER



SPONSORED SILENCE

Keeping quiet all day was extremely hard. We were given whiteboards, making the day slightly less challenging. By staying quiet all day, we managed to raise in total £101.00; Beth raised £35 and Evie raised £66. The end result was amazing. We met the Chernobyl children in school. We helped them bake and make the coleslaw, whilst others helped with pizza, cookies and salad. After eating what we had made, all of the helpers got 2 children each to take on a tour around the school. We took our children to: IT, English and many other places including the field (where we played tag). After an amazing experience, we waved the children off, saying goodbye to great memories that we will never forget.

By Evie Westbrook and Beth Yaxley, 8JKR



COLLEGE NEWS

RWANDA DAY, THURSDAY 2 JULY 2015



The Sixth Form and Year 10 Gifted and Talented students recently attended a conference on the genocide which took place in Rwanda in 1994. In just 100 days over a million Tutsi lost their lives (almost 10% of the population). The students were asked to consider the nature of Genocide as a state crime, and to

conflict and this tragedy, emerged as a story of hope. The Rwandan people are once again working together for unity, thereby ensuring peace for themselves and for future generations.

Our thanks go to Mr Salt, for organising this conference.

By Mrs Reilly, Assistant Headteacher

understand that there is a recognisable pattern of planning, preparation and organisation.

Eric Murangwa, a survivor of the 1994 Tutsi Genocide in Rwanda, was a goal keeper for the national Rwanda Team and one of the top players in his country in the early 90s. He was personally targeted during the Genocide because of his fame as a sports personality. You may well have seen the film "Hotel Rwanda", and if you have you may also know that there are huge problems with authenticity of the main story line of the film, which is based on events in Hotel Mille Collines in Kigali. Eric survived partly because of that hotel. His story is quite incredible and he speaks regularly to groups in the UK about his personal experiences.

We held a US Skype Conference with Carl Wilkens, the only American to stay in Rwanda during the Genocide. Carl, who was Director of ADRA, the Seventh Adventist Aid Agency in Rwanda, refused to be evacuated as the Genocide began to unfold on the 7th April. At tremendous personal risk, he sheltered people in his own home, and journeyed regularly across the city to bring help and support to people in hiding. Today he travels around the world speaking on Rwanda, Genocide in general and human rights. Carl was instrumental saving the lives of the children and adults hiding in the Gisimba orphanage in Kigali. During a Q&A session with Karl, Eric revealed that 2 of his siblings who survived, did so because they were hiding in this orphanage.

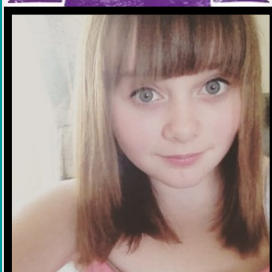
The session ended with a focus on resolution and Rwanda, as it exists today. Incredibly, out of all the



an emotionally supercharged moment. The hair quite literally stood up on the back of my neck. Rwanda Day was a rare and fantastic opportunity for Arthur Mellows students to listen to and question extraordinary people – or ordinary people who found themselves in extraordinary circumstances. It was a real privilege to be part of this, not only in listening to the harrowing and inspirational stories of remarkable men living through horrendous times, but also to hear the sensitive and intelligent questions the students asked at the end of the session. Undoubtedly, the subject matter made sure it was not an easy day by any means, but in terms of challenging our students and putting their various courses into a wider context, it was an invaluable and unforgettable experience.

Mr Zaidi, Head of Media Studies

BRAVE THE SHAVE



Brave Mollie, in Year 8, will be having her hair shaved off on Saturday 11 July in support for Macmillan Cancer.

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Mollie's auntie passed away in 2012, and since then Mollie has always wanted to do something amazing in loving memory of her.

Mollie will be donating her hair to the Little Princess Trust to help make wigs for children suffering from cancer, and we are all tremendously proud of her.

MOLLIE RAYNER, 7ASH



COLLEGE NEWS

A Spotlight on Success...

Welcome to a new section of 'The Voice' - This section is dedicated to celebrating the success of students who have achieved at the highest level, showing commitment, a strong work ethic and a determination to achieve above and beyond targets set.

Drama: Michael Andrew 9ARI

Learners have been developing their practical skills, both in performing sections of text and devising their own work. Throughout the work on scripts, learners were required to explore sub text and how they communicate this practically; through eye contact, physicality and tone, to an audience which Michael did fantastically. Throughout the devised work, there has been a focus on structuring a piece of physical theatre experimenting with chronology and the language used to create appropriate and engaging characterisations. Michael has evidenced all of the above to a very high standard. His work always shows attention to detail and he consistently performs with energy, playing particular attention to his use of voice and non-verbal communication at all times to engage the audience. In both script and devised units Michael achieved a Level 8.



Music: Evie Westbrook 8JKR

In music, students work on developing a range of practical and written skills. Practical skills involve giving performances and composing music both in a traditional way, and through the use of ICT and programs such as Logic and Sibelius. Evie is a dedicated musician, and in class uses her high level of musical ability to give performances that are mature and show an excellent level of musical control and expression. Another way that Evie uses her skills is to be a musical leader. She works with students in her group to allow them to extend their skill. She also helps them refine their performance, which in turn further develops her own. In composition, Evie produces music that is well structured, musically pleasing and uses a range of musical devices that extend and develop her work. Evie also participates in a range of musical extracurricular activities, from Junior band, where she is in more of a supporting role, to Senior band where she is the lead Clarinet player. Evie is currently a grade 6 performer, which for a Year 8 student is a very good level to be. She also has grade 5 music theory which is the benchmark for students who wish to pursue higher grades. She participates in several bands outside school as well as learning 3 instruments.



Art: Ben McCann 8JTR/PMA

Ben has a real passion for Art. He is always totally engaged and on task in lessons and is always quick to share knowledge with his peers. He loves using different materials and perseveres when he is finding it difficult, seeking advice and guidance when necessary and then develops new skills. He is prepared to be experimental in his work, for example he did a 3 dimensional sculpture where he combined a mouth and a camera to create a piece of work influenced by the Surrealist art movement taking influence from artists like Salvador Dali. He looks for ways to show his creativity which he demonstrated in his Pop Art mixed-media work. His best piece this year has been his Aboriginal work because it demonstrated an understanding of composition and a cleverly thought out design; it was extremely well executed and his painting skills are also excellent. The piece was awarded a Level 6C.



PE: Lia Cataldo, 9JGI/MLO

Lia has always shown outstanding qualities as a sports woman. Her initial fitness levels in Year 9 were by far the best in the Year Group and she consistently achieves above Level 8 as an 'exceptional performer' in a range of sports in PE. Lia is extremely gifted across all sports and she is amazingly talented at football. Lia demonstrates outstanding skills and tactical awareness where she is able to read the game, her opponents and apply complex skills in competitive situations.



Dance: Maisie Watson 8JPE

Students have been working on developing their understanding of creating movement responding to a stimulus. Students have learnt how to communicate through movement using analysis of action, space, dynamics and relationships. Maisie's choreography demonstrated a high level of complexity, showing her understanding of dance structure, advanced choreographic devices and mature dance vocabulary. Maisie's performance of this work also showed emotion, clear dynamics and communicated the idea successfully to the audience. Maisie achieved Level 7B in this piece.



Outside of school, Lia has been with Arsenal Ladies U15's for a 5th year and now gets on the team without trials. She dedicates Tuesdays and Thursdays to train and she plays regular matches on Saturdays. Lia also trains more locally with POSH on Wednesday and Friday, which shows her thorough commitment to her sport while still maintaining good grades in school.

We are extremely pleased that Lia will be taking GCSE PE next year and we have every confidence she will achieve the highest grades. Lia is an England ladies footballer hopeful for the future and we wish her every success.

COLLEGE NEWS

Resistant Materials: Jemma Green 9HGR

Students have been designing and making a clock with the aid of CAD/CAM to 3D model and make. Students have had to develop the annotating of their designs to justify their design decisions and material selections based on their properties, research undertaken and design specification. Jemma had a very wide range of design ideas demonstrating creativity and flair, which were annotated in detail to justify each design decision she had made; linking it back to her research and design specification. Her work was beautifully presented using shade and tone and sketched in 3D. Overall, this work was a Level 7.



THE JAGUAR CARS MATHS IN MOTION CHALLENGE



A team of 2 Year 8 students, Annie Gidney and Nathan Hickton-Jarvis, qualified for the World final of this challenge which took place at the Heritage Motor Centre in Warwickshire. This has become a world challenge and a team from Beijing and Australia flew in to compete this year.

The challenge involves using Cloud-based simulation to set up a virtual racing car in the hope of winning a series of races. Students work through measuring and scaling a real race track before inputting this information into the computer simulation. Based on these measurements, a variety of calculations are made by them to determine fuel load, tyres and race speeds. With weather conditions coming into play, and pit stop strategies to calculate and put into effect, the races are the highlight of the project for many but motivation also comes from knowing that the better the maths, the better the car will perform.



The College won through a regional heat before qualifying via a semi final. About 300 schools compete in the challenge so making it to the final of 30 is a real achievement. Annie and Nathan started back in 14th place on the grid but their calculations proved reliable, finishing the race 7th. They had a great day out and went home with a few goodies from the main sponsor, Jaguar Land Rover.

For further details visit the website <http://www.mathschallenge.co.uk/national-final/>

By Mr Treacy, Maths Teacher



CUCINA BISTRO EVENING - THURSDAY 25 JUNE 2015



Over 50 diners turned out for the Bistro Experience on Thursday 25 June 2015. The Cucina Bistro evening provides Arthur Mellows students the opportunity to experience work in a large scale kitchen under the guiding eye of a professional chef. Our very own Cucina chef, Simon Pollendine, supported students to create a 3 course meal.

The menu that the students replicated was:

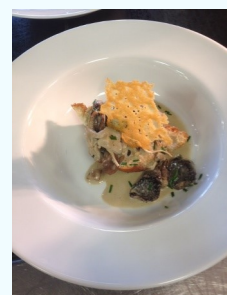
Starter: Medley of Mushrooms on toast Parmesan Tuille.

Main: Slow-braised Belly Pork with pan-fried scallop, black pudding mash and buttered cabbage.

Dessert: Lemon tart with strawberries and Pimms sorbet.

The feedback from the guests, who attended the evening, indicates that it was well received and very successful.

A special thanks to Mrs Nash and Simon Pollendine for helping make these events so successful.



YEAR 11 PROM



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<http://www.arthurmellows.peterborough.sch.uk/gallery/default.asp?pid=60&gcatid=31&albumid=56>

MARRIOT HOTEL - FRIDAY 3 JULY 2015