



# THE VOICE of Arthur Mellows Village College

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## Message from the Head of College

It has once again been an extremely busy half term and this edition is packed with news of events that have either taken place already or are in the planning.

The plight of the Haitian people, following the recent devastating earthquake, immediately became a focus for student fundraising at the College. Some of the many activities to raise funds for this worthwhile cause are listed on page three of this newsletter.

The College also looks forward to the 'Arabian Nights' musical production, which this year is to be performed at the Key Theatre on 4, 5, 6 March. Please support the students, who have been rehearsing hard, by purchasing your tickets direct from the Key Theatre as soon as possible.

Finally, you will see from this edition that there are several parents' events planned for the next half term. We appreciate your continued support at these events and particularly look forward to seeing our Year 11 parents at the Parents' Evening, immediately after this half term.

*M Sandeman*

### Key Dates next term

15-19 February	Half term
22 February	Spring Term re-starts
22 February	Year 11 Parents' Evening
1 March	Year 9 Parents' Information Evening
4-6 March	School Production
8 March	Year 9 Parents' Evening
11 March	Parents' Focus Group
15 March	Year 12 Parents' Evening
17 March	English Department Evening
18 March	Cucina Bistro Evening
25 March	Presentation Evening
26 March	Year 8 reports home
26 March	Spring term ends
12 April	Training Day
13 April	Term resumes
13 April	Humanities Department Evening



## Parents' Events Coming Soon

### Parents' Focus Group

**Thursday 11 March, 7.30 pm—8.30 pm**

This consists of a fairly small, informal group of parents who meet on a termly basis to discuss issues and to ensure that we take into account the views of parents when development planning. We have discussed issues such as 'The Future of ICT: Building Schools for the Future' and 'Reporting to Parents'. At our next meeting the theme is 'Ofsted: the way forward'. We will be discussing parental priorities for the College whilst considering the key issues outlined in the recent Ofsted report. If you are interested in attending this meeting, please email me **S Reilly, Assistant Headteacher**, at [s.reilly@arthurmellows.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:s.reilly@arthurmellows.peterborough.sch.uk)

**\*\*Tickets for Arabian Nights, see page 3 for details\*\***

### English Department 'Understanding APP'

**Wednesday 17 March, 6.30 pm—7.30 pm**

This evening is aimed primarily at parents of Years 7 and 8 students. The department has recently reviewed its assessment methods and would welcome the opportunity to share these changes with you, to help you to support your child.

### Humanities Department

**Tuesday 13 April, 6.30 pm—7.30 pm**

The Humanities department frequently deals with sensitive issues as part of the curriculum. The History department, for example looks at the Holocaust. In RE, a whole range of ethical issues are covered, from euthanasia to abortion and much more. This evening is intended to engage parents in reflecting on how the department approaches these sensitive topics by delivering some sample mini-lessons. This evening is intended for the parents of Years 9 and 10.

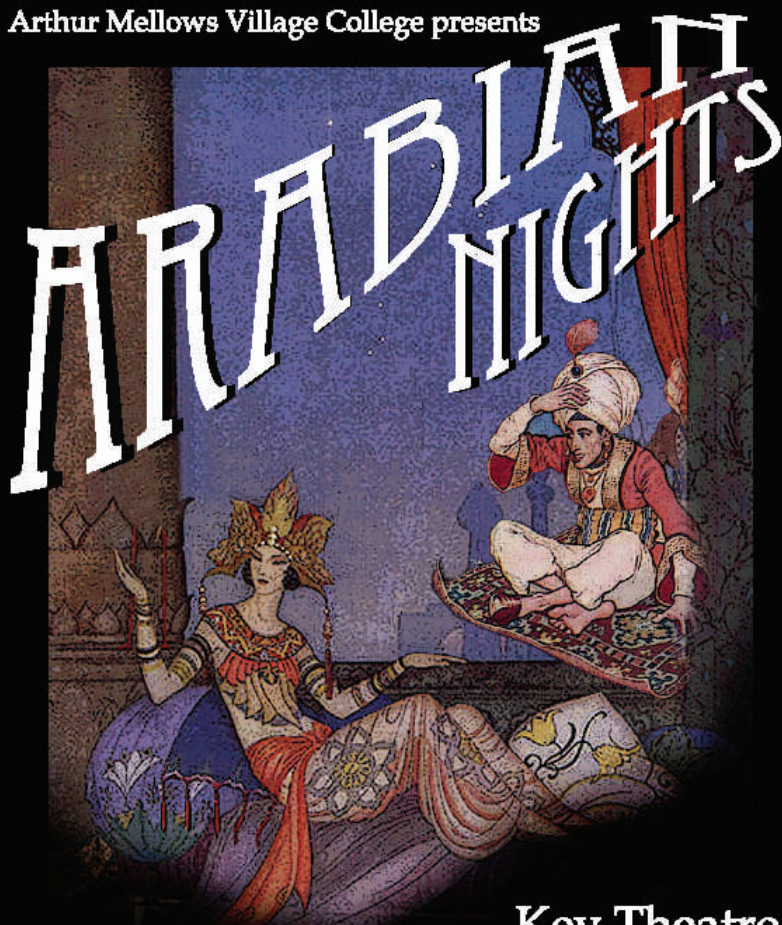
**If you are interested in attending any of these parents' events, please email [d.sanderson@arthurmellows.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:d.sanderson@arthurmellows.peterborough.sch.uk) to book a place**

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# COLLEGE NEWS

Arthur Mellows Village College presents



Thurs 4th March  
Fri 5th March  
Sat 6th March

7.30 pm

Key Theatre  
Peterborough

£8.50 Adults

£6.00 Conc.

Music by David Perkins  
Book & Lyrics by Adam Forde

A £1.00 transaction fee applies to all card bookings

## Science Primary Liaison - It's alive!

The Science Department recently welcomed Year 6 from Peakirk-cum-Glinton Primary School to their new laboratories. In an interesting (and messy) practical activity, the students proved that yeast is alive by collecting the carbon dioxide gas made when the yeast respired. Just to check, they proved that they themselves were alive by doing the same thing! Luckily they all were and returned to school having had an enjoyable and informative learning experience.

Dr Edwards



### Additional After School Bus

We are currently running two late buses on Tuesday evenings, which leave school at 5.00 pm. There is currently no charge for the buses, which drop off at the following points:

- ◆ Northborough, Newborough, Eye, Thorney
- ◆ Helpston, Barnack, Wittering, Castor, Wansford

If your child is attending an after-school club or Year 11 revision session on that night and would like to take advantage of this facility, please contact the teacher in charge of the activity in the first instance.

## IRONIK CREW

### TruSkool Midlands Breakdance Champions

A massive congratulations and well done to Jonny Bennett (Captain) Dannii Jarvis (Vice-Captain), Jordan Whitehead, Dan Mutton, Connie Porter, Ben Reece-Hamshire, Jordan Mills, Connor Round, Matt Jarvis, Kane Beehoo and Elisha-Mae Angier for their winning performance on Saturday!

AMVC's breakdance crew **IRONIK** have been hard at work, creating their show piece and solo battles for the competition on Saturday 6 February - the Midlands qualifier for the national championship. They were against some tough competition with other schools from Northamptonshire, Nottingham, Derby, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire. They performed exceptionally well and all their hard work paid off as they became the Winning Crew of the day, coming FIRST place in the show pieces and FIRST place in the battle rounds! They were absolutely fantastic and did AMVC extremely proud. The next stage is the London UK finals on 25 April - please come along and support us!!

The students have been pushed to their limits over the last three weeks with members of the professional break dance crew 'Trinity Warriors', who have been giving them expert training, to help them prepare and create their show pieces.

A big thank you goes to our sponsor 'Building Blocks Kindergarten' who has generously donated funds to the crew. Also thank you to all our supporters that came and cheered us on with banners and balloons!!





# COLLEGE NEWS

## Success on the Ice Rink for Alex Whyte, 9CPE



Alex Whyte was selected for the England U14 National Ice Hockey Team. Over Christmas/New Year he travelled with the team to take part in the 50th Riverside Rangers International Tournament.

The team played extremely well, beating not just the 4 teams in the round robin competition, but also the local 'top of the league' team twice, making it to the final.

The final was played in a 6500 seat stadium where the England squad finished as runners up, after being beaten by a very strong American team from Michigan. The team were all awarded medals and brought back with them a large trophy which now takes pride of place at the England Ice Hockey Association's Headquarters. For the 11 days the team were in Canada they lived with a Canadian family and made lifelong friendships with the host team, the Riverside Rangers. Training in Sheffield continues as they are off to a tournament in Budapest during the Easter holidays.

*Mrs C Pembridge*

## How close are Year 11 to exams?

On Tuesday 2 February 2010, parents and students in Year 11 were invited to attend a Year 11 Revision Evening. This event was very successful and received lots of positive feedback from the parents that attended. The aim of the evening was to provide students and parents with information and advice about the best way to revise for forthcoming examinations.

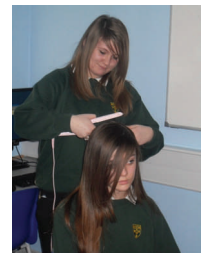
For those parents and students who were unable to make this event, a comprehensive timetable of revision sessions, together with materials available at the event, can be found on the College Website in the Parents area.

*Mrs Warrington*

## Activities for Haiti

- ◆ **8/9/10 February**— Shrek screening each lunchtime, 40p entry each day
- ◆ **11 February**—Hair and Makeup in V1 (already raised over £100), various sponsored events, including 'silence', 'learning Pi' and 'bike ride'
- ◆ **12 February**—Non uniform day, cake sale, staff karaoke

## Help for Haiti



Michelle Priest and Charlotte Kitching



## Haiti Money Raising Activities.....



## Visitors from Overseas

On Monday 25 January we enjoyed what is rapidly becoming an annual visit from a school from Ettlingen in Germany. 43 of their post-16 students came to Peterborough as part of their English Literature course to explore multiculturalism in Britain and had a great time. As well as visiting mosques and meeting the Lady Mayoress, the students came into the College to attend a lecture on multiculturalism. Afterwards, they were escorted around the College by

Miss Charman's highly enthusiastic Year 9 German group and managed to smash the stereotype that all English people are terrible at languages by conducting the entire tour in German. Elsewhere, six volunteers worked in small groups with Mrs Blackmore's Year 9 German class, and again our visitors were impressed with their language skills and confidence. They were also highly impressed with the high quality facilities available to our students, and have cordially invited us back over to Germany later in the year. Watch this space...

*Miss E Charman*

## Calling all students interested in Humanities!

The Humanities Gifted and Talented club is a club that involves being part of a Key Stage three team investigating cross-curricular themes. This year we will be offering a chance to investigate the Jack the Ripper murders, using historical sources, Victorian maps, modern GIS and also discussing the moral issues this raised. Later in the year we also hope to create links with a school in Asia and would like the gifted and talented club to play a leading role. Finally, we are planning a small number of visits specifically for the gifted and talented students. The club will meet on **Thursdays after school** until 4.05 pm. The first session started on 28 January.

*Dr A Barrett*



Jack the Ripper

# PE NEWS

## Results of the Cross Country

After the success of the district event we had a large representation at the County Championships in Royston. The hills made it difficult going, but all the team tried hard.

### Minor Girls Finish

7LMC	Aisling Ruff	29
7SWA	Claire Hayes-Bowlzer	35
7KLE	Alexandra Snodgrass	44

### Junior Girls

8SBL	Katie Hutchinson	6
9CPE	Emma Watts	24
8CCU	Poppy Wing	29
8CCU	Megan Parrett	31
8EJA	Megan Haines-Eynon	36

### Inter Girls

10RWA	Charlie Wing	7
11BZA	Amy Haines-Eynon	10
11TMA	Jo Longland	19
10TBE	Charlotte Harris	23

### Minor Boys

7GDA	Damien Woolner (Rutterford)	14
7KLE	Ryan Hunter	17
7GDA	Matthew Lindley	25
7EKA	Ashley Brumfield	35

### Junior Boys

9LHU	Daniel Richardson	6
8ABU	Myles Phillips	30
9MAR	Jack Yule	33
9LHU	Grady Wing	34
8ABU	Ashley Goodliffe	35
8ABU	Kieran Blanchard	48

### Inter Boys

10MNO	Sam Linford	28
10PCR	James Berry	31

### Senior Boys

12ASH	Henry Dunn	6
12ASH	Callum Ramsey	16

Well done to all, and to the 3 boys that were injured on the way round who could not finish. We have 7 students who have now qualified for the Anglian Championships: Katie Hutchinson, Charlie Wing, Amy Haines-Eynon, Damien Woolner (Rutterford), Henry Dunn, Callum Ramsey.



## Regional Rounds for Under 16 Netball

The Girls had a great day competing against the best teams in the region that spans Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, they had some excellent matches and all felt they improved. Natalie Robinson and Charlie Wing have been approached for further training. Well done to all. The squad included Natalie Robinson, Victoria Howchin, Sophie Ma, Emily Beales, Simeone Compton, Holly Finding, Jay Bingham, Sinead Brennan.

## Winning Girls Year 11 Basketball Team Peterborough Champions



The Girls won all their games and attracted attention from County scouts.

Pictured on the right are: Kerry Martin, Amy Haines-Eynon, Simeone Compton, Sophie Ma, Katie Evans, Emily Beales, Hannah Dundas, Jessica Craighead, Shelbe Bradshaw, Natalie Robinson, Paula MaCauley, Poonam Bisla



## More Basketball !

Sixth Form met Kings School last week and after a really close game came out as winners. Well done to the squad.



## Badminton

Key Stage 4 boys went to Bushfield to compete in the Schools Badminton Singles competition. All did well with David Cooper reaching the semi-finals losing to the eventual winner. Well done to both Sam Linford and Ryan Reece who also participated but didn't reach the semi-finals on this occasion.



## Netball



The Year 10 girls have once again won their league competition beating Kings in the final. The Year 11 girls and Senior Teams are in the finals to be played in the next couple of weeks.

### EDITORIAL TEAM:

Billy Zaidi, Teacher of English/Media, Debbie Sanderson, PA to Head of College and Amanda Palmer, Reprographics