



# THE VOICE of Arthur Mellows Village College

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## Message from the Head of College

This edition of the Voice reports on a plethora of activities that have been going on over the last half term which reinforces the fact that this has been yet another successful year for the College.

Some parents will be aware that the College received an unannounced visit from Ofsted on Thursday 18 July 2013. The focus for the one day inspection was Safeguarding and I am pleased to report that the visit went well and that Safeguarding systems meet requirements. During the course of the day, Inspectors met with quite a few students at the College and during the feedback session they were very complimentary about the students, in particular how articulate and confident they portrayed themselves and how they spoke highly of their school and the Pastoral support they receive.

It goes without saying that our Year 11 and Year 13 students have now all completed their external examinations and we eagerly await to hear of their success on the examination results days later in August. The students and staff involved in preparation for these exams have shown real determination for success and it is hoped that this will be recognised by the eventual results.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, students, parents and governors for contributing to yet another amazingly successful year for Arthur Mellows and I hope everyone has a great Summer break.

**M Sandeman, Head of College**

## Key Dates next half term

Term resumes for Year 7 to Year 11	Wednesday 4 September 2013
Sixth Form return	Thursday 5 September 2013
Year 12 Information Evening	Monday 9 September 2013
Year 13 UCAS Evening for Parents	Monday 16 September 2013
Preparation for Employment Evening	Tuesday 17 September 2013
Training Day	Wednesday 2 October 2013
Prospective Parents' Evening	Wednesday 2 October 2013
Year 10 Work Experience Evening	Monday 7 October 2013
Year 10 Information Evening	Monday 14 October 2013
Year 11 Parents' Evening	Monday 21 October 2013
Careers Fair	Tuesday 22 October 2013
Arthur Mellows Association AGM	Thursday 24 October 2013 (tba)
Half-term	Monday 28 October 2013 to Friday 1 November 2013



**RESULTS DAYS**  
**SUMMER 2013**  
**AS/A Level Thursday 15 August**  
**8.30 am to 11.00 am**  
**GCSE Thursday 22 August**  
**9.00 am to 11.00 am**

Results can be:  
 ☺ Collected by the student  
 ☺ Posted (on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope from the student)  
 ☺ If you are unable to collect your results, give whoever is collecting them, on your behalf, a letter of authorisation to do so.

## HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL 2013

The College is delighted to announce the names of the successful candidates for Head Boy and Girl and Deputies as follows:

- Head Boy - Ashwin Pathiyath
- Head Girl - Katie Barnard
- Deputy Head Boy - Daniel Richardson
- Deputy Head Girl - Hannah Stevens

The rigorous selection process involved a staff vote, hustings by candidates in front of other Sixth Form students which culminated in a personal interview with a panel comprising the Head of College, Chair of Governors and the Sixth Form Leadership Team.

Mike Sandeman, Head of College, confirmed that the field had been extremely tight and the decision had been difficult to reach. The successful candidates demonstrated passion for the role and are outstanding role models for the College.

One of the first roles for the new team has been to establish their new Sixth Form Committee and to assist the College in drawing up a new dress code for the Sixth Form for implementation in September. They will also become ambassadors for the College at future large scale events during the course of the next academic year and will chair the Student Council which provides a student voice to the Senior Management Team to promote change and challenge where appropriate.



# COLLEGE NEWS

## WELCOME

Please welcome the following new teaching staff who will be joining the College in September 2013:

*Mr Leach, Teacher of Science*  
*Miss Goldsmith-Sumner, Teacher of Technology (Textiles)*  
*Mr Bentley, Teacher of Technology*  
*Mr Almond, Teacher of Technology (Graphics)*  
*Miss Polson, Teacher of Dance*  
*Mrs Young, Teacher of Technology*



## AU REVOIR This

term we say goodbye to a few members of staff who are moving on to 'pastures new':

*Miss Baker, SEN*  
*Mr Cundall, Teacher of Technology*  
*Mrs Cumberland, Teacher of Technology*  
*Mr Foxton, Teacher of Science / Head of Year 7*  
*Mrs Brocklesby, Teacher of Maths*  
*Mrs Roberts, Teacher of English*  
*Mr Gallick, Teacher of Maths*

We wish them all good luck in their new ventures.



## KEY STAGE 4 UNIFORM

Parents may remember that in September 2012 we introduced the variation in uniform for Key Stage 4 of a black jumper / cardigan and for the girls, a white blouse/white polo shirt. At the time this change was not compulsory but an option for parents and students if they wished to adopt the new styles. Our intention was for it to become a compulsory change as from September 2013.



This change in style and colour for Key Stage 4 only has proved extremely popular with students, and, therefore, for those students going through into Key Stage 4 this coming September, the variation of the black jumper / cardigan and white blouse/polo shirt will continue. It is expected that all students in Years 10 and 11 next year will be wearing the new style uniform and that it will no longer be an option but a compulsory element of our uniform policy, as advised in our original letter dated 23 May 2012.

I hope that parents agree that the new items are pleasing to the eye, represent good value for money and more importantly, afford the older students the status they so rightly deserve around the College.

Your support in helping us maintain our uniform standards is very much appreciated.

**By Mr Kennedy, Assistant Headteacher**



## PE UNIFORM

You may be aware that over the last year there has been a move towards replacing our old white PE Polo Shirt with a new green one. For the last year our uniform supplier has only stocked and sold the green Polo shirts for PE.

It is now our intention to phase out the white PE shirt altogether. Because students in Year 9, 10 and 11 (as from September) may still have the white PE shirt in usable condition, the green PE shirt will not become compulsory until September 2014. From this date all PE Polo shirts must be the green version. Feedback received from both parents and students is that the new shirt is both very robust and very smart.

**By Mr Kennedy, Assistant Headteacher**

## Exam Certificates

Did you take your examinations at Arthur Mellows Village College?

Did you collect your certificates?

We have certificates going back several years which have not been collected.

If you think they may still be held here, then please contact Mrs Pickering in the Examination Office to check. Unfortunately they cannot be posted due to their value.

## PAYING FOR TRIPS AND VISITS

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the College's preferred method of payment for Trips and Visits. The preferred method is via Parent Pay (online payments), which many of you already find quicker and more convenient to use. If you need a reminder for an account, please contact Student Reception at the College.

All cheque and cash payments should be delivered to the Finance Office only. Students should not hand payments to a member of staff.

If you are paying for anything by cash: "Pass the **sealed envelope** with your **child's name** and **trip details** to **Finance staff** to issue receipt. **PLEASE DO NOT POST CASH** into the **LETTERBOX**. **The College takes no responsibility for the loss of funds.**"

Thank you for your continued co-operation.

**Finance Office**

# COLLEGE NEWS

## CONGRATULATIONS

### HANNAH WILLOUGHBY, 11TMA



Hannah has been bowling since she was about 6 years old, and has bowled for Cambridgeshire County several times in both junior and adult competitions. She has completed a 3 year course with the England Academy and last year was selected to represent England in Vienna, where she won 2 silver medals.



The British Tenpin Bowling Association (BTBA) runs the JTE Tour (Junior Tour England) which consists of several tournaments each year held all over the country. Each bowler gets ranking points according to where they finish each tournament, and they must complete at least 5

events and be ranked in the top 20 to qualify for the England trials.

Hannah got through to the trials which were held in Romford. She had to bowl 16 games in one day; the top 6 bowlers are rewarded with a place in the England team at the Triple Crown competition. Hannah did the trials last year and just missed out on a place by 1.5 points! This year she has moved up to the top age group so has worked very hard to maintain her place in the top 20. This year, we are pleased to report that Hannah was successful at Romford and will be representing England in "The Triple Crown" which will be held in Dunfermline, Scotland over the August bank holiday 2013.

*An Article from the Evening Telegraph published on the 13 June 2013.*



## safari themed cake competition

On Thursday, 11 July 2013 a Safari themed cake competition took place for Year 7. The cakes produced were fantastic, demonstrating lots of creative ideas. The first place was awarded to Laura Spears, 7KGA. Laura designed a 2 tiered cake which impressed the judges with its superb taste and texture. The design focused around safari animals and also had a river running across the top of the cake.

Joint second prize was awarded to Eleanor Morris, 7JGI and Megan Pridmore, 7KGA. The judges could not choose between these 2 fabulous cakes, the taste was superb and the designs were both unique.

All the cakes were then sold on Friday to raise money for the connecting classrooms project. Thank you to all those that entered and to all the teachers who helped judge.

*By Mrs Gray, Music Teacher*



# BBC JUNIOR VETS



Congratulations to Josh Gill, 7JGI, who made it through to take part in the BBC Junior Vets programme. Josh was selected from over 1500 applicants who applied to go on the show. Josh attended a casting day on

Saturday 29 June 2013 in Leeds; please read below Josh's account of the day.

**'My day at True North TV Production Company for the final casting for Junior Vets'.**

*Our taxi arrived to take us to Peterborough station, where we caught the train to Leeds. At Leeds another taxi arrived to take us to True North's studio. We met with 25 other finalists and their parents, out of over 1500 applicants only 26 got through to this stage. I felt a little overwhelmed but soon got chatting with some very funny boys and girls that made me feel relaxed. We all left our parents to chat whilst we went off to play games and learn more about Junior Vets and the Edinburgh university's vet school (where I will stay for 3 weeks if I get through to the*

*final 6). Time went so fast, and it was soon time for a delicious lunch with our parents. We then went to play some more games and we saw this lady who had a camera and she asked some questions. Then everyone had to see a psychologist, who asked different questions about how I would feel being so far away from home and other stuff. It was then time to go back and meet our parents. It was a fantastic day.*

On Wednesday 3 July 2013, Josh's mum received a call to say that Josh had made it through to the final 6; so Josh has been invited to Edinburgh, for 3 weeks filming, at the end of July.

Josh's response... **'WOW FANTASTIC, OUT OF THIS WORLD, YIPEEEE.. I CAN'T WAIT'**.

WELL DONE JOSH.



# COLLEGE NEWS



## England U18 v Scotland U18 4th Official Matthew Smith



On Sunday 5 May 2013, Matt Smith Year 12 was fortunate enough to be invited to the U18 Centenary Cup, England v Scotland as the fourth official. Please read below Matts account of the day.

 <b>Sunday 05/05/2013 15:00</b>		
<b>U18 Centenary Cup</b> <b>England U18 v Scotland U18</b>		
<b>England U18</b>	3 v 2	<b>Scotland U18</b>
Referee	Jon Moss (Premier League)	
AR1	John Brooks (Premier League AR)	
AR2	Tom Neild (Football League AR)	
4th	<b>Matthew Smith</b>	



After waking up eagerly around 8.00 am on the morning of the game, excitement kicked in and there was no way of getting back to sleep. I had prepared my kit bag the night before with referees kit, warm-up gear and other accessories needed for the day. This included boots which had never been as clean as they were the night before. I left at 10.00 am anticipating a 3 hour drive up to Nantwich, near Stoke-on-Trent. After a quick 'accidental' detour around Spaghetti junction, Birmingham, I arrived at the ground around 2 hours before kick-off.

Impatiently, I got out the car and got guided towards the officials' changing room where there were drinks and a programme to read, the other 3 officials turned up. It was nice to see them for the first time and they instantly included me in their 'professional game' banter. This mostly included referee Jon Moss talking about his game the day before between Arsenal and QPR in the premier league. When we were back in the changing room, kit bags were emptied and proved a shock when Jon got out 3 black kits, 3 red, 3 green and 3 blue kits and many training tops before choosing to wear the green kit with the premier league Expedia sponsorship. After having a laugh and a joke, 45 minutes before kick-off we changed into training gear for a short 15 minute warm-up.

Back in the changing room, 30 minutes before kick-off and Jon gave us a complete pre match briefing.

After this, around 25 minutes before kick-off we started equipping the communications set. It was the first time I and Tom had used the coms set and it took a bit of getting used to. It felt weird the first time hearing someone in your ear and the volume was really high as it was usually used for crowds of 70,000+.

After about 5 minutes practice with the electronic board we walked out of the tunnel Champions League style lining up in front of the Northern Premier League (Evostik) teams main stand.

After being introduced to the important people along the line and shaking hands with both teams, the 4 of us went to the middle for the toss of the coin.

The first half started well for the officials with no substitutions for me to do in the first half. The coms set took more time getting used to. At the end of the first half I was asked to show 1 minute of added time which almost turned out to be 5 minutes, due to the muffling of the coms set, but luckily I double checked as I thought 5 minutes would be too much.

Half time seemed short with just a quick reflection of the

1-0 score line to England. There were no cards fortunately and the assessor's feedback was generally positive. After 12 minutes we walked back out ready for the second half.

The second half was slightly busier with a Yellow card about 10 seconds after the kick off for unsporting behaviour due to a reckless tackle. This was right in front of me so it was my choice for the free kick and caution given to the referee across the coms set.

The first substitution occurred about 12 minutes into the second half with one of Scotland's players. I used the coms set to ask for it and assistant John Brooks was also there to help. It went smoothly and was followed by many others by both teams.

Around 15 minutes from the end, there was a penalty for Scotland due to a reckless tackle by the England goalkeeper. Luckily for him it wasn't a goal-scoring opportunity so he stayed on the pitch with just a caution. It was my job to record the cautions and at the end of the game there were 3 in total, the 3<sup>rd</sup> for dissent. The penalty was scored but it was also my job to explain to the England manager why it was a penalty, but the advice with some select language from Jon in the middle was to turn a blind eye.

The game finished 3-2 to England after a fantastic winning goal 3 minutes from the end. There was also 3 minutes added time which went cleanly. After the celebrations from the England team and the shaking of hands, we stayed out for the presentations.

The presentations included a fantastic International cap which I am sure I will treasure for the rest of my life. The officials were called up first to collect them followed by Scotland and then England. We went back into the changing rooms knowing a good job had been done.

We said goodbye after a fantastic experience before a 3 hour journey home.

**By Matt Smith, 12SBA**



# COLLEGE NEWS

## Warner Brothers Studios Tour

After a successful year on the new GCSE media Studies course with the Year 10 students, I decided to run a trip to see the highly-rated Harry Potter tour in Watford as a reward and to reinforce the work we have been doing this year. I should confess at this point that I am not a huge fan of the Harry Potter films so I didn't go with great expectations. I know that some of you may find this a shocking admission, in which case I apologise humbly, but – much like the original books – I like them for what they are, but they just don't hold any special magic for me, which is ironic given the subject matter.



I need not have worried. The studio tour is fantastic. You don't need to be a fan of the films to appreciate the extraordinary skill that has gone into bringing the books to life. The tour itself is incredibly slick, the best-organised UK attraction I have been to, with well-trained staff and a cleverly designed tour, which begins with an entertaining short film before you enter the great hall at Hogwarts. The attention to detail is extra-ordinary, and does a great job of showing how the sets and props are constructed to explain how filming takes place to create the illusion of reality without actually spoiling the films by revealing too much. The stage designers and technical crew from the CGI experts down to the lowliest carpenter are all rightly celebrated for the loving skill with which they have used their talents to create a rich and vibrant world.

The tour moves on with a fascinating exhibition of various locations and props, from Hagrid's hut to the potions room, the Purple Night Bus and a full scale reconstruction of Diagon Alley. A particular highlight is the green screen area where you can don a cape and ride a broomstick or ride the Ford Anglia through the skies above the Hogwarts Express, though my favourite part was the area which showed the technical drawings and card models of the main locations. Whether you are studying the media, graphic design, resistant materials or even Travel and Tourism, it is hard to imagine anyone not finding something here to capture their imagination. The students, as ever, were infectiously enthusiastic and had a great time, and I am already looking forward to October when the next cohort of GCSE media students get their turn to enjoy my current favourite UK tourist attraction.

Now where did I put those old Harry Potter DVD's..?

**By Mr Zaidi, Media Studies Teacher**

### Duke of Edinburgh season 2013



My Bronze Duke of Edinburgh was great! I had so much fun and excitement during my 2 days and one night expedition. Just because I enjoyed it doesn't mean it was easy...it definitely was not, but it was definitely fun.

You may think that the walking would be boring, but you and your friends always find a way to make it fun! It is not just about walking and camping, there is also the skill, volunteering and physical to do, for 3 months an hour a week, and you need to do one of these for another 3 months. It may sound a lot but it is a lot of fun and I would definitely recommend it to anyone who likes a challenge.

**By Luke Augur, 10PMC**

### VAMPIRE ACADEMY BY RICHELLE MEAD

The Vampire Academy series by Richelle Mead is addictive because they are so jam-packed with romance and action, it seems impossible for the books to get anymore intriguing but they do. It is about a girl called Rosemaire Hathaway, a shadow-kissed Dhampir (guardians to the Moroi), a Moroi (Vampires) called Vasilisa Dragomir and another Dhampir called Dimitri Belikov. Rose is sworn to protect Lissa from the evil half dead, but when Rose's love of her life loses what he treasures most, she leaves Lissa to relieve him of his misery. Afterwards she becomes an incredibly wanted fugitive. Can she deal with all that? Proving she is innocent, protecting Lissa and finding Lissa's, obvious but unlikely, younger sibling so Lissa can vote on the council. Read the Vampire Academy series to find out!

**Book Review by Alisha Higgins 7KGA**



# COLLEGE NEWS

## YEAR 8 FUNDRAISING



Twenty Chernobyl Children arrived excited in the UK. Yegor, aged 9, but still the size of a 6 year old, did his usual trick of running through the gate at the airport

and jumping into my arms. The new children are all settling very well now and the experienced ones just carried on where they left off last year – full of smiles and joy and cuddles for their host families.

The children have had a lovely time so far: the first day the girls had a great time at Tu Danse in Peterborough, learning some street dance and came back full of stories; the boys spent the day playing games with the Year 8's at Stamford School, eating a huge lunch then a swim in their beautiful new pool, our new boys having their first ever experience of a swimming pool. Great fun was had at Dogsthorpe Fire Station, 'driving' the fire engines and operating the hoses. The children have been out on the water with Sailability and visited South View School.

As you can see we are all having great fun. We have



also visited the Zubi Vrach, otherwise known as the dentist. In the past this has been an 'interesting' day with children who have teeth like sponges. Finger's crossed for a straight forward day today! Although the children

seem in very good spirits they are noticeably very thin this year, the recession is biting in Belarus and families are clearly struggling.

Thank you to all the wonderful people who help by hosting, sponsoring or generally supporting. Without you we could not do so much to help these children and their families, whose lives are changed in such a positive fashion. Donations for the children and families, as ever, gratefully received via our Just Giving page.

Best wishes and thank you.

**Cecilia Hammond, Coordinator: FOCC (Helpston & District) Registered charity number 1122824**

[www.justgiving.com/helpstonchernobyl](http://www.justgiving.com/helpstonchernobyl)  
[www.focc.org.uk](http://www.focc.org.uk) or <http://www.focc.org.uk/Helpston.html>

In 1986 disaster struck Belarus, making it contaminated. Now nowhere is safe to go, and nothing is safe to eat or drink. The fires released

5% of the radioactive reactor core into the atmosphere. That day the wind was blowing north causing Belarus to become contaminated. Chernobyl is north of Ukraine causing it to spread over Belarus.

Now the land, water, air and food is contaminated making it hard to grow food and find fresh safe water. Due to the devastation, these people need help finding healthy uncontaminated food.

A charity has been set up in England to help bring children over from Belarus to the UK for a month every year. This helps to clear their body of radioactive waste and give them fresh food and clean water. Every time they come over here just for a month, it gives them an extra couple of years onto their life expectancy. We send them back with vitamins to last them a whole year until their next visit and clothes for themselves, and for their close family. The Charity also sends them back with seeds to plant (it is sometimes hard to find good food and crops) and enough money to help them buy some food and essential items.

**By Catherine Whight, 8LCU**

Meeting the Chernobyl Children was great. Year 8 have been doing a number of fund raising events such as; cake stalls, non-uniform day and soak the teacher. We have raised over £850.00.



When I met the girls and boys from Chernobyl they were happy and excited, with smiles on their faces. They enjoyed making pizza, cookies and coleslaw, which they loved eating afterwards.

We had a great afternoon with the Children and hope they had a great time and enjoyed the rest of their stay.

**By Annie Addinall, 8KCL**

**Thank you to all parents/carers who baked cakes for the cake stall. It was much appreciated. Thank you.**

**Mr Jones, Head of Year 8.**



## COLLEGE NEWS

# Summer Concert 2013

On Wednesday 26 June 2013, the Arthur Mellows Summer Concert took place. Once again, students proved that they have a fantastic amount of musical talent and we were entertained by a large number of groups. The standard seems to be getting higher every year and we were overwhelmed by the number of students that were keen to perform.

Some highlights included, the renowned band '5ff' who performed "Smells Like Teen Spirit". This group have been dedicated in their rehearsals this year and have been able to record their first single, they were an audience success and we wish them well with all of their summer gigs and CD promotions.



The Junior choir performed with confidence and style. The choir, which is now bigger than ever, performed "Set Fire to the Rain" and "Troublemaker". Congratulations to Ellie Bryant, Jasmin Edwards, Esme Robinson and Charley Moore who all performed solos.



The 'Junior band' were really engaging to watch this year as they performed items by Stevie Wonder and The Beatles. Their performance was, once again, brilliant and it is lovely to see so many students taking part.

A couple of brand new ensembles have been formed this year. Firstly, the Musicals choir, this group is now rehearsing popular songs from the West End, their debut performance included numbers from "Wicked" and "Les Miserables".

Additionally, the Senior musicians performed 2 beautiful pieces 'If' and 'Why' by Michael Nyman. These pieces were performed with spine tingling musicianship and a fantastic blend of tone from all involved. This group will hopefully continue to perform next year.



In addition, to these new ensembles we also heard fantastic performances from the Brass band, this group has got to be one of the most professionally rehearsed groups in the concert and we thank Mr Alex Moore for all of his work with this band.

Solos were performed on a range of instruments and styles, all to a high standard. Congratulations to Nikita Garman and Aileen Baird for fabulous performances.

A number of small group performances took place. These were all superb, it is wonderful to see students rehearsing in their own time and providing such enjoyable performances. Thanks go to Sam Croote, Alice Newcombe, Joseph Carter, Claire Hayes-Bowlzer, George McDermott, Lewis Taylor, Nathan Taylor, Charlie Westbrook, Madi Challis and Tai Carter.

The concert closed with a performance of 2 pieces by the Orchestra. Callum Mackenzie sang one of his favourite pieces 'Stars' with the Orchestra. This along with a "Les Miserable" medley is some of the hardest music ever attempted by the Orchestra. They rose to the challenge and their performance was amazing!!



We are incredibly proud of everyone who took part, it is a tremendous achievement to perform on stage and regularly attend all rehearsals. Thank you to all parents and staff who have supported the students involved.

Special thanks go to Mark Tomlinson, our Saxophone teacher who is leaving us this term, we wish him all the best with his post-graduate studies. Also, a huge thank you to all the musicians who are leaving the College this year. Thank you and all the best for the future, Charlotte Harris, Chloe Rayner, Joseph Cooper, Callum Mackenzie and Aileen Baird.

*By Mrs Hammond, Head of Music*

## MONEY RAISED FOR CANCER RESEARCH

On Friday 28 June 2013, I held a cake and sweet sale on behalf of Cancer Research at school. I felt very strongly about doing this as those close to me have been affected by this life ruining disease. Additionally, I will be participating in the 'Race for Life' this year and hope to gain sponsors in order to beat cancer. From holding the cake and sweet sale I managed to raise £115.00 which is a substantial amount and would be able to aid some of those affected. I had great help and support from friends and family; Thank you all for the contribution towards my goal of gaining donations for Cancer Research. We all can beat cancer!



*By Harjeevan Bisla, 11NJE*

# COLLEGE NEWS

## *Choir of the Year 2013*

On Monday 8 July 2013, the whole of Year 7 took part in our annual vocal competition "Choir of the Year". Every Year 7 student prepares a performance song with their Music teacher, and performs alongside every other class in this competitive event. Our judges, this year, were Mr Hammond, Teacher of Music Technology at Arthur Mellows and Mrs Moorhouse, Music Coordinator at William Law C of E School. The standard of the singing was higher than ever this year, and the judges had a very difficult job deciding on our three winning choirs.



**Outstanding contribution to performance,**  
Congratulations to: Marcus Harris, William Kirby, Ashlee Baker, Charlie El-Imad, Sam Salisbury and Katie Shepherd.



### **Outstanding solo performances**

Congratulations to: Freya Hill, Kiyah Lenihan-Keltie, Lauren Black-Crozier, Ellie Bryant, Alex Makanjuola, Jamal Aranyi, Esme Robinson, Niamh Forkin, Jasmine Hannah and Maddison Glendinning.



**Second place:** 7G6 singing "Fireflies/Eminem/Umbrella" mash-up



**Third place:** 7G4, singing "Trouble" by Taylor Swift

### **WINNERS WERE:**

**First place:** 7F1 singing "Ready or not" By Bridget Mendler



All students performed well and were supportive to each other. For the first time this year, the singers were accompanied by a student band who worked extremely hard to learn the 11 songs needed for the afternoon. In the band were: Nathan Taylor, Lewis Taylor, George McDermott, Charlie Westbrook and Sam Coppin.



# COLLEGE NEWS

## Arabic Club

We started the Arabic club sessions on 22 January 2013. At first, I was worried that the students would find the language difficult and its symbols complicated, as it is very different from English. After a few sessions I realised that my students found the language fascinating and they started to ask many questions, showing their great interest and enthusiasm. I was so proud when I walked along the corridors and I could hear "Ahlan Miss Naga - sabah al kir Miss Naga".



The Arabic language sessions were not only devoted to learning the language but also to give the students an insight into the Arabic culture and ways of life. We did Arabic cooking, and the students watched "Wild Arabia" a programme that showed how the Bedouins adapt in the harsh Arabian climate and, how racing camels are the Arabs favourite hobby. I had great pleasure teaching my students Arabic, they are excellent. I am so proud of them and of what they have achieved in a very short time. Here is what they said about the Arabic Club:

Arabic every session half lesson, half comedy, and half debate. Not only that, but far more interesting than Maths! It has taught me one of the most widespread languages in the world far more used than French or German, and has been far more informative than other lessons. The lessons have helped me to speak and write such a beautiful language and given me a great understanding of Arabic culture. Not only this, but the flexible teaching style allowed us to focus on areas in which we were weak. Our teacher, Miss Naga, helped us to understand the language and culture and encouraged us to extend our Arabic speaking skills even outside of the sessions.  
**Caleb Brown 10LED**

I have found Arabic club to be a great experience full of interesting moments, not all of them necessarily Arabic related. Still, it has been great fun and despite the 'rare' off topic conversation, I have learned a lot of Arabic (including key phrases) which will be essential in the future. We even did a recording to the partner school in Sudan which was a fluent speaking success. So overall, I believe the Arabic club was great and nothing more can be said.  
**James Green, 10MTU**

Arabic has given me the ability to know about Arabic Culture and to explore the different Arabic letters. I would like the opportunity to have Arabic put into the Curriculum!!!  
**Ali Shah, 10GEL**

Arabic Club is a fun and informal way of learning another language. It is great learning about the culture of other countries. I greatly prefer Arabic club compared to formal lessons, as it is very interactive. The small group allows a more personalised learning programme in a friendly environment; this makes Arabic much easier to learn than German or French, as it is more relaxed.  
**Kyle Widhall 10ZY0**

By Miss

Naga, Cover supervisor

## NEWS FROM THE GOVERNORS

### FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

This committee has recommended to the Full Governing Body a robust and challenging budget for the next financial year. This has been set against a longer term view of forecast budgets for the next 3 years, which currently indicate an increasing drop in funding, despite being told in the media that funding for education is ring fenced. This is primarily due to the proposed change in the Pupil Premium funding, from which Arthur Mellows does not benefit as much as other similar schools in the area, but of course there are other significant aspects. However, with a strong management team, the College is well placed to take any necessary action to ensure that we protect the educational standards that we expect your children to achieve whilst attending Arthur Mellows. Ostensibly the change in funding will mean that the sterling efforts which have been made in increasing and uplifting the fabric of the College will now invariably come to an end. Rest assured that the Senior Management Team will continue to control, monitor and review the funding situation, assessing the impact and risks that may have to be faced, so that the Arthur Mellows can continue to focus on its College Improvement Plan.



By Mr Dawkins, Chair of Finance and Administration

# COLLEGE NEWS

## YEAR 7 COLLAPSED DAY

On Friday 12 July 2013, a Year 7 African themed collapsed day took place. This day was planned to help students develop an understanding of the culture and art of Africa. The day itself was split into 3 sessions and students participated in a variety of workshops including; Gumbo dancing, African drumming, mask making, African singing, storytelling, Geography of Africa, poetry and researching Fair Trade issues. It was fantastic to see students getting involved with each of the activities, with many of them taking part in activities which they had never done before.



Students' comments from the day:

'I had an indescribable time as well as learning so many things.'

'I learnt that Africa is not a country, it's a continent.'

'The Year 7 collapsed day was fantastic, it was amazingly' educational'

Thank you to all the workshop leaders that made the day happen, I look forward to another successful Africa day next year.

*By Mrs Gray, Teacher of Music*



## PRISON ME!... NO WAY

On Thursday 11 July 2013, all Year 9 students were involved in the Prison Me.. No Way! Day. Please read below their comments from the experience.



Seeing the 'Prison Me No Way' team was a great insight to the reality of prison life rather than what is portrayed in the media.

Not only did we get to speak to real prisoners, but also real prison guards, as well as young offender guards. For me, the best 2 parts of the day were:

(1) listening to the prisoners' stories where I personally found out about specific laws which I was completely oblivious to.

(2) Getting the opportunity to go inside a life-size prison cell. Something which deterred me for life. The PMNW team did a fantastic job with our school and I hope to see them again soon. Thank you 'PMNW!!!'

*By Joe Woolf, 9VWA*

It was an amazing experience. It was interesting to see how their lives change in prison. The best bit for us was going into the prison cell, as you get an idea of their new life as a prisoner. We thoroughly enjoyed the day.

*By Sophie Walden, Isabelle Wilding, Chloe Gwilliam and Jessica Reed all 9AWE*



I really enjoyed the Prison Me... No Way! Day, because it gave us an insight of prisons. I liked being able to ask ex-prisoners questions. It was a really good experience that really benefits us in so many ways.

*By Chelsea Humphries, 9AWE*



## KEY STAGE 3 REWARDS DAY



Tuesday 16 July 2013, saw our first Key Stage 3 Rewards Day. We have been searching for a way to reward the well behaved students we are lucky enough to have here at Arthur Mellows. Our challenge is, we have too many!

The day was designed to reward the students who had not received any negative iBehaves throughout the whole year; not one missing homework, forgotten detention, poor behaviour in class etc. It was our way of trying to say well done and also hopefully to show them that we value their positive attitude and commitment to the College.

The weather was glorious, if anything a little too warm! The ice lollies were, therefore, particularly well received. Both the bouncy castle and the assault course were very



popular and, despite the heat, well used. A few staff could not resist the temptation, and decided to get their shoes off and have a bounce. Students were particularly keen to see the races on the assault

course involving staff; Victorious staff, whilst I was there, were Mr Steele and Mr Baines. I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff who volunteered some of their free time to come and help supervise. It was a lovely day, and a pleasure to spend time with students we are proud to have at Arthur Mellows. Looking forward to next year already!

*By Mrs Gilligan,  
Head of Year 9*



## COLLEGE MINIBUS APPEAL

The Arthur Mellows Association (AMA) is the College's PTA, open to parents and guardians of students, teachers, grandparents, friends of the College, ancillary staff and Governors.

The AMA recently launched an appeal to raise funds to purchase a new College Minibus. The Minibus is a diesel hybrid, which uses batteries to power the vehicle at lower speeds, saving up to 33% on fuel.

The College has managed to secure outside funding to the value of £18,430 and the AMA has agreed to contribute the balance of £12,750, of which £8,500 has already been raised.

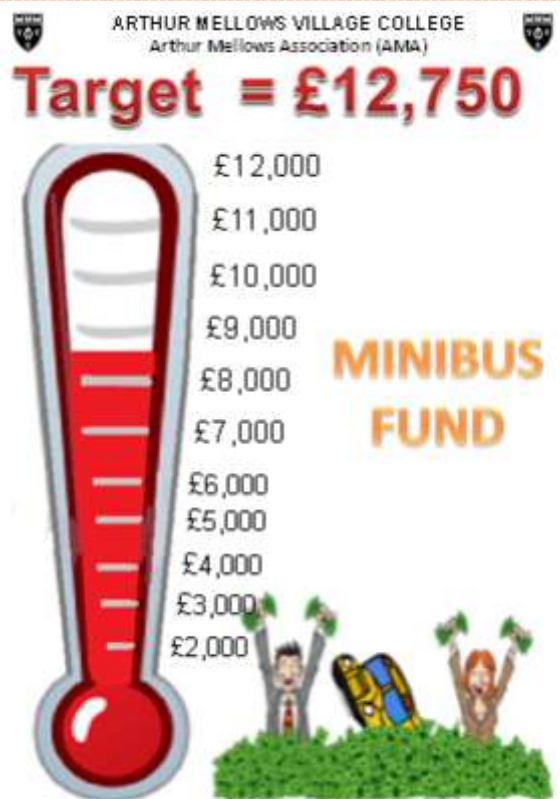
You can support the minibus appeal and the AMA through a variety of ways, which include:-

**Make a donation:** Parents can donate to the AMA via ParentPay (AMA donation – College Minibus Appeal). You can also make a donation by cheque (payable to 'Arthur Mellows Association') or cash payment via the Finance Office

**Support fundraising activities:** You will often see the AMA providing refreshments or selling second hand uniform at key events, publicised through Schoolcomms. As an example, the AMA will be providing refreshments and running a second-hand uniform stall at this year's Glinton Fete on Saturday 7 September

**Donate uniform:** The AMA are always grateful to receive good quality AMVC uniform, which they turn into cash through their second-hand uniform shop. Please hand in all donations, with labels removed, to the college reception in a bag labelled AMA Uniform

While the Association is managed by a dedicated committee, volunteers are always very much appreciated, whether to help at events, donate prizes, support our events by coming along or simply spreading the word about our endeavours.



# PE NEWS SUMMER 2013

It has been an incredibly busy summer this year with some fantastic performances.



## TRAMPOLINING COMPETITION

On Wednesday 1 May 2013, a group of 15 Arthur Mellows students entered the Trampolining Competition at Ken Stimson Community College, Werrington.

The team were: Bethany Hunter, Shannon Hamey, Jo-Jo Charley, Megan Round, Abby Mumford, Eleanor Morris, Rebecca Scott, Sophie Smith, Jade Cosbie-Ross, Sophie Walden, Lucy Thorne, Zoe Stott, Chloe Gwilliam, Cara Termine, Jade Crossley.

The students demonstrated their skills in the Novice and Advanced categories, with Zoe Stott winning a bronze medal and Cara Termine winning both bronze and silver medals.

Congratulations to everyone taking part. The team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall.



## CRICKET

We entered the U15 and U13 Cricket leagues this year. We were very pleased when our U15 team won through to the David Cross Cricket Finals, held at Burghley Park. It was a long day for all; the team beat St John Fisher in the semi-finals then went on to play Spalding Grammar in the Final. Arthur Mellows narrowly lost in the last over.

James Ferris needs a special mention as he was selected as bowler of the competition with figures of 6 for 23; a fantastic achievement.

Well done to every student who has represented the College this year.

## CITY ATHLETICS

We were unable to take part in the Year 10 event this year as our students were on work experience due to the delay in the refurbishment of the City Track.

The new facility is excellent and the students really enjoyed the day producing some excellent results and many PB's on the new fast track.

**Year 9 Girls:** Runners up

**Year 9 Boys:** 3rd

**Year 8 Girls:** Winners; with a fantastic score. The team made every point count.

**Year 8 Boys:** 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Year 7 Girls:** 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Year 7 Boys:** Winners; again with an excellent overall score

## SPORTS DAYS

We have been lucky with the weather this year and managed to run all of our sports days successfully.

### YEAR 10 WINNERS

**Tutor Group:** GEL

**Overall Best Boy:**

Ashley Brumfield

**Overall Best Girl:**

Zoe Crowson

### YEAR 9 WINNERS

**Tutor Group:** CCR

**Runners up Tutor Group:**

VWA

**Overall Best Boy:**

Henry Bird

**Overall Best Girl:**

Anna Jacob

### YEAR 8 WINNERS

**Tutor Group:** LBE

**Runners up Tutor Group:**

DLO

**Overall Best Boy:**

Jamie Scott

**Overall Best Girl:**

Megan Porter

### YEAR 7 WINNERS:

**Tutor Group:** SBO

**Runners up Tutor Group:**

JMF

**Overall Best Boy:**

Jacob Wing-Morehen

**Overall Best Girl:**

Anna Warrington

We want to say a special well done to the Year 7's. As a Department, we felt this was the best Year 7 Sports Day we could remember.



## Swimming Gala

Again we were blessed with lovely weather and the pool looking great. We had lots of entries and some great competitions, particularly in the girls events.

### Year 8

Winners LBE

Runners up CTO

Best Overall Performances

Boys: Jaxon Simmons

Girls: Jessica Snape

### Year 7

Winners SBO

Runners up CCA

Best Overall Performances

Boys: James Martin

Girls: Natalie Smith

Natalie deserves a special mention as she broke a school record in the Backstroke with a time of 18.07. This was one of our longest standing records, set back in 1986.



## Junior Golf Championship

The Junior Golf Championship was held at Milton Golf Club.

Once again we had a strong team at the 'Schools Golf Open' and finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The stand out golfer this year was Conor Brennan in Year 12.



By Mrs Wilding, PE Department