



# THE VOICE of Arthur Mellows Village College

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## Message from the Head of College



Welcome to this festive edition of The Voice. This actually comes following a very busy term which culminated recently in the 'Outstanding' judgement of our Ofsted inspection. All parents should have received a copy of the inspection report; however this can be viewed on the front page of our website for those parents who have not had the chance to read it.

You will also find news in this edition regarding forthcoming events for Parents in the Spring term, together with details of our forthcoming Key Theatre Production, the trips to Barcelona and Normandy, and the recent success in the Mathematics Department. Students and colleagues within the PE Department have also been very busy this term and the back page contains a lot of sporting success of which we can be proud.

Finally, may I express my best wishes for the season to all parents, students and the local community. I look forward to working with you all during 2010 and I thank you for your continued support.

**M Sandeman**



## Key Dates next term

### 2010

4 January	Term re-starts
18 January	Year 10 Parents' Evening
2 February	Year 11 Revision Evening
4 February	Intermediate Maths Challenge
11 February	Cucina Bistro Evening
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
15 March	Year 12 Parents' Evening
18 March	Cucina Bistro Evening
25 March	Presentation Evening
26 March	Spring term ends



## Goodbye and Good Luck from Mrs Webb in the Mathematics Department

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all students past and present, parents, staff and governors that I have had the privilege to work with.

Here is a parting maths problem for you, which is based on my favourite number 3 (please do NOT send answers on a postcard hoping for a prize!):

After  $3^3 + 3^{-1}$  years and over 3 decades of teaching it is with sadness that I leave the school. It has been a place where I have always been encouraged and welcomed to participate in every aspect of learning from Active Learning teams with the Chinese New Year to finding  $z^*$  in Further Mathematics A2. I will miss each and every one of you.

I hope that you all continue to be as inspired by learning as I am.



*Delivering Learning for Life within an Inspirational Culture*

# COLLEGE NEWS

## Arthur Mellows Bistro Experience

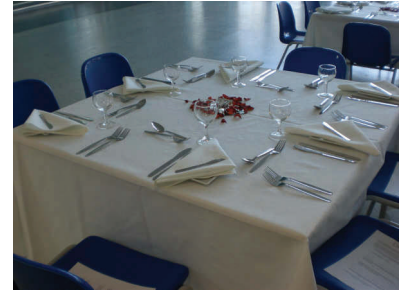
**Date for your diary: 11 February 2010**

This will be the night of the next Arthur Mellows Bistro Experience, an opportunity for you, your family and friends to gather together for a fun night out dining on high quality food. Whether you want to dine as a couple or book a larger table, we hope that you will want to join us in this venture.

Our previous Bistro Experience received positive feedback (the last menu, photos and reviews can be found through the Cucina link on the College website) and we hope to make them a regular feature of the College calendar over the coming years if they are well supported.

The students involved will devise a menu with Steve Collins (the Chef) in January which we will make available to the entire Arthur Mellows community. Only 40 seats will be available at each Bistro Experience, so if you want to attend, please respond quickly to ensure that your place is reserved.

**Mrs Nash**



## TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE DAY

Arthur Mellows was the host to the annual Technology Challenge Day with student teams from 4 of our feeder primary schools competing for the AMTEC trophy, a school prize of a full size skeleton and other prizes for individual students. The students worked in teams of 6 to complete challenges in Technology, Science, Maths and ICT with a final quiz at the end of the day. Well done to the overall winners of the day – Barnack Primary School.

**Mrs Watson**



## Attention all Year 7 Parents!

This year the Year 7 Parents' Evening will be split over two evenings. Form Groups GEL, EKA, KLE, GDA and MTU will be making appointments for **10 May 2010** and SWA, JPO, LMC and IDI will make appointments on **17 May 2010**.

**Mrs Deasy**

## Attention all Year 10 Parents!

Students will be out on work experience during Year 10 between 12 July 2010 and the end of term, 22 July 2010. Further details will follow next term regarding placements.

**Mrs Crick**

## Attention all Year 11 Parents!

The date of the Year 11 Parents' Evening has been brought forward. It will now take place on **Monday 22 February 2010**.

## Year 11 Revision Evening

There is a Revision Evening planned for **Tuesday 2 February 2010**. The evening will begin with a session on general revision tips and best practice, followed by the opportunity to visit specific subject areas to find out how best to revise for those subjects. This evening will offer both students and parents an invaluable opportunity to talk to teachers and ask questions which will, I hope, help them revise more effectively and make the best use of their time in preparing for the exams. Further information will follow in the new year.

**Mrs Gilligan and Mrs Warrington**

## Gifted and Talented English Visitor

On Tuesday 1 December, 46 Year 7 Gifted and Talented students were involved in a master class organised by the English department, with Bob Lister, a retired lecturer from Cambridge University. The focus for the day was exploring Classics, the language and heritage of Ancient Greece and how these ancient tales have influenced story telling across the centuries.

The students were introduced to the Ancient Greek language, the legendary story of Troy and links between modern and ancient story telling. Pupils were fascinated to learn about the origins of many well known stories and how our own language is influenced by other cultures.

The day was a huge success and it was wonderful for so many students to have the chance to broaden their horizons in English by exploring history, language and the art of telling stories.

**Mr Norris**



# COLLEGE NEWS

## Young Enterprise: Project 12



This year's Young Enterprise team consists of 20 members, collectively known as "Project 12". We have decided to focus on artistic products such as seasonal cards and canvases because we feel that this is a suitable market and hope it will be especially successful because it is something everyone can enjoy and put 100% effort into. We are aiming to take advantage of every member's skills in a way that contributes and serves real importance to the business. The aims and objectives of our company are to provide our customers with the highest standard of product and, in turn, receive their satisfaction.



Recently, Project 12 took part in the Peterborough Young Enterprise Week Challenge competition hosted at Perkins Engines, and we are proud to say that we were very successful as a business and were awarded first place. We are attributing this achievement to our teamwork and the full commitment we have been putting in since the business was set up in early October.



We are a somewhat large Young Enterprise company in comparison with most, but clearly this has not diminished our ability to achieve and we are considering the award as a challenge to the business to continue with what we are doing, and to improve our standards to the absolute limit.

Project 12 has attended several trade fairs in December. We were at Peterborough Christmas Trade Fair on 5 December in the Southern End of the Serpentine Shopping Centre from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm and Huntingdon Trade Fair on 12 December in Huntingdon Commemoration Hall from 10.00 am to 3.30 pm. The company has also established a link with Helpston Primary School, and the team attended their Christmas Fair in the afternoon of Friday 11 December. We will continue to attend trade fairs throughout the upcoming year in the hope of gaining experience and a greater understanding of our consumers, which will enable us to make our products more consumer orientated.

Alternatively, Order Forms are available complete with a brochure from the company. To obtain this, please contact our Sales Director, Megan Haynes, at [meganvictoria93@hotmail.com](mailto:meganvictoria93@hotmail.com).



We hope you will support us as well as you have Young Enterprise companies of previous years. You have been valued in the past and we appreciate your continued support of Young Enterprise at AMVC.

**Ruth Halliday**

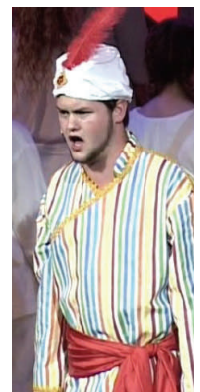
**Project 12 Marketing Department**

**Arabian Nights  
comes to  
The Key  
Theatre  
March 2010**

Rehearsals for our next whole school production, 'Arabian Nights', which will be performed at the Key Theatre on 4/5/6 March 2010, are now well under way with the cast busy learning lines and songs. There are certainly some challenges to be faced as we scratch our heads and wonder how to stage a whale, a giant bird and a genie!

To complement the performance students paid a visit to the Royal Shakespeare Company's performance of 'Arabian Nights' on 7 December 2009 for inspiration. Tickets for our show will be on sale from the Key Theatre in the New Year.

**Mr Wentworth**



# COLLEGE NEWS

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## Number Day

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ROBYN EWING** in Year 12 who managed to recite Pi to 41 decimal places to raise money for the NSPCC on Number Day recently. Sponsor money is still coming in so if you would like to donate, please see Mrs Flowers in M5.

$$\pi = 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288419716$$

As part of the Number Day celebrations, Peakirk cum Ginton Primary School's Year 6 class also enjoyed taking part in a special NSPCC Number Day Quizdom Quiz.

*Mrs Flowers*

## Maths TI Team Challenge

On 30 October 2009 Josh Lovell, Sarah Owen, Brett Bark, Holly Hutton and Adam Butterwick travelled to London for the final of the TI team challenge.

Following major delays with the trains, we finally made it on time to compete against Torquay Boys Grammar School and Ravenswood School. Mitch Guest and Kezia Burkett were key members of the team, helping to produce the winning formula for the presentation, but unfortunately couldn't make it on the day.



The team presented their project first, proving how their formula correctly predicted the outcome of the Tennis Tournament Wimbledon. Following the other 2 presentations, we watched a presentation from the CEO of Bloodhound SSC, who are currently preparing to try and beat the land speed record.

After lunch, we had independent team challenge questions to try and answer using TI software. The judges were impressed with our presentations and team work and we found out we had won about a week after the final. The school was awarded with 15 TI inspire calculators and other software and equipment, which totalled almost £2000 worth.

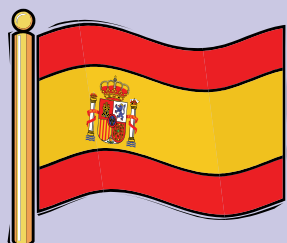


We are hoping to attend The British Congress of Mathematical Education in Manchester over Easter next year to share our findings. This conference enables anyone involved in mathematics or mathematics education to share their expertise. It is only held once every 4 years and is a fantastic opportunity for us to be able to not only attend this conference, but to show our work. If any of you are interested in seeing our presentation it is available to download at

<http://education.ti.com/educationportal/sites/UK/nonProductSingle/timathsteamchallenge.html>



# COLLEGE NEWS



## Off to Barcelona!

Students in the Sixth Form flew from Stansted Airport on Friday 9 October 2009 to Barcelona. The flight with Ryanair was their first opportunity of the trip to evaluate standards of customer service. Over the weekend the students visited a number of tourist attractions and studied the way different businesses operate in Europe to help them with their respective courses.



Saturday began with a visit to Parc Guell. Most appreciated the fantastic sculptures and fairy tale buildings, though some were far more interested in the variety of market stalls. For those with the most energy, there were spectacular views to be appreciated from the top of the hill!

A visit to the soaring steeples of Sagrada Familia was a must where students were again impressed by the work of the great Catalan Modernist Architect Antoni Gaudí, they were also quite pleased to discover the wide variety of fast food establishments. The afternoon took them to Torres Winery, where they had a tour of the facility to learn about how the business had been established and had expanded throughout Europe and the world. Later, there was time to relax at the hotel and explore the local café's in Lloret. Students were especially pleased to find an arcade where they took over the dodgem cars.

The Nou Camp Stadium was the first visit of the day on Sunday, and then it was off to Barceloneta to enjoy the glorious sunshine on the beach. The students made their way up the Ramblas to the impressive Plaça Catalunya in the heart of the City. Our final evening was a return to the Dodgem cars and Dream Café.



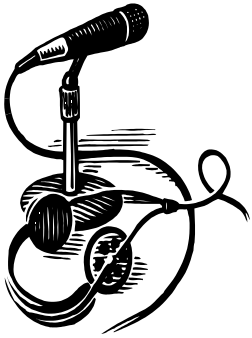
Stories about Columbus provided interest on Monday morning during a guided tour of the Gothic Quarter before they enjoyed a final meal of traditional Tapas together in a funky restaurant called MOKA. Then it was time to gather our bags and head home. Thanks to the energy and enthusiasm of Mr Pepper, there was still time for a few laughs on the journey home as he raised spirits while we waited for our delayed flight.



Overall, the trip was a great success and credit should be given in particular to the seven Year 13 Travel and Tourism students that organised it as part of their coursework. Well done to Matt, Jordan, Georgia, Alex, Andrew, Tom and Josh.

**Mrs Cruise**

# COLLEGE NEWS



## Year 7 take to the air

Arthur Mellows was the featured School of the Week of Rutland Radio in late November. Ten Year 7 students were interviewed for the popular morning slot, talking about a range of issues such as settling in, extra-curricular opportunities, gifted and talented work and the recent Mepal team-building work. We're happy to report that the students were all very positive about their early weeks at the College. Interestingly, the early morning feature on Rutland Radio is more widely listened to in Rutland, Stamford, Wittering and Barnack than either BBC Radio 1 or 2.

**Mr Zaidi**



## Cycling safety

You may have noticed recently that a member of staff and a member of the Governing Body, Alan Kirkpatrick, recently checked cycle safety before school. Every student wearing a helmet was entered into a prize draw. Congratulations to Kelda McKnight in Year 8 and who won the £20 voucher kindly donated by the Arthur Mellows Association and Mr Zaidi who won a box of chocolates for setting a good example.

**Mrs Missin**



## Adisa visits the English Department

As part of the English Faculty's Gifted and Talented provision, November saw Year 10 visited by a performance poet, Adisa. A mixture of stand-up comedian and Caribbean rapper, Adisa went down a storm. Sharing his own 'voice', Adisa painted a powerful tapestry of cultural identity, whether it was football, music, love or racial equality. Never pandering to the lowest common denominator in an attempt to be relevant or 'cool', Adisa nevertheless elevated himself to this lofty position by being himself and challenging stereotypes. Even the most hardened Year 10 boys found themselves the newest members of his fan club.

Later, during two workshops with selected students, Adisa encouraged students to explore their own 'voices' through poetry. Our guest was impressed by the imagination and enthusiasm of the students and by their ability to express their emotional understanding through extended imagery. By the end we had established that Adisa was "a harbour", visiting many places and carrying a precious cargo - voices, imagination and enlightenment.

**Mr Puddephatt**

## Health and Social Care News

On 30 November 2009 students from **Health and Social Care** welcomed Michael and Pat Moss to talk to them about blindness. Michael has been blind since his 30s, and introduced Denny his guide dog to the students.

During the Health and Social Care course students study all aspects of health needs and health care. We are also studying the diverse nature of our society, and recently had a visitor from the Sikh community to talk to us about her religion and cultural background.

We are always looking for new visitors, so if you work within the NHS and would be prepared to meet our students, please contact **Mrs Blackmore** at school.





# COLLEGE NEWS



## Normandy Trip

On 5 November, we set off for Portsmouth, spotting fireworks and even getting round the M25 without a single delay. We had a very official greeting on the ferry before settling down for the night. Actually, half a night would be more accurate as we were woken up at 4.30 am by a musical alarm that made everyone wonder who had turned their music player on.

Amazingly, we were at Pegasus Bridge before sunrise. Whilst some students hopped up and down to keep warm, others were involved in demonstrating the D-Day story, expertly told by Neil Matthews, a Nottingham History teacher who was our tour guide for the weekend. Pegasus Bridge was where it all began and it was the first of several amazing stories of bravery, good luck and imaginative thinking that made the D-Day landings possible. We were left in no doubt that the whole picture was made up of a myriad of individual stories including: the first gliders who crept up on the bridge; commandoes who raided occupied France; and the parachutist who landed in Normandy with his dog, Glen.

In amongst these stories, always told at the location where they took place, were visits to an array of museums. We began with a visit to the Pegasus Bridge cafe, where we were treated to a chat with the daughter of the first man to be liberated in France and then went on to the official museum, complete with the original Pegasus Bridge and replicas of the gliders used. We also managed to get to museums about the Airborne Divisions, the Merville Batteries and a 360° cinema taking us through some of the video footage of the landings as if we were there, behind the camera.

Putting oneself in the position of the advancing soldiers is a challenging task but it was made easier by being taken to various open-air sites in the area where key battles took place. We stood on Omaha Beach, now even more infamous due to its portrayal in the film: "Saving Private Ryan," and looked up at the steep slopes with no escape routes from the enemy gunfire. It was not difficult to imagine the carnage. We also stood at the top of a sheer 30-foot cliff scaled by American commandoes to knock out guns that had actually been moved a few days earlier.

On the last day we paid our respects to the fallen at Bayeux Cemetery. Over the weekend we also visited the only German cemetery in Normandy at La Cambe and the huge, immaculate American cemetery at Omaha Beach. Each person on the visit was given a poppy cross and decided where to place this. Some chose the cemeteries, others chose the beaches and headlands. It was heartening to see how much discussion took place regarding the best place to pay respect.

In fact, it was clear to all the teachers and our guide that the Year 11 students were full of curiosity, thought and enthusiasm about their experiences. Both Mr Matthews and the coach drivers commented on how much they enjoyed working with Arthur Mellows Village College and how this had been the case for over ten years. Yet again the Normandy trip was a great success and a truly memorable experience for staff and students alike.

**Paula Macauley 11BZI**



## Attention all aspiring film-makers!

Peterborough City Council has recently announced the categories for the 2010 Film Awards. Although our media students have a well-deserved reputation nationally for their excellent work, we have never entered the local film competition, so we intend to enter Year 10 BTEC Media students this year, as well as Year 12 A Level students.

However, if there are any talented film-makers in Years 7, 8 and 9, we would be delighted to receive more entries. You can enter work individually or as part of a group. The rules state that work must be your own with minimum teacher involvement.

The categories are as follows: Years 7 to 9 — an action or adventure film of no more than 5 minutes, with credits **or** a documentary about the environment; Years 10 to 11: A mystery or fantasy film **or** a documentary about the environment.

We can only enter a maximum of 20 films. There are prizes for the winners. More details can be found on [www.readwriteinspire.co.uk](http://www.readwriteinspire.co.uk) or see Mr Zaidi .

# PE NEWS

## Results of the Cross Country

Well done to all pupils who took part in the cross country, the top 14 will go forward to represent Peterborough in the County Championship in January 2010. Thank you to Janice Burke for organising the team and running the event on the day.

### Minor Girls Finish Position 3rd

7LMC	Aisling Ruff	12
7SWA	Claire Hayes-Bowlzer	13
7KLE	Alexandra Snodgrass	16
7IDI	Zoe Fisher	34
7MTU	Philippa Hynes	41
7KLE	Charlotte Martin	42
7GEL	Samantha Booth	43
7EKA	Joanna Newman	63
7SWA	Sophie Robinson	65
7JPO	Abigail Brookbanks	69
7GEL	Hannah Weald	75
7LMC	Daisy Scullion	82

### Junior Girls Finish Position 1st

8SBL	Katie Hutchinson	6
8CCT	Megan Parrett	7
8EJA	Megan Haines-Eynon	8
9CPE	Emma Watts	11
9LHU	Grace Clarke	23
8CCU	Poppy Wing	12
9NTU	Ellie Jaggard	24
9CPE	Lucy Moylan	46
8ABU	Kelda McKnight	50
9LMA	Ellen Worship	55
9MAR	Sophie Gwilliam	56

### Inter Girls Finish Position 2nd

10RWA	Charlie Wing	2
11BZA	Amy Haines-Eynon	7
11TMA	Jo Longland	12
10TBE	Charlotte Harris	16
10RWA	Clarissa Murphy	28

10PMC	Shauna Beck	31
10MSL	Sophie Whitton	32
11DWA	Simeone Compton	41
11MNO	Bethany Whyte	42
10KBR	Harriet Reed	43
11TMA	Emily Beales	44
11BZA	Hannah Dundas	54

### Minor Boys Finish Position 1st

7KLE	Ryan Hunter	2
7JPO	Dylan Moles	4
7EKA	Ashley Brumfield	12
7GDA	Damien Woolner (Rutterford)	14
7GDA	Matthew Lindley	15
7LMC	Declan Parberry	18
7MTU	Isaac Eze	19
7GDA	William Woodard	30
7KLE	Liam Manning	33
7SWA	Matthew McDonald	35
7JPO	Mark Walls	54
7KLE	Peter Stanton	55

### Junior Boys Finish Position 1st (36 points-Amazing Result)

9LHU	Daniel Richardson	2
9LHU	Grady Wing	3
9MAR	Matthew Carter	4
8CCU	Steven Dovey	8
9MAR	Jack Yule	9
8ABU	Myles Phillips	10
9MAR	George Atkins	16
8CPE	Alex Whyte	29
8ABU	Ashley Goodliffe	35

8ABU	Kieran Blanchard	48
9NTU	Jack Spires	53
8AUB	Sam Taylor	67

### Inter Boys Finish Position 2nd

10PMC	Gregg Dunn	7
10MNO	Sam Linford	10
10PCR	James Berry	11
10ASH	Luke Gasson	18
10ASH	Dustin Edwards	24
11DWA	Jordan Whitehead	25
11KBR	Connor Pilbeam	32
11BZA	Kieran Frederick	32
11TMA	Alex McNally	58
10MSL	Lewis Jackson	59
10KBR	Tom Holyoake	DNF

### Senior Runners

13ABA	Charlotte Hinch	1
12SAH	Henry Dunn	5
12SAH	Callum Ramsey	8



## Congratulations to the Under 16 Netball Team

for being the 'runners-up' in the County Finals, narrowly beaten 10-12 against Kings Ely. The team have qualified for the Regional tournament in February 2010 and we look forward to reporting to you on their achievement.

**Mrs Griggs**



## Basketball

Congratulations on the Year 11 basketball team who reached the Peterborough schools basketball final for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. After an exciting group stage, beating Thomas Deacon Academy, Jack Hunt and Orton Longueville convincingly, the boys were finally undone in the final game against Thomas Deacons, losing 21 – 16. The Year 9 Basketball team has also had some success reaching the final of the Peterborough Plate Trophy.

## Young Silver Ambassadors

The Peterborough Sports Partnership is promoting Young Ambassadors of Sport in the lead up to the 2012 London Olympics. Each school (secondary and primary) has chosen 2 leaders to take on this role within their own school. I am pleased to congratulate **Mitch Guest** and **Emma Hales** who have been selected to represent AMVC within the Peterborough area.

Emma and Mitch are completing their Community Sports Leaders Award and consequently are already involved in leading and coaching sport at AMVC. We are looking forward to developing their role further as they get involved in City-wide events and begin to further promote the Olympic ideals and values within Sport at AMVC.



## Primary Sport Festivals

We have also had two primary school sport festivals this term, which were a big success and saw many Arthur Mellows pupils help out through the junior and community sports leader award. Congratulations to Barnack Primary school who went on to win the sports hall Year 4 athletics championships.

### EDITORIAL TEAM:

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