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Message from the Head of College

This bumper edition brings us to the end of another successful year at Arthur Mellows. Once again, the students have done us proud and the activities you read about in this newsletter are testament to this. It always amazes me how students find the time to engage in all the extra-curricular activities and sporting competitions as well as leading such active lives in school.

The College goes from strength to strength in terms of student success and the fabulous learning environment. We look forward to celebrating with students in August when they collect their results. We are, of course, welcoming many of our Year 11 students back into the Sixth Form to continue with their A Level studies, however, we say goodbye to our Year 13 cohort who are going off to 'pastures new' in terms of university, training or the world of work.

This term we say goodbye to a few colleagues who are also moving on to 'pastures new': namely Mrs Deasy (following 21 years' service), Mr Wentworth (following 10 years' service), Mrs Phillby (after 18 years), Mr Norris, Mr Sludds, Miss Tuffin, Miss Stokes, Mrs Fuller and Mr Neaverson. A special goodbye and thank you also goes to Mrs Setchfield who has cleaned at the College for well in excess of 30 years and is now retiring. She will be sadly missed and this long service is to be congratulated.

May I take this opportunity to say thank you to parents for providing such a supportive partnership and I wish everyone a restful Summer holiday.

M Sandeman, Head of College

Key Dates next half term

Term resumes for Year 7 to Year 11	Wednesday 5 September 2012
Sixth Form return	Thursday 6 September 2012
Year 12 Information Evening	Monday 20 September 2012
Year 10 Work Experience Evening	Monday 17 September 2012
Training Day	Wednesday 3 October 2012
Prospective Parents' Evening	Wednesday 3 October 2012
Cucina Bistro Evening	Thursday 11 October 2012
Year 10 Information Evening	Monday 15 October 2012
Year 11 Parents' Evening	Monday 22 October 2012
Term Ends	Friday 26 October 2012



PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE ON STUDENT REPORTING PROCESS



Many thanks to all of you who took the time to complete this questionnaire. Your feedback has been most helpful and has been taken into consideration in reviewing the format of the report for next year.

Mrs S Reilly, Assistant Headteacher

HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL 2012

After a tough election process, we are very happy to introduce ourselves as your new Head Girl, Head Boy and Deputies. The selection process involved three parts. Firstly, a speech to our peers followed by a student vote. Secondly, an application form followed by a teacher vote. Finally, an interview with our Head of Year, Ms Reid, Mrs Duncliffe representing the Sixth Form team, Mr Sandeman and Mr McLaren, the Chair of Governors. During the interview, we had to present an idea that we would like to implement in the College as well as answer several questions about ourselves and our suitability for the role. After being told of our success, there was no time to celebrate as the work started immediately. First on our agenda was to create a Sixth Form Committee by interviewing peers from our year; this was a very difficult job but we feel we have chosen a brilliant team that will work well together. Ideas are already being suggested from everyone and we are confident that we have an exciting year ahead of us.

When we were given our roles, we were all given a main focus and specific areas to oversee. This is so that everything is organised and teams within the committee can communicate. The roles are as follows:

Head Boy, Ben Reynolds: Year 13 Last Day, Events Team and Social spaces

Head Girl, Charlie Wing: Year 13 Prom, Sports team, and Media team

Deputy Head Boy, David Piper: Year 13 Year book, overseeing the Media technician and Environmental and Ethics.

Deputy Head Girl, Amy Cancea: Year 13 Hoodies, Charities team and Admin.

We look forward to another successful year for the College.

By Ben Reynolds, Charlie Wing, David Piper and Amy Cancea



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COLLEGE NEWS

CHERNOBYL CHARITY DAY YEAR 9

This was our second year of fundraising for the FOCC charity and was a great success. Year 9 arranged a number of activities, including a Chocolate Tombola (9KLE), a cake sale, a giant lolly raffle (9MTU), Guess the Sweets in the Jar (9PMC) and a Bring and Buy stall. There were also a number of sponsored events including a fancy dress fun run and a football tournament between 9IDI and 9ASH. Unfortunately for 9ASH, 9IDI beat them 6-2. Well done to them and we look forward to their next match! The winner of the fun run was Tonicha Christen dressed as a scary clown.



The girls from 9SWA spent Thursday afternoon doing a sponsored car wash, which was hard work in 28 degree heat!

So far we have raised **£814.31** with sponsor money still coming in.

Our top ten met the children from Chernobyl on Thursday



5 July when they were invited in to make pizza and biscuits together for a picnic at lunchtime. We were pleased to see Sasha again, our sponsored child.

Students made the following comments '*...meeting the children was a wonderful experience and it was a pleasure to be chosen. You can tell that the children benefit from these experiences and that they really enjoy coming to England. The children were really enthusiastic and very polite.*' Abigail Ames, 9SWA

'...My experience with the children was amazing. I had a lot of fun helping them cook, and clean up. All the children looked happy which made me feel happy. I hope that we can do this again next year. Overall the day was great and I loved helping out.' Abbie Smart, 9SWA

'...I really enjoyed my day with the Chernobyl children. It was lovely to see them happy and bouncy. I loved cooking with them and giving them a tour of the school. I had a great time and I think they did too. I hope I will be able to hear from them. Thank you for the amazing experience.' Gemma Beales, 9SWA



Pictured: Shirlyn Gathoni, 9SWA

Thank you for all the wonderful cakes and chocolate which was donated by yourselves and the children towards this cause.

Mrs S Reilly, Assistant Headteacher



Arthur Mellows Family Festival
11:30am until 5:00pm

September 2012 at
Arthur Mellows Village College, Glington

Fundraising event for the World Challenge team, a fun day out for family and friends

Raffle - Family Games - Car Boot - Tombola - Stalls - LIVE MUSIC - REFRESHMENTS - Bouncy Castle

Car Boot when booked in advance - £4 or £5 on arrival.
Stalls must be booked in advance at £6 per pitch.

Please contact Emily at
emv@worldchallenge13@gmail.com or on 07807 426043

World Challenge

RESULTS DAYS SUMMER 2012

**GCE Thursday 16 AUGUST
9.00 am to 12.00 noon**

**GCSE Thursday 23 August
10.00 am to 12.00 noon**

If you are unable to collect your results, leave a stamped addressed envelope with Mrs Pickering, or give whoever it is collecting them on your behalf, a letter of authorisation to do. so.



WELCOME

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



Mr R Porter, Head of Drama
Mrs D Van Dongen, Teacher of Science
Miss K Clennett, Teacher of Drama
Mr K Gallick, Teacher of Maths
Miss H Ground, Teacher of MFL
Miss A Richardt, Teacher of MFL
Mr J Moffat, Teacher of PE
Miss C Tole, Teacher of Science
Miss J Gilbert, Teacher of English
Ms C Dales, LSA
Mr P Turtle, LSA

COLLEGE NEWS

EX - STUDENT GABRIELLA GRIGGS

Congratulations to former Arthur Mellows Village College student, Gabriella Griggs who has graduated from Selwyn College, Cambridge University, with a High 2.1 (top 12% in Law from the whole of Cambridge).

Well done Gabriella



CONGRATULATIONS

HANNAH WILLOUGHBY, 10SBL TO REPRESENT ENGLAND



Hannah has been Tenpin Bowling since she was 8 years old. 2 years ago Hannah was invited to the England Academy based at AMF Sheffield. The Academy is admired and envied around the world for its ability to train champions.

Hannah has worked and trained hard and her efforts have been rewarded as she has been selected to represent England at the 'World Sports Festival' being held in Vienna between Thursday 5 July 2012 and Sunday 8 July 2012. The College would like to Congratulate Hannah and wish her every success in the Festival. Well Done!



ROSS HEMMINGS, 8HMA

Ross Hemmings participates in both Show Jumping and Dressage. Ross recently earned himself a place at the final of the Trailblazer National Championships at Stoneleigh. Ross also qualified for the final at the Royal Windsor Horse Show, competing against over 50 other riders. One spectator was the Queen who was celebrating her Diamond Jubilee at the show.

Most recently Ross qualified as a young rider at the Lincoln Jump Cross competitions; Jump Cross provides riders with a true cross-country sport with knock-down fences. It combines the excitement of cross-country with the accuracy of show jumping. Not as intimidating as solid fences for horse or rider, yet commanding balance, skill and respect in order to jump them cleanly.

Ross took 6th place at the competition earning himself £50.00. During the show Ross was paired with pro-rider 'Angus Snales and together they finished 4th.

Ross owns 2 horses; Humbug who has been with him since he was 8 years old and Chrissie.

Arthur Mellows Village College Student, Matthew Smith, 11PHI selected as the 1st official at the Junior Football Cup Final earlier this year.

Matt, Year 11, is one of the youngest official FA qualified referees and since gaining his qualification he has been involved in refereeing the Cambs County School Cup Finals at Chestnut Avenue as well as the Junior Football Cup Final. Matt has really made a name for himself in the sport and has also been called upon to referee adult Football fixtures.



SKATING RUNS IN THE FAMILY!

Alex Whyte (11CPE) is a highly promising ice hockey player and has a trial for the Great Britain Under 18s team on 4 August 2012. If successful, we will play in the IIHF's World Championships in Estonia in March 2013. Not bad for someone who is still only 15.

He started playing ice hockey for the Peterborough Phantoms Under 10s when he was just 5 years old; during his time with the Junior Club his team have been National League Champions whilst he has also represented the South East of England at Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15 and he has just completed his first year as an Under 17. In addition to this Alex has also played for the England Under 14s (playing in Canada and Hungary), England Under 15s (playing France and Austria) and this year played for England Under 16s in Latvia. Last year, Alex was one of only 15 players to be selected as a Great Britain Under 18 Prospect Player. This has meant travelling to GB training sessions in Dumfries once every 6 weeks or so over a weekend for intensive on and off-ice training!

His sister, Bethany Whyte (13JPU) also ice skates, only she is a figure skater. She has skated since she was 6 and has competed throughout the country representing Peterborough in numerous competitions, always managing to place on the rostrum. She has successfully worked her way up through all the skating levels and is now a very creditable Level 9 in Field Moves (footwork) and Level 7 in Elements and Programme (jumps and routines), with the highest level you can achieve being Level 10.



In 2006 she travelled to Boston, Massachusetts where she competed in the World Recreational Figure Skating Championships and again made it onto the rostrum at her level.

As she successfully finishes her A Levels, and following very closely in the footsteps of Nicola Trippick (previous AMVC student now touring America with Disney on Ice, and spookily our old next door neighbour). Bethany has recently turned "professional" and in January this year she was selected to be one of the skaters to perform in the Opening Number in the Gala at the European Figure Skating Championships in Sheffield; during April and May this year she was contracted for a month as she toured the UK with "Magical Extravaganza on Ice", and at the end of July is jetting off on a year-long contract, skating in the "Russian Circus on Ice" show in Chile in South America!



COLLEGE NEWS

YEAR 7 CHOIR OF THE YEAR 2012



On Monday 9 July students in Year 7 took part in a singing event in which every Form Group became a Choir, led by their music teacher. The class selected a song, and over the last 6 weeks we have been rehearsing this song in order to compete against the other Form Groups in an informal competition. Students worked very hard, and all classes have achieved an excellent outcome. Our panel of judges made the following decisions. Best Choir: First place went to 7DLO, Second place to 7KBI and Third place to 7KBR. The award for the 'Best Dressed' form also went to 7KBR, who really took on lots of inspiration from an Olly Murs video. Congratulations also goes to 7BGA who won best vocal sound and 7DLO who won best harmonies. Well done!



Other awards...Britney Hodgkin, Romana Day, Soraia Araujo, Ellie Seston and Anthony Ingall were selected for their solo ability. Travis Balls, Jerry Norman, Emily Garratt, Megan Knight and Chloe Lane were selected as they demonstrated real commitment to performance. Special awards went to Audunn Olafsson, Sophie Griffin, Taylor Roberts-Mitchell, Kyla-Jade Anderson, Kian Meadows and Zoe Stott .



In each Form Group, 2 students were selected who excelled in the project. This was due to either effort or achievement. These students were: Megan Gooch, Ellie Seston, Sophie Griffin, Megan Goddard, Louis Green, Tony Ingall, Megan Knight, Zoe Stott, Britney Hodgkin, Taylor Roberts-Mitchell, Kyla-Jade Anderson, Soraia Araujo, Belle Hillier, Katie Heywood, Kian Meadows, Tre Walton-Peters, Olivia Allen and Elishia Diehm.



I would like to say well done to all students who participated in this event, as it takes real courage to stand up in front of your peer group and sing. I hope everyone had real fun during this project.

Mrs T Hammond, Music Department

Arthur Mellows Village College Summer Concert

On Tuesday 11 July we held our Summer Music evening at Arthur Mellows Village College. It was an evening of high standards and a wide range of musical styles. I have had so many lovely comments about the evening, and what I have found is that so many people found a different part of the evening stood out to them. Some said that their highlight was the amazing brass band.

Some said that it was the beautiful saxophone playing of Hester Baird and others said the Junior Band's rendition of "Rolling in the Deep".

During the concert very established groups, such as orchestra, performed excellently as well as very newly formed groups. '5ft' performed for the first time with real flair and were a great crowd pleaser, well done boys!

I am again impressed by the commitment of our students, and their willingness to give up their time in pursuit of excellence. Groups continue to grow and perform more complex pieces, pupils are motivated and continue to put together their own performances with only a little help, such as Jazz Band and Flute Duet.



It was a pleasure to open up our new department and allow parents, family and friends see the dramatic re-build. It is now a fresh and exciting place for pupils to come and practice at lunchtimes.

Mrs T Hammond, Music Department



COLLEGE NEWS

OUR DAY TRIP TO OXFORD UNIVERSITY

On Thursday 24 May 2012, we went to visit Exeter College in Oxford University. After leaving school at 8.30 am, we arrived for an introductory talk at 11.00 am. We were given a fun quiz explaining all the myths about University, along with a multiple choice fact file about Universities around the UK.



At 11.45 am, we were given the opportunity to have a question and answer session with 2 college students. It was great to have the chance to ask people who were actually experiencing University life about any queries we had.



Following this activity, we were taken on a tour of the College – luckily for us the weather was great! We got to have a look at the outside of the famous Oxford Library and we got to see all the gardens where the students could study for their courses. During the tour, we were allowed to ask the students about their experiences at the University and I found it particularly interesting learning about the amount of independence you gain as opposed to secondary school. Both the students said they much preferred the lifestyle on Campus and although they missed their families and friends back home, it is definitely a life experience everyone should have.

We then had lunch in the Exeter Canteen; we were given the option of a cooked meal (gammon, egg and chips) or a selection of sandwiches and yoghurt. After lunch, we all gathered on the courtyard to laugh at some of the students who were getting water thrown over them to symbolise the end of their exams. The students explained this was a tradition at the end of the school year.

Next, we moved on to have a lesson on the linguistics of Ancient Greece. In the hour session, we learnt the entire Greek alphabet, a selection of words and how to write and say our own names. It was really good fun learning the origin of some of the words that we use on a daily basis. This was thoroughly enjoyable and gave us an insight as to the courses that are available to study at University.



To end the day, we were given a task to get a certain variety of photos around Oxford; the group with the most original photos would win and get a prize. Our group decided to see how many pictures we could get with 'Men with Beards' – the answer, approximately 15. We must have asked every man with a beard for a photo and after explaining it was for a competition, the public seemed happy to help. After an hour or so of walking around Oxford in the heat, we returned to the College to attend the plenary for the day. We were given a booklet with some extra information regarding our future at Oxford, additionally we were given a website whereby we could look up courses we might be interested in.

Overall it was a fantastic day – definitely one I would be enthusiastic to attend again and I'm sure the rest of the group would agree.

By Daisy Malton – 9PMC. Photos provided by Harry Halfhide - 9IDI.

THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR IN THE DANCE DEPARTMENT IN 2012-2013

SEPTEMBER

Auditions for Dance Companies will take place

Students will be invited to take part in an audition to join the Dance companies at AMVC

OCTOBER

'So You Think You Can Dance'

A chance for you to impress us with your dance talent and enter 'So you think you can dance 2012'

DECEMBER

Dance Achievement Evening

An evening showcasing students' work

MAY

'Sweat the Technique 2013'

A variety of performances from the Dance Companies and GCSE and A Level Students

COLLEGE NEWS

A LEVEL HISTORY TRIP TO AUSCHWITZ



When we began our A Level History course, we were privileged enough to be offered to participate in 'Lessons for Auschwitz'. We were given 3 set dates; a seminar, a trip to Auschwitz itself, followed by a reflection seminar.

Auschwitz is one of the most notorious concentration camps in Europe during the World War II, where over 1.5 million people were persecuted and killed for their religions and their beliefs.

At the first seminar in London, we were lucky to meet a Holocaust survivor, Ziggy Shipman. Ziggy was such an inspirational figure; his story was by far the most moving encounter we have ever experienced. To hear of how so many people's lives were ruined, it was a really heart-rending experience. However, for us personally, Ziggy was an incredible role model and his story was first-hand evidence of perseverance through difficult times. He has lived in England ever since and made a living for himself, and his family.

On Thursday 15 March, a very early start to Stansted airport sent us to Krakow in Poland. There, we made our way to a pre-war Jewish Cemetery, where it really hit home that the Jews we learn about in History lessons are not just statistics; they had lives. Until viewing this cemetery, many on the trip, including ourselves, could not quite put into perspective how real this actually was and how real these people were.



We then made our way to Auschwitz I, where the first things we saw were the overwhelmingly large gates. 'Arbeit Macht Frei' – 'Work Sets You Free', something that is darkly ironic.

We saw rooms full of prisoners' belongings: pots, pans, suitcases, forks, photographs and typical everyday items. These made it so much more real for us in every possible way, and this so much further reinforced when

we visited a room where even photographs were not allowed for any other reason but respect. Behind a wall of glass, there was human hair. When entering Auschwitz, prisoners had their heads shaved. The hair was bagged up and disposed of. Alongside this: the shoes of babies. No words can describe how emotional this experience was.

A room full of photographs was our next location. We were left to our own devices to reflect on our day, and read the stories of each person placed on the wall.

After viewing Auschwitz I, we travelled to Auschwitz-Birkenau... and we thought the first one was big! Miles and miles of land, dotted with the remains of empty barns where the prisoners were forced to live.

At Birkenau, we visited the remains of gas chambers; we entered the barns where the wooden slabs used as beds were. Inside these buildings, it was freezing, and to imagine the temperature drops at night in the winter months with little clothing is beyond us. Later that day, we looked at memorial stones that were laid at the back of Birkenau. A Jewish Memorial Ceremony was ongoing at this time, and it was here that it again reinforced that these people were human like any one of us.



We then had our own ceremony, lead by Rabbi Barry Marcus. He gave a rousing speech, pulling at the heart strings of us all. Amber was asked to read a short poem alongside 5 others on the trip. It was an incredibly emotional ceremony which left us feeling both sorrow but also hope that something like this will never happen again. We lit a candle each and laid it on the railway tracks that every single person who ever entered Auschwitz travelled on. For them, it was the beginning of the end, and the candles were a small way of remembering them on our behalf.

The reflection seminar was emotional in many aspects. We reflected upon our experiences, and each person in our group shared their own personal feelings towards it; bringing us all collectively together. We are so grateful to have been given this opportunity by the LFA. It was an experience we shall never forget.

By Gail Odep, 12BCU and Amber Bridges, 12TBO

Cambridge University Maths Enrichment Trip

On Friday 6 July 2012, we took 15 enthusiastic Year 10 students on a Gifted and Talented enrichment trip to Cambridge University. The day was packed with puzzles, talks, challenging activities and an insight into how maths is used in the real world. The students involved were a credit to the school, fully engaging with the day and throwing themselves into every activity given to them. The highlight of the day had to be the talk by "Professor Risky" who gave us an entertaining insight into how we can extend our lives. Did you know, for example, that you can "extend" your life by an hour by doing 20 minutes of exercise a day? If you do a further 20 minutes you only extend your life by 20 minutes so you may live longer but you will have spent all that time exercising! Or that travelling 7000 miles by train has the same risk as travelling 6 miles by motorbike.

A huge thanks to all the students who came with us and made it a brilliant day

By Mrs S Flowers, Gifted and Talented Coordinator (Maths)



COLLEGE NEWS

YEAR 7 CARNIVAL FUNDRAISING FOR KISORO HOSPITAL

The Year 7 Carnival which took place on Friday 1 June 2012 raised £733.55 for the Kisoro hospital.

Dr Michael Baganizi wrote to the College and detailed how the fundraising is being used:

'...By large the biggest beneficiaries have remained the women diagnosed with cancer of the cervix who are able to travel to Kampala for Radiotherapy (there is only one unit in the entire country). They are provided with transport, upkeep whilst there and contribution to the Radiotherapy costs. The Charity was also able to assist three children: one child with a cardiac disease, has been recommended to go to India for surgery, he is now awaiting a possible sponsor. Another child with Cerebral Palsy has been sent for rehabilitation in Mbarara, she has been given devices for easing her life. The last one was a child born with multiple abnormalities. He was sent for urgent surgery but sadly lost his fight for life.

Dr Michael thanked the school children and families for their extraordinary compassion.

Mrs S Deasy, Year 7

MATHS CHALLENGE

On Monday 9 July 2012, 32 Year 7 and Year 8 Gifted and Talented students



battled it out in the annual AMVC Maths Challenge. We had 4 intense rounds of maths problems, puzzles and challenges. Each group had to show their mathematical skill and teamwork to become the champions of 2012. In the closest competition AMVC has ever seen, team Fibonacci were crowned the victors. Congratulations to Alex Carter, Danny Hookham, Andrew Mazalkou and Heather Teanby for beating team Fermat by just 2 points.

A huge thank you to all of the students who took part and to the Year 9 Gifted and Talented club and staff who helped supervise the teams.

Mrs S Flowers, Gifted and Talented Coordinator

BOOK REVIEW

Young Samurai: The Ring of Earth by Chris Bradford



This book has a dramatic start where Jack is assaulted by 3 Samurai warriors. After beating the trio, Jack is on the run again from the Samurai after being exiled by the emperor. Jack then gets lost in the Iga mountains which are a massive maze of ravines, mountains and forests. He is then trapped by a ninja boy called Hanzo and taken in by a ninja clan. Jack, however, is distrustful of the ninja as they killed his father and friend. Eventually, after seeing the villagers and the true nature of the people, Jack gets accepted into the clan. He is then sent on his first mission, espionage. After a successful mission the clan is attacked and the village is lost. The surviving villagers retreat deep into the Iga mountains.

This concludes the 4th book and the story continues in book 5: The Ring of Water.

By Ethan Cotterell 8JTU

Mobile Planetarium visits AMVC:



On Thursday, 5 July 2012, the Mobile Planetarium came to Arthur Mellows for a special visit. Mrs Flowers led the selected students throughout the day, leading them in and out of the grey dome. As soon as we entered the room we were greeted by a cheerful woman and a man, Mr and Mrs Morton. As soon as they said it was alright the students lined up and crawled inside the small tunnel that led to the dome.

Upon entry students were asked to sit down and Mr Morton began a presentation about space. We were led throughout the Universe to take in views of space that many of us will have never seen before. Planets floated past our heads, and moons seemed to sit right in front of us! We were then shown lots of facts of the planets and the Sun.

Then came the exciting part! The lights were dimmed and the projector was set up so the students could go stargazing. The stars lit up the dome, and Mr Morton instructed the students as to where to look. They were led through the stars and constellations, until time was up and they had to go back to lessons. The lights came back on and the students crawled back out the tunnel and went back to the classrooms. The Planetarium visit was an educational and amazing experience, and many of the students wished they could see it again.

By Marsilla Gray, 7SFL



COLLEGE NEWS

AMSTERDAM TRIP: 2 JUNE 2012 TO 6 JUNE 2012



On Saturday 2 June, a bunch of Year 10 students headed off to the Netherlands for an unforgettable Geography trip. The trip was very educational but was also extremely fun at the same time.

Day 1: We had to be at school for 1.30 am. The teachers were hoping for a coach load of tired students, but instead they had a coach load of extremely excited, slightly hyper students ready for an excellent 4 days in the Netherlands. As soon as we arrived in the Netherlands we drove to our first destination – 'Waterland Neeltje Jans' (The teachers had kindly bought every student a workbook to complete on the trip). Here, we completed our first lot of work all about soft defences and climate change. Also, we got to watch a sea-lion show, go on a water slide and walk around inside a whale. After this, we headed to the 'Hotel de Ossewa', which was the quaint hotel we were staying in for the trip.

Day 2: Amsterdam is extremely famous for its cheese and its clogs and so what better to do than to visit a cheese and clog factory? The factory was based on a traditional



family-run farm just south-west of Amsterdam. The farm had a very inviting atmosphere with a traditional charm about it. Kees-Jan told us how to make clogs, the traditional way,

on authentic antique machines, whilst his wife Katrina, told us all about how she makes the cheese in the traditional way. There was also a nostalgic gift shop where the walls are lined with various flavours and sizes of Gouda cheese along with beautiful wooden shoes. After everyone had bought their own pair of clogs and a big block of cheese, we headed off to the 'De Hoge Veluwe National Park'. The best way for us to see the 5400 hectares of beautiful landscape was on bikes and so we all hired a bike and set off for a very pleasant bike ride. Whilst at the National Park we filled in our workbooks all about Biosphere management. There was a Bowling alley only a 5 minute walk away from the Hotel and so in the evening we went and had 2 very fun games of bowling before heading back to the hotel to get some rest.

Day 3: In the morning we visited Aalsmeer Flower Auction because it is the largest flower auction in the world and so is a massive part of the Netherlands' economy. After visiting the flower auction, we headed into the city of Amsterdam. First, we completed our work all about Urban Change in Amsterdam as we walked around the East Harbour District before moving on to Java Island which used to be where all trade came in from ferries into Amsterdam before Rotterdam was built. After completing our work, we were allowed a few hours to go into the heart of Amsterdam in small groups to do some shopping. When we were all shopped out, we went on a lovely canal cruise along some of Amsterdam's most famous canals and so we got to see the traditional side of Amsterdam which was lovely.



Day 4: Our final full day in the Netherlands was all about globalisation. First, we visited the Euromast so that we could see the whole of Rotterdam from above – it was an amazing view. There were

multiple heights you could go up to and so the sights just got more and more impressive. Afterwards, we hopped on a boat tour around the port to develop an understanding of the operations of the port. In the afternoon we got to visit Duinrell waterpark. There were lots of slides to go on from vertical drops, to cyclones, to slides in the dark as well as a pool with a permanent wave machine (in which Mr Pepper continued to be a professional geography teacher and talk to us about how waves are formed).



Day 5: We spent the whole of day 5 travelling back to England. By this day, everyone was extremely worn out. All in all, this was a great trip where students learnt lots and had great fun whilst doing it. I would again just like to say a massive thank you to Mr Pepper for organising the trip and for making sure we all had an excellent time and to Miss Banks, Miss Lee and Mr Reid who made the trip very enjoyable!

By Beth Masters 10JPE





OLYMPICS 2012

It has become rare in recent weeks to turn on the TV without seeing a certain Louis Smith gyrating his toned body around a pommel horse to promote Lucozade and various other sports-related products. Turn on the radio and he's stealing the show on Chris Moyles' morning show on Radio One.



In case you did not know, we are mere weeks away from a certain huge sporting event in London. The Olympics, it's called. You may even have bought some tickets to see the Synchronised Swimming, or even purchased some overpriced merchandise. What you may not have realised is that Louis is a former AMVC student, and a successful one at that. What might surprise you is that Louis was not particularly successful when it came to sports, as he was already heavily committed to his gymnastics training by the time he joined us as a fresh-faced Year 7 student in 2000. As his English teacher at that point, I remember a bright and imaginative young man. A more vivid memory is the look on the faces of his PE teachers after his first lesson in the gymnasium. When I mentioned this to him one day on the playground, he modestly mentioned that he was "quite good" and that he hoped to make a career out of it, unless he chose to become a singer instead.

As his commitment to the pommel horse grew and he spent more and more time away at international events, it became clear that "quite good" was something of an understatement. In Year 10, I took over as his Form Tutor and English teacher, where it became apparent that great things lay ahead of him. His mum became a regular visitor to the school, determined to ensure that whatever his commitments outside the College, he would leave school with a decent set of GCSE results. With the travelling to Huntingdon every day, and all evenings and weekends eaten up by training, it is a great credit to Louis, his mum and his teachers that he achieved a good overall set of GCSE results, despite the fact that it was not unusual for him to fall asleep in lessons.... to read more please go to www.arthurmellows.peterborough.sch.uk



Mr B Zaidi, Media Teacher

AS Biology Natural History Museum visit

On Tuesday 12 June at 9.20 am we boarded a train to London, travelling to the Natural History Museum to view the recently opened 'Animal Inside Out' exhibit; adapted from the works of Gunther von Hagen. The trip took place shortly after completing our final AS Level examinations; in which we had studied evolution and how the mammalian body is able to adapt over time to suit its surroundings through natural selection for Biology. Therefore, we were all very keen to apply our anatomical knowledge to these real life exhibits; a somewhat rare opportunity.

The exhibit boasted around 90 plastinated animals and capillary specimens, from Giraffes to Gorillas, and from Octopuses to Ostriches, displaying the intricate insides and inner workings of some of the world's most amazing creatures.

Although the sight of such colossal animals, such as elephants and bulls, dissected and suspended before us evoked feelings of daunt, one found themselves enchanted by the sheer beauty of the creatures, and the almost magical manner by which their organs are pieced together to form a functioning organism.

After spending around an hour in the exhibit, we disbanded to have a look around the rest of the museum and grab a bite to eat. We explored many of the exhibits on show, such as the 'cocoon' which boasted the country's largest display of plant and insect specimens. After spending a good few hours touring the rest of the museum, we were forced to somewhat reluctantly peel ourselves away from the fantastic displays, and make our way to Kings Cross ready to catch the 4.40 pm train back to Peterborough Station.



Overall both student and teacher found the trip inspiring, thoroughly enjoyable, and of great academic benefit.

James Hughes, 12EDA

YEAR 12—SPORTS DAY WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE 2012

At Arthur Mellows, it is custom for the current Year 12s to be in charge of their own sports day, leaving all decision making and organisation for the day in the hands of a group of 16-17 year old students; a frightening thought in theory. However, this year the enthusiasm to organise this one day was overwhelming, with floods of keen students turning up to be a part of making it memorable.

With the relief of AS exams over, students were looking forward to dressing up according to their Form Group's assigned country.

Jamaica (12TBO) took it upon themselves to dreadlock their hair and dress in running gear, while India (12MSL) morphed into tigers for the day. Regardless of the drizzly start, the rain held off, allowing us to take full advantage of the hired inflatable gladiator podiums and sumo wrestling suits. The main body of the day was made up of events such as the classic 100m sprint, a couple's 3 legged race, an improvised obstacle course, hula hooping contest, tug of war and a relay.

The day kicked off with the hula hooping contest, getting everyone in the competitive spirit as chants were sang to support each Form Group's two representatives. One by one people began to drop out while a couple of people stood out for their ability to keep the hoop spinning for an impressive length of time. Eventually, Gail Odep stole the victory, claiming the title 'Hula Champion.'

It was during the 100m sprints that people's competitive spirits really shone through, with Libby Holman winning it for the girls and Chris Walls sealing victory for the boys, despite claims of cheating.



Following this was the 3 legged couples race involving 2 people from each Form Group. As the couple's lined up on the starting line, and coordinated which foot to step first with, Mr Steele bellowed 'GO!' and it was obvious straight away which couples would fail and which would prevail. It did not take long for some to fall over and break their tie or for others to simply give up and start squabbling in the middle of the track. Meanwhile, it was Toby Broughton and Sam Holt of 12TBO who shot off straight away, heading towards the finish line at lightening speed, sealing victory for Jamaica- watch out Usain Bolt!

The final event of the day was the big one the Form Group relay. The relay was made up of crawling, skipping, running and an egg and spoon leg, throughout which members of the Form Group and the Form Tutor had to participate. The commitment from Form Tutors was motivating for us students, and their competitive spirits also shone through. In the end, with much help from Mr Sludds, the tigers of India (12MSL) won the last event of sports day.

The highlight of the day has to be the various dances that erupted at one point, including the Cha Cha Slide, the Macarena and a Rizzle Kicks classic that saw Mrs Duncliffe joining in to "do the hump". After all the dancing it was a good job the Year 12 World Challenge crew were there offering refreshments to raise money for their expedition next year.

By the end of the day, the tigers of 12MSL had stolen the prize for best-dressed Form Group, while Japan (12SAH) were the overall winners of the day. Alongside such awards were more comical prizes given to individuals for their efforts throughout the day. For example, Charlie Wing claimed the title of worst girl, while Tom Hutton claimed worst boy. The year's sore losers were Luke Barber and Greg Dunn, while chief cheat was awarded to Harry Jackson, Ellie Moore and Becca Robertson.

Overall, the day was a success and Year 12 should be proud of being able to pull off organising such a fun-filled event that many will remember for years to come.

By Sophie Sear, Year 12





YEAR 8 COLLAPSED DAY TUESDAY 19 JUNE 2012 OLYMPIC DAY



A great day! Sunshine, only 2 injuries and, more importantly, fun and exciting activities. My 4 activities were in this order: Boccia, Archery, Climbing and Handball. All of these were packed full of fun, competition, teamwork and determination, some of the 7 Olympic values. My favourite event of all was Handball as it was a new event for me and I felt I picked it up fast and did quite well at it. I would like to do it again in the future, if I had the chance to. My most challenging event of the day was Archery as I was not very good at it but managed to beat my first score of 5 and improve it to 10.



The day started with an Olympic quiz at which my Form Group excelled and managed to finish first out of the whole of Year 8. The day made me excited; I am now looking forward to the Olympics in July a lot more. It also gave me a better idea of some of the less heard of events. The winner of the whole day was unsurprisingly CCR (my brother's sporty Form Group). All in all, it was a great day and one I will remember in the future.

By Matthew Richardson, 8JTU

On Tuesday 19 June 2012, Year 8 had an extremely fun and exciting Olympics day. We did a variety of unusual Olympic sports (Climbing, Fencing, Tae-kwon do, New Age Curling, Boccia, Handball, and Archery.) Half the Form Groups did some of the sports and the others did the rest. We were really lucky and had brilliant sunshine and, amazingly, no rain. The day went really smoothly and the instructors were really funny and helpful.



My favourite event was fencing as it was amusing watching your friends walking towards you with a plastic sword and mask (which happened to look a bit like a gas mask). My Form Group (8CCR) continued our sport winning streak and was awarded best Form. Meanwhile 8JTU proved their smartness once again by winning the quiz. The most challenging event for me was climbing as I am terrible at it. However despite this and a spinning foothold on the climbing wall, I still just about made it to the top. Overall it was an

amazing experience and the best Collapsed Day I have done so far.

By Callum Richardson, 8CCR



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Cambridge and Peterborough School Games Competition

On Tuesday 10 July, Arthur Mellows Year 7 Girls Netball team travelled to Huntingdon to take part in the Cambridge and Peterborough School Games Competition. The girls performed well and came 3rd in Cambridgeshire. Congratulations to:

Jadeane Christian, Imogen Woodard,
Serena Korkmaz, Holly Crowther,
Holly Alexander, Bethan Gilligan,
Sophia Potesta-Elliott, Jessica Snape
and Megan Porter.



Ms L McPartlin, PE Department

PE NEWS



SOKE ATHLETICS **THURSDAY 5 JULY 2012**

On Thursday 5 July 2012, 400 primary school students were invited to take part in the Soke Athletics at Arthur Mellows Village College. Twelve primary schools from the surrounding area sent their top athletes from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to take part.

The morning consisted of track and field events, including throwing vortex, standing broad jump, sprints, skipping races, obstacle races, 400m and relay races.

To celebrate the 2012 London Olympic Games an Olympic torch procession began the event. Our Silver Sports Ambassador from AMVC (Jake Gardiner), as well as Bronze Sports Ambassadors from all the primary schools were chosen to be part of the opening and closing ceremony. Each primary school had chosen a country to represent the Ambassadors and those placed 1st, 2nd and in 3rd their races paraded with their flag at the closing ceremony.



Junior and Community Sports Leaders from AMVC aided the smooth running of the morning. They assisted in organising the events, the competitors, the equipment, judges and scorers.

The Sports Leaders were a credit to themselves and the school, working tirelessly for 3 hours. They led the students in warm-ups, encouraged them and ensured they made their events on time. Well done to all involved, it was a fantastic morning; inspiring the Olympic Athletes of the future.

The event was organised by Debbie Wilding (SSCO). Thanks to Jan Cunliffe from John Clare Primary School, Will Hussey from Northborough, Nick Gray from KSCC and Janice Burke who is the most competent final place judge I know. Also thanks to St Johns Ambulance who attended on the morning.

Overall Results

- 3rd Eye Primary
- 2nd Northborough Primary
- 1st Peakirk cum Glinton



By Mrs D Wilding, AMVC Schools Sports Coordinator

SCHOOL GAMES FINAL

On Tuesday 10 July 2012 at St Ives, Pidley, over 30 Schools from 4 different districts took part in the Level 3 Golf final. The Arthur Mellows boys team played outstanding Golf to earn themselves the Gold Medal.

The winning team was:

- Nicky Cooper, 10EJA
- Rhys Evans, 9LED
- Ben Templeman, 9LMC
- Kaige Cowing, 9IDI
- Sam Sheffield, 8JTU
- William Shreeve-Peacock, 8GDR

Congratulations!

Mr N Steele, PE Department



CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Tim Halliday, Year 11 who was part of the winning Peterborough Rowing team on Tuesday 10 July at the City Sports.

SMART MOVES

Smart Moves is a great Sports Club that Mrs Wilding and Mr Low run, for some Year 7's, every Tuesday after school. It is held to get children more interested in sport, and I think that is a very good idea to encourage them and to help them to participate more.

So far, we have done an amazing variety of activities including; kwik cricket, tri golf, rounders, tennis, swimming; we were even lucky enough to go to Tallington Lakes and try tobogganing.

I really enjoy going to Smart Moves because we have a lot of fun, but we learn a lot as well. I think it is a very good idea to hold this club and that Mrs Wilding and Mr Low make every week just as exciting as the next!

By Belle Hillier, 7LBE