



THE VOICE of Arthur Mellows Village College



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Message from the Head of College

Welcome to the first edition of The Voice of the new academic year. I am pleased to report that all new students have settled in well to their schooling at Arthur Mellows and are already working extremely hard both in lessons and in extra-curricular activities. I would also like to welcome new teaching staff to the College this term as follows: Miss Bailey and Mrs Dickson (Mathematics), Mr Cooper, Mr Baker, Miss Clark and Miss Black (Science), Mrs Street, Mr Christie and Mr Cook (Business and Economics), Miss Francis, Miss Kettering and Mrs Hardy (Humanities), Miss Kolijn (English/Drama) and Mr Merry (Psychology)

A key event this half term has been our Open Evening for our Year 7 intake of September 2015. I would like to formally congratulate and thank the students in the picture below for their participation on stage. They confidently and articulately spoke to two full audiences about their experiences at Arthur Mellows and were a great credit to the College. Our Year 7 students had only been in the College for a mere 21 days at the time and they were outstanding in their delivery.

You will see later in this newsletter that the College had outstanding examination results in the Summer. Most notably, 79.4% of Year 11 students achieved 5 or more A* to C grades including the important Maths and English qualifications. This is to be commended; these record breaking results are something to be very proud of and reflect all the hard work invested last year. A lot of these students have stayed with the College into the Sixth Form to continue their A Level studies.

I would like to end by thanking parents for their support and wishing everyone an enjoyable half term break.

M Sandeman, Head of College



Key Dates next half term

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| Term resumes | Monday 3 November 2014 |
| Duke of Edinburgh Launch Evening | Monday 3 November 2014 |
| Flu Vaccinations Years 7 and 8 | Wednesday 5, 6, 11 and 12 November 2014 |
| AMTEC Day | Wednesday 12 November 2014 |
| Sixth Form Open Evening | Wednesday 12 November 2014 |
| Normandy Trip | Thursday 20 November 2014 to Sunday 23 November 2014 |
| Year 13 Parents' Evening | Monday 24 November 2014 |
| Glington Residents Christmas Dinner | Thursday 11 December 2014 |
| Year 11 Collapsed Day - Health | Friday 12 December 2014 |
| Christmas Concert | Tuesday 16 December 2014 |
| Term Ends | Friday 19 December 2014 |



CYCLISTS

The College has received several serious complaints from local residents of Glington regarding the dangerous manner that students, predominantly cyclists, travel through the village to and from school.

I would ask that if your son / daughter cycles to school, could you please remind them of the need to always cycle safely, with due care and attention to other pedestrians and road users. Complaints that have been received are of students knocking primary school children over, riding three or four abreast on the highway, cycling with their hands off the handle bars and cutting across parked cars in a dangerous way. Whilst I appreciate that this may be a minority of students, I would ask if you could raise this with your son / daughter to reinforce the message of safe behaviour both for themselves and others.

Your support in this would be very much appreciated. Students are ambassadors for the College whilst they are in uniform and we must work hard to retain the goodwill and reputation of the local community.

Many thanks

M SANDEMAN



PARKING AND HIGHWAY RESTRICTIONS

To help prevent accidents between motorists and children could we politely ask all parents to park considerately and safely. Please remember that parking is **NOT ALLOWED** on the yellow zig zag areas marked 'SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR', when dropping off and collecting students from school. Please also remember to avoid parking on the pavement, so that access for pedestrians and pushchairs does not become an issue.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

M SANDEMAN



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COLLEGE NEWS

IN THE EVENT OF SEVERE WEATHER

* Please check our website in the first instance where College closure information will be posted to our homepage, if possible by 7.35 am. www.arthurmellows.org

* Listen to one of the following radio stations:

♪ Heart FM

♪ BBC Radio Cambridgeshire

♪ Connect FM (formerly Lite FM)

* The College will also communicate school closure via electronic mail.

Please note: Decisions on school transport and the buses are not made by the College. Please contact the provider directly if there are any queries.



INVIGILATORS

We are currently recruiting for part time Exam Invigilators to join our team. Computer experience would be an advantage. For more information please contact Jacky Pickering or Judith Jackson in the Examinations Office.

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.



THIS ITEM BELONGS TO

Please remember to label all students' property, including shoes, trainers, school bags, pencil cases etc...

We have lots of missing bags/PE kits which we would like to return to the rightful owners but are unable to do so, as they are not labelled.

Thank you

CUCINA BISTRO EXPERIENCE 2014/15

The Dates for the next Cucina Bistro Experience are:

- © Thursday 20 November 2014
- © Thursday 23 April 2015
- © Thursday 25 June 2015

If you are interested in attending any of the Cucina Evenings, or wish to be added to our mailing list, please email lattfield@arthurmellows.org



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

You are entitled to free school meals for your children if you receive:

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, an annual income **below £16,190** and **no Working Tax Credit**.
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Please note: If you, or your partner, receive any working tax credit you will not be entitled to free school meals. This condition has been set by the Government and is outlined in the Education Act 2002.

The application form must be completed by the person who receives the qualifying benefit which can be requested from the Finance Department.

If your child is entitled to free school meals but you are reluctant to take advantage of this entitlement, talk to us about your concerns. We will try to put your mind at rest. If you still decide not to take the free school meals we still encourage you to apply. You don't have to accept the free school meals but you will show on our records as being entitled. The more children who are shown as being entitled to free school meals, the more funding the school will receive. This ultimately benefits your children.

HALLOWEEN

Please remember that Halloween should be an enjoyable occasion for all, however, unwanted door knocking from 'trick or treaters' can cause unnecessary angst to some of our more vulnerable residents.

Please remember:

- * Not everyone wants to take part. Please only visit neighbours and people that you know will make you welcome
- * If you see a 'no trick or treat' sign please respect it
- * If you have made an effort to dress up make sure everyone can see you - stay in well-lit areas, use reflective strips and carry torches
- * Mark sure your Halloween pranks do not cause offence or worse, break the law
- * If anyone sees behaviour that they think is unacceptable it should be reported to police on 101
- * Enjoy Halloween and stay safe.

Happy Halloween!



COLLEGE NEWS

ARTIST OF THE MONTH - TOM FAUNT-O'GRADY - YEAR 9



UK Maths Challenge Success

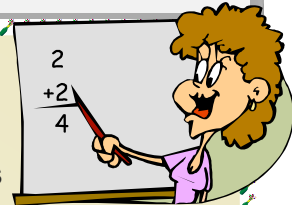
As a result of my achievement in the UKMT Maths Challenge, earlier in the year, I was invited to attend their highly regarded Maths Summer School, in Oxford.

During the week, I attended lectures and activities based around various different aspects of maths, which not only furthered my understanding of the concepts I had already learnt at school, but taught me new and unfamiliar areas of maths. The lectures took a variety of different formats. There was group work, individual work and some parts in which you were just talked at for the whole of a session. The lectures all seemed to start at a level that we would be able to understand, but very quickly escalated into the university level of mathematics. For example, the lectures we had on topics like combinatorics, started off simply so we could understand the concept, then became something which we were able to follow, but wouldn't be able to do ourselves. This meant that everyone was able to understand a lower level of the more complicated areas, and at least get a taste of the higher level.

The week however, was not just full of maths; the people attending were all really friendly and made the social side of the evenings incredibly enjoyable. We had numerous evening activities, such as a pub quiz in which the answers were all horrible puns of mathematical vocabulary, and a boat trip down the Thames, playing cards and other games in smaller groups.

For me, the whole week was an eye opening experience that introduced me to the many applications of maths. It also made me more aware of the usefulness and complexity of maths that is taught at higher levels of education. It was also a great place to meet other students from across the country with a similar passion in maths.

By Dylan Dhokia, 12KCL



RECOGNITION FOR LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

Congratulations to Sue Howell, LSA. Sue, who was nominated by a member of staff for her sterling work supporting a student with a visual impairment, has now been awarded the Peterborough Telegraph Special Needs Support award.

Sue has supported the same student since Year 7 and is the student's 1:1 key worker, present in all of their lessons, ensuring that all resources are available and adapted to meet their VI requirements. Sue will continue to support this student throughout Year 10 with GCSE work.

Sue has been with the College since 2004, as a Learning Support Assistant. The College would like to congratulate Sue on this achievement; her work is invaluable within the SEN Department.



LIFE SAVING ACTIONS BY ARTHUR MELLOWS STUDENT

Well done to Tariq Chahboun, Year 8, and his sister. Whilst playing with friends at the Lido, Tariq and his sister helped pull out a young boy floating underneath them in the pool.

The 2 children alerted a nearby lifeguard and first aid was administered. Tariq said: "I was swimming with my own friends and my sister. We both noticed a boy with his entire head under water and floating below us. My sister called the life-guard and I pulled him out of the water on to the ledge".

The toddler was reunited with his parents, who had lost him whilst he was playing in the play area; the toddler was soon jumping around and playing again. Well done to Tariq for his diligence.

(extract taken from article in the Peterborough Telegraph)

COLLEGE NEWS



Congratulations

to Ellie Simpson and Connor Vintiner, Year 13 students, who successfully gained places on a prestigious science work experience scheme. Nuffield Research Placements provide over 1,000 students each year with the opportunity to work alongside professional scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians. The application process for Summer 2015 placements begins on Wednesday, 22 October 2014. Applications must be made through the website at www.nuffieldfoundation.org/nuffield-research-placements. See Mrs Benton for more information.

By Mrs Benton, Teacher of Science

“Over the Summer holiday I was fortunate enough to take part in a Nuffield Research Placement which meant I was able to plan and put into action my own project in a given subject area, conservation of the Great Crested Newt. I chose to investigate how economic development affects the genetic diversity of this highly endangered species. During my placement I managed to gain valuable experience of ecology techniques and genetic analysis to apply to

both my A2 Biology studies, and my future university course in Environmental Sciences. I honestly think this was an incredible opportunity, and I am so glad I took it while I had the chance.”

By Ellie Simpson, 13SCO

“I completed a research project for the Nuffield Foundation at the University of Cambridge genetics department, with Professor Alfonso Martinez-Arias and his team, receiving the Gold CREST Award from the British Science Association. The project will be presented at the STEM Conference award event at Anglia Ruskin University in October. Over the course of the work experience, I was shown how cell cultures were grown and monitored, and how cell tracking works. After the placement was finished, I made plans to return and continue the work experience. I would recommend this program to any budding scientists to get their foot in the door as, not only does this look great on CV's and Personal Statements, you get to meet a lot of people already doing the career you aspire to do and, if you enjoy science, you have loads of fun while furthering your future options.”

Connor Vintiner, 13SAH

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An Academy School

Sixth Form Open Evening
Wednesday 12 November 2014 at 6.30 pm
Presentation by the Head of College and Head of Sixth Form and an opportunity to speak with subject staff regarding A Level choices and Applied / Vocational qualifications

View our excellent facilities and talk with our current Sixth Form students

We welcome you to be part of our high performing school

A Level Results (Summer 2014) 54% pass rate – A*-B

“Arthur Mellows is an outstanding school”
(Ofsted judgement November 2009)
www.arthurmellows.org

Arthur Mellows Village College

School Uniform

6th November 2014
4pm to 6.30pm
beside the school reception

Great quality school uniform (particularly years 7,8,9) at fantastic prices!

Raising funds to support our school!
www.facebook.com/yourPTA

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S STUDIES

To help support your children with their learning at home, the College has produced 'Subject Guides'; the guides contain information about each of the subjects, along with how students will be assessed. There is also information on recommend reading. The guides are located in the following area of the College website:

<http://www.arthurmellows.peterborough.sch.uk/page/?title=Parent+Support+Information&pid=101>

LATE BUS SERVICE ON TUESDAY

If students wish to use the late school bus service on Tuesday evenings, they must sign in at Student Reception each week, before break time, on the Tuesday they wish to use the service. Please note that the buses leave the College promptly at 4.30 pm.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday, 26 September 2014, staff and students took part in the Macmillan Coffee Morning and raised **£259.80** for the Macmillan Cancer Charity.

Well done everyone. **By Mrs Warrington, Head of Year 10**

SIXTH FORM NEWS



Pictured: Sixth Form Leadership Team (from front to back): Mrs Griggs, Acting Head of Sixth Form, Ms Kavanagh, Assistant Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Duncliffe, Pastoral Sixth Form Support and Mrs Trawford, Assistant Head of Sixth Form.



Congratulations to our Sixth Form students who raised £310.85 on Jeans for Genes day.

RECORD BREAKING ACHIEVEMENTS

This year's results saw record breaking achievement in the Sixth Form. Our overall A2 results broke all records with a 99.5% pass rate for A*-E grades. 54% of students achieved A*-B and 83% achieved A*-C. These outstanding results were the result of hard work and determination across both the student and teaching body. Well done.



The success of A2 results was echoed a week later with the GCSE achievement of our current Year 12 cohort, continuing the trend for record breaking success with 79.4% of students gaining 5 A*-C grades including Maths and English.



Standards have been set very high for achievement across the Sixth Form this year and we have no doubt that all students will excel themselves and continue the record

breaking success seen in recent years.

KEY DATES AND MESSAGES FROM THE SIXTH FORM TEAM

Half term Monday 27 to Friday 31 October

Year 12: Please ensure that all Year 12 students are signed up for their Leadership by October half term - students need to get forms signed by the person supervising your leadership

Year 13: Personal Statements are due by the end of term for Form Tutors to check and proof read

Year 13: Any university visits must be agreed by the students tutor or a member of the Sixth Form team

SIXTH FORM CLUBS

Maths: A Level Drop-in sessions in M8 on Thursday lunchtimes. See Miss Marshall for more details.

Dance: Daily clubs; looking for volunteers and people to get involved. See Miss Bugby for more details.

Drama: Sixth Form Drama Society will be held on Monday and Friday lunchtimes in P1. Revision sessions will also run on a Thursday lunchtime. The studio is available Monday to Thursday after school. Please see Miss Clennett for more details.

Art: After school Art club runs on Tuesdays. See Miss Carroll for more details.

English Language: Lunch and after school coursework and exam support. See Miss Kavanagh for more details.



HALLOWEEN SOCIAL

Tuesday 28 October, Peterborough Rugby Club, 7.00 pm to midnight Tickets cost £6.00 advance £7.00 on the door. Tickets can be purchased from the social reps. There will be a prize for best fancy dress



COLLEGE NEWS

WORK EXPERIENCE

All students in Year 10 are taken off timetable for the last 2 weeks of the Summer Term to attend a work experience placement with a local employer.



**The dates are:
Monday 6 July 2015 to Friday 17 July 2015.**



By now every student will have been issued their unique PIN Number which allows them to access the current work experience database. All students will be taken through the system in a Life Skills lesson, however, the system can be accessed anywhere with internet access by logging on to:

<https://pss.learnaboutwork.net> using their PIN Number.

Students can search the database using company names, vocational areas and/or geographical areas. They are asked to choose 6 different jobs, all of which they would be happy to go to. The system will automatically 'lock down' on Wednesday 5 November 2014. Students will receive their printed forms from Mrs Crick or their Form Tutor by Friday 7 November 2014 to bring home for parent/carer signatures.



Completed forms must be with Mrs Crick by Friday 21 November 2014 at the latest. If students wish to find their own placement, or wish to go to RAF Wittering, students can collect the appropriate paperwork from Mrs Crick, but be aware these forms also have to be back by Friday 21 November 2014.

Once a placement has been secured, students will be given a Job Description and Risk Assessment of the tasks via their Form Tutor. All students will be required to contact their employer to arrange and attend an informal interview.



All relevant information is on the AMVC website. If you require further information please call Mrs Crick on 01733 254086.

By Mrs Dawson, Careers Advisor

AMVC CAREERS FAIR



Our annual Careers Fair took place on Thursday, 9 October 2014. Eighteen local employers and training providers attended to offer advice and guidance to all students in Years 10, 11 and 12. As usual the evening

was a great success. The feedback from The Peterborough Skills Service and employers was very encouraging:

- * "Students were very polite and asked sensible questions",
- * "Thank you for inviting us, the students were charming. Please contact us again if we can be of further help".



If students and, or parent/carers, would like to speak to the AMVC Careers Advisor, please see Mrs Dawson in school, or call 01733 252235 ext 305.

By Mrs Dawson, Careers Advisor



'PREP FOR EMPLOYMENT'

The 'Prep for Employment' programme was a great success last year with several students securing places on trainee schemes or apprenticeships with well-known local employers. Following an impressive mock interview with Kier Construction in school, Andrew Jeyes went on to apply to Kier, and is now working as a trainee Quantity Surveyor. Shannon Dale talked in depth to the Marketing experts who attended the 'Meet the Professional' lunch which helped her in gaining a Marketing Apprenticeship with Cura CT. Emily Sibthorpe worked really hard with the Recruitment Consultants from The One Group, who delivered a workshop with students on CV writing; she has just started a Level 5 Childcare Management Apprenticeship. These are just a few examples!

Preparation for Employment has just been launched

to Year 13 students where they participated in a day of workshops on professional skills, delivered by experts on topics such as 'Your Personal Brand' and 'Authentic Leadership'. In our weekly sessions students will also be working on CV writing and interview Skills.

At this point in the academic year, most students are still undecided about the sector in which they would like to work, so we are trying to make contact with as many employment sectors as possible. If you would like to help with 'Preparation for Employment', or come in to talk about your career or organisation, you would be most welcome. It is a great opportunity to meet and interact with our lovely Sixth Form students. Please contact me at the college if you are interested.

Mrs Trawford, Assistant Head of Sixth Form



SPORTS NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS



Programme. Aidan is delighted that his hard work has paid off and he has been given this amazing opportunity to further develop his rugby skills with a premiership rugby club, such as Northampton Saints. Aidan will continue to play rugby at Arthur Mellows and Peterborough RUFC, but will train and receive first class coaching direct from the Saints coaching team.



Well done to Aidan Tipton, 9ARI. Aidan took part in a tri-counties Rugby tournament, on Sunday 19 October 2014, representing Cambridgeshire, playing against Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire. The tournament was also a Northampton Saints trial.

Aidan played exceptionally well and as a result, was one of 3 boys selected to join the Northampton Saints Developing Players



Northampton Saints are one of the largest, and most successful, rugby clubs in the country, finishing second in the English Premiership last season.

We wish Aidan all the best with his Rugby career.



ARTHUR MELLOWS FOOTBALL SUCCESS

YEAR 7

The Year 7 Football team made it through to the 2nd round of the English Schools Cup, with an excellent 4-3 win over Deeping. Star performer, on the night, was Jess Camwell who came off of the bench to score the 2 winning goals.

YEAR 10

The Year 10 Football team have had a great start to the season, winning their 1st round of the English Schools Cup 4-3 against Deeping, and coming back, from 4-1 down at half time, to eventually beat St John Fisher 5-4 in the Peterborough Cup. Man of the Match against Deeping was given to Roman Patterson, whilst Jack Eldridge was given Man of the Match, against St John Fisher.

Mr Low, Acting Head of PE



YEAR 6 PRIMARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Three hundred Year 6 students were welcomed to Arthur Mellows on Friday 10 October 2014, to take part in the Primary Schools Basketball competition.

Community Sports Leaders from Year 12 were instrumental in the success of this day. They planned and ran sessions for up to 12 students each which included a warm up, skills practices and a conditioned game, before organising the schools into matches to compete against teams from other schools. We ran 3 different sessions throughout the day.

The weather was very kind to us and the sun shone. The primary students had a great time. Here was some of their comments:



- * 'Awesome', 'I learnt so much',
- * 'Charlie was such a great coach - the games were fun'

Next week we welcome Years 4, 5 and 6 for a Hockey competition on the College Astro. This will be led by our school Hockey players from Years 10 through to Year 13.

Mrs Wilding, PE department



SPORTS NEWS

NETBALL



SENIOR GIRLS

The Senior team have taken the Peterborough Schools Netball Tournament by storm, having dominated the tournament and winning their first game.

There was a lot of interest from 21 of the Sixth Form at the start of the year which allowed us to enter 2 teams into the tournament. Georgia Walsham captained the winning team to an excellent standard of play,

| Date | Opposition | Venue | Score |
|----------------------|------------|-------|-----------|
| Tuesday 16 September | Tournament | AMVC | Winners |
| Thursday 9 October | OBA | AMVC | Won 15-10 |

supported by Meg Dugdale, Poppy Wing, Sophie Pike, Beth Smith, Jojo Newman, Holly Simkins and Claire Hayes-Bowizer. Unfortunately, we struggled to pull a team together for the match against OBA but still managed to win with just 4 seniors, Meg Dugdale, Beth Smith, Jojo Newman and Holly Simkins. Luckily we had some fantastic support from Holly Crowther (Year 10), Lauren Purnell and Martha Young (Year 11), with some fantastic movement and shooting from Meg to get the win, support from Holly and excellent defending from Beth and Jojo.

| Date | Opposition | Venue | Score |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|
| Tuesday 16 September | Tournament | AMVC | 5 th |
| Tuesday 23 September | Jack Hunt | AMVC | Won 7-6 |
| Tuesday 30 September | Sir John Fisher | AMVC | Won 10-2 |
| Thursday 9 October | OBA | AMVC | Won 12-8 |
| Tuesday 14 October | Hampton | AMVC | Lost 7-13 |

YEAR 11 GIRLS

It has been a great start to the Netball season for the Year 11 girls. They had a great tournament and have won the first 3 league games. We have had some fantastic developments from last year, and more enthusiasm amongst some of the girls returning back to Netball. Our captain, Megan Nunn, has

been fantastic at getting the girls organised and ready; putting on additional practices has really helped. We have introduced 'Player of the Match', and these have been awarded to captain Megan for the tournament, Amy Fielding for the Jack Hunt game, Alex Gould for the game against Sir John Fisher, Molly Clayton for the game against OBA and Caprice Cowland for the Hampton game.

YEAR 10 GIRLS

Our Year 10 girls have had a fantastic start to the Netball season, having dominated and won the Peterborough Tournament.

| Date | Opposition | Venue | Score |
|----------------------|------------|-------|-------------|
| Tuesday 7 October | Tournament | TDA | Winners |
| Wednesday 15 October | TDA | TDA | Lost 18 - 6 |



Captained by Jess Snape, who has done a great job to organise the girls, getting them to commit to training at both lunch times and after school. The whole team are showing their dedication; they have debated on putting forward 2 teams but prefer the strength of 11 girls, who are all fighting for their positions.

The fixture against TDA was close but the opposition have been extremely successful by entering and winning the Year 11 Tournament as a Year 10 team. Although all of the girls played well, the 'Player of the Match' was awarded to Ellie Cooper for her defending.

| Date | Opposition | Venue | Score |
|----------------------|------------|-------|----------------|
| Tuesday 7 October | Tournament | TDA | Semi Finalists |
| Thursday 9 October | OBA | AMVC | Rearranged |
| Wednesday 15 October | TDA | TDA | Draw 6-6 |

Schools Tournament, and they just missed out on winning. There was some fantastic shooting from Keeley Tipton in the tournament, and excellent defending from Natalie Smith and Corinne Wilding, with some great movement around centre from Kiera Cooper. This year, the girls are being Captained by Katie Rowe who is doing a great job in getting the girls organised and ready for games.

The girls had a competitive first game against TDA, drawing 6-6. There has been some good movement around mid court from Natalie Ellen, Chloe Stevenson and Mia Purnell. Our 'Player of the Match' was awarded to Natalie Smith.

Netball training for Years 7 and 8 will be starting after half term. Girls, get your trainers on ready!!!

By Mrs McPartlin, PE Teacher

