



THE VOICE of Arthur Mellows Village College

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Message from the Head of College

It is that time again..... the external examination season has just commenced and students are working extremely hard, both in and out of school, in additional revision sessions and booster programmes. It is recognised that this is a stressful time for all students (and parents) and all the staff ask is that you attend school on time, go to as many revision sessions that are offered to you and know that in just 8 weeks' time, you can relax and enjoy yourself as most exams will be over. As Mahatma Ghandi once said... *"You may never know what results come of your action, but if you do nothing there will be no result."* You will see from this edition of The Voice that only last month we celebrated success at Presentation Evening of last year's examination cohorts. That will be you next year, collecting your certificates and reflecting on your success. My best wishes go to all students at this pressurised time.

Mr M Sandeman
Head of College

Key Dates

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice	Wednesday 22 April 2015 to Friday 24 April 2015
Sixth Form Preparation for Employment	Wednesday 22 April 2015
Year 10 Shakespeare Production	Wednesday 29 April 2015
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 May 2015
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice	Friday 8 May 2015 to Saturday 9 May 2015
Sweat the Technique	Thursday 14 May 2015
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice	Friday 15 May 2015 to Saturday 16 May 2015
Half term	Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May 2015
Term resumes	Monday 1 June 2015



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 11

Friday 22 May 2015
Celebration Day

Year 11 students granted study leave

After Friday 22 May 2015
Year 11 timetable suspended; students will only be required to return to take examinations. *Please note that if Year 11 students have not completed their coursework they will not be permitted to leave on Friday 22 May 2015*

Friday 19 June 2015
Locker keys returned

IMPORTANT DATES - SIXTH FORM

Monday 11 May 2015
Year 12 study leave commences

Thursday 21 May 2015
Year 13 lessons finish

Friday 22 May 2015
Year 13 Last Day Celebrations

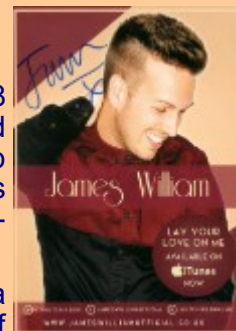
Monday 8 June 2015
Year 12 students return to College
Wednesday 10 June 2015
Year 12 Sports Day and Head Boy/Girl Hustings

ARTHUR MELLOWS ROCKS CYBER BULLYING

Students in Year 7 and Year 8 enjoyed a performance from up and coming pop star James William, who performed a selection of his hits whilst also delivering a talk about e-safety and Cyber bullying.

James has been identified as a potential star of the future as part of the **BBC Introducing** initiative and was a huge hit with both Year Groups, and his mix of pop and important messages will hopefully remain with the students for a long time.

By Mr Norris, Assistant Headteacher



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The Christmas Truce

"A play about the Christmas Football match during World War One" was the only information I had to convince some Sixth Form friends to come with me (and a coach full of lower school students) to Stratford for the RSC's 'A Christmas Truce', which did not disappoint.

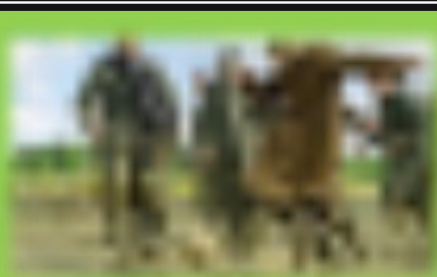
Sitting in the courtyard style theatre, opposite and in waving distance of Mrs Price and Miss Clennett, the play opened with a cricket match - a theme that was carried throughout with wickets, overs and innings replicating the ups and downs of one pal's battalion.

This quaint English fete was quickly contrasted with the harshness of the French battlefield which was really well executed with only minimal set and a backdrop which made the audience feel like we were looking out over no-man's -and to the German trenches. It quickly became clear that the play was about more than just a football match, and more so about the courage and group dynamic of the soldiers who had immense respect for their superiors, elders and each other. The play also featured a group of nurses on the front line, documenting their struggles with trying to remain professional and strong, whilst trying to keep spirits up at such a difficult time.

When the audience finally met the Germans, they were cleverly made up of the fallen and injured soldiers from previous scenes. The theatre held its breath as we saw the characters climb over the edge for the first time as we all questioned whether we would have had that courage. But in true Shakespearean style, humour was added to quite a dark concept, with the German soldiers being very similar to each English soldier which made for some quite amusing bonds - including two characters who were pessimistic about everything, as well as the 'presents' each side gave to each other. Overall, it was a heart - warming Christmas tale about humanity and dignity, humanising the opposition, forgetting prejudices and the courage to shake the hands of our enemies. A very pleasant evening, and well worth the coach journey.

Thank you to Mrs Price for organising it.

By Ella Farrow, 13TBO



PETERBOROUGH MUSEUM

I would definitely recommend the trip to Peterborough Museum. It was a fantastic opportunity, and I learnt so many different facts about how different plants and animals used colours to their advantage. We thought of many different examples of how creatures did this, such as:

- ☺ **DISRUPTIVE COLORATION:** Tigers had dark stripes so that they could blend in with trees. If their prey happened to look in the tiger's direction, they would become confused because the trees and stripes would break up the tiger's outline.
- ☺ **CONCEALING COLORATION:** Sharks had a grey top half so that if another shark was looking down at it, the shark would blend in with the dark sea floor. They also had a bright white bottom half so that if another shark was looking up at it, the shark would blend in with the sun and bright sky shining through the ocean's surface.
- ☺ **DISGUISE CAMOUFLAGE:** Animals such as the Thorn Bug have certain textures, shapes and colours that allow them to disguise themselves as objects or plants. As its name suggests, the Thorn Bug looks almost exactly like a thorn on a plant.
- ☺ **MIMICRY:** There are different ways for animals to use mimicry. Some insects, such as butterflies, have strange markings on their bodies (or wings) that look like eyes. This would help when they were being chased because the strange markings would scare predators off. Also, some animals have different colours so that they confuse predators. For example, the Viceroy butterfly (which is not poisonous) has bright colours to make the world think it is the toxic Monarch butterfly. This would be a way of saying "Please do not eat me, I am the poisonous Monarch and I will make you sick if you try!" Furthermore, the Scarlet King Snake (which sounds poisonous, but is not) has similar colours to the venomous Coral Snake.



After we collected this information, we worked in pairs and took pictures of different animals in the museum exhibits and then sorted them out into different categories. As an extension, we looked at a reconstructed Jurassic sea-creature that an artist had painted and tried to explain why we thought the artist had used the colours they had.

I was disappointed when it was time to go back to school. The time had flown by so quickly and I had really been enjoying myself. I am sure other students would love to come and learn too — not just as school work but in their own time as well.

By Georgia Foster, 7MTU



COLLEGE NEWS

YEAR 7 AFRICAN THEMED COLLAPSED DAY

On Friday, 13 March 2015, a Year 7 African themed collapsed day took place.

This day was planned to help students develop an understanding of the culture and art of Africa. The day itself was split into 6 sessions and students participated in a variety of workshops including; gumboot dancing, Rwandanese dancing, African drumming, African Art, Swahili, geography of Africa, poetry and researching Fair trade issues. It was fantastic to see students getting involved with each of the activities with many of them taking part in activities which they had never done before.

Many of the sessions were led by visiting tutors who were impressed by the enthusiasm and hard work of Arthur Mellows students who produced some excellent work.

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

By Mrs Gray, Community Cohesion Officer

YEAR 8 SAFETY DAY

On Friday, 6 March 2015, Year 8 had a 'Safety day' which consisted of 6 different tasks and activities. The Year Group was split into groups ranging from 1a to 6b. Here is what group 3a and 3b did...

After Registration, we headed off to the Auditorium for a talk about 'Rail Safety' from a Rail Safety officer, who was part of the Police force. He told us about the consequences of not being safe around trains and train tracks, and how it affects those around us when something goes wrong.



Then, we went into the Main Hall and learnt about road safety through drama and games. We were taught about why you should wear a

helmet when riding a bike. Also, we played a game where we were guided around the room by our partner. This taught us why we should not listen to music whilst near busy roads; if you are unable to hear, you lose one of your senses.



After break, we learnt some basic first aid skills. We were taught how to do CPR and how to put someone in the recovery position. As well as this, we were taught what to do if we found someone who was unconscious and how to check their breathing.

During Period 4, we learnt about the effects of taking drugs and alcohol. We watched a PowerPoint about what happens to your body when you take different drugs and the different kinds of drugs. This was really interesting because a lot of us did not know that different drugs had different effects on your body. Towards the end, two people were allowed to try on beer

goggles and try to walk along a line, which showed what you would see if you were really drunk.

After Lunch, we took part in the 'Bounce' activity. Bounce are a company which show you fun ways to stay healthy. We played a variety of different games including saying why different pictures made us think of happy things or sad and boring things. These games taught us about mental health, physical health and emotional health.

Finally, we watched a presentation about arson with the Fire Service. This showed us the facts and figures about arson and what can happen if you get caught. We saw a short film about a boy and his friends who accidentally set fire to a whole school and a firefighter was killed because of it. It showed what your life could be like after you have been charged with arson.

All in all, we really enjoyed safety day and we learnt a lot about how to stay safe and stay healthy.

By Faith Atkinson and Maisie Watson, 8JPE

FIRST AID

The College only operates a certificated First Aid service; we do not have any fully qualified health professionals on site.

An increasing number of students are presenting themselves at the First Aid room saying they feel unwell first thing in the morning. This is becoming increasingly difficult for the College to manage, as sickness bugs, coughs and colds are an inherent part of our daily lives. There is very little a First Aider can offer for general 'cold' symptoms other than ask students to return to lessons. If you believe your child is ill then the best place for them is to be kept at home and/or referred to the appropriate external health professional.

When students present themselves, as with all First Aid provision, the staff provide a triage service that makes an immediate assessment as to which of the following is appropriate: either to send back to lesson, call parents / carers to collect, or in the case of a perceived emergency, an ambulance would be called.

Please rest assured that First Aid staff will always contact the parent should they be concerned that your child is not well enough to be in school.

Your support in helping the College with this matter is very much appreciated.



COLLEGE NEWS

SKI 2015

On Saturday, 14 February 2015, our skiing party of 37 set off on a 24 hour bus journey to Folgaria, Italy. After the sleepless-yet-fun bus journey was completed with a collection of Josh's DVD's, we finally arrived at our 'hotel'. Immediately, everyone seemed to gravitate towards the Wi-Fi room to catch up with all the important posts that they'd missed on various social media sites.

Then came the first morning. We had to be up early, and by that I mean 0500 English time, so we could hit the slopes whilst the snow was still fresh. Of course, that morning the teachers also had every single one of us (plus Mr Moffett) complaining about our ski boots. The rest of the week was filled with beautiful sights, followed by alpine ski runs and slopes that looked scarier than the bus drivers.

However, a skiing trip with the AMVC party isn't just about skiing, there are many social aspects that accompany it, too. We had a quiz which was filled with questions about the teachers, bad music (sorry Mr Steele) and of course Mr Christie's Canadian game. We also ended up going snow-tubing, to a local Pizzeria and to a fancy dress disco. Dan, of course, won the fancy dress competition as he dressed as Sylvester, whilst the teachers attempted to dress up as convicts, although they were too embarrassed to wear the whole outfit.

When looking back at the week now, it was nice to have a break from school whilst doing something that we all ended up enjoying, with a group of people who could not have made it more fun!

By Ellie Simpson, 13SCO

Another fantastic ski trip with fantastic students at Arthur Mellows. Weeks like this one remind me what a wonderful school we work in. The students were superb and lots of memories created!

We now look forward to Austria 2016

By Mr Steele, PE teacher



RECIPE COMPETITION RESULTS

On Friday, 13 March 2015, the Key Stage 3 recipe competition closed. We had a number of fabulous entries under the three categories of Main Meal, Desserts and Cakes. Many of the recipes were well presented with clear methods and pictures to help even the most hesitant of cooks achieve success.

Thank you for all of the lovely entries, below is a list of the winners:

- ♦ Bryn Jones, 7TCL
- ♦ Lucy Hales, 7MTU
- ♦ Rianna White, 7LBL



All of the recipes are going to be sent to our partner schools in Sudan and Kenya to help them understand some of our favourite dishes. We will hopefully receive their recipes soon, keep an eye out in the next edition of the voice. Happy cooking.

By Mrs Gray, Community Cohesion Officer

COLLEGE NEWS

BATTLEFIELDS 2015

The Year 9 Arthur Mellows History buffs hit the road, or perhaps hit the trenches is a more accurate account, as they trekked through the very trenches where the brave men from around the world fought and died in the world's first global conflict.

This year's trip was marked by certain traditions: the donating of tea at the Talbot House, the 8 P.M. Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate, and a stop at what is becoming the famed chocolate shop. Old traditions are a fun part of the trip, but for most of these Year 9s it was their first experience on the hallowed ground of a battlefield.

The activities began in the early hours of Friday morning on the Somme. Though the students had made the effort to get all the way to France, they went one step further on several occasions, into Canada, Newfoundland to be exact. Neil, the tour guide, told of how the French had bequeathed this particular stretch of battlefield to the brave soldiers of Newfoundland.

Saturday began with a poem, "In Flanders Fields" to be precise. The students were taken to the less than adequate field hospital just outside Ieper, Belgium. It was here that Canadian Dr. John McCrae worked forty-eight hours straight, fervently attempting to save as many lives as possible. When he finally stepped outside for a rest, he was struck by the poppies, and the tragic loss of so many young lives. He wrote "In Flanders Fields" in an attempt to commemorate those who had fallen.

The students then made their way back into the center of Ieper to go to the 'In Flanders Fields Museum'. Here, the students were equipped with a Poppy bracelet. This allowed for a personalised tour of the museum, as the bracelet pulled up specific data about soldiers and nurses who had served from your home area.

The next stop after the museum was the Menin Gate. This gate holds 55,000 names of those who fell without a grave. The Medieval

gate to the city, was replaced by this commemorative masterpiece. Later in the evening the students returned to the Menin Gate, for the Last Post ceremony. A certain soldier is selected, and commemorated each evening at 8 PM. The attendance at the ceremony numbered near 2,000, but when the bugles sounded, the silence of the crowd was palpable.

250,000 men lost their lives in the trenches surrounding Ieper. The city became known as "The last stop before Hell" and Talbot House, operated by an army vicar, who was short in stature, but not in grace, became an oasis for those serving. The men who survived, or had been subject to the horrors of war could find solace in the sermons of Tubby Clayton, the pastor at the Talbot House. After a morning of cold weather in the trenches and cemeteries, the students also found the Talbot House a comfort.

Sunday started early, for we had things to see, and the journey back to Arthur Mellows ahead. Still in Belgium, we set our sights back on Canada. This time Vancouver. WWI was not the advent of chemical warfare, but it was the first time that gas, specifically Chlorine gas, had been used as a lethal weapon. In the year 1915, 2,000 Canadian soldiers were victims of gas attacks. This is why a small area right on the outskirts of Ieper, the Vancouver Crossroads Canadian gas memorial, towers over the ground.

On our last day we visited 3 separate war graves, Lijssenthoek, Passchendaele, and Langemark. Langemark is a German cemetery. There are few German war cemeteries in France, but there are many, many buried within them. Langemark is the resting place of 44,000 German soldiers. Langemark was visited by Adolf Hitler during WWII, for Hitler had fought in the trenches amongst some of these men.

After our last stop at Lijssenthoek, a presentation of a poppy wreath, from Arthur Mellows, and a moment of silent remembrance, it was time to head back home. A

little sombre, a little wiser, and a new perspective gained of the battles fought in the Great War.

The students were brilliantly behaved throughout the weekend, and would like to extend a special thanks to Mrs Price and Neil for continuing to hold the battlefields trip, whose enrichment and value to the learning process is undeniable, to the highest of standards. Thank you.

By Miss Kettering, History teacher



PRESENTATION EVENING

On Thursday, 26 March 2015, Arthur Mellows Village College held its annual Presentation Evening, during which certificates and awards were presented to a representative number of students, indicative of real success achieved at all levels. It is a tradition that such successes have become an established expectation at Arthur Mellows.

Our guest speaker this year was Mr Shailesh Vara MP. Shailesh Vara has been a Member of Parliament for North West Cambridgeshire since 2005, and since October 2013 he has been the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Ministry of Justice with responsibility for the Courts and Legal Aid.

Shailesh has previously served as a Government Whip from 2010 to 2012 and as Shadow Deputy Leader of the House of Commons from 2006 to 2010. Prior to his election to Parliament, he was Vice Chairman of the Conservative Party from 2001 to 2005.

Shailesh has introduced two Private Members' Bills, one on extending the age range for compulsory breast cancer screening for women, and the other to give greater protection to householders who try to defend themselves against intruders in our homes.

In his constituency, Shailesh has been involved in numerous campaigns. This include campaigning to safeguard the future of Hinchingsbrooke Hospital, pursuing better broadband provision and securing the installation of speed cameras at Ramsey Forty Foot, a serious accident hot-spot.

He was educated at Aylesbury Grammar School and Brunel University, later qualifying as a solicitor.

The College was extremely pleased that Shailesh found time in his busy pre-election schedule to be the Guest Speaker at this event.

Academic results for the College are only one indication of success. In other areas, particularly sporting and cultural, many individuals and groups of students have been involved at all levels. The evening celebrated success in all areas with a large number of awards being presented. Mike Sandeman, Head of College, said: "The evening was very enjoyable and a chance to catch up with students and to hear about the next step in their career path which in many cases is at university. I had much pleasure in offering my congratulations to all students collecting certificates and awards and hope that this Presentation Evening is not only a true celebration of their achievement but an indication of future success."

Below: Award Winners
Bethany Barnes, Ashwin
Pathiyath and Hebe Walton



Above: Award Winners Class of 2014



PRESENTATION EVENING

OUTSTANDING AWARD WINNERS

Award in BTEC Business	Chloe	Templeman
Award in Business	Ellie	Jaggard
Award in Economics	Ellen	Worship
Award in English Language and Literature	Amber	Jeffery
Award in English Language	Katie	Nelson
Award in English Literature	Sophie	Hall
Award in Mathematics	Joshua	Snape
Award in Further Mathematics	Hebe	Walton
Award in Chemistry	Mark	Longland
Award in Physics	Christopher	Formby
Award in Biology	Georgia	Lindley
Award in History	Kieran	Barnes
The Duncan Fleet Duke of Edinburgh Award	Ellie	Jaggard
Award in Geography	Emma	Watts
Award in Philosophy and Ethics	Jennifer	Thorpe
Award in General Studies	Amber	Jeffery
Award in Travel and Tourism	Ellie	Baker
Award in Modern Foreign Languages	Jack	Yule
The Neil Pengilly Award for Sport	Shannon	Ruff
Award in Psychology	Natalie	Buckle
Award in Media Studies	Rory	Mackenzie
Award in ICT	Lewis	Smith
Award in Sociology	Barnabas	Gombah
Award in Health and Social Care	Jodie	Popple
The Paula Whitfield Award for contributions to Drama	Joseph	Giggs
Karen Gribble Award for Art	Katherine	Gill
Award in Textiles (Art)	Bethany	Barnes
Award in Technology - Graphics	Joshua	Snape
Award in Technology - Resistant Materials	Connor	Round
Award in Extended Project Qualification	Jennifer	Thorpe
Award in Music	Emily	Newcombe
Higher Sports Leader Award	Dylan	Cliffe
Higher Sports Leader Award	Chloe	Cooper
Higher Sports Leader Award	Sophie	Gwilliam
Higher Sports Leader Award	Emily	Leverton
Higher Sports Leader Award	Harry	Oakley
Higher Sports Leader Award	Daniel	Richardson
Governors' Award for Best GCSE Results	Daisy	Malton
Outstanding Progress Award	Dalton	Smith
Head Boy Award	Ashwin	Pathiyath
Head Girl Award	Katie	Barnard



MAGISTRATES COURT MOCK TRIAL

The 2015 round of the Magistrate's Mock Trial run by the Citizenship Foundation took place on Saturday 7 March at Peterborough Crown Court. A group of Year 8 and Year 9 students competed against two other schools, acting as magistrates, barristers, witnesses, a legal advisor and an usher. The case for the crown was the theft of a mobile phone. Pat Taylor was accused of taking the phone from Sam Flowers, a local florists in town. It was the job of the barristers, through cross-examining the witnesses, to discredit the stories of the defendant and her friend on the stand. The defending barristers had to support their witnesses, for example to demonstrate that Pat Taylor was of good character. The AMVC team managed to successfully win both rounds with a guilty and a not guilty verdict, demonstrating that in a court of law a verdict can go either way and depends to an extent on the skill of the barristers. The role of the magistrates was to pick out the elements of the case and to decide if there was sufficient evidence, beyond reasonable doubt, that Pat could be placed at the scene of the crime.

Fortunately, our Pat Taylor was found not guilty and has returned to school to continue her studies.

After the competition, we were invited down to the prison cells and to hear some stories, including about escaped prisoners.

By Mrs Reilly and Mrs McMahon

The following students took part:

Natalie	Ellen	9LED
Lucy	Anderson	9JMF
Mia	Purnell	9HGR
Katie	Shepherd	9HGR
Grace	Sutton	9HGR
Luis	Turner	9CCA
Lauren	Shaw	8SCH
James	Wadley-Jones	8SCH
Francesca	Prance	8MRI
Annie	Gidney	8JTR/PMA
Evie	Westbrook	8JKR
Beth	Yaxley	8JKR
Ella	Greenwood	8EWA/GEL

Learning the court case, and figuring out questions to catch out the opposition turned out to be very rewarding, on the day. We all had a lot of fun using our drama skills along with weeks of hard work to get a guilty verdict whilst prosecuting, and a not guilty verdict when defending.

By Mia Purnell, Defence Lawyer

My part in the magistrates court competition was the defendant. When I was getting questioned, I found it quite nerve-racking, not knowing what was going to be asked. To me sitting in the dock was the scariest bit of the competition, knowing that everyone was watching my every move. In the end, I was found not guilty. It was a great day, I really enjoyed it. It was a privilege to be part of, and I hope to do it again next year.

By Beth Yaxley, The accused



COLLEGE NEWS

MAGISTRATES COURT MOCK TRIAL

I enjoyed playing Sam Flowers because it was really fun to learn the story behind the court trial. When Miss Clennett helped us to get into characters, during rehearsal, it just made the whole thing seem more real. Being a witness was probably the part I wanted to play the most; when were in the Court room, it was such a relief that I had not given up and I had learnt my stuff as we did really well. I loved being Sam Flowers and I hope I get to do it next year. I might put my name down for witness again.

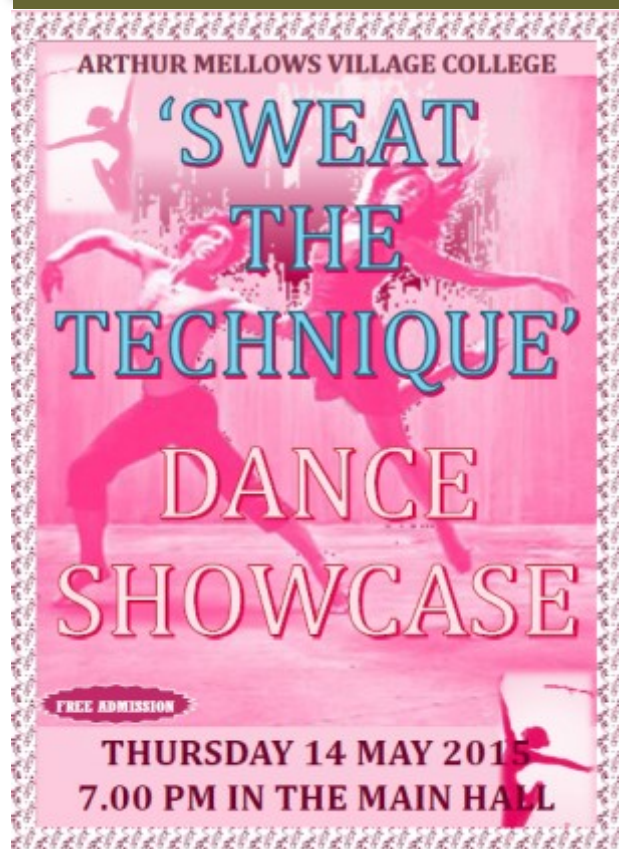
By Lauren Shaw, Witness, Sam Flowers

My character was a Policeman called PC Waters, being PC Waters was a really good experience. I was the first person on the scene. After I found a back pack with a bus pass inside with the name of Pat Taylor on it, I found a man with the name Pat Taylor and arrested him. My aim was to find Pat Taylor guilty in the courtroom for the theft of a phone. I thought that I played my part in the magistrate court trial very well, as I knew my role well, I knew the story of the theft and knew what to say to the prosecution and defence layers. I enjoyed the experience and would do it again.

By James Wadley-Jones, PC Waters

My role in the Magistrates Court Mock Trial was a magistrate. Myself and two other people from my team, plus three people from the opposing team sat above everyone and we decided how the trial went: guilty or not guilty. It was really, really fun. I got to experience what it was like to be in a court trial and saw how everything worked. After the winners were announced we were allowed, if we wanted, to go down and see the cells. We saw where the accused would sit before the trial, and how they would get to the court room. The whole experience was really inspiring and has made me consider about a future career in law; it would be extremely rewarding.

By Evie Westbrook, Magistrate



VISIT TO THE MARSHALL SOCIETY ECONOMIC CONFERENCE IN CAMBRIDGE

In January, we attended the Marshall Society's Economics Conference in the Union Building at Cambridge University. This was a great experience and there were many prestigious speakers present at the event including the Vice President of the European Central Bank's monetary policy committee who took time away from bailing out Greece to come to talk to us. The day continued with Dr. Ha-Joon Chang, a Cambridge Economist and the author of many successful books about Economics. He spoke in great depth about how immigration has historically taken place all over the world and how this has led to economic prosperity in many regions. There was also a heartfelt debate of 2 opposing economic viewpoints leading to a house vote. We then listened to Linda Yeu the BBC Chief Business Correspondent talk about economic policy in China.

The clear message of the conference demonstrated how economic policy will lead in shaping the entire world in the future. The economists present covered everything from inequality to the government's decision to follow a policy of austerity. The issues debated really gave me food for thought.



By Ashley Brumfield, 12DVA/EBE

UNIFORM *Don't bin it – recycle it!*

We are always seeking donations of outgrown school uniform, which we can turn into cash to spend on enhancing the school experience for our children! Donations of all good condition AMVC uniform, coats and PE kit – with labels removed – are gratefully received.

Please hand in all donations to school reception in a bag labelled **AMA Uniform**.



COLLEGE NEWS

FUNDRAISING—CHARITY COMMITTEE



Well, what a brilliant year it has been for the Arthur Mellows Charity committee. As the concluding event to an incredibly successful year, on Thursday 12 March 2015, in aid of Comic Relief a bunch of very willing teachers took part in the hilarious 'AMVC Staff Karaoke.' This event was followed up by a whole school non-uniform day and a yummy cake sale during lunchtime on Friday, 13 March 2015. A big thanks to all students, staff and parents for their amazing efforts in donating lots of edible treats to add to our grand total of **£1619.15** for such a worthy cause.



As Head of the Charity Committee, I would like to say what an absolute pleasure this year has been to be a part of. The Sixth Form team have worked exceptionally hard alongside teachers and our lovely younger students committee to brainstorm and set up numerous fun and challenging events. Thus, raising a phenomenal overall total of **£6884.55** over the course of this school year.

So now, with all the fun out the way, it is time for us Sixth Formers to buckle down and get our heads back into our books, for our very last set of summer examinations, before moving onto university and towards our futures. Thank you very much to all students, staff and parents/carers for being part of our success this year, and I would like to wish all the best of luck to our next charity team – do us proud!

By Emily Stevens, Sixth Form Charity Representative



THE MEDIA 'GREEN ROOM'

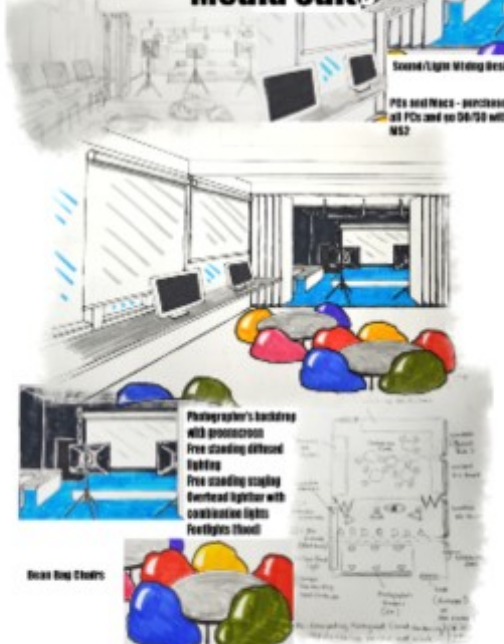
Fundraising is going really well for the proposed media green room, which is a specialist media production area to be situated next to MS2 in the McLaren Building which houses Media Studies, Art and Psychology. The idea is to help media students move onto the next level in their practical construction work by creating a performance area with lighting rigs, a stage, and a green screen which will greatly help in producing technically advanced practical work, ranging from film sequences and documentaries to music promo videos.

Media Studies is a very popular subject with over 300 students in Years 10 to 13, so we have outgrown our 2 specialist classrooms, especially as we try to make our resources more widely available for students across all subject areas. As such, we are really grateful to the AMA for all their hard work and effort in organising two well-attended quizzes at the Golden Pheasant in Etton. We also had a non-uniform day on the last day of the previous term, during which Mr Atkin and Mr Henderson kindly arranged a film-related fancy dress competition for A Level students and a photo-shoot for students of all years to have their pictures taken and tuned into magazine covers.

The AMA has already raised over £2,000 towards the green room which is a fantastic effort. There is talk of a car boot sale taking place later this term – more details will follow in the next few weeks.

By Mr Zaidi, Head of Media

Plans for new Media Suite



COLLEGE NEWS

SMART SUPPER

One evening in March I had the absolute pleasure of watching Year 12 students Luke Augur, Elliott Mold, Maya Dhokia and Hannah Lake take part in Smart Supper, a Peterborough city initiative aimed at students providing innovative ideas to city problems.



The team had 2 weeks to come up with a business solution of "How do we get people to value water more in Peterborough?". On the evening they pitched their business idea to over 60 people, 40 of whom were industry professionals. Their pitch, professionalism and the way they networked with the professionals afterwards as they talked through their idea in detail, was very impressive. At the end of the evening the audience got to vote for the team who they believed had the best idea and our students won!!!

The team now have a commitment from Anglian Water to work with them to take their business idea forward. What an amazing team, you have certainly changed the way I value water.

By Mrs Street, Head of Business



Siobhan Hopkins



It's not just
ZUMBA
charity event

Beginners...
Experts...
Watchers...
Everyone
Welcome!!

Arthur Mellows Village College

Saturday 25th April, 10.00-12.00

Admission: £5 ticket

£8 ticket & t-shirt

All instructor fees have been waived and AMVC has fully supported this event

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PE NEWS

HIGHER SPORTS LEADERS AND PETERBOROUGH NETBALL TOURNAMENT

As part of our Higher Sports Leader Award, completed in Year 13, Jess Standish-Leigh, Matt Guest and myself have organised the Peterborough Schools Year 7 and 8 Netball Tournament, held at Arthur Mellows on Tuesday, 24 March 2015. This involved contacting all Peterborough schools, creating an order of play, scorecards, arranging certificates for all participants, ordering medals for the winning teams, considering safety and risk assessments including first aid, contacting the local press and running the event on the night.

There were 10 schools in the Year 7 tournament and 11 in the Year 8 tournament. Both tournaments were fiercely competitive and closely fought, with numerous games going to extra time. Playing in the Year 7 final were Arthur Mellows and OBA, with OBA being crowned the winners, by a score of 6-3. In the Year 8 final, Kings played The Peterborough School with The Peterborough School being declared the winners after extra time and golden goal. Congratulations to both the winning teams, the Arthur Mellows Year 7 team who were runners up and all the netballers who took part.

The course is almost done. So far, we have completed well over 50 hours each volunteering in the local community coaching Swimming, Trampolining, Basketball and working at Heltwate School with students with disabilities.

By Shannon Hamey. 13 SAH



Congratulations to Idris Hiller, 10LBE. Idris is now the Cambridge and Northants Under 16 Fencing Champion for Epee after winning an event which took place at Oundle School over Easter.

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

The last of the 3 Fenland District Cross Country races was held at Burghley Park, Stamford on Thursday 12 March 2015. The athletes had to compete in all 3 races to gain a final team score and individual placing's.

We had a fantastic season, our best ever, and we have had some really strong teams over the years.

The results were as follows:

Year 7 and 8 Girls team

2nd place - Phoebe Horne, Ella Ainley, Amelia Monaghan, Katie Porter, Jess McKenzie and Jessica Johnson, with individual medals for Amelia Monaghan, Katie Porter and Jess McKenzie, 1st, 2nd and 8th place respectively.

Years 7 and 8 Boys team

1st place - Ben Roberts, Harvey Hancock, Sam Garner, Ben McCann, Billy Campbell, and Joe Leveridge, with individual medals for Ben Roberts, Harvey Hancock and Sam Garner, 1st, 2nd and 4th place respectively. This was the best score ever recorded, an amazing achievement.

Year 9 and 10 Girls

Just missing 4th team place due to illness and injury in the last race - Imogen Woodard, Natalie Ellen, Katie Rowe, Mia Purnell and Anna Warrington with an individual medal for Imogen Woodard 7th place.



The final event took place on **Wednesday 18 March 2015** at Crowland. This was a Cross Country Relay event.

A team of 4 each ran one lap, again our Year 7 and Year 8 boys thrashed the opposition and achieved 1st position: Harvey Hancock, Ishan Limbukhim, Sam Garner and Ben Roberts receiving their 2nd shield of the day.

Both winning shields are on display in the trophy cabinet in Main Reception. Congratulations to all our athletes who took part in these events. We are all now looking forward to the athletics season that starts after Easter.

By Mrs Burke, PE department



SOKE FOOTBALL AND NETBALL COMPETITION YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 ON WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2015

Over 200 primary school children from Arthur Mellows Village College and Ken Stimpson Community College took part in the annual Soke Netball and Football competition at Arthur Mellows Village College.

A Level students as well as Junior and Community Sports Leaders from the College umpired and refereed all the games to a high level, allowing teachers to coach and encourage their teams. There was an excellent standard of play both in the Football and Netball competitions, with some very close games.

Well done to all the youngsters who participated with great enthusiasm and the leaders-who were excellent role-models, showing maturity and professionalism under pressure

FINAL SCORES

	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Runners-up</u>
Football	William Law	Norwood
Netball	Northborough	Castor



By Mrs Wilding, Primary PE Co-ordinator at AMVC