

## THE VOICE of Arthur Mellows Village College

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### Message from the Head of College



Welcome to this last Voice of the academic year; another bumper edition containing news of all the activities that have taken place throughout the last few weeks.

I would like to use this opportunity to say goodbye to some valued colleagues who are leaving Arthur Mellows; Richard Porter (Head of Drama), Laura Polson (Teacher of Dance/Drama), Sarah Banks (Teacher of Geography), Carolyn Tole (Teacher of Science), Rob Cawston (Teacher of Science), Emma Davison (Second in Maths), Sally Nash (Teacher of Health and Social Care) and Samah Naga (Cover Supervisor). Particular mention, however, must go to the

following additional colleagues who are leaving us after over 20 years' service to Arthur Mellows: Dave Kennedy (Assistant Headteacher), Claire Pembridge (Teacher of Art, previously Head of Department), Tim Marsden (Head of Business Studies and Vocational Studies) and Lesley Phillips (Learning Support Assistant). I am sure you join with me in wishing these colleagues all the very best for the future; they have all made a tremendous difference to the outcomes of Arthur Mellows Village College and the success of the young people it has served throughout the years.

I hope everyone has a lovely Summer break and I would urge you all to remain safe throughout the holiday. Thank you to all staff, students, parents and governors for contributing to yet another amazingly successful year for Arthur Mellows.

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## **RESULTS DAYS SUMMER 2014**

AS/A Level Thursday 14 August 8.30 am to 11.00 am GCSE Thursday 21 August 9.00 am to 11.00 am

Results may be:

- ✤ Collected by the student
- Posted (on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope from the student)
- If you are unable to collect your results, give whoever is collecting them, on your behalf,

a letter of authorisation to do SO. Please note, that Mrs Pickering, Exams Officer, will be available on Year 10 Information Evening and Friday 22 August from 9.00 am to Work Experience Evening **11.00 am** for any emergency re-marks for A Level students going to university.

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Sixth Form return			

Key Dates next term

- Year 12 Information Evening
- Year 13 UCAS/Prep for Employment Day Tuesday 9 September 2014
- Year 13 UCAS Evening for Parents
- Year 7 Information Evening
- Preparation for Employment Evening
- Year 7 E-Safety Evening
- Staff Training Day
- Prospective Parents' Evening
- **Careers** Fair

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Half Term

Wednesday 3 September 2014 Friday 5 September 2014 Monday 8 September 2014 Tuesday 9 September 2014 Thursday 11 September 2014 Monday 15 September 2014 Monday 22 September 2014 Wednesday 1 October 2014 Wednesday 1 October 2014 Thursday 9 October 2014 Monday 13 October 2014 Monday 20 October 2014 Monday 27 October to Friday 3 October 2014

Following a long selection process, involving staff and students' ballots, hustings and then an interview and presentation to the Chair of Governors, Head of College and Head of Sixth Form, the following Sixth Form students were appointed to these prestigious roles.

 $\odot$ Head Boy – Joe Carter

- $\odot$ Deputy Head Boy - Joe Sheffield
- Head Girl Beth Masters  $\odot$
- $\odot$ Deputy Head Girl – Rosie Reynolds

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## **Sewing Success**

I am delighted to be able to display some fantastic work created by the Year 11 Textiles group. As part of their GCSE, each student was asked to design and make a product based on a specific design brief. Each project is entirely unique and focuses on different aspects.

From 'Vintage Britain' to 'Bright and Beautiful Childrenswear', here are some innovative final pieces for your viewing pleasure.

### **By Miss Goldsmith-Sumner**



### Artists of the Month Year 7 – The Fauves Landscape Project



Paige Nolan, 7ASU

Annie Gidney, 7LPO

Faith Atkinson, 7JPE

## CHERNOBYL

## Fundraising Day



Thursday 3 July 2014

Once again, I write feeling incredibly proud of students and staff at Arthur Mellows. On Thursday 3 July 2014, Year 8 students were involved in a day of fundraising to help support Friends of Chernobyl's Children (FOCC). Every year we try to raise enough funds to sponsor one child to come and stay in the UK for 4 weeks each summer. Dasha, the little girl who we currently sponsor, is a wonderful child who appreciates her visits to the UK so very much. Every year that she stays with us, she returns home to Belarus in significantly better health than when she first arrived. In order to raise money this year, students put on a host of lunch time events. These included loom band stalls, cake sales, tombola, sports events and the ever-popular 'soak a teacher in the stocks'. Students also donated £1 each to wear non-school uniform for the day.

During the day, we were also lucky enough to have a visit from 22 of the visiting children from Chernobyl, including Dasha. Mrs Bowman, along with a small group of Year 8 helpers and the visiting children, cooked a lunchtime feast of mini quiches, jacket potatoes and salad, all of which were devoured in moments. The children stayed with us over the lunch time period to experience some good old Arthur Mellows fundraising.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone involved in the day. We have been a busy school community with exams and assessments taking up much of the students' time. It is hugely important for students to get involved in fundraising and consider those less fortunate than themselves. It was also wonderful for the Year 8's to have witnessed first hand where their charity money goes.

### By Miss Banks, Community Cohesion

Below is an account from *Annabelle Tomkinson, 8ARI* about her time spent with the visiting children.

'On Thursday 3 July 2014, I helped take care of some children. It was great fun and I really enjoyed it. Even though they could not speak much English, we communicated a lot better than I thought we would. First, we cooked and made things to eat like salad and cookies; I helped a girl called Dasha and a boy called Losha. They were really nice and eager to help cook. After that I showed them around at lunch to different parts of the school. Dasha and Losha were really fun to have around and they seemed to be enjoying themselves a lot. It was a great opportunity to be involved in this day'.



## YEAR 7 COLLAPSED DAY



As part of our 'Connecting Classrooms' project, on Friday 27 June 2014, all of Year 7 had an African themed collapsed day. This day was planned to help students develop an understanding of the culture and art of Africa. The day was split into 6 sessions and students participated in a variety of workshops



including; gumboot dancing, drumming, art, food, Swahili, storytelling, geography of Africa, poetry and researching Fair Trade issues. It was fantastic to see students getting involved with the event, with many of them taking part in activities which they had never done before.

Thank you to all the workshop leaders that made the day happen. Hopefully we will have another successful Africa day next year.

By Mrs Gray, Music teacher





### THE JAGUAR CARS MATHS IN MOTION CHALLENGE

A team of 2 students, Aaron Osker Year 7 and Daniel Rosocha Year 9, qualified for the national final of the Jaguar Cars Maths Challenge which took place at the Heritage Motor Centre in Warwickshire.

The challenge involves using Cloud based simulation to set up a virtual racing car in the hope of winning a series of races. Students work through measuring and scaling a real race track before inputting this information into the computer

simulation. Based on these measurements, a variety of calculations are made by the students to determine fuel load, tyres and race speeds. With weather conditions coming into play, and pit stop strategies to calculate and put into effect, the races are the highlight of the project for many but motivation also comes from knowing that the better the maths the better the car will perform.

The College won through a regional heat before qualifying via a semi final. About 300 schools and 10,000 students competed in the challenge, so making it to the final of 30 is a real achievement. Aaron and Daniel started back in 22<sup>nd</sup> place on the grid but their calculations proved reliable, finishing the race 12<sup>th</sup>. They had a great day out and went home with a few goodies from the main sponsor, Jaguar cars.

For further details see the website www.mathschallenge.co.uk

By Mr Treacy, Maths Department



## Geography Trip to The Netherlands Saturday 24 May 2014, we set off from Arthur Mellows Village College

Saturday 24 May 2014, we set off from Arthur Mellows Village College our destination: Holland; the home of cheese, clogs and tulips. What more could you ask for?

Our first day took us to a water land Deltapark. Here, we learnt about past Dutch floods and disasters and the many methods in use today for flood prevention. After this, we had a lovely boat ride with beautiful scenery to take in. Finally, despite being exhausted from the early start and packed day, we all headed down to the beach, near our hotel, to watch the sunset.

On our second day, we visited Clara Maria, a cheese and clog factory. Here the people were so friendly and explained everything in detail, how to make clogs and how to make the cheese so full of flavour. The cheeses were delicious and the clogs were beautiful. A lovely afternoon bike ride around De Hoge Veluwe woke us all up!

On our third day, we visited a place which smelt exquisite – Aalsmeer Flower Auction, which is one of the biggest flower auctions in the world. We saw rooms full of people bidding electronically on flowers which they studied on the computer screen at the front. This truly showed globalisation and how technology orientated things are today. In the evening, we all headed down to the nearby bowling alley to enjoy a good game.

Our final day took us to Duinrell splash pool, a **very** fun and **very** big waterpark. Then, in the evening, we went on a short walk to a pancake house, where we enjoyed pancakes with all sorts of flavours; this day really ended the trip on a high note.

A HUGE thank you to Mr Pepper and all the staff who gave up their holiday to take us on such an enjoyable and experience packed trip. One which we will surely remember for a very long time.

By Martha Young, 10VWA





☆ On Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 June 2014,  $\bigstar$ the Geography department took nearly all of  $\bigstar$ Year 8, and a small group of gifted and talented Year 9s, to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in  $\bigstar$ Stratford. Students carried out a variety of  $\bigstar$ fieldwork tasks in individual workbooks, witnessing ☆ and interacting with this newly opened park. They  $\frac{1}{2}$ were able to experience first hand the regeneration  $\frac{1}{2}$ of a rundown area of London and its emergence  $\bigstar$ into one of the most iconic places of their ☆ generation.  $\frac{1}{2}$ 



Some of the students were lucky enough to go and see many of different the venues that used were during the 2012

 $\stackrel{\frown}{\sim}$ Aquatics centre and the Copper box. Many  $\checkmark$ remembered the venues from the actual games  $\checkmark$ and saw how they were being used now, which is ☆ part of the Olympic legacy. ☆

Not only did students see the new park and buildings, they were also able to observe how the natural environment had been regenerated by taking a walking tour around the River Lea (many

 $\Delta$ School Governor, who gave  $\bigstar$ a great talk by the river about  $\bigstar$ the changes).  $\stackrel{\frown}{\sim}$ 

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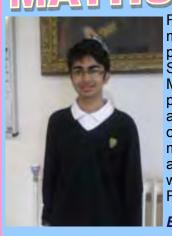


London Olympics games; such as the Velodrome, the

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thanks to Mr Whiles, a

All of the students, staff and support staff had a great day; many will fondly remember the water fountains!  $\cancel{}$ \*



Following on from Dylan Dhokia's outstanding success at the Maclaurin Challenge, mentioned in the last edition of the Voice. Dylan has now been invited to a prestigious summer school at Oxford University. He will be staying at St Anne's College and attending lectures at the fantastic new Mathematical Institute building. Dylan will take part in an academic programme including whole group masterclasses, small group work and team competitions. This incredible opportunity has only been offered to 40 of the UK's most gifted and talented young mathematicians. We are incredibly proud of his continuing achievements and look forward to hearing how he gets on when he returns in September to study both Maths and Further Maths at A Level.

By Mrs Flowers, Maths Department



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## CHOIR OF THE YEAR 2014

**Choir of the year 2014** took place on Monday 7 July 2014 with every student in Year 7 participating in a competitive singing event in their music groups. Eleven choirs performed a variety of popular musical numbers judged by guest judge – Ru Cullen, a professional singer from Cambridge, and Mr Keith Hammond, from Arthur Mellows Music department.

Students were awarded points for their general performance, their musical communication, their ability to sing in harmony and their dress code as a class.

The winning classes were: First place, 7F5 singing "Fireflies". Second place, 7F6 singing "Waka Waka" and third place was awarded to 7F4 singing "Hall of fame".

### By Mrs Hammond, Head of Music







Students who won awards for their solo singing were: Ariana Bishop, Vincent Hill, Jake Hunt, Henna Roberts, George Dangerfield, Maddie Polkey, Rachel Nichols and Matthew Baker. Other students were awarded prizes for their general performance. These were Annie Gidney, Kai Bishop, Aaliyah Thompson, Emily Songer and Daniel Devenish.





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On Tuesday 8 July 2014, the Arthur Mellows Village College summer concert took place. Once from the orchestra. The orchestra sounded brilliant again, students proved that they have a fantastic amount of musical talent and we were entertained by a large variety of groups. The standard seems to be getting higher every year and we were overwhelmed by the number of students that were keen to perform.

Some highlights included a brass band who performed a selection of Dvorak Slavonic Dances. This group have been working together for many years now and they really performed with professionalism and flair. It has been brilliant to see this group continue to perform to a higher standard every year. Thanks go to our brass this group.

The Junior choir performed one of their best performances to date. The choir had added beautiful 3 part harmonies to the Bruno Mars hit When I Was Your Man' and Rebecca Login Special thanks go to Adam Pallister, performed a solo at the start of 'Let It Go' from the Music teacher who is leaving us this term. Disney film 'Frozen'. The choir now has a number of committed members from Year 7 to Year 10, and continues to produce performances.

The string group was larger than ever this year and produced a lovely sound. They performed 2 blues pieces that were arranged for the group. This group have been committed to their weekly rehearsals which have been led by our strings teacher Leon King. It has been brilliant to see this By Mrs Hammond, Head of Music group grow and see older students supporting young students to learn their part. Well done.

The 'Junior Band' has seen a new influx of Year 7 students, the students performed 2 pieces "The chicken" and "Royals". Evie Westbrook, Natasha Hodgson and Charlie Westbrook all performed improvisations as part of 'The Chicken'. Excellent work from this group has been seen all year, well

done.

Solos were performed on a range of instruments and styles, all to a high standard. Congratulations Eleanor Morris, to



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Maia Fakolujo, Jasmine Fakolujo, Evie Westbrook, George McDermott and Katie Lester for their fabulous performances.

In addition, a number of small group performances took place. These were all superb; it is wonderful to see students rehearsing in their own time and providing such enjoyable performances. Thanks to George McDermott, Lewis Taylor, qo Nathan Taylor and Charlie Westbrook.

The concert open and closed with a performance



performed and selections from "Wicked" with style confidence. and The concert closed with а performance of Czardas' featuring Alice and Emily Newcombe. The

solo parts really did exhibit a high level of musicianship and virtuosity and this piece was a fantastic end to a superb concert.

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

> our We wish him all the best with his ongoing teaching at "Wildcatz". Also, a huge thank you to all the wonderful musicians who are leaving the college this year. Thank you for all of your hard work and your solid commitment to the music department. We will miss you but wish you all the best for the future; Jonathan Alice Newcombe, Kowal, Emily Newcombe, Joe Roberts, Alex Graham and Katie Lester.

Photographs from the evening are available by following this link:

http://www.arthurmellows.peterborough.sch.uk/gallery/ default.asp?pid=60&gcatid=27&albumid=50

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The Young Enterprise Company programme is led by invited to the Business Studies department and aims to inspire company and equip young people to learn and succeed through enterprise. The students 'learn by doing', which involves setting up a company, coping with a changing and evolving business, producing a product and selling the product. The experience is a very impressive addition to their CV and their UCAS application. Towards the end of the year, Young Enterprise companies take part in a series of high profile local and regional 'Company of the Year competitions. Twelve regional winning companies from across the UK are selected each year to compete in the prestigious HSBC Young Enterprise Innovation Awards UK final.



This year, 26 students from across Year 12 chose this programme part of their as Enrichment Studies and as a result 2 companies AME formed. who

Vintage Vinyl who turn Vinyl Records from the sixties and seventies into clocks.

terms of making profits and, additionally, in winning the Greater Peterborough Area Environmental Award. They were represented at the Final by Joe Sheffield, George Morris, Ruvarashe Sinemani and Raymond won the Wong. Joe Sheffield also individual 'Entrepreneur of the Year Award'.

### Joe's experience in the County Final

On Thursday 5 June, I travelled to Robinson College, Managing Director, Vintage Vinyl Cambridge to compete in the Cambridgeshire County Young Enterprise final. Despite the successes of Vintage Arthur Mellows' Vinyl Company at the Peterborough final, we were not selected to continue to the County Final as a team. However, I was personally

represent mv the and Peterborough area as an entrepreneur.

Arriving at the University College was both a nervous and exciting experience. I no longer had the support of my team and had to compete young against other entrepreneurs with their



fellow business members encouraging them. The entrepreneur's category consisted of an interview with 2 business experts including an economist from Cambridge University and I was competing against students from 6 other schools. Some questions included: "What does it mean to be an entrepreneur?" "How do you assess risks in business?" and "What are your future business ambitions?" After an initially nervous start, I were settled into the interview well and as a few questions passed it became more of an informal conversation produce and sell gift talking about different areas of the business world and baskets full of ceramics how my future in business can be shaped by and bath products, and university. I even began to quite enjoy it!

After returning to the main hall, the long wait began. After sitting through the company presentations from a Vintage Vinyl as a company were very successful in variety of Cambridgeshire schools and a speech from the motivational and inspirational speaker, Kate Atkin, the judges had made their decision.

> I was the winner in the entrepreneur category, a very proud moment and great to see that all of the hard work I have put in throughout the year has been rewarded! I am looking forward to progressing to the National Finals.

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By Joe Sheffield, 12SAH

### **MY TRIP TO GLASGOW**

Glasgow was amazing. Simply because I was around people who were world record holders and I was only 13 years of age. Glasgow is a massive place, despite having 2x50m pools, one for racing and one for cooling down and warming up before racing.



I was in 7 races at Glasgow and I made 2 finals. In one of the finals, I was wearing a woolly hat because my mum bet me £50 to wear it. The commentators went wild and said that it was a good looking woolly hat.

After a 7 hour drive, I competed in 100m Fly, 400m Free, 100m Free, 50m Free, 200m IM, 100 Back and 100 Breaststroke. It was cool because I was sat in front of Ellie Simmonds who told me that my dive was not very good and that is why I lost the race.

Also, Glasgow was amazing; there was a Greggs on every corner you looked at, so every time I came out of the pool I would grab a great big doughnut.

By Jaxon Simmons, 9KCL



Soke Athletics is the pinnacle of the Primary Athletics sporting calendar for the local Soke schools which includes: Peakirk cum Glinton, Castor, Duke of Bedford, Barnack, John Clare, William Law, Newborough, Werrington, Wittering, Welbourne, Eye, Northborough and Norwood.

Over 400 competitors from Years 3,4,5 and 6 took part in numerous track and field events, including throwing vortex, standing broad jump, sprints, skipping races, obstacle races, 400m and relay races.

Thanks to Will Hussey from Northborough, Nick Gray from Ken Stimpson Community School, Louise Richardson as scorer and Janice Burke as final place judge. Also, thanks to St Johns Ambulance who attend on the morning.



Junior Sports Leaders from Arthur Mellows aided the smooth running of the morning. They helped to organise the events. the competitors, the equipment, were place judges, scorers, warm up coaches etc.

William Law winners

The Sports Leaders were a credit to themselves and the college, 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 our Athletes of the future.

### RESULTS

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1<sup>st</sup> - William Law 2<sup>nd</sup> - Northborough 3rd - Barnack

By Mrs Wilding, AMVC Schools Primary Sports Coordinator







On Thursday 26 June 2014, Matthew McEnroe and Megan Nunn visited the Xerox Innovation Centre in Uxbridge as finalist of the National Print-IT awards.

3000 students entered and on the day there were 32 finalists. Unfortunately, Matthew and Megan did not

win in their categories but still thoroughly enjoyed the dav.

During the day they were able to tour the innovation centre playing with the latest technology including an interactive table top, lbot (Segway controlled via Ipad) and learn about industrial printing methods at Xerox. Megan and Matthew were interviewed on the day which proved to interesting be an



experience. Both students fully embraced the day and acted as excellent role models for Arthur Mellows.



Matthew and Megan did not go home handed. empty They were given a goody bag, prints and prizes that included digital а with camera, а stick and memory case.

Mrs Watson and I

both had a fantastic day and it was a really great experience to allow the students to make connections to industry beyond the classroom.

By Mr Almond, Technology teacher





Recommended Reading

If you are lying on the beach, chilling in the back garden or just a bit bored this summer, then why not pick up one of these recommended books to pass the time away. See Mrs Wright or Mrs Hoppe in the Library about taking one of these books home. Enjoy!



Every Wednesday a group of us in Year 8 meet in the Library to read and play book related games. We have competitions based on the books we are reading. We have read lots of different genres including books by the author Gill Lewis (White Dolphin, Scarlet Ibis, Skyhawk and Moon Bear) which we love. We would welcome anyone else from Year 8 who would like to join in. We will be reading even more over the holidays and continue with the club in Year 9 and may even start to explore the classics. We have one thing left to say – we are going to explore every last inch of the Library.



# TRIP TO HONG KOP

Earlier this year, I was told by a teacher at school of a competition which involved producing a piece of creative writing on why students should travel abroad for further education, which was specifically targeted at Hong Kong. I decided to enter a blog containing research information from books and the internet, and I was successful in winning the competition. As part of my prize, I have been given the opportunity to travel to Hong Kong for 2 weeks in July to enrol at a summer school hosted by the City University of Hong Kong. During the 2 weeks, I will be studying Marine Conservation and Research. The prize will tie in well with my course at university, as I am hoping to study Geography. This is an exciting opportunity which I hope will be an enjoyable experience.

### By Jennifer Thorpe, 13EBE



## THE AMA NEEDS YOU!

The Arthur Mellows Association is a strong PTA with membership open to all parents, teachers and carers of students of the College, past or present. We raise funds because we want to enhance the school **3**. experience by assisting in the provision of facilities or items for education, not normally provided from statutory funds.

We have almost completed another busy year; organising multiple school uniform sales, raffles, and serving refreshments at school events. We are always seeking new ways to raise money, and next year we are planning to start selling second hand revision books and also reinstate the annual Quiz Night.

The AMA would not be possible without the wonderful team of volunteers who enthusiastically and selflessly donate their time. They are all simply brilliant.

This year we made a £500 donation towards the purchase of African Drums for the music department and, in conjunction with public



grants, we raised the money to purchase a new environmentally friendly school minibus. We have an eye-watering £2,000 instalment still to pay for the bus, but with your help we are confident that we will achieve it.

You can support and help the AMA in the following ways:

- 1. **Raffle Donations:** We regularly hold raffles at school events and always need donations. Please mark your donations "AMA Raffle" and leave it with school reception (please note that no alcohol can be brought in by students).
- Revision Book Donations: We are planning to sell revision books from September, which we hope will become an annual event. If you have any recent revision books that are no longer needed, please leave them at reception.
  School Uniform Donation: We are seeking
  - B. School Uniform Donation: We are seeking donations of outgrown school uniform, which we can turn into cash at our regular uniform sales. Donations of good condition AMVC sweatshirts, polo shirts, coats and PE t-shirts, with name labels removed, are gratefully received. Again, please leave uniform at reception clearly marked "AMA Uniform".
- Parent Pay Donation: You can make a donation to the AMA school minibus appeal through ParentPay. Any contribution is hugely appreciated!

If you are interested in joining the AMA, you will find our contact details on the College website or you can contact us via our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/yourPTA

Our fundraising would not be possible without your on-going support, for which we are very thankful.

Enjoy your summer break and we look forward to seeing you in the new academic year.

### Angus Welch, Acting Chair of the AMA

## NEW PARENT GOVERNORS APPOINTED

Following the recent Parent Governor Election process, I write to inform you that the following Parents have been elected to serve as Governors for a term of 4 years, commencing on 1 September 2014:

Angus Welch (previously Parent Governor, offered himself for re-

Trudi Downey (new Parent Governor) Peter Jordan (previously Parent Governor, offered himself for re-

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still one vacancy for a Parent Governor, the College will re-run a nomination and election process at the start of the next academic year. If anyone is interested in this remaining position and would like further information, please contact the Clerk to Governors (Debbie Sanderson) on 01733 254070.

### Gilmour McLaren, Chair of Governors



Foyer

The College is delighted to inform Parents that the 'Old Science block' has undergone an amazing refurbishment. The block, which was once unusable has been renovated and is now named the McLaren building after our Chair of Governors', Mr Gilmour McLaren.

The Art Department have now moved into the McLaren building. The former home of the Art Department is also under renovation; an additional Refectory for students will be completed in April/May 2015.

Art Classrooms

Science Classroom

Floor Plan