



THE VOICE of Arthur Mellows Village College

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Message from the Head of College

Welcome to this edition of The Voice. Very often the short terms seem to be the longest as we manage to pack so much into them! This half term, staff and students have been working hard towards the College Production of 'Teechers' and a write-up on this will be included in the next edition. Students have also visited New York and are in the process of getting ready to go skiing at the end of this week. Work has also been taking place on promoting litter both in school and in the local community. Daisy Malton, Head Girl, and Ashley Brumfield, Head Boy have taken assemblies to all Year Groups on this very subject and have been working tirelessly to encourage students to be mindful of litter and to take pride in their environment. They have even offered rewards for tidying as an incentive!

This week we have celebrated Safer Internet Day and activities have been taking place in school to promote this important initiative. This year's theme was "Play your part for a better internet" which aims to empower young people to celebrate diversity online in order to inspire a kind, respectful and inclusive internet, and help raise awareness about the issue of online hate and ensure no person is ever targeted online for being different. Of course it'll take more than a Safer Internet Day to deal with this ever increasing problem but hopefully raising awareness of this with students and parents goes somewhere to making the Internet and Social Media a safer place.

Please have an enjoyable and restful half term holiday.

M Sandeman
Head of College

Key Dates

Extended Project Qualification Presentation Evening	Thursday 25 February 2016
Year 7 Parents' Evening (A)	Monday 29 February 2016
Year 8 Collapsed Day	Friday 4 March 2016
Year 7 Parents' Evening (B)	Monday 7 March 2016
Battlefields Trip	Thursday 17 March to Sunday 20 March 2016.
Presentation Evening	Wednesday 23 March 2016
Term Ends	Thursday 24 March 2016



NEW AUTOMATED VEHICLE BARRIER

Dear Parent/Carer

Please be aware that there is an automated vehicle barrier installed across the Main Gate. This is the entrance to Main Reception.

Pedestrians will still be able to access Main Reception around the side of the barrier, however between the following times, the barrier will be down and access will be restricted:

Between 8.00 am to 9.00 am
Between 2.45 pm to 3.30 pm.

When dropping off students, we would also like to kindly request that you do not use the entrances into the College as vehicle turning points.

Please note this is for the safety of our students, and to ensure that the site is secure at all times.

Thank you for your consideration.

We have received a thank you from Sue Ryder for Arthur Mellows Village College's donation of **£640.77**; raised from our Christmas card appeal and the Christmas jumper day.

A big **thank you** to everyone who took part.

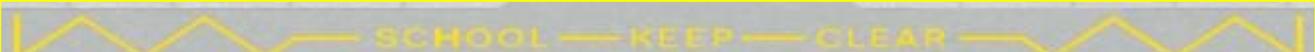


PARKING AND HIGHWAY RESTRICTIONS

To help prevent accidents between motorists and children, could we politely ask all parents to park considerately and safely. Please also be mindful of our local residents, ensuring that driveways and access points are not blocked. 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

MEDIA MAGAZINE CONFERENCE, LONDON

There were two distinct strands to this educational visit for A2 media students. The first part was the opportunity to listen to a variety of media academics and media professionals talking about various aspects of the course and the impact the media has on the way we live; the second part of the day was the chance to have 'free time' in London before catching a late train home. As it happens, both were highly illuminating.



The conference itself, run by the exam board OCR and the excellent **MediaMagazine** people, was as good as ever. Sessions included a discussion of how the internet has changed our lives, the scriptwriter of 'Murdered By My Boyfriend', **Regina Moriarty**, and Journalist of the Year and left-wing firebrand, **Owen Jones**, talking about the way media producers shape our thinking. There was also a session on press regulation, and phone-hacking by a co-founder of Hacked Off, discussing the reality of more than 50% of the UK press being owned by two billionaires, and the misrepresentation of welfare fraud as a way of distracting the masses from the economic reality of living in a world where the gap between rich and poor is getting wider. As an example, recent research showed that people believe that fraud accounts for 27% of the welfare budget based on media coverage, whereas the actual figure is 0.7%.

The second part of the day should have degenerated into students wandering down Oxford Street doing Christmas shopping, but it was actually far more interesting than that. (I should point out that as a cultured kind of person, I went to the British Library to look at the Magna Carta and an exhibition of novel manuscripts, including Austen, Dickens and Angela Carter). The day became more interesting when students stumbled across a demonstration by hacker group **Anonymous**, shortly before they declared cyber-war on 'ISIS', which was a great way of seeing alternative ways of social/political interaction outside the normal mainstream media channels. There was also a demonstration of students opposing tuition fees, though this received very little coverage in the media, who were more focused on the premiere of the latest 'Hunger Games' film. Yes, Jennifer Lawrence looked radiant in her white gown, blocking out poor little Joss Hutchison behind her, but as an example of how producers and editors seek to distract us from important political and social issues like austerity, it really could not have been better timed.

By Mr Zaidi, Head of Media Studies



SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE SUCCESS 2015

Sixty-four students, from Year 12 and 13, recently took part in the **UKMT Senior Maths Challenge 2015**. Our students were very successful with many receiving awards and 3 qualifying for the next round (only 6% of all the students entered are invited to the next round).

We were delighted with the success of all our students, and we wish **Dylan Dhokia**, **Dylan Moles** and **Benjamin White** the best of luck in their forthcoming next round.

Dylan Dhokia Best in School, Best in Year (13), Gold
Smriti Limbukhim Best in Year (12), Silver

GOLD AWARD

Dylan Moles
Benjamin White

SILVER AWARD

Hester Baird	Joshua Chan
Santhiya Sutharsan	Gurpreet Dhesi
Jack Stevenson	Kyle Widhall
Tyler Widnall	Robert Best
Natasha Ribakovs	Daniel Hookham
Suzanna Harrison	Luke Harwood



BRONZE AWARD

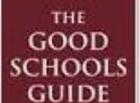
Samuel Harris
Elliott Mold
Matthew McDonald
Jason McCormick
Joe Harrison
James Green
Katie Green
Alex Gould
David Lopez-Lazaro
Cameron Williams
Samuel Shields
Oliver Claypole
Isam Khan
Ethan Cotterell
Lewis Manning
Samuel Sprawling
Ryan Yates
Conner Pearson
Martha Young
Matthew Richardson
Akshay Pathiyath
Michael Barnes



RECOGNITION RECEIVED FOR MEDIA STUDIES AT ARTHUR MELLOWS VILLAGE COLLEGE

We have made the **Good Schools Guide 2015** for best results for Girls for Media Studies at A Level for any comprehensive school in the UK. This is the second time in 6 years we have been recognised in this way (last time it was boys). Well done to the students and many thanks to the various media teachers who go above and beyond the call of duty working with our amazing students.

Mr Zaidi, Head of Media Studies



YEAR 9 OPTIONS

Year 9 Students, please remember, the deadline for Option Forms to be handed in to Form Tutors is:

**Friday
26 February 2016**

COLLEGE NEWS

PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOP - CLAIRE JONES AND CHRIS MARSHALL



On Friday, 22 January 2016, 30 of our most talented musicians took part in a workshop that was run by 2 of our country's most famous classical musicians. **Claire Jones** is the royal harpist, and has, for the last 4 years been the harpist for Prince Charles. Claire has played for the Queen, and for many other members of the Royal family. **Chris Marshall** is a percussionist and composer and writes music for Claire to play, as well as music for a variety of purposes, including film.

Our students spent the day learning about performance, composition, and about the journey Claire has been on to become the performer she is.

On Saturday, 23 January 2016, our students performed with Claire and Chris at Stamford Corn Exchange in an evening that was part of Claire's

"Journey" tour of the UK.

It was such an honour for our students to take part in this event. In the words of Mrs Blackmore who attended the concert...

"Only at Arthur Mellows Village College. On Saturday, we went to hear the harpist to Prince Charles; she played at Will and Kate's wedding, and treated us to Kate's own personal favourite, played at the wedding reception.

The second half of the performance started off with the Arthur Mellows Village College orchestra on stage; we heard a fabulous piece where Claire accompanied our very own students. This was a wonderful modern piece...someone told me they had composed it themselves.



What a wonderful evening it was - mesmerising music, inspirational visual display, with a wonderful dancer expressing the music as well. How generous and humbling of such a great musician to share her expertise with our students."

Our students were, of course, fantastic ambassadors for Arthur Mellows Village College. Chris and Claire both commented on how well behaved, talented and creative

our students were. Thank you to parents for supporting students and bringing them to Stamford.

By Mrs Hammond, Head of Performing Arts



Artist of the Month Jessica Quinn Year 13



BRIC 2015 - BRITISH ROWING INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS



In September 2015, I began rowing. I started in the County squad training once a week. In December 2015, I went to the British Indoor Rowing Championships, at the Olympic Velodrome, where I came in the top 10 for both the races I was entered in.

Since then, I have moved from the 'development' squad to the top squad, known as the 'Stella' squad; which compete in competitions at a National level. I have been picked out for being one of the fastest progressing in such a short space of time. I now train 5 times a week, and also have to weight train 3 times a week.

Once I am over 15, hopefully I will be chosen for the GB Rowing team. This would mean having to row 5 times a day. I find rowing exhilarating and exciting, although sometimes tough. I would definitely recommend rowing as a hobby. Sport has helped me to focus more in school and has given me the goal of a future sports career.

By Henry Barnett, 9MRI

JAXON SIMMONS: TEAM GB SWIMMING

In the last few months, I have joined the GB swimming squad. This means that not only do I travel in this country to compete, but also abroad to attend GB camps and take part in competitions.

In December 2015, I went to an International Swimming meet in Manchester and received 6 gold medals and 1 silver.

An amazing thing that has happened recently, is that I have been entered in the Junior **Sports Personality Of The Year Award**; I have made it to the top 3, this means, that I have to go to a Presentation Evening to see if I am lucky enough to get an award.

By Jaxon Simmons, 11AMC



PE NEWS

GIRLS NETBALL RESULTS

Congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 girls Netball teams

On Tuesday 26 January 2016, they had their first competitive inter-school matches and both teams won

YEAR 7 GIRLS

AMVC 4 - 2 The Peterborough School



YEAR 8 GIRLS

AMVC 10 - 9 The Peterborough School



PETERBOROUGH SCHOOLS GYMNASTIC COMPETITION



On Tuesday 2 February 2016, we took a group of Year 7 and Year 8 girls to compete in the Peterborough Schools Gymnastics Competition at the Phoenix Gym. We had 6 individuals who competed at Intermediate level. These students practise regularly outside school at a gymnastics club, and 13 girls who split into 3 groups and had to produce a floor exercise. They had only had gymnastics in PE lessons, or attended our Gymnastics club since Christmas, so they were very new to the sport and nervous

On the day, all the girls performed excellently and we were very proud that **Charlie Ebbage** came second in the Intermediate Vault, **Molly Escott** came joint third, and **Holly Willoughby, Faye Slade, Taela Merry** and **Ellie-May Boon** won the Team Gym Competition.



Please see below articles from 2 of the girls writing about their experience.

Year 7 and 8 Girls Football Team



Congratulations to the Year 7 and Year 8 Girls Football Teams. After winning the local Community Cup on Friday, 15 January 2016, the girls were invited to represent Peterborough United at the Girls Football Cup Area Final. This took place at Stevenage FC Academy training ground. After winning their group against Ipswich, Stevenage and Wycombe Wanderers, the girls won their Quarter and Semi-Finals; the girls were eventually runners-up in the Final against Cambridge United. Well done to all the girls.

I had an awesome time, and I enjoyed representing the College in this competition. I am proud of my friend who competed with me: Taela Merry, and of course myself. It was not just me and Taela though; there was another 2 members of our team: Faye Slade and Holly Willoughby who are both in Year 7. I am happy for myself, but also for achieving this for the College, as well. After all, it feels good to be able to say that I have come first.

I recommend this experience to anyone wanting to take part, but are too nervous. Trust me, I was going to back out, but once we got there I felt okay, and yes, I was still nervous but that is natural. When we were doing our routine, I remembered everything and I was very pleased that I had not backed out.

By Ellie-May Boon – Year 8 (Part of the Team Gym, Winning team)

I was really nervous, getting up and performing in front of people, as this is not my kind of thing. At the gymnastics competition, it made me feel different about performing. My friend Ellie and myself were close to backing down and not doing it. But when it came to our turn we got up and believed in ourselves, and did it. I recommend this kind of activity for anyone wanting to take part in a gymnastics competition. You do not have to be perfect just confident. I was really proud when our group won. I could not believe it when we came home with a trophy, and chocolates.



Taela Merry – Year 8 (Part of the Team Gym, Winning team)

CROSS-COUNTRY NEWS

At the Peterborough Schools Cross-Country, in December; 21 Arthur Mellows students were selected to represent Peterborough at the Cambridge Schools Cross-Country. The event took place on Saturday 16 January 2016.

Well done to all our students who took part, but especially to the following students, who were selected to run at the Anglian Schools Cross-Country, which took place on Saturday 6 February 2016:



Jess Broadway



Sydney O'Connell



Ishan Limbukhim



Ben Roberts

The following students have been given reserve places at the Anglian Schools Cross-Country: **Harvey Hancock**, **Lizzie Snodgrass** and **Jack Green**.

By Mrs Richardson and Mrs Wilding, PE department

TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION



On Tuesday, 2 February 2016, 210 students from our feeder primary schools, in the Soke cluster attended Arthur Mellows Village College to play

Table Tennis.

Each school brought a whole class, or Year Group, of Year 5 students. They were split into groups of 4 and were coached by Sports Leaders and BTEC students in Years 12 and 10 respectively.

Barnack, Castor, Newborough, Wittering, Duke of Bedford came and attended sessions before lunch, whilst Peakirk cum Ginton, Northborough and John Clare attended sessions after lunch. Running up to the event, students had been preparing and planning activities and games for the students. Students will be evaluating how the sessions went and planning for the Football and Netball competitions which will be the next primary event on the calendar on Thursday, 17 March 2016.