



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 newsletter for this new academic year. The term has certainly started off very busy and I must firstly congratulate our new students, be they in Year 7 or Year 12 who have all settled in extremely well. They are now fully fledged Arthur Mellows students and embracing all aspects of College life.

I would also like to welcome new teachers this term as follows: Mrs Brown (Maths), Mr Deplancke (Maths), Miss Edwards (Psychology), Mr Hale (Science), Mr Kanengoni (Technology), Mrs Keeley (Art), Miss Munoz (Dance), Mrs Norris (English), Mrs Ridgers (Science), Mr Sandeman (ICT) and Mr Slack (English). I am sure all parents will meet these teachers shortly at forthcoming parents' evenings.

This term saw a very busy Open Evening for Year 6 children wanting to move up next September and I would like to congratulate the following students on their excellent performances on stage, showcasing life at Arthur Mellows. To speak publicly in the spotlight to an audience of in excess of 400 people is no mean feat and they are to be commended on being such excellent ambassadors for the College: Jack McCulloch, Evie Frost, Mohammed Walji and Heather Mennie (all Year 7), Lauren Shaw and Cameron May (Year 9), Alex Smith and Charlotte Birch-James (Year 11) and Daisy Malton and Ashley Brumfield (Year 13).

Finally, I would draw Year 11 students' notice to the date for our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 11 November 2015, details of which can be found on the back page. We look forward to seeing you all and helping you with your post-16 education choices.

Best wishes

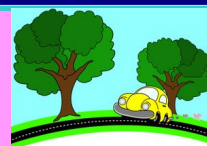
M Sandeman, Head of College

Key Dates next half term

Term resumes	Monday 2 November 2015
Senior Maths Challenge	Thursday 5 November 2015
Sixth Form Open Evening	Wednesday 11 November 2015
Normandy Trip leaves	Thursday 19 November 2015
Year 13 Parents' Evening	Monday 23 November 2015
Glinton Residents Christmas	Thursday 10 December 2015
Year 11 Collapsed Day - Health	Friday 11 December 2015
Christmas Concert	Tuesday 15 December 2015
Term Ends	Friday 18 December 2015

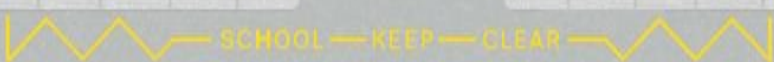


THE USE OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS TO AND FROM SCHOOL



If your son/daughter uses the Foxcovert Road between Peakirk Road and the railway bridge, please would you kindly make them aware that it is a narrow road used by both students and the general public travelling in both directions. The road is accessible to residents in cars, farm vehicles, access to the railway and cyclists. Therefore, in the interest of safety please would students, - both walking and cycling—be mindful of other pedestrians and road users. There have been times when the road is not passable as students cycling, and walking, are taking up the whole road.

Please remind your son/daughter to always cycle safely. Cycling two or three abreast is unsafe; there have been reports of students cycling four abreast, with their hands off the handle bars and cutting across parked cars in a dangerous way. Whilst we appreciate 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.



PARKING AND HIGHWAY RESTRICTIONS

To help prevent accidents between motorists and children, could we politely ask all parents to park considerately and safely. Our neighbours have also requested that parking should always be considerate and 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.

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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.



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

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

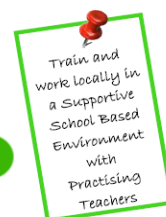
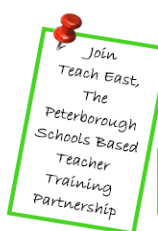
You are entitled to free school meals for your children if you receive:

- 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.



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UCAS course codes: **Secondary** IJN, 263 & IYb **Primary** IXX, IY5, 27W & IYg

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.



NEW AUTOMATED VEHICLE BARRIER

Dear Parent/Carer

After half-term there will be a new 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.

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

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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 11 July 2016 to Friday 22 July 2016.

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 **Friday, 13 November 2015**. Students will receive their printed forms from Mrs Crick or their Form Tutor by Friday, 20 November 2015 to bring home for parent/carer signatures.

Completed forms must be with Mrs Crick by **Thursday, 3 December 2015** at the latest.

If students wish to find their own placement, students can collect the appropriate paperwork from Mrs Crick, but be aware these forms also have to be back by **Friday, 20 November 2015**.

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, at the College on 01733 252235.

By Mrs Crick, Work Experience Coordinator

CONGRATULATIONS - TAYLOR ROBERTS-MITCHELL

On Tuesday 7 July 2015, **Taylor Roberts-Mitchell** was placed with 'The Glass Slipper', on work experience. Taylor was tasked with the re-design of a dress that the company had at The Glass Slipper. Taylor's brief was to re-design the dress before it was pulled apart and reconstructed to match the design.

Taylor presented her designs to her employer, Kris, at the close of the day. Kris stated that the designs were very imaginative and to say that they were impressed would be an understatement. The Glass Slipper have been designing and producing formal gowns for some years now. Kris felt that Taylor's designs were to the standard they would expect of someone far beyond her years.

Taylor has continued her work, designing and reconstructing the garment and completed the project. Taylor will be keeping the dress that she worked on during her Work Experience.

Kris commented that whilst Taylor was with The Glass Slipper, they saw a very skilled and creative designer emerge. "Taylor demonstrated remarkable maturity not only in her interactions with us but with customers and her work."

Following the Work Experience, 'The Glass Slipper' have offered Taylor a job and are delighted that Taylor has accepted. She will be undertaking paid work as a designer of bespoke wedding dresses, bridesmaid dresses and

formal gown wear for 'The Glass Slipper'.

During the Summer holidays, Taylor worked 2 days per week, four hours each day. Taylor has been offered work during term time, that is appropriate (ie not on a school day) and will support her studies as she approaches GCSE's.

Taylor has been tasked with the design of a bridal gown and bridesmaids dresses, that once produced by the dress making team at 'The Glass Slipper' will be their dress of the month in the future. As an example, their July dress of the month had a total reach of more than 28,000 people, in excess of 250 comments on social media and saw clients travelling from as far a field as Lancashire, South Wales and Scotland to place orders.

Kris is very keen to see Taylor progress on beyond secondary education to higher education. Kris stated: "Whilst practical experience with a company designing garments has value, we feel that encouraging Taylor towards higher education will see her more likely to achieve her long term goals. We plan to work closely with Taylor and her mother in encouraging her with her studies."

Well done, Taylor, for making the most out of your Work Experience.

By Mrs Crick, Work Experience Co-ordinator



COLLEGE NEWS



A Spotlight on Success...

This section of 'The Voice' is dedicated to celebrating the success of students who have achieved at the highest level, showing commitment, a strong work ethic and a determination to achieve above and beyond targets set. This edition focuses on our A Level students.

HESTER BAIRD, 13EBE

Hester has worked quietly throughout Year 12, achieving great success, without ever seeking any accolades. She has been a model student who is held in high regard, not only by her fellow students, but also all the staff. Her determination to maximise her time and reach the highest level she can, yet still display her keen sense of humour, is wonderful to see. Part of Hester's success can be attributed to her resilience and hard work - if she doesn't achieve top marks, she challenges herself to repeat the work until she does. She has matured throughout Year 12 and is now ready to face the challenges of university and the world beyond. Hester has been an absolute delight to teach. This outstanding commitment and dedication resulted in Hester achieving an impressive A grade at AS level.



Mr Drane, Teacher of Maths

Hester is hoping to read Physics at Manchester University and is working hard to achieve the challenging A* A* A requirements.

SAFFRON LEE, BZA

Saffron was able to gain a high A grade at AS level Art for several reasons. Firstly, she developed her technical skills to the highest levels through continuous practice in order to grasp firmly the complexities of the formal elements within the different types of work she engaged with. Secondly, she used her contextual research to underpin her work in terms of developing original, creative and perceptive pieces whilst also developing technical skill through researching the methods and approaches of both contemporary and historical Artists. Alongside this Saffron always approached her studies with a clear dedication and desire to succeed resulting in some truly outstanding pieces of work.



Mrs Crawford, Head of Art

Saffron is hoping to complete a Foundation Art course next year and then apply to the prestigious St Martins College London to continue her Art studies.

ASHLEY BRUMFIELD, 13EBE

Ashley is a natural Economist and has a genuine enthusiasm for the subject. He works independently developing his understanding of topics being covered and looks for real world examples to support the theory being covered. This allows him to analyse and evaluate in detail any questions asked. He also enhances and secures his knowledge by discussing the economic issues raised with other members of the class. This level of work and commitment meant that Ashley achieved an impressive A grade at AS level.



Mrs Street, Teacher of Economics and Business

Ashley is hoping to read Economics at Nottingham University next year and is working hard to achieve the A*/A A A entry requirements.

RUBY LUTER, 13JLE

Ruby achieved full marks on her exam in English Literature AS level, and an A overall, which is testament to her dedication and attention to detail. When presented with a question, Ruby really considers it before trying to write an answer looking for an original approach. She understands that exploring the subtleties of meaning within a question and planning exactly what she wants to say will give her response structure and ensure she addresses all elements required. As well as this, Ruby worked very hard on ensuring that she knew the texts well; reading and re-reading, making notes as she went. This meant that she was able to thoroughly prepare ideas about character, theme, context and the craft of the author.



Mr Norris, Deputy Headteacher and Teacher of English Literature.

Ruby is hoping to read Sociology at Oxford University next year and is working hard to achieve the A*A A entry requirements.

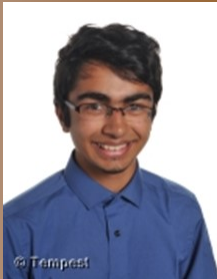
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A Spotlight on Success...

DYLAN DHOKIA, 13KCL

Dylan has always had a particular aptitude for Mathematics and Physics. Part of his success last year, where he achieved A's in Maths, Further Maths and Physics, can be attributed to his enquiring mind where he seeks out the solution to even the most difficult problems with a willingness to try his own methods and engage in debate over the correct outcome. He takes joy in finding new methods and is able to use his academic ability to tackle the most challenging of topics. Dylan was recognised through the United Kingdom Maths Challenge in Year 11 when he made it through to the Maclaurin round, being the first Arthur Mellows student ever to get this far. Following on from this, Dylan was then invited to a prestigious summer school at Oxford University where he took part in an academic programme of masterclasses, group work and team competitions. Dylan combines a strong academic background with a willingness to help others in their struggles of mathematical and physical concepts allowing him to consolidate his knowledge. It is a pleasure to teach Dylan at the highest level in the College.



Mr Sandeman, Head of College and Teacher of Physics

Dylan is hoping to read Mathematics at Cambridge University next year and is working hard to achieve the A*A* A entry requirements.

DAISY MALTON, 13EKA/EWL

Daisy's success last year in Geography, where she achieved an A grade, can be attributed to many factors. Firstly, she has an excellent standard of both general and Geographical knowledge which she has worked hard to learn. Her written work is consistently of a high standard, both detailed and well thought through. Daisy uses evaluative language in all of her written work to fully explore the intricacy of the issues she is studying. During a field trip in Year 12, Daisy demonstrated high level skills when she asked probing questions, used equipment accurately and critically observed different landscapes. Afterwards, Daisy was able to analyse the results effectively and, as a result, she achieved full marks in the examination linked to her fieldwork. Daisy is a pleasure to teach and her enthusiasm for the subject and 'can do' attitude mean that she should achieve the very highest grades at the end of Year 13.



Mr Pepper and Miss Veale, Teachers of Geography

Daisy is hoping to read Geography at Cambridge University next year and is working hard to achieve the A*A A entry requirements.

We would like to congratulate all of these students for achieving such high results at AS Level and show our appreciation for their dedication and desire to achieve top marks. We wish them every success this year in achieving the challenging grades they need to be admitted to the top universities in the UK.

By Mrs Lord, Gifted and Talented Coordinator.

YEAR 12 HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

The Year 12 Health and Social Care students have been treated to a tour of Thorpe Hall Sue Ryder Hospice. We saw first-hand how the staff create a positive environment for the service users. Each bedroom looks out onto a beautifully planted garden. If you wanted to be in the garden, but could not walk, the bed would be taken out for you to enjoy the outdoors. The bathroom was the highlight of the tour. At the press of a button, the lights could be coloured, music could go on and candles lit. Nothing is too much trouble for the staff in meeting the needs of people who stay there. We just about had time to pop into their charity shop and coffee shop. They deserve every single pound they raise.



By Mrs Blackmore, Teacher of Health and Social Care

AMVC CAREERS FAIR

Our annual **Careers Fair** took place on Tuesday, 29 September 2015. Twenty-seven local employers and exhibitors attended to offer advice and guidance to all students in Years 10, 11 and 12. As usual, the evening was a great success.

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



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ECUADOR



Over the summer, a small group of former and present Year 13 students went on a trip of a lifetime to Ecuador. Accompanied by Miss Clennett and Miss Ground, we each fundraised £2,750 to pay for the trip.

A World Challenge Expedition is definitely not a holiday; from the moment our bags were lost in Houston to everyone throwing up at the project, we were challenged! Strangely, this made the trip better! Before we went, the students from

the 2 Year Groups were distant, but we bonded over dirty clothes and blocked toilets. Coming together and working as a team was vital, especially as no-one but Miss Ground could speak Spanish.



Whilst on the Amazon trek, we experienced walking through gullies, along rivers and under waterfalls. Our guide José also taught us about rainforest plants and their uses. We all tried fruits of the rainforest and discovered a million and one ways to use a machete. Despite not having dry feet for 3 days, the trek was the highlight of the trip.

Despite the hard work, we still had time to be tourists. White-water rafting was a highpoint for many. We also explored the historic

centre of Quito and travelled to the *mitad del mundo* (the centre of the Earth). After buying Ecuadorian swimwear, we all went for a swim in the natural hot springs.

One thing we all have brought away from this trip is to be grateful for what we have. It was a real eye-opener visiting a developing country and seeing first-hand how other cultures live.

By Aisling Ruff 13CCR



YEAR 6 PRIMARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Two Hundred and twenty Year 6 students were welcomed to Arthur Mellows Village College on Tuesday 6 and Thursday 8 October, 2015

Community Sports Leaders from Year 12 were instrumental in the success of both days. 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 over the 2 days.



Peakirk cum Ginton School attended on their own as another school was unable to attend at the last minute. They enjoyed playing matches against some of our Year 7 students instead.

By Mrs Wilding, PE Department

PRIMARY SCHOOL HOCKEY

On Tuesday, 15 October 2015 we welcomed Year 4, 5 and 6 students for a Hockey competition on the School astro. This was led by our College Hockey players and leaders from Year 10 through to Year 13.



PE NEWS

FENLAND X-COUNTRY LEAGUE 2015

Well done to all of our students who represented the College at the Fenland League X- Country race at Crowland Park in September. The results are as follows:



Year 7/8 Boys

AMVC A team - 1st
AMVC B team - 13th

Individual Results

1st - Harvey Hancock
7th - Sidney O'Connell
11th - Cemal Korkmaz
13th - Sam Garner

Year 7/8 Girls

AMVC A team - 5th
AMVC B team - 12th

Individual Results

13th - Hannah Campbell

Year 9/10 Boys

AMVC A team - 3rd

Individual Results

5th - Ben Roberts
8th - Ishan Limbukhim
16th - Ben McCann

Year 9/10 Girls

AMVC A team - 2nd
AMVC B team - 8th

Individual Results

1st - Amelia Monaghan
8th - Jessica McKenzie

ARTHUR MELLOWS VILLAGE COLLEGE FOOTBALL RESULTS

We have had a successful first half term for all our Football Teams at Arthur Mellows Village College.

PETERBOROUGH SCHOOLS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Year 7 AMVC 8-3 Voyager
Year 8 AMVC 9-2 Voyager
Year 9 AMVC 15-0 Voyager
Year 10 AMVC 7-0 Voyager
Year 11 AMVC 7-4 Voyager

COUNTY CUP

Year 9 AMVC 5-1 Stanground

ESFA CUP

Year 10 AMVC 2 - 1 Priory Ruskin Academy

Well done to all the boys and girls who have represented the College.

By Mr Moffat, PE teacher.



YEAR 7 GIRLS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT AT KINGS

Outstanding play by Jessica and Shelley Broadway secured Arthur Mellows Village College as Champions at the Year 7 Hockey Tournament at Kings on Monday, 12 October 2015.

Overall, it was a fairly novice team, but the experience of County players Jess and Shelley dominated the play to win every match. Between them, Jess and Shelley scored 10 goals and we conceded none. Well done to all the team in their debut game - a great start to the season!

TEAM

Sophie Ellen	Shelley Broadway
Lucy Rowe	Maddi Avery
Zoe Bateman	Ella Cartmel
Jess Broadway	Isabel Johnson
Kaitlyn Bloomfield	Elizabeth Moorhouse
Georgia Kennedy	

RESULTS

AMVC	V	KINGS B	WON 2-0
AMVC	V	TDA	WON 1-0
AMVC	V	VOYAGER	WON 3-0
AMVC	V	KINGS	WON 4-0

HOCKEY PRACTICE TAKES PLACE ON THE SCHOOL ASTRO ON:

- * Boys – Monday 3.15 pm to 4.30 pm
- * Girls – Wednesday 3.15 pm to 4.30 pm

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME – COME AND TRY IT!

SIXTH FORM FOOTBALL

This year we have had an excellent start to Sixth Form Football at AMVC. We have some excellent players this year and I am excited to see if we can go on and win some trophies!

Star players so far have been: Sam Shields, Isaac Eze, Jack Eldridge and Billy May.

RESULTS

AMVC	V	ST IVO	WON 5-0	ESFA CUP
AMVC	V	NEALE WADE	WON 5-1	COUNTY CUP
AMVC	V	CARRE'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL	LOST 1-5	ESFA CUP
AMVC	V	THE DEEPINGS SCHOOL	WON 2-1	PETERBOROUGH CUP





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An Academy School

Sixth Form Open Evening

Wednesday 11 November 2015 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 2015) 52%
pass rate – A*-B**

"Arthur Mellows is an outstanding school" (Ofsted judgement December 2014)
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