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Message from the Head of College



This half term has seen us say 'goodbye' to our Year 11 and 13 students who have now completed their GCSE and A Level studies and have just starting sitting their formal examinations. This is the end of an era for many students, particularly the Year 13 who are going off to pastures new, be that at university, training or employment. They have all contributed immensely to the success of Arthur Mellows and I wish them every success for the future. I am sure all the hard work will pay off and I will enjoy celebrating with them on the results days. Many of our Year 11 will be coming back to join the Sixth Form in September and I look forward to working with them as 'young adults' in the next stage of their education. With the Euro Football Tournament just about to 'kick off', I would like to offer a quote from one of the World's famous footballing heroes, Pele:

SUCCESS IS NO ACCIDENT.
It is hard work, perseverance,
learning, studying, sacrifice
and most of all, **love** of what you are doing.
- Pele

Finally, you will see a reminder on page 2 regarding requests for leave of absence from the College for exceptional circumstances. The College is currently undergoing a review of our Attendance Policy. I would like to remind all parents of the necessity to promote good attendance at the College in order to secure the best possible outcomes. It is well documented that better attendance at school improves a student's educational achievement and, in turn, their lives and prospects. Even a small reduction in absence would result in many students receiving greater benefit from their education. Your support in ensuring your child attends school every day possible, and on time, would be appreciated.

M Sandeman
Head of College



Key Dates

Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze Qualifying (A)	Friday, 10 June 2016 to Saturday, 11 June 2016
Year 12 Students return to College	Monday, 13 June 2016
Head Boy/Girl Hustings	Monday, 13 June 2016
Year 8 Parents' Evening	Monday, 13 June 2016
Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze Qualifying (B)	Friday, 17 June 2016 to Saturday, 18 June 2016
Preparation for Employment Day	Tuesday, 28 June 2016
Duke of Edinburgh - Silver Qualifying (A)	Wednesday, 29 June 2016 to Saturday, 2 July 2016
Sixth Form Induction	Monday, 4 July 2016 and Tuesday, 5 July 2016
Summer Concert	Thursday, 7 July 2016
Year 10 Collapsed Day - Preparation for Work	Friday, 8 July 2016
Year 10 Work Experience	Monday, 11 July 2016 to Friday, 22 July 2016
Duke of Edinburgh - Gold Qualifying	Monday, 11 July 2016 to Friday, 15 July 2016.
Year 7 Collapsed Day - Diversity	Wednesday, 13 July 2016
Year 9 Collapsed Day - "Prison Me...No Way"	Friday, 15 July 2016
Activities Days	Wednesday, 20 July 2016 to Friday, 22 July 2016.

COLLEGE TRIPS SURVEY

Thank you to everybody who took part in the trips survey last term. There were over 400 responses.

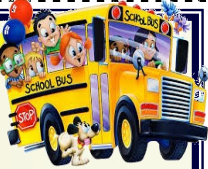
It is quite evident from the response that there is strong support for the trips that are offered by the College. It was pleasing to see that it is felt the trips offer exciting opportunities to students and generally they offer good value for money.

In response to the feedback, I am planning to place on the website a calendar of trips that lists a two year

cycle of the trips that may be on offer. This will hopefully allow parents to plan ahead with regards the opportunities that students may be offered.

A breakdown of the responses to each question can be found on the college website by following the link <http://www.arthurmellows.peterborough.sch.uk/page/?title=Trips&pid=298>

By Mr Cradock, Assistant Headteacher



COLLEGE NEWS

OPENING OF THE MCLAREN BUILDING – APRIL 2016

The College recently held an official opening of the McLaren Building which houses Art, Science and Media Studies classrooms. The building has been named after long-standing Chair of Governors, Gilmour McLaren, who has been associated with the College's Governing Body since the 1990s.

The building was previously the Science Department, prior to this being relocated to a new-build in 2009. Since that time the building had been in disrepair and not 'fit for purpose' until total refurbishment commenced with the help of a combination of DfE grants, College funds and funding from The Wolfson Foundation. The building has now been refurbished to a very high standard, exceeding current thermal insulation levels and accommodates 5 dedicated art classrooms, a kiln room, screen printing room, 2 science laboratories, a science preparation room, 2 media rooms, a media studio, a computer room and 2 further classrooms. The area in front of the building has also been landscaped and there is a new staff car park. The total cost of refurbishment works and fit out was approximately £1.5m.

A number of guests attended the official opening, including representatives from the Governing Body, staff and students of the College. Mike Sandeman, Head of College, said that naming the building after Gilmour McLaren went a small way to acknowledging the vast contribution he had made to improvements at the College, in terms of infrastructure, resources and strong leadership. The building is just part of a major refurbishment programme at the College which has taken place over the last 8 years and will enrich the learning environment of the young people it serves for many years to come.

MIKE SANDEMAN, Head of College



ARRANGEMENTS FOR YEAR 11 REMINDER

Now that study leave has started, students are only required to come to school when they have exams (**ID cards** need to be brought to exams).

Full uniform **must** be worn when students are in school.

All students **must sign in and out** using the signing in sheets at **Main Reception**.

A copy of the revision timetable and exam timetable has been given to students, but is also published on the College website.

Locker keys must be returned before **Friday 24 June 2016** and school books must be returned **before the end of term**.

If students are not returning to Arthur Mellows for the Sixth Form, they must clear their cashless catering account as refunds cannot be made.

The Year 11 prom takes place on Friday 15 July 2016, from 7.00 pm until midnight at the Peterborough Marriott Hotel. Only students on the guest list will be allowed to enter.

GCSE results day is Thursday **25 August 2016** Results can be collected between **9.00 am to 11.30 am**.

Everyone at Arthur Mellows wishes the Year 11 students the best of luck in their exams and for the future.

Mr Steele, Head of Year 11

THE SALTER'S CHEMISTRY TRIP

On Tuesday, 12 April 2016, me and 3 other Year 8 students, **Harvey Hancock**, **Rhianna Pollard** and **Tilly Little**, travelled to Leicester University to take part in the Salter's Chemistry Challenge. In the morning we took part in an experiment which helped us discover who committed a murder. We became forensic scientists! We used chromatography and distillation techniques. Unfortunately we managed to smash three test tubes in the process.



After lunch we attempted to solve chemical problems. This involved carrying out further investigations. At the end of the day we watched many dramatic experiments, my favourites were the luminous colour changing liquids and the banana dipped in liquid nitrogen.

Thank you to Mrs Gray for arranging and taking us on this enjoyable trip.

By Bryn Jones, 8TCL

STUDENTS ATTENDING MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY



If students have medical appointments during the school day, could we ask parents to put an appropriate signed note in the child's Student Planner which will allow them to leave their class and sign out at Student Reception. There is then no separate need to send in an email to the College explaining the absence.

REQUESTS FOR ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

Parents are reminded that the College is not able to authorise any requests for absence during term time unless it is for exceptional circumstances or to attend an educational activity. Any requests for exceptional leave of absence should be made in writing to the Head of College for special consideration. Attendance is vitally important in all Year Groups and parents' support in not arranging holidays or requesting absence during term time is appreciated.

RESULTS DAYS

A LEVEL
THURSDAY 18 AUGUST 2016
8.30 AM TO 11.00 AM

GCSE:
THURSDAY 25 AUGUST 2016
9.00 AM TO 11.00 AM



COLLEGE NEWS

CHARITY COMMITTEE REPORT 2015/2016



Being part of the Charity team is not just about raising money for the less fortunate, but about getting people involved, working together and the enjoyment of doing something good. I have been privileged to have the opportunity to work with such dedicated and positive students, whether they have been a part of the Sixth Form Charity team or just lower school volunteers, everyone has worked incredibly hard this year. I am also thankful to Arthur Mellows Village College for giving me the chance to raise money and take part in charity events since my first year. The past 7 years have consisted of bake sales, car washes, non-uniform days and many more, but obviously some school work was also thrown in. Completing volunteer work for charity has not only taught me the importance of helping those you can, in any way you can, but about teamwork, leadership and effective communication – all the skills I have acquired on my journey through secondary school which I will take with me for the rest of my life, an invaluable gift that I would not have earned without getting involved. I urge every student interested to volunteer with schools extra-activities, as you will get back as much as you give.

I would like to add a special thank you to a wonderful charity team: **Megan Dugdale, Cara Termine, Hannah Graham, Amy Fielding, Kathleen Overend, Abbey**

Williams and Rebecca Reed, as well as every single student that has taken part in any of our fundraisers. Without you, none of this would have been possible- thank you.



**By Gemma Beales,
Charity Committee Rep**

Fundraising for charity has always been an important part of AMVC life. We fundraise every year for a range of worthy causes, in support of the local, national and international communities. I would like to personally thank Gemma for all her hard work, in coordinating our fundraising events across the school this year, as charity leader. This has been an exceptional year, with the total amount raised since September currently standing at a whopping £6,799.40.



Well done, Gemma, and thank you for your support, not only this year, but since Year 9, when you first led a sponsored staff car wash with your friends on the hottest day of the year! Not only did Gemma put her heart and soul into this Chernobyl charity fundraiser, but she has also become personally involved outside school, with the family having hosting a child from Belarus over the years. After completing her exams in June, Gemma plans to complete volunteering with the Summer Trust charity in London, working with disadvantaged children. Through her dedication and teamwork, she has undoubtedly made a difference to many people's lives.

By Mrs Reilly, Assistant Headteacher

Money raised so far this year

- * **Children In Need**
November 2015 - £3,057.49
- * **The Red Cross Refugee Crisis**
December 2015 - £1,903.62
- * **Summer Trust Charity Appeal**
February 2016 - £1,838.29



YEAR 13 PREPARATION FOR EMPLOYMENT UPDATE

The Year 13 'Preparation for Employment' group has now finished meeting for this academic year, following a hugely successful mock interview day, attended by some of Peterborough's most prestigious

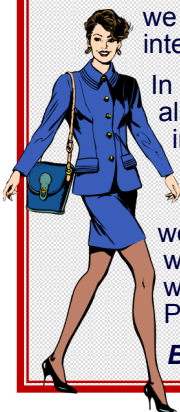
employers such as Perkins, Handelsbanken, Natwest, Thomas Cook and Hegarty.

In our fortnightly sessions we have been researching new opportunities, hearing from local apprenticeship providers, preparing CVs and working on interview skills under the expert guidance of our training link governor, Alan Kirkpatrick. We have also enjoyed a visit from one of last year's students, Mollie Hinks, who is now a Digital Marketing apprentice at Thomas Cook. Students found it motivating and interesting to hear how much Mollie's life had changed in the few months since she has left school, and all about the fantastic training she is receiving from her new employer. Many of this year's 34 students have now secured places for September, and we congratulate you all! Some impressed our visiting employers so much so that they now have 'proper' interviews set up, so we are keeping our fingers crossed for more good news later on this term.

In addition to the on-going programme of events for Year 13, the Year 12 Gifted and Talented students have also enjoyed a networking lunch with a group of employers to help them find out about careers. Our visitors included Saffery Champness, Perkins and Byre vets. After half term, all of Year 12 will be taking part in our Preparation for Employment Day, which takes place on Tuesday, 28 June 2016.

At this point in the academic year, many Year 12 students are undecided about the sector in which they would like to work, so we are trying to make contact with as many employment sectors as possible. If you would like to help with Preparation for Employment, or come in to talk about your career or organisation you would be most welcome. It is a great opportunity to meet and interact with our lovely Sixth Form students. Please contact me at the College if you are interested.

By Mrs Wells, Assistant Head of Sixth Form



COLLEGE NEWS

BATTLEFIELDS TRIP 2016

The 2016 Battlefields trip really opened my eyes to the world of pain, loss and suffering that the soldiers fighting in the First World War had to endure. The other Year 9 students and I were astounded by the amount of soldiers who sadly lost their lives, both on the side of the allies and of the Germans, and what it was like for them to live in such difficult conditions. Everyone had the most amazing and heartfelt time of their lives.

Our coach journeys were always amusing and soon enough we were in France!

At the Newfoundland Memorial Park, we learnt about the battle of the Somme. We found out that the battle plan for the Somme was majorly flawed and that we would have had far less casualties if the allies had followed the plan differently. For example, if they had got the troops to run across the battlefield in the time just before dawn rather than slowly walk in broad daylight. After getting back on the bus, we went to our next stop - Thiepval Memorial, where our tour guide told us the story of a husband and new father, a Victoria Cross medallist and a 'deserter', who had been executed for his crime, and who had recently been forgiven and pardoned after his daughter spent years campaigning for his rights. Finally, we went to a huge crater created when British forces tunnelled with explosives and blew their trenches sky high. Recently, a couple found a soldier's body sticking out from the mud there; the identified soldier had a funeral nearly 100 years after his death. Neil also told us a theory behind the reason the allies won the war.

Later that evening we crossed the border to Belgium and drove to our second and final hotel of the trip - Oude Abdij, The Old Abbey.

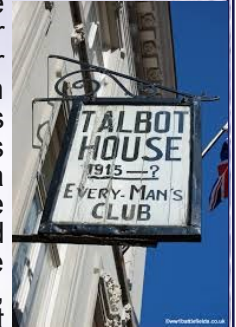
Saturday was by far my favourite day. Our first stop was Essex Farm, a hospital and the location where John McCrae wrote 'In Flanders Fields', the famous war poem. We paid our respects at the adjacent cemetery and Neil told us stories of three more brave young men. Our next stop was the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres, Belgium's war memorial to the missing. It was both stunning and depressing looking at the thousands of names carved into the stone walls of the memorial. A stage for a concert of some sort was being set up as we walked through Ypres city centre, and after walking through the 'In Flanders's Field Museum' which was interesting and upsetting, we all walked to the famous chocolate shop, where everyone spent far too much money on amazing 'deals' they had to offer there. We left Ypres, all knowing that we would return later.

One of the best ways to understand what life was really like in the trenches, would be to actually experience it, and we did. Trudging through mud and water over our ankles (obviously with our wellies on) we got wet and suffered almost exactly what the soldiers did 100 years ago.



We then moved on to one of the most controversial places of World War One, the 'death cells' in the town of Poperinghe (known to the British troops as 'Pop') where many soldiers were kept there to be executed

at dawn by the firing squad. This stop really changed my opinions of war leaders as most of the 'deserters' were suffering from 'shell shock', a mental illness not recognised back then. After the death cells, we proceeded to visit the wonderful Talbot house, a hostel for soldiers on leave could go after weeks of terrifying fighting down in the terrible trenches in Ypres (pronounced by the British as 'Wipers'). It would have been like a home away from home where the soldiers could be their selves and ranks did not matter. Afterwards, we had a lovely walk around the town, exploring what it was like at night. It was so beautiful. Everywhere was lit up gorgeously. We arrived at the Menin Gate just in time to listen and watch the 'last post' ceremony, which takes place every night at 8.00 pm. The attendance at the ceremony numbered in hundreds, but when the bugles sounded the whole place is filled with silence. All together, we strolled back to the coach and headed back to the Old Abbey to pack our suitcases ready for our departure early tomorrow morning.



First thing, Sunday morning we spent a while at the Tyne Cot cemetery which commemorates the loss in the 'Battle of Passendale'. Neil told us that the cross sacrifice (found in every cemetery) is built on an old German bunker. Within the visitors centre, a woman reads the names of soldiers lost in the battle and their pictures are shown on a screen. This is quite moving. Briefly we stopped at the Canadian Gas Memorial where Neil told us of the German's use of poisonous gas in WWI. He read us a poem describing the terrors and sights of the tragedy.



It would not really be fair if we did not see both sides of the war and we viewed German graves in Langemarke Cemetery where Hitler visited in WWII. Images showed Hitler standing exactly where we were standing. At Lijssenthoek CWGC Cemetery, we held our own memorial service for those who lost their lives to the 'Great War'. We laid down our Arthur Mellows Village College wreath and had a minute of silence.

The weekend was fantastic and everyone learnt so much more than we could have ever learnt when sat in a classroom because we were experiencing everything for ourselves. I would like to thank all of the Arthur Mellows staff who helped to make this trip possible for us to enjoy. It was unforgettable.

By Emily Ferrer, 9JPE



COLLEGE NEWS

BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD AT ARTHUR MELLOWS VILLAGE COLLEGE



Every year, up to 82 students participate in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award at Arthur Mellows. In addition to the well-known expedition, students also have to take part in Volunteering, Skills and Physical activities, two for at least an hour a week for 3 months, and the other for 6 months.

This year students have been volunteering at a range of different places. These are some of their experiences and what assessors have said about them.

Duke of Edinburgh Award at

JAMIE GILBERT PETERBOROUGH PHANTOMS ACADEMY

"I enjoyed my volunteering part of DofE at Ice Hockey as it taught me new skills. I got recognised as an adult and I know that I've helped children who have been part of the programme"

"Jamie has been supporting our beginners program. He has been a real role model for the children in offering very positive encouragement and interactions, helping the young children progress. Jamie has improved his confidence levels and become a more mature instructor."

Jon Kynaston Head Coach



LUCY SOMERS - PETERBOROUGH AREA DOWNS SYNDROME GROUP

"I have thoroughly enjoyed working at the Peterborough Area Downs Syndrome Group. I have put in 19 hours of volunteering with the children and I have especially loved the bond I have made with them over the past few months. I have done various things with the children which included playing with them in general, such as hairdressers, I have encouraged the children with their speaking and communication skills and also I have brought out their enthusiasm for learning by reading books to them. I have had to learn various things and develop on my own personal communication and people skills since working at the group and I have been given various responsibilities by the leaders of the group."

Lucy Somers.

"We have really enjoyed spending time with Lucy. She has been busy with the craft activities as well as helping at diner time. Lucy has also supervised the children with food and also read to the children. We would love to see Lucy back anytime." **Laura Tilley, Chairperson.**



LOUISE COLLINSON PETERBOROUGH LIBRARY

"For my DofE volunteering, I worked at the Peterborough Central Library every Saturday I could for 3 months. I had a great time helping out visitors and learning to find my way round the library. I have a better understanding of the Dewey decimal system and how non-fiction books are shelved and feel like I have become more confident in social interaction through help people and talking to other library volunteers. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the library and aim to continue volunteering for the Vivacity organisation."

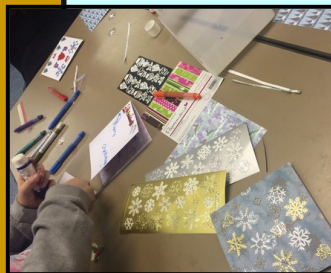
"Louise has regularly attended the library to volunteer on a Saturday and has built up her experience with us over four months. She will readily ask advice from staff as required, but can generally be found working away under her own direction."

HOLLY CUMMINGS - GIRLS GUIDES

"I enjoyed volunteering at Guides because it meant that I experienced new things and learnt valuable life skills with younger children. I feel that I have made friends with children who are coming to AMVC next year, so they will have someone to look out for when they are here."

Holly has done a fantastic job of looking after the new and younger Guides. Holly is an approachable and punctual young lady. Holly would make a fantastic young leader at Guides. Well done Holly!"

Chloe Hill, Guide Leader



LUCCA TOCCI / CLARK MCDONALD - PARK RUN

"All the AMVC children are a pleasure to deal with. We have had 10+ complete either bronze or silver volunteering or physical with us. Also a number of staff members are regularly attending to volunteer or run as well, so great to see."

Gordon Pearson, Event Director.



By Mr Pepper, DofE Assistant Coordinator

COLLEGE NEWS

SIXTH FORM STUDENTS PLAN A TRIP TO BARCELONA

Over the last few months, **Emma Holmes, Elen Agger, Lois Snart, Zoe Crowson** and **Charlotte Martin** have planned a cultural visit to Barcelona as part of their coursework for A2 Travel and Tourism.

The girls have worked tirelessly to organise the best visit possible. Building on their initial ideas, they conducted background research, and then further market research to help them produce feasibility studies which concluded Barcelona was the option most likely to be successful.

The next step was to prepare a detailed business plan covering all aspects from staffing to finance, and legal requirements (and as the girls would want me to recognise, many more aspects/pages of work!) Once complete, the girls could often be found on the phone, working closely with their chosen tour operator and transport providers, busy liaising with school Finance office to organise the trip finances, or simply chasing around after other students going on the trip.

As the trip grew closer, the excitement mounted (with George Ezra singing 'Barcelona' becoming a bit of a soundtrack to the lessons), until finally we all met at Peterborough Station at 8.30 am and the fun really began!

But it was not all fun. The girls were still organising the trip, bossing us all about and highlighting the risks we needed to watch out for (no feeding the animals). Of course Mrs Richardt and myself were always there to give a little help when needed – but thanks to their planning we all had a great time exploring the culture of Barcelona (and walking through the Gothic Quarter).

Once back at school, the work was not over and the evaluation phase began. Even if their peer-reviews can be a little harsh, at least their teacher observations show what a fantastic group of girls they are who should all be truly proud of what they have achieved.

By Mr Pepper, Travel and Tourism teacher

We had a fantastic time in Barcelona! We tried to discover everything the city had to offer in a few days, which is in itself a monumental task but we managed it.

First stop, Barcelona Airport El PRAT, yes that's right EL PRAT. The flight was comfortable and all our luggage arrived on time.... But no bus. Mr Pepper using his best Spanish managed to track it down and so it began. We were on our way to The Generator, a really trendy Hostel in the heart of Barcelona. Quick check in, change of clothes and off to the world famous Las Ramblas, a tree-lined pedestrian zone that starts at Plaza Catalunya and winds down through the old city to the port. Everyone was delighted about walking around the city, I am not sure why we bought metro tickets. The group (particularly the girls) insisted on walking so we decided to walk around the



Gothic Quarters, a small city within a city with lots of restaurants, bars, and souvenir shops.

We were very lucky with the weather, mostly warm and sunny! The perfect opportunity to visit Parc Guell with its impressive mixture of garden and complex architectural elements by Antoni Gaudi. It is situated on the hill of El Carmel, in

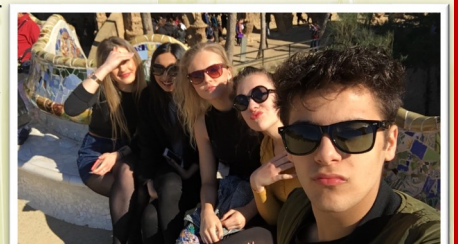
the Gracia district of Barcelona, and no trip to Barcelona can be without seeing the amazing Sagrada Familia, a majestic Cathedral designed by Gaudi.

On the last day we visited Camp Nou. The players might be gone, but the adrenaline and anticipation still linger in the air.

Everyone behaved impeccably and the trip was professionally organised by the Sixth Form travel students. Everyone worked as a team, particularly at Stansted Airport. We literally had only 15 minutes to catch the last train home and no sign of the passport queue going down. I have never seen a group of people run so fast to catch a train. Oh and I wonder what happened to the blue case?

Same time next year?

By Mrs Richardt, Spanish teacher



COLLEGE NEWS

SUCCESS IN NATIONAL AREANA SWIMMING LEAGUE CUP FINAL - AMELIA MONAGHAN

Amelia Monaghan, Year 9, returned from the National Arena Swimming League (NASL) Cup Final, in Cardiff with 3 Gold medals.



Amelia took part, with her fellow team members, in the 4 x 50m medley relay which they won being 2 seconds faster than their closest rivals. The team repeated their win in the 4 x 40m freestyle beating the Plymouth Leander team by 0.49 seconds.

Amelia also won an individual gold in the (U14) 100m breaststroke underlining her current number one British ranking in the event.

Congratulations, and well done to Amelia for her outstanding achievement.

COPS STAR JAXON SIMMONS

Further success for 'City of Peterborough Club, youngster, and Arthur Mellows Village College student Jaxon Simmons.



Jaxon who recently made it to the final 3 in his category for the Evening Telegraph, Junior Sportsman of the Year Award has now been selected for the Team GB 'Podium Potential' squad.

Jaxon, recently took part in the British Para-Swimming International meet in Glasgow and reached five finals at the big meeting, clocking seven personal best (PB) times.

Jaxon, who is currently studying for his GCSE's, missed out on a place in the British Paralympics team going to Rio de Janeiro this summer, however he did more than enough to suggest he will be a contender for the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics, or maybe even the 2017 or 2019 World Championships.

Jaxon got to race in the pool with elite para-swimmers who were setting new world records. Jaxon's coach felt that Rio is probably too soon for Jaxon, but he is confident that his talent will place him alongside the best.

Well done, Jaxon

of workshops or win a state of the art sewing machine. The creativity and hard work both students have shown is something to be celebrated and the final outcomes are of a high standard both in design and in making.

Whatever the result, well done and good luck to both entrants.

By Miss Sumner, Textiles teacher

AMVC Year 2 - Multi-skills Festival Wednesday 27 April 2016

Year 10 lead sporting event with confidence!

On Wednesday, 27 April 2016, 50 Sports Leaders from Year 10 staged and organised a FANTASTIC event for Year 2 students from our feeder



primary schools. We were very lucky that the sun shone despite being a little cold. Leaders had to plan, set up and run a range of 22 different activities for over 250 students to enjoy. What a BRILLIANT job they did. All the young students had an active and purposeful time learning new skills, playing games and interacting with those from other schools and our leaders.

Well done Year 10 Sports Leaders for playing your part in giving the Year 2 students a great sporting experience they will not forget.

Our final primary event of the school calendar is the Soke Athletics, which will be held on Thursday, 7 July 2016.

By Mrs D Wilding, PE department

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN YFD UK DESIGN.



Young Fashion Designer UK is an exciting national competition which has been established since 2010. It focuses on enhancing the talent of Young Fashion Designers to showcase and promote the exceptional work achieved by GCSE, AS, A2, BTEC and IB students studying textiles design, product design and fashion throughout the United Kingdom. Stretching across the UK, the competition is hosted by centres in the South and Midlands who are each committed to providing a platform for young fashion designers".

Jack Barraclough and Issy Valerio have been entered into this year's Young Fashion Designer competition. This is an exciting opportunity for both GCSE students, as finalists have the chance to gain work experience with industry professionals, develop their own collection through a series



of workshops or win a state of the art sewing machine. The creativity and hard work both students have shown is something to be celebrated and the final outcomes are of a high standard both in design and in making.

Whatever the result, well done and good luck to both entrants.

By Miss Sumner, Textiles teacher

PE NEWS

TRAMPOLINE NEWS

Arthur Mellows students win the Inter school Trampoline Competition 2016

Congratulations to all our students who attended the Trampoline inter-schools competition.

Arthur Mellows won the trophy for the best school and the following students won individual medals.



Novice Year 7		Intermediate Year 9 +	
2nd	Evadne Dawson	1st	Mia Jankovic
3rd	Kaitlyn Bloomfield	2nd	Millie Eggleston
Novice Year 8		Elite	
1st	Gracie Frisby	1st	Zoe Stott
2nd	Rebekah Montgomery	2nd	Georgia Kennedy
Intermediate Year 7/8			
2nd	Charlie Ebbage		



FOOTBALL NEWS

Congratulations to 3 of our Football Teams for getting through to the Finals of the Peterborough Cup. Unfortunately, all 3 teams were runners-up on the day but it is a fantastic achievement to reach the final.



PETERBOROUGH CUP RESULTS

SIXTH FORM

AMVC 2 - 3 Nene Park Academy



Player of the Match: **Isaac Eze**

Scorers: Isaac Eze 1, Callum Richardson 1

YEAR 8

AMVC 0 - 2 Nene Park Academy



Player of the Match: **Ethan Jones**

YEAR 7

AMVC 0 - 5 The Deepings School



Player of the Match: **Ben Holmes**

GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM

Our Year 7/8 Girls Football team have

had a successful season, winning the Peterborough United Schools Tournament in November. From this, they were invited to represent Peterborough United in the Girls South of England 6 a side Football Cup Area finals in Stevenage, playing against teams such as Ipswich, Wycombe Wanderers, Wimbledon and Barnet to name a few. The girls finished as runners-up in the final against Cambridge United.

We have a very young squad with only one of our team being a Year 8, all the rest of the players are Year 7 students.

In the final of the County Cup, the girls played against St Ivo School, which was predominately a Year 8 team, who are actually through to the final of the Girls English Schools FA Cup.

We are very proud of our team. They fought hard and were winning 1-0, 2-1 and 3-2 during the match and then fought back to level us to 4-4 all and 5-5 to take us into extra time keeping strong right up to the final whistle and unfortunately being beaten narrowly 3-2 on penalties. **Zoe Bateman** was chosen as Player of the match for Arthur Mellows.

ATHLETICS

There were some outstanding performances at the City Trials Athletics during the beginning of May this year. Results for our students were as follows:



Student	Event	Position
Owain Masters	Hurdles	1st
Katie Porter	800m	3rd
Ben Roberts	1500m	1st
Sam Gilligan	Long Jump	2nd
James Hogg	Shot	1st
James Cooper	Shot	2nd
Jordan Forde	Javelin	1st

Cricket News

Our Year 9/10 Boys won their first fixture of the year against Stanground Academy.

Joe Mills was chosen as Man of the match.



By Mrs Richardson, PE department