



# THE VOICE of Arthur Mellows Village College

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## Message from the Head of College



The first half of the Autumn term has been very busy, mainly associated with welcoming new students and ensuring that they fit well into College routine and structure. The new Year 7 children are now an integral part of College life and embracing all the new opportunities that come their way. A number of extra curricular activities have been arranged, not least the residential PGL trip that many attended on 12/13 October. I understand a good time was had by all and many children made new friends and enjoyed an array of different activities, aimed at building confidence and 'having fun'. Quite a few new Year 12 students have joined us this year, who were not at Arthur Mellows in Year 11, to which a warm welcome is also extended.

Our Open Evening for the next intake of Year 7 students was attended by over 1000 people on Thursday 4 October. On the evening I was proud to be Headteacher of Arthur Mellows and the students who 'showcased' their school on stage to large audiences. They spoke eloquently about 'life at the College', even the four Year 7 students who at the time had only been with us for a mere 22 days. The following students were an absolute credit to the College and are to be congratulated: Joshua Arden (Year 7), Bhumika Modhvadia (Year 7), Sophia Fidler (Year 7), Aiden Kirby (Year 7), James Shaw (Year 9), Philippa Thompson (Year 11), Ben Milner (Year 13) and Corinne Wilding (Year 13).

All in all an excellent start to the new academic year. I wish all students and parents a restful half term break.

**M Sandeman, Head of College**

### Key dates next half term

Term resumes	Monday 29 October 2018
Sixth Form Open Evening	Wednesday 7 November 2018
Senior Maths Challenge	Thursday 15 November 2018
Normandy Trip leaves	Thursday 15 November 2018
Skills Show Birmingham	Thursday 15 November 2018
Children in Need day	Friday 16 November 2018
Year 8 Parents' Evening	Monday 3 December 2018
Year 11 Collapsed Day	Friday 14 December 2018
GCSE Presentation Event	Monday 17 December 2018
A Level Presentation Evening	Tuesday 18 December 2018
Term Ends	Thursday 20 December 2018



### 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 so 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**

### CYCLING TO SCHOOL



If you cycle to school, the College would like to remind you of the following:

- \* Students are asked to ensure that they cycle to and from school in a responsible way, being mindful of not cycling two or three abreast and being courteous to other road users and pedestrians.
- \* It is highly recommended that cycle helmets are worn.



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## Sixth Form Open Evening



Wednesday 7 November 2018 at 6.30 pm



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A Level Results  
(Summer 2018)

23% pass rate  
A\*-A

61% pass rate  
A\*-B



Presentation by the Head of College and  
Heads of Sixth Form and an opportunity to  
speak with subject staff regarding A Level  
choices and Vocational qualifications

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



# COLLEGE NEWS



ARTHUR MELLOWS VILLAGE COLLEGE



## PRESS RELEASE

### Vara put in the hot seat

17 September 2018



Shailesh Vara MP recently visited Arthur Mellows Village College in Peterborough to meet with Mike Sandeman, the Head of College and address Sixth Formers followed by a Question & Answer session with students.

At a time when politics is at the forefront of many people's minds, particularly at a time of Brexit, the students were keen to hear Mr Vara's views and question him on various subjects that are concerning young people.

The students learnt about Mr Vara's role locally as the Member of Parliament for North West Cambridgeshire, as well as his role as Minister of State for Northern Ireland.

Following the visit, Mr Vara commented: "It is always a pleasure to visit Arthur Mellows and to speak with many of the students at the College. As always, the questions were challenging on a variety of subjects, including how to get young people more engaged in politics."

Head of College, Mr Mike Sandeman added: "It was great to see over 300 Sixth Form students fully engaged with a knowledgeable local politician learning about the life of an MP and the various roles undertaken. Many Sixth Form students expressed their appreciation of the time Mr Vara gave to them in his busy work schedule".

**Photo:** Ben Milner (Head Boy), Mr Cook - Assistant Head of Sixth Form, Shailesh Vara MP, Corinne Wilding (Head Girl), Mr Sandeman - Head of College.

## PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Last month the Local Governing Committee (LGC) held its AGM and it's good to report that all internal positions are filled and we are looking forward to the challenges that this year holds. Our main point of discussion centred around the fantastic exam results achieved by the students this summer and acknowledgement of the hard work and dedication shown by the teaching staff.

I am pleased to announce that two Parent Governors, Rosie Tomaselli and Nikki Lamond have been elected to serve for a four year period and will be joining us later this term and also Scott Dewdney has been elected as the Staff Governor.

Some of the Governing Committee helped out at the recent prospective Year 7 Open Evening and at our next meeting, the Curriculum and Standards Sub-Committee, we will be looking at the exam results in more detail and will be briefed regarding the intervention strategies that the College will be proposing for next year to boost the results of the students taking their GCSE and A level examinations.

As well as undertaking individual training courses during the year, Governors take part in a group training session, and this year we will be inviting Governors from the other schools in the Four Cs MAT to join us as we look at the subject of PREVENT.

The LGC can be contacted via the clerk to the Governors at [dsanderson@arthurmellows.org](mailto:dsanderson@arthurmellows.org).

*Nigel Jennings, Chair of Governors*



## 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](http://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.



# COLLEGE NEWS

## CAREERS EDUCATION, INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE (CEIAG) FOR AMVC STUDENTS

The staff and Governors, aspire to ensure that all our students, irrespective of ability or background, achieve their potential in full. Our goal is to ensure, wherever possible that all students leave AMVC in education, employment or training.

Careers advice, information and guidance is presented in an impartial manner and promotes the best interests of the students to whom it is given. Guidance also includes information on options available in respect of 16-18 education or training, including apprenticeships.

### Student Outcomes

Our careers programme is person-centred, impartial and confidential. The programme promotes equality of opportunity and inclusion and is designed to:

- Develop a sense of awareness and a knowledge of their skills, abilities and potential.
- Develop a knowledge of the world of work and the opportunities for continuing education, training and employment.
- Inform decisions about their continuing education, training and employment choices and be able to implement those decisions.
- Develop a structured approach to vocational decision making using individual career action plans.
- Help acquire and recognise transferable skills which will allow students to be effective in a variety of situations in adult and working life.



### Student Entitlement

All students in Years 7-13 are entitled:

- To find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a Careers Programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point.
- To hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through options events, assemblies, collapsed days, group discussions and taster events.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

### Safeguarding

The College and the Trust are committed to keeping children safe and our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy outlines the procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors.

Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy, which can be found on the College website.

# COLLEGE NEWS

## CAREERS EDUCATION, INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE (CEIAG) FOR AMVC STUDENTS

The table shows some of the opportunities that are provided at AMVC for students to access Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance. There are a number of events, integrated into the school PHSE/Careers Programme, which offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents/carers. The events listed below are subject to change and this is not an exhaustive list, as events are scheduled outside of the planned programme on an on-going basis, dependent upon need and opportunity.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Careers: Job Explorer Database 1</li> <li>• Careers: Job Explorer Database 2</li> <li>• Job Explorer Database Assessment Review</li> </ul>
Year 8			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Job Explorer Database ICT 2</li> <li>• Job Explorer Database ICT 3</li> <li>• Job Advert</li> </ul>
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The REAL GAME Intro</li> <li>• The REAL GAME 1</li> <li>• The REAL GAME 2</li> <li>• The REAL GAME 3</li> <li>• Fast Tomato</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choices</li> <li>• Fast Tomato</li> <li>• Job Explorer Database</li> <li>• Eclips</li> </ul>	
Year 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AMVC Careers Fair</li> <li>• Work Experience Choices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work Experience Preparation</li> <li>• Job Search</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Block Work Experience</li> <li>• Peterborough Skills Show</li> <li>• Collapsed Day</li> <li>• Interview Techniques</li> <li>• Transferable Skills</li> <li>• Apprenticeships</li> <li>• Careers in the Armed Forces</li> <li>• Health and Safety at Work</li> <li>• Curriculum Vitae</li> <li>• Personal Statement</li> </ul>
Year 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AMVC Careers Fair</li> <li>• National Skills Show</li> <li>• Personal Statement update</li> <li>• 16+ Choices</li> <li>• CV and Covering Letter</li> <li>• Fast Tomato</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College Taster Days</li> <li>• Mock Interviews</li> </ul>	
Year 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AMVC Careers Fair</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UCAS Events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-16 Work Experience</li> </ul>
Year 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AMVC Careers Fair</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UCAS Events</li> <li>• Mock Interviews</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-16 Work Experience</li> </ul>

### CEIAG Contacts:

- ◆ Mrs K Griggs – Joint Head of Sixth Form
- ◆ Mrs E Kavanagh – Joint Head of Sixth Form
- ◆ Mrs M Warrington – Head of Year 11
- ◆ Mrs E Ward – Head of Year 10
- ◆ Mr C Cook – Sixth Form, Prep for Employment Co-ordinator
- ◆ Mrs Z Young – PHSE Co-ordinator
- ◆ Mrs J Dawson – Careers Advisor



**Mrs J Dawson , Careers Advisor**

# COLLEGE NEWS

## NEW EXAMS ACCESS GUIDELINES FROM JCQ:

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Joint Council for  
Qualifications

This is a notice to inform parents that JCQ exam have changed the exams access arrangements guidelines to become more stringent. Examples of exams access means a student perhaps accessing one or more the following:



- 25% extra time for exams.
- Reader/scribe for the exams.
- Small room for anxiety.
- Computer for legibility of writing.

For a student to access formal exams arrangements for their GCSE exams, 'a history of need' will have to be highlighted during a two year period. In Year 9, we start the process of identifying students who may need formal exams access arrangements for official exams in Year 11.

This process involves running a series of tests by our on-site exams access officer. It is a very comprehensive service targeting a wide cohort of students who may or may not need formal exams access arrangements for their Year 11 exams. We view this level of screening as being a benefit for all students to maximise their potential in their formal exams however students must meet the threshold of JCQ guidelines.

Once a student is granted exams access, please encourage your son/daughter to use this arrangement during their exams. Having this extra time can make a difference to their grade as it allows your son/daughter the breathing space to fully develop their answers in a time pressured exam environment.

**Mrs B Harrison, SENCO**

## VOLUNTEER REQUEST: PROFESSIONAL/ TRAINED CHEFS

As part of the new Food Preparation and Nutrition, the students need to use a comprehensive range of practical cookery skills.

I am therefore writing to ask if there are any parents/ carers who are professional/trained Chefs and would be willing to come in to demonstrate or help out in Year 10 and Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition lessons.

We also run a three day activity during the summer term, from Wednesday 17 July – Friday 19 July 2019, in which we invite professional Chefs into College to cook with the younger students in Key Stage 3.

If you feel you could help in any way, or would like more information about either option, please contact me via [office@arthurmellows.org](mailto:office@arthurmellows.org)

I would really appreciate any help you may be willing to offer.

**MRS R BOWMAN, Head of Food**

## MENTAL WELLBEING



Mental wellbeing is important for everyone. Being 'mentally well' does not just mean that you don't have a mental health issue, but that you are

able to cope with everyday stresses, have enough resilience to deal with day-to-day problems and that you are living your best life and achieving your full potential. In short, in order to be mentally well you should be **thriving** in your everyday life, not simply **surviving** from one day to the next.

At AMVC there are plenty of people to talk to if you or one of your friends are struggling with their mental wellbeing. The Pastoral Team (Mr Ware, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Levy and Mrs Gaduzo (Constable), Mrs Jones and Mr Phillips), Mrs Kamminga (school counsellor), the HYPA clinic nurses (Wednesday lunchtimes in IT3) are all readily available to talk to if you need some help.

We are passionate about promoting mental wellbeing at AMVC! Over this academic year students can expect assemblies, Tutor Group activities and challenges all aimed at promoting the need for good mental wellbeing for all. Please keep your eyes peeled for further information, but in the meantime be mindful of your mental wellbeing and do your part to make someone's day better. Even the smallest act-making someone a cup of tea, sending them a 'how are you today' text etc.- can make all the difference in helping someone feel good.

Understanding mental wellbeing is important for adults too. We will be holding our first 'Mental Wellness Information Evening' on **Wednesday, 21 November 2018** where parents and carers of Year 10 and 11 students will access information about young people's wellbeing, how to spot signs of poor mental wellbeing and how to further support the young people in their lives. Please keep an eye out for the invitation letter, which will be sent via email.

**Mrs Sludds, Assistant Headteacher**



# COLLEGE NEWS

## YEAR 6 PRIMARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL COMPETITION



On Tuesday 9 October and Wednesday 10 October AMVC welcomed 270 Year 6 students.



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 Primary schools into matches to compete against each other. We ran 6 different sessions over the 2 days. The Primary

schools who attended were William Law, Gunthorpe, Werrington, Welbourne, Norwood, Newborough, Barnack, Peakirk cum Glington, Eye, Northborough, Duke of Bedford, John Clare and Wittering.



On Wednesday, 19 September AMVC held its first Kwik Cricket completion in bright but breezy conditions with both Eye A and B teams making the final, with their first team, Eye A, coming out victorious.



On Wednesday, 17 October we welcomed students from Years 4/5/6 from local schools for a Hockey competition on the School Astro led by our school hockey players and leaders from Year 10 through to Year 13.



## WELL DONE TO LOGAN NOBLE



During the summer Logan played in the England U15's Touch Rugby Championships in Scotland. Logan is only 13 but was selected for the U15s age group. The team ended up with bronze medal beating Scotland in the 3rd / 4th play offs. After the tournament Logan was awarded 'Most Improved player' in the England U15 squad.



## WW1 Centenary War Poetry Competition

All Arthur Mellows Village College Students are invited to compose a poem commemorating the end of WW1.

On Sunday 11 November 2018 it will be 100 years since the end of the Great War and AMVC would like as many students as possible to get involved in remembering a lost generation and saying "Thank you" for their sacrifice.

There will be a display of student poems and other WW1 memorabilia in the school library during the week leading up to Remembrance Day.

All poems should be submitted to the Library staff by Friday 2 November 2018

Further details will be published in the student bulletin.

## YOUNG CARERS

AMVC is beginning to build up a Young Carers group where students make themselves known to us and we are able to support them with issues that might arise, for example with finding time to do homework.

### ARE YOU A YOUNG CARER?



We also have a Sixth Form student, who has been a carer and is joining meetings. This way we are able to really see how individuals cope and help young carers to understand that there are people who are able to offer support when things get tough.

We are very aware that there might be young carers at AMVC that have not yet been identified to us. Please do let us know if you feel we could support your child.

**Mrs S Blackmore**

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