



THE VOICE of Arthur Mellows Village College



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Message from the Head of College

Ho Ho Ho

You will see from this edition that there has been much happening at the College during this last half term, concluding with the excellent Christmas Concert. I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive THANK YOU to all the staff at Arthur Mellows for always 'going the extra mile' to ensure that students achieve their best as well as embracing the extra-curricular activities such as the concert, trips out and hosting external speakers like the careers advisers we can read about in this edition. Their hard work contributes to a well-rounded education that provides students with life skills that they will use at many opportunities in the future.

I would also like to refer to my letter to all parents in November when I advised that the College was pursuing Multi-Academy Trust status and joining forces in the Spring term with The Fulbridge Academy to join the Four Cs Trust. These developments are ongoing and with acquisition of additional schools into the Trust over the next few years, will only add to improve the life chances of not only the young people associated with Arthur Mellows but beyond into other areas of the City of Peterborough as well.

Finally, I would like to say 'goodbye' to three teaching colleagues who are leaving us: Mrs Cowell (Languages), Mr Almond (Technology and SEN) and Ms Croll (Science). We wish them all the very best for the future.

Happy Christmas and all the very best for 2017.

M Sandeman, Head of College

KEY DATES

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| Term Opens | Wednesday 4 January 2017 |
| Year 11 Parents' Evening | Monday 9 January 2017 |
| Year 10 G&T trip to Birmingham | Monday 23 January 2017 |
| Year 9 Options Evening | Monday 30 January 2017 |
| Year 9 Parents' Evening | Monday 6 February 2017 |
| School Production "Hairspray" | Thursday 9, Friday 10 and Saturday 11 February 2017 |
| Sixth Form Mock Results Day | Monday 13 February 2017 |
| Year 12/13 Parents' Evening | Monday 13 February 2017 |
| USA Media and Geography trip | Wednesday 15 February 2017 |
| Ski trip for Year 11, 12 and 13 | Friday 17 February 2017 |
| Term Ends | Friday 17 February 2017 |



IMPORTANT MESSAGE - SCHOOL SITE CLOSING TIMES

I would like to remind all parents that the school site closes at **4.30 pm (4.00 pm on a Friday)**. Unless students are on an activity in school that is supervised by a member of staff, then for health and safety reasons, all students should have left by 4.30 pm (4.00 pm on a Friday) and be making their way home.

The College is not able to supervise students on site after these times. This includes Sixth Form students.

Your support of this would be very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Mr M Sandeman, Head of College

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.



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION RESULTS

Following the ballot to elect a Parent Governor, I write to inform you that as a result of the ballot, Rob Lancaster has been elected to serve as a Governor for a term of 4 years. This position will commence on a date to be confirmed early in the Spring term.

Mr M Sandeman, Head of College

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Delivering Learning for Life within an Aspirational Culture

European Local Democracy Week



On Friday 14 October, AMVC held a workshop to celebrate diversity throughout the school and the nation in honour of European Local Democracy Week. It allowed young, intellectual Year 8 students to display their creativity and opinions on the matter; and due to their enthusiastic, fresh approach to the workshop, they were able to come up with great ideas and some outstanding poetry.

The workshop began with discussing ideas about who they are and coming up with several ideas about what makes you you. By seeing the differences of fellow classmates, the students were able to explore and understand the issue of diversity. Discussions with the whole group brought up many concepts such as respect, aiding them to genuinely understand how respect is shown in their everyday lives. The teachers were overwhelmed with the maturity of the answers. One student mentioned how *'Respect is accepting others for who they are'*. Another said, *"Respect is when you treat people as you want to be treated."*

The focus of the workshop then moved on to interaction and how they can be both negative and positive. Students discussed how 'smiling at someone' can be a positive interaction and that all physical violence is negative. Everyone was able to differentiate good from bad.

What was interesting was the way students shared experiences about the problems that cultural differences can cause, such as language barriers: *"I went to a primary school where there were thirty different languages."* When the student was asked about how she found it, she replied, *"It's a 50/50 split. It's interesting to learn about other cultures but, if there is a new student, it's hard to talk to them without a translator."*

Mr Zaidi explained how Peterborough is seen as the 'immigrant capital' and that – to some people – it is considered intimidating. During this speech he mentioned the story of the 'Tower of Babel' (a story from the Bible) which became the main focus of their poems.

Gradually, as the day grew on, their ideas had been put into motion. One group of boys decided to put different lines in different languages, taking an unconventional approach to poetry. They went round the school and asked pupils who spoke other languages to record a line of their poem, through this students were able to appreciate the variety of languages spoken within AMVC. Another group chose to write on bricks, referring to Peterborough's infamous and thriving brick industry. Others decided to go for a more orthodox attempt, using video montages and voice-overs. Many groups dispersed across the school looking for appropriate locations to film their poem and some even included popular music to complement their work.

Finally, their masterpieces were collaborated to form one video of everyone's poetry. The effort put into both the performances and poems was magnificently remarkable and showed us how creative and understanding young people are towards different cultures.

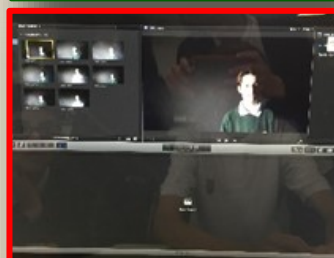
'Brothers scattered across the world, a city of difference.' - Robert, Joe and Mohammed

In summary, the workshop helped its participating students to fully understand mutual respect and interaction while also helping them to learn more about cultural diversity. As well as this, it allowed them to express their own personal opinions on the matter.

"It gave us an insight to how diverse Peterborough is." - Wesley..

"It was interesting how we could make the poems different and personal." - Year 8 Student.

**By Maia Fakolujo, 10JTR,
Ben Roberts, 10MHY and
Adam Jackson, 10CAT**



**Living together
in culturally
diverse
societies:
Respect,
Dialogue and
Interaction**



COLLEGE NEWS

Armed Services Cadets in Remembrance

A number of students from Arthur Mellows Village College attended school either in their Armed Services Cadet uniform or Scouts and Guides uniforms on Friday 11 November 2016 in order to commemorate Remembrance Day.

The students were all incredibly proud to wear their uniform and also commented on their involvement on Remembrance Sunday when they represent their various organisations with wreath laying.

Mike Sandeman, Head of College, commented on how pleased he was to see so many students embrace their extra-curricular activity, by attending school in full uniform and generally promoting the good work of the Royal British Legion, the Armed Services, Scouts and Guides. They are to be congratulated on being such excellent ambassadors for these respective organisations.



British Indoor Rowing championships



Pictured: Tom and Will Kirby

On Saturday, 10 December 2016, I competed in the British Indoor Rowing championships, which took place at the Velodrome in the Olympic park. I rowed for 2 minutes and did 435 metres coming thirteenth in the Year 7 race.

My brother, Will took part in the Year 11 event, where we had to row as far as he possibly could in 6 minutes, he rowed 1552. Henry Bamet and Euan Melkowski in Year 10 also competed.

By Thomas Kirby, 7ARH

Congratulations to all the students who took part in the British Indoor Rowing championships, especially to Tom and Henry who achieve top 20 placings.

World War 1 Production

On Thursday, 3 November, Year 9 students watched an informative production from the Quantum Theatre group depicting the story of World War I. This play looked at the politics behind the outbreak of the war through to the Battle of the Somme. The play was put on to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the battle.

This play will become more relevant to us after Christmas when we will be studying World War I in History and even more so to the 50 students going on the trip in March to Belgium and France, and in particular the Somme area. The Production included only 2 actors who cleverly crafted it, fitting 2 years of history into less than 2 hours.

The comedy and the tragedy within the play was woven together using well known World War I songs such as: 'Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag', 'it's a long way to Tipperary' and many others.



It covered both sides of the story: how it affected Germany and Britain on the home front as well as back home.

They also focused on the Royal Scots Footballers' Battalion, the first ever sporting battalion. Bringing to life the players and fans all from the Scottish footballing club, Hearts, they were led by Sir George McCrae who, unlike many Generals, fought alongside his men.

This play was a great piece of educational theatre that brought World War I to life and helped us understand the key issues. Thank you to Mrs Mason and the entire History department for organising this amazing production.

By Bryn Jones, 9TCL

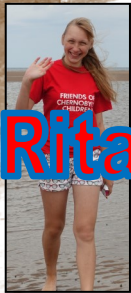
On Thursday, 3 November 2016, 2 incredibly talented actors performed the tragic story of the battle of the Somme (19,000 British soldiers died). The play featured a variety of different characters such as Lloyd George, Kaiser, Soldiers and Kitchener. The performance included events from the shooting of Archduke Franz Ferdinand (June 1914) which was the spark that started World War I. The actors made the performance entertaining and comedic whilst still including facts from the battle of the Somme. They sang songs from the time to tell the story to make it more historical. The actors showed the audience the soldiers recruiting young men from the football team to fight for their country. Both of the actors interacted with the audience, making their performance outstanding.

COLLEGE NEWS

Friends of Chernobyl's Children (Helpston and District) thanks Arthur Mellows Village College for their continued support

This summer saw the arrival of 30 children from the Chernobyl contaminated zones. The children live with disadvantaged families with little help or support. Many families have lost hope. The children live lives where everything they eat, drink and breathe is contaminated by radiation. In Belarus, FOCC helps and supports families with donations of vegetable seeds in order to grow and store food for the winter, donations of clothing and food parcels to take the pressure off family finances and a visit every year from the Coordinator allowing the family and the charity to build a personal relationship and for the family to feel valued.

In England, we provide children who are at risk from cancer and leukaemia with respite holidays, here in the Helpston area, giving them a chance to breathe clean air and to eat clean food, boosting their immune systems, helping them to become physically stronger and more confident young people. It is quite wonderful to see how their health improves during the visit – rosy cheeks develop in pale faces and smiles from ear to ear.



Rita Your kind donation has enabled Rita, aged 14, to have this fantastic opportunity. Her host family, pictured on Rita's arrival, have written this report for you: **After a**

very tough year for Rita, she spent 8 months in an orphanage before moving in with her grandmother, so the visit was a hugely beneficial break for her. She is a lovely teenager, always bright and smiley. She ate everything we offered, even managed a chicken curry, and we got through about 10 litres of ice cream.

She enjoyed everything she did with the group and with our family - her favourite was bowling. She was very proud of the 'Strike' stickers she gained. We went to see the BFG movie in 3D and Pizza Hut after and local walks. Lots of giggles playing on the Wii at home. Shopping and lunch in town, she chose some sensible warm clothes, all in bright colours and a couple of more frivolous items along with some girly bits and pieces. She loved having her hair trimmed and styled at the Hairdressers.

It is very hard to send her back to an uncertain home life and she was fairly emotional but the positive experiences you have made possible with your sponsorship will help develop her inner strength along with the continued support of FOCC. Thank you again for giving us the opportunity of being host family to Rita. **The Holford Family.**



Rita is a lovely child and it is lovely to see her health so much improved. Doctors advise that time away from the contamination extends children's lives. Thank you so much.

Cecilia Hammond, FOCC Coordinator

CHILDREN IN NEED 2016

The Sixth Form Charity team would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who got involved in **Children in Need Week 2016**, which ran from Monday 14 November to Friday 18 November, with an amazing **£2,300** being raised in total.

Throughout the week, a number of exciting events took place, allowing the entire school to get involved. This year, the Sixth Form Sports representatives played an important role in helping organise new and exciting events. Firstly, thank you to all the wonderful teachers who got involved with the "Teacher Plank off" and congratulations to Mrs Smith who was crowned champion.

The sponsored "Sixth Form vs Teacher volleyball game" saw the teachers take victory, much to the dismay of the Sixth Form team. A massive well done to all the Year 7 and 8s who took the time to organise and run a variation of stalls along the main corridor on Friday lunchtime, including chocolate tombola's and cake stands raising over £300 in total. Their participation and enthusiasm was very much appreciated.

The annual Sixth Form auction was a success once again, with many Sixth Formers giving up their time, energy and a little bit of their dignity all for a good cause. The year featured groups such as the Power Rangers, Where's Wally, St. Tinian's, Batman and many more.

Once again thank you to all the participants, helpers and supporters, overall the week was a great success raising so much money for a brilliant charity.

By Eve Greenaway, Charity Representative



COLLEGE NEWS

THE USE OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS AND PATHWAYS TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Please would students, both walking and cycling, be mindful of other pedestrians and road users. There have been times when the pathway is not passable because students – cycling and walking – are taking up the whole pathway



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.



Congratulations

to Logan Noble and Toby Wilks; Spalding U12s Rugby team won the Leicester Tigers Land Rover Premiership Rugby Cup. The Land Rover Premiership Rugby Cup has seen nearly 68,000 children take part to date, from all over the country.

The team played 6 games, and won all 6, with one try against them.

The award for the boys is to go to Twickenham for the Aviva Premiership Rugby Final, on 27 May 2017, and walk in the parade of champions with their rugby team, Spalding, in front of a full House.

APPOINTMENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Please can we remind parents of the procedure for collecting students who have a dental/ medical appointment during the school day.

Please write a note in your son/ daughter's planner stating where they are going and what time you are collecting them. Students should show this note to their Form Tutor during morning registration who will initial it to confirm authenticity.

At the correct time, students should then show the note to their class teacher who will allow them to exit the class and proceed to Student Reception where a member of staff will sign them out and allow them to exit through the doors at Main Reception.

If this procedure is followed, there is **no need** to telephone or email the College.

Your assistance in this would be very much appreciated.

VISIT FROM A LOCAL CHEF



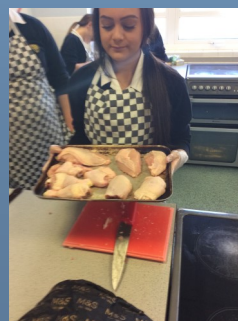
On Friday, 11 November, Year 10 Food students had a visit from a local chef, Chris Colmer.

Chris gave up his morning to come in and teach the students essential knife and chicken preparation skills. During the morning, Chris demonstrated how to portion a whole chicken

and then use one of the chicken breasts to create a Chicken Kiev. The remaining chicken was then marinated in a tandoori mix Chris had made, and frozen for the following week. The week after in their lesson students cooked the tandoori chicken and made sides to accompany the chicken.

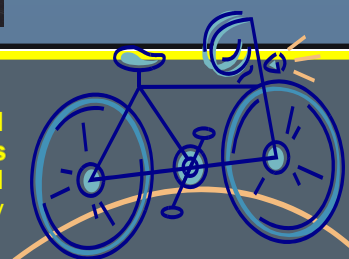
The Students responded well to having a trained chef in to help them, and we look forward to seeing Chris again in the new year when he returns to teach the Students how to prepare fish.

By Mrs Bowman, Head of Food Technology



CYCLISTS: HOW VISIBLE ARE YOU?

Now that the dark nights are here, we would like to take this opportunity to remind Parents and students of the importance of **wearing reflective clothing and having lights on bikes**. Recently, students have been leaving the college after attending after school clubs and returning home without these essential items. Not only is this extremely dangerous to them and motorists, but also **ILLEGAL**.



COLLEGE NEWS

CAREERS

On Thursday, 17 November, 100 Year 10 students attended **The National Skills Show** at Birmingham NEC. Over the 3 days of the show, it attracts more than 75,000 visitors. It boasts 45 'have-a-go' experiences and 600 competitions. There were qualified advisors on hand to give specialist advice about careers, job opportunities and career paths. The show was spread over 6 exhibition halls which covers enough space to fill 9½ football pitches!

It was a fantastic day out and opened students' eyes to the wealth and possibilities available to them in the future.

Mrs Dawson, Careers Advisor

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

A student whose parent/ guardian receives one or more of the following benefits is entitled to a free school meal:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Child Tax Credit (CTC), provided you do not also receive Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue, that does not exceed **£16,190 (Updated April 2013)**
- Guarantee Credit element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Children who receive IS or IBJSA in their own right are also entitled to free school meals.

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.

CAREERS

Do you need help with:

- Applying for Jobs or Apprenticeships
- Completing Application Forms
- Career Advice and Guidance
- Local Employer Information
- Any career related problem



Mrs Dawson

Then make an appointment to see Mrs Dawson (opposite S11)

Please note:
Mrs Dawson's working days are Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays

WORK Experience

The majority of students have now returned their signed work experience paperwork.

The placing process has begun and acceptances and refusals are coming in daily.

In February, all students that have a secured work experience placement will be given their work experience information.

When this is received I ask parents to encourage their sons/daughters to contact their employer as soon as they can to arrange a mutual time for them to meet their employer prior to starting the placement.

Mrs Crick will be placing students on a daily basis and hopefully all students will have a placement by Easter 2017.

Please be assured that work experience places are checked for Health, Safety, Welfare and Safeguarding requirements by qualified staff. If your son/daughter is going to a placement that cannot be checked for legal or geographical reasons, parents will be notified and will have the option to take full responsibility for their son/daughter whilst they are on placement.

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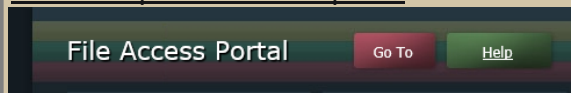
If you have any
problems or
queries, please
call
Mrs Crick
01733 254086

NEED THE ARTHUR MELLOWS PORTAL TO HELP WITH HOMEWORK?

More and more staff are utilising the ICT Portal, accessed via the College website, to set homework for students.

If parents need advice or guidance on how to help their child with work that is set on the Portal, there is a useful step by step guide that can be found on the College website using the following link:

<http://www.arthurmellows.org/page/default.asp?title=Home&pid=1>



Should you have any difficulties accessing the Portal, please do not hesitate to contact the College.

INVIGILATORS



We are currently recruiting for part time Exam Invigilators to join our team. Computer experience would be an advantage. For more information please contact Jacky Pickering or Judith Jackson in the Examinations Office.

COLLEGE NEWS

Year 7 and 8 new PLAYGROUND



On Tuesday, 13 December, the College welcomed Councillor David Sanders, Mayor of Peterborough, to officially open the new Year 7 and 8 Playground.

Also joining us for this event were colleagues and students from the Fulbridge Academy.

The Playground has been designed to provide a bespoke area for our younger students. It is used at break and lunchtime by many students, offering shelter from inclement weather and play facilities.

Students assisting with the opening were:

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| Lewis Manning | Head Boy |
| Amy Fielding | Head Girl |
| Shaylee Neveling | Year 7 |
| James Shaw | Year 7 |
| Maddie Hobbs | Year 7 |
| Ella Munday | Year 7 |
| Emily Barker | Year 7 |
| Callum Yates | Year 8 |
| Lara Hunnybun | Year 8 |
| Matt Roe | Year 8 |
| Eve Wright | Year 8 |

✱ The Playground comprises of 3000m² of Marshalls Piora permeable block paving.

✱ The paving is designed to store rainwater below the block paving before it permeates into the ground.

✱ The playground has three 10m octagonal canopies giving good shelter to students during bad weather.

✱ There are six concrete table tennis tables. Bats and balls are available at lunchtime.

✱ Towards the gym, there is a small basketball court.

✱ The area has been planted with various trees and shrubs.

✱ Benching has been provided under the canopies and around the trees.

We hope the students at Arthur Mellows will enjoy this new playground for many years to come.



COLLEGE NEWS

Study Guides for Years 7, 8 and 9

Every year we are asked by parents how they can help their child succeed academically at Arthur Mellows. This is a difficult question to answer considering the vastness and depth of the curriculum at Key Stage 3.

Keeping all of this in mind, a study guide has been designed for parents to keep them informed and abreast of each subject at Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9), outlining the curriculum requirements and topics per term and also what the end of term assessment will be based on. Each study guide, depending on the Year Group, will offer various strategies on each subject of how a parent can get involved in helping their child recall, consolidate and discuss topics learned during a school day. Furthermore, the study guide also gives guidance on homework, the importance of study and independent reading.



We are very fortunate to have a parent body who are keen to be involved in their children's education, recognising the importance of their contribution in their child's academic success. We believe these study guides are a good starting point in helping parents become more involved in their child's education and we hope they will help parents have a better understanding of how to help their child and encourage active participation between parent and child in their learning of a subject.

We hope you will find these study guides useful and please don't hesitate to contact the College to give feedback on what else you might find helpful for future updated versions. All study guides can be found on the College website using the link below:

(<http://www.arthurmellows.org/page/?title=Parent+Support+Information&pid=101>)

Hard copies are also available should you wish to come in and pick yourself up a copy.

By Mrs Harrison, Head of Year 8

SIR KEITH'S VISIT TO AMVC

On Thursday 17 November, **Sir Keith Pearson** visited Arthur Mellows. Sir Keith is the chair of NHS education England, so we were extremely lucky to have this opportunity. Myself and 2 other medicine hopefuls (Smriti and Luke) began Sir Keith Pearson's visit by giving him, Dr Bernice and Dr Shiv (2 clinical fellows) a tour of the school. They were all very interested in our Learning styles and were fascinated by our Library. After this tour, we discussed ways we could enhance the school's connection with Peterborough City Hospital, and other resources, in order to help increase the amount of accessible information for students who want to go into a healthcare career. This information will be extremely helpful, especially for students applying to university in the next year.

After the tour, our visitors gave an inspiring speech to the whole of Sixth Form, about their journeys into their careers, and the important life mottos we should carry forward with us. There was an opportunity to ask questions at the end of this session about their careers and any advice they may have.



After this, Sir Keith and the clinical fellows held a focused 'Q&A' session with all students wanting to go into the healthcare profession, with attendees ranging from hopeful nurses to hopeful medical research scientists. This experience was invaluable as we broadened our understanding of the NHS, and learnt exactly what we needed to be doing to succeed in our career paths.

All students thoroughly enjoyed his visit, and we have taken on board all of the advice he has given to us during this short visit.

By Amy Fielding, Head Girl

COLLEGE NEWS

HARRY WHITE COMPETING AT THE TAE KWON DO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

As part of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, Harry started going to Tae Kwon Do on a Monday and Thursday. Every 3 months he has a grading to advance to the next belt and learns new patterns as well as free sparring. There are regular competitions throughout the country where students compete in patterns, sparring and board-breaking.

In July, the World Tae Kwon Do Championships were held at Birmingham Indoor Arena and Harry entered in the yellow belt cadet heavyweight sparring division.

In the run-up to the event, Harry trained hard, practised and improved his fitness at extra training sessions and developed tactics and moves to block common attacks or to catch the opponent off-guard. The competition consists of two rounds of 2-minute bouts where competitors receive points for making contact on opponents - 1 point for a punch to the head or body, 2 points for a kick to the body and 3 points for a kick to the head. Competitors wear foot, shin, groin, hand and head guards and can be disqualified for excessive contact.

The bout starts with the referee calling the two competitors into the ring, they bow to the referee and then to each other. The referee calls "sijak" and they fight. If an opponent scores a point, the fight is stopped, points are awarded and the fight is restarted.



Harry's strategy was to use punches but the opponent was fast at kicking and took an early lead. Harry started moving out of reach and scored some good punches and then a side kick. Harry was within one point and time was running out – both competitors were tired and wary. Just then the opponent scored a dubious side kick that seemed to hit Harry's glove and it seemed lost. The bell rang and the bout was over with the opponent winning and moving onto the final where he won and became World Champion. So Harry came away with the bronze medal, feeling rather disappointed but happy that he achieved a medal.

Harry went on to compete at the British Championships in November and came away with the gold medal so he is now the British champion for his age, weight and grade.

Harry continues to train and is due to take his next grading in December.

ART TEXTILES TRIP TO LONDON

On Friday, 9 December, a group of Art and Textiles students visited London's V&A museum, The Tate Britain and The National Gallery. Over the course of the day, students explored the exhibitions and installations on offer, with the opportunity to soak up the atmosphere and consider designers and artists to use as inspiration in their own work.

In the evening, students sampled the sights that Trafalgar Square and Leicester Square had to offer, finishing the trip with a visit to Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park. Immersed in Christmas spirit, students visited festive food stalls, sampled the rollercoasters and tucked into delicious crepes. A special mention must go to the group of Travel and Tourism students who organised the trip fantastically.



COLLEGE NEWS

A VISIT FOR THE FUTURE

On Thursday 10 November, R6 was, with the help of Mrs Wells, the host for a number of visitors from various institutions and corporations. The aim - to help Sixth Form students learn about different options for the future.

I went along as both a student and, as part of the newsletter team, to find out exactly what was up for offer.

Both the university of Cambridge and the university of Bishop Grosseteste had sent their own representatives, who were able to discuss entry requirements and course queries for the 2 different establishments. Bishop Grosseteste was, I must admit, unheard of to me before the event but coming away I was incredibly impressed; with the second highest student satisfaction ratings in England, the university started off as a specialist college in Education and Teaching.

Those with ambitions of teaching Primary School children can look into the 3 year Primary Education course, whilst those with hopes of secondary education can take an additional year, on top of a subject degree, to qualify as a higher level teacher. In addition, there is the option to study more specialist methods of teaching in the early childhood studies, special educational needs and inclusion or counselling courses. As always, Cambridge was presented as a fantastic option for anyone with the determination to achieve the correct grades, and create a killer, yet academically high, personal statement.

Of course, education is not the only option available for us after A Levels. Also visiting were employers such as Perkins, Marriott Hotels and AECOM.

Mr Nik Chad Williams for Perkins told me some fascinating points about the company itself. For example: 130,000 people are employed by Perkins with half of them being based in the USA. They are also trying to find the best female engineers, as they worry that recent years have shown a shortage. I was told that diversity directly improves financial results, with different backgrounds and influences working together to come up with new concepts and solutions to problems. An opportunity is offered to all for a 3 year assignment abroad and career development meetings are held regularly to discuss each individual's ambitions moving towards the future. Any type of person that has any interest in design, manufacturing, engineering or even Finance and HR would fit in perfectly with such a passionate and well known company.

Marriott Hotels was telling me how their advice would be to perfect a personal statement. It must be tailored to each job you apply for and it must present you as a sociable person with real ambitions. For them, it is most important to see a personal passion and eagerness to learn something new each and every day. Work

experience can be arranged for anybody wishing to try anything from a range of HR to Finance marketing or even engineering.

Perhaps the most interesting avenue in my eyes was the company that go by the name of AECOM. With a work force bigger than Coca-Cola, offices in countries all around the world and the experience of many huge projects behind them (such as building and organising the stadium for the last 2 Olympics and plans for the next 2 World Cups), this construction firm offers anybody coming straight out of A Levels a 'graduate development programme'. This will send you off to a fully subsidised 5-year practical university course, setting you on the way to become a specialist construction consultant, with there being many cases of people becoming managers of big offices by the age of 28. AECOM would recommend themselves to anyone that is interested in: Construction, Engineering, numbers, practical law or just a separate, more hands-on, option for higher education in replacement of an undergraduate degree.



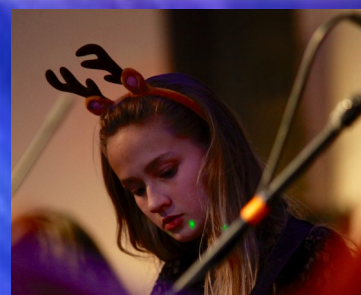
Unfortunately, time runs out quickly when you only have 50 minutes for lunch (and pizza) so I had to leave certain people un-chatted to. I have included a list below of all the people that took the effort to visit and their companies, to say thank you to both them and Mrs Wells for shedding light on some truly invaluable information.

By Charlie Westbrook, 12KCL

- ☐ Mark Lewis, Managing Director - Omega Foundry
- ☐ Cees Bennett, Veterinary Surgeon - Vets 4 Pets
- ☐ Mark Beeken, Human Resources Manager - Marriott Hotels
- ☐ Nathalie Kuerten, Outreach - Bishop Grosseteste University
- ☐ Rebecca Lindridge, Associate Healthcare, Program, Costs and Consultancy - AECOM
- ☐ Jessy Ahluwalia, Outreach - University of Cambridge
- ☐ Ben Slater, Paralegal - Buckles Solicitors
- ☐ Karen Stone, Midwife - NHS
- ☐ Nik Chad Williams, Supply Chain CPS - Black Belt - Perkins Engines

COLLEGE NEWS

Christmas Concert



The 2016 Christmas concert took place on Wednesday 14 December 2016. It was a fantastic evening of music, and there were a lot of new faces performing for the first time.

Some of the highlights of the evening were the senior band, who under the leadership of Mr Roberts now have a jazzy feel. Soloists were Evie Westbrook, Ethan Malcolm, Neve Malcolm, Roan Pilsworth and James Wadley-Jones. The band sounded amazing. A special thank you to Ethan who came to perform despite being ill!

There were a lot of soloists who performed in different styles. Charlotte Birch James performance of "Take Me to the World" was outstanding, as well as Keziah Hammond performing "O Holy Night".

The Year 8 band (whose official name will shortly be announced!) performed "Somewhere Only We Know." It is lovely to see younger students forming bands.

For me, a highlight was the pop choir. Their rendition of "Send My Love" accompanied by the BTEC band was amazing.

Everyone who took part did an amazing job, and I am incredibly proud of every single person.

By Mrs Hammond, Head of Music

PE NEWS

PETERBOROUGH UNITED U13' GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Thursday 17 November, we took 8 girls to the inter school's Football tournament at The Grange Netherton. There were 7 schools taking part. The games ran for 10 minutes and at the end of the tournament, the top 4 teams in the league were then put into a semi-final, and final to see who would prove to be the strongest team.

Our students came 2nd in the initial league behind Hampton College.

RESULTS

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| Stamford Welland Academy | 0-2 | AMVC |
| AMVC | 3-0 | Stamford High school |
| Nene Park Academy | 0-6 | AMVC |
| Jack Hunt | 1-1 | AMVC |
| AMVC | 2-0 | Hampton College |

This took AMVC comfortably into the semi finals.

In the Semi-Final, the girls played Stamford High School; Shelley Broadway scored to take us through to the finals where we came up against the winners of the league, Hampton College, though girls had beaten Hampton in the early rounds of the tournament.

Tension was running high and both teams played well but our team stayed focus and, after a great goal from Jess Broadway, we managed to hold on to the lead and won.

Our girls will now represent Peterborough at the Football cup area finals in January 2017. We would like to wish them all the best in this competition.

Our team were:
 Jess Broadway - Captain,
 Shelley Broadway,
 Alice Comber,
 Zoe Bateman,
 Lucy Rowe,
 Isabella Chaudhuri,
 Lauren Mapleston and
 Lara Hunnybun

The team has been coached this year by James Ferris and George Bateman, both Year 13, as part of their Higher Level Sports Leader Awards. They accompanied the team to the tournament and acted as team managers, therefore we would like to also thank them for all their support.



Sixth Form Boys - 2nd

| Year 10/11 Boys | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 2nd | Ben Roberts |
| 6th | Luis Turner |
| 11th | Ishan Limbukhim |
| 14th | Sam Bell |

Sixth Form Boys

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| 2nd | Denziel Mpofu | 14th | Liam Walden |
| 7th | Jerry Norman | 16th | Daniel Amps-Woodard |

Year 10/11 Boys - Winners

Peterborough Schools Cross Country Results



On Friday, 2 December, we took 80 students over to Ferry Meadows to compete in the annual inter school Cross-Country race. All of our students tried hard and our strong record as a school continued as we either came 1st or 2nd in every category.

Amelia Monaghan deserves a special mention as this is the fourth year that she has run for Arthur Mellows, and every time she has won her race.



Year 10/11 Girls
Amelia Monaghan - 1st

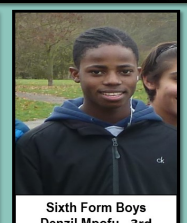
Congratulations to all the students who represented Arthur Mellows; especially to those that came in the top 16, and have now been selected to represent Peterborough in the County Schools Cross-Country at Kings School Ely on Saturday, 21 January 2017.



Year 7 Girls - Winners



Year 10/11 Girls - Winners



Sixth Form Boys
Denziel Mpofu - 3rd

RESULTS

BOYS TEAM

| | |
|------------|-----|
| Year 7 | 2nd |
| Year 8/9 | 1st |
| Year 10/11 | 1st |
| Sixth Form | 2nd |

GIRLS TEAM

| | |
|------------|-----|
| Year 7 | 1st |
| Year 8/9 | 2nd |
| Year 10/11 | 1st |



Year 7 Boys - 2nd



Year 8/9 Girls - 2nd

Individual Successes

Year 7 Boys

| | |
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| 11th | Sam Fielding |
| 16th | Will Turner |

Year 7 Girls

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| 1st | Chelsie |
| 2nd | Harriet Salisbury |
| 7th | Jolie Franks |
| 8th | Morgan Jones |
| 9th | Grace Pye |
| 11th | Poppy Blake |
| 14th | Diana Omar |



Year 7 Girls
Chelsie - 1st
Harriet Salisbury - 2nd

Year 8/9 Girls

| | |
|------|-----------------|
| 8th | Jess Broadway |
| 13th | Hannah Campbell |

| Year 10/11 Girls | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1st | Amelia Monaghan |
| 2nd | Molly Jones |
| 12th | Jess McKenzie |
| 14th | Jade Bailey |



Sixth Form Girls
Imogen Woodard - 3rd

Year 8/9 Boys

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|------|----------------|
| 3rd | Sam Garner |
| 5th | Harvey Hancock |
| 7th | Sid O'Connell |
| 15th | Cemal Korkmaz |



Year 8/9 Boys
Sam Garner - 3rd

Sixth Form Girls

| | |
|------|----------------|
| 3rd | Imogen Woodard |
| 14th | Betty Porter |

**By Mrs Richardson,
PE department**