



THE VOICE of Arthur Mellows Village College

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Message from the Head of College

Welcome to the first edition of the Voice in this new academic year. I must start by saying that all of the new students have settled in extremely well and are now an integral part of College life. The new Year 7 students are extremely confident and a special mention should go to four of them; Ella Munday, James Shaw, Maddie Hobbs and Shaylee Neveling, who together with Bryn Jones (Year 9), Kiera Cooper (Year 11) and Amy Fielding and Lewis Manning (Year 13), presented on stage at our recent Year 6 Open Evening about life at Arthur Mellows. This was no mean feat as in total they presented to nearly 1000 visitors to the College that night. They all exuded confidence, even the Year 7 students, who at that time had only been at Arthur Mellows for 22 days. A very big 'well done' and 'thank you' to these students who are a credit to the College.

I would also like to welcome the following new staff to the College this term; Mrs Dembry (Higher Level Learning Support Assistant), Mr Dewdney (Head of Technology), Mr Gilder (Maths), Miss Gough (Drama), Mr Holland (Science), Miss Hornsby (Administrator), Mrs Jagger (Maths), Mr Jones (Business Studies), Miss Kirby (Maths), Mrs Levy (Pastoral), Ms Lynas (Pastoral), Miss Makin (Learning Support Assistant), Mr Pudney (Science Technician), Mr Scally (Technology / Engineering), Mrs Thomas (Higher Level Learning Support Assistant), Miss Wells (Science), Mrs Rhodes (English), Mr Roberts (Music), Mrs Murphy (Science) and Mrs Watson (Cover Supervisor).

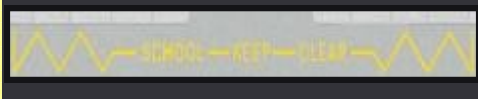
M Sandeman, Head of College

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



Key dates next half term

Term resumes	Monday 31 October 2016
Senior Maths Challenge	Tuesday 8 November 2016
Sixth Form Open Evening	Wednesday 9 November 2016
Normandy Trip leaves	Thursday 17 November 2016
Year 7 Parents' Evening A	Monday 5 December 2016
Year 7 Parents' Evening B	Monday 12 December 2016
Year 11 Collapsed Day	Friday 16 December 2016
Christmas Concert	Wednesday 14 December 2016
Term Ends	Wednesday 21 December 2016



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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WORK EXPERIENCE

All students in Year 10 are taken off timetable for the last 2 weeks of the Summer Term to attend a work experience placement with a local employer.

Build skills

Life in the workplace

Job roles



Wednesday 23 November 2016 at the latest.

The dates are: Monday 10 July 2017 to Thursday 20 July 2017.

By now, every student will have been issued their unique PIN Number which allows them to access the current work experience database. All students will be taken through the system in a Life Skills lesson. However, the system can be accessed anywhere with internet access by logging on to: <https://pss.learnaboutwork.net> using their PIN Number.

Students can search the database using company names, vocational areas and/or geographical areas. They are asked to choose 6 different jobs, all of which they would be happy to go to. The system will automatically 'lock down' on **Friday, 11 November 2016**. Students will receive their printed forms from Mrs Crick, or their Form Tutor, to bring home for parent/carer signatures.

Completed forms must be with Mrs Crick by

If students wish to find their own placement, students can collect the appropriate paperwork from Mrs Crick, but be aware these forms also have to be back by **Friday, 18 November 2016**.

Once a placement has been secured, students will be given a Job Description and Risk Assessment of the tasks via their Form Tutor. All students will be required to contact their employer to arrange and attend an informal interview.

All relevant information is on the AMVC website. If you require further information, please call Mrs Crick, at the College on 01733 252235.

By Mrs Crick, Work Experience Coordinator



Work Experience

IN THE EVENT OF SEVERE WEATHER

Please check our website in the first instance where College closure information will be posted to our homepage, if possible by 7.35 am. www.arthurmellows.org

Listen to one of the following radio stations:

- Heart FM
- BBC Radio Cambridgeshire
- Connect FM (formerly Lite FM)

* The College will also communicate school closure via electronic mail.

Please note: Decisions on school transport and the buses are not made by the College. Please contact the provider directly if there are any queries.



THIS ITEM BELONGS TO

Please remember to label all students' property, including shoes, trainers, school bags, pencil cases etc...

We have lots of missing bags/ PE kits which we would like to return to the rightful owners but are unable to do so as they are not labelled.

Thank you

British Council UK German Connection

I am delighted to announce that Arthur Mellows has been successfully awarded a British Council grant to support a partnership with St. Wolfhelm Gynasium, Germany. We have already completed skype days with St. Wolfhelm and the grant will allow us to plan and complete new and exciting projects.

This year our joint projects will include a KS3 competition, live linked Student Council Meetings, Sixth Form conference. More details will follow as we approach each event throughout the year.

Students and teachers from St. Wolfhelm will be visiting Arthur Mellows in January spending time in school, watching lessons and getting to know Arthur Mellows better. Students from Arthur Mellows will be able to visit St. Wolfhelm in April; a very exciting opportunity which will be offered to Year 10 and 12 German Students.

It is very exciting to be running another British Council supported project, we have been able to take part in many fantastic projects and events in the past and I know that this will be no exception.

By Mrs Gray, Community Cohesion Officer



COLLEGE NEWS

BRAVE THE SHAVE

Ever wanted to make a difference? Do something inspirational - not just for yourself but for others? In February this year, I decided to take part in 'Brave the Shave' and to try and make as much money for Macmillan Cancer Support as I possibly could. Along with my mum, we set ourselves a target to raise £300 for this worthy cause.

Sadly, like many others, I have experienced losing family and loved ones due to this terrible disease. The idea that I could not only raise money, but also donate my hair to help children affected by this awful disease, spurred me on to make as much money as possible. The idea that I could help some little girl out there feel more confident, made me feel happy and the fundraising completely worth it.

The emotions I felt on the day of the shave (Monday, 8 August 2016) were a mixture of excitement, happiness but also anxiety. As soon as the shave started though, all those feelings went away and I felt proud of myself knowing what I was achieving for others. The video of me getting my head shaved went better than I expected. Members of the public still come up to me to tell me how brave I am, making me feel truly happy that I have made an impact on others.

To try and reach my target of £300, I organised a huge bake sale around the school whilst at the same time trying to raise awareness. It was because of students and teachers generous donations, sponsorship and help in organising this event that I managed to exceed my target and in fact raise a total of £700. A huge thank you to everyone who helped me on this emotional journey.

By Sammie Clare (9MTU/CDE)

**NO ONE
SHOULD FACE
CANCER
ALONE**



PARENT GOVERNOR - VACANCY

The College currently has a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If anyone is interested and would like further information, please contact the Clerk to the Governors, Debbie Sanderson. The deadline for nominations to be received is Friday 4 November 2016.

AMA FUNDRAISING

On Wednesday 19 October 2016, the Arthur Mellows Association were shown round the newly furnished media performance room at the back of MS1 in the McLaren Building. Thanks to the

excellent fundraising efforts of the AMA over the past year, the room has been furnished with a wide array of technical equipment to enable media students to create more advanced and professional-looking work at GCSE and A Level. As well as a range of lighting rigs, the room is now equipped with a smoke machine and green screen backdrops enabling media students to add CGI (computer generated imagery) effects to their work.

The reality is that we now have facilities to be proud of, further enhancing the national recognition we enjoy for the very high quality of work our students are producing. The days when we had to outsource work or ask students to scale down their ambitions are very much a thing of the past; now the only limit to what we can achieve is the students' own imaginations.

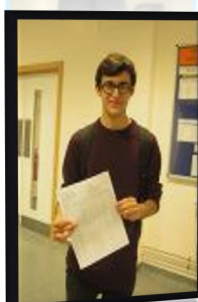
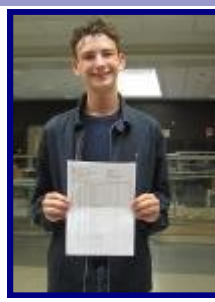
The AMA were shown round the new facilities by Head of Media Studies, Mr Zaidi, and seemed suitably impressed by such a well-utilised learning resource, not just for media students but also for wider school use, from English students to the gifted and talented Year 8 students involved in the recent European Democracy Day.

Your continued support of the AMA fundraising initiatives is very much appreciated and is directly influencing the outstanding work going on in the daily life of the college.

By Mr Zaidi, Head of Media



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GCSE RESULTS - SUMMER 2016

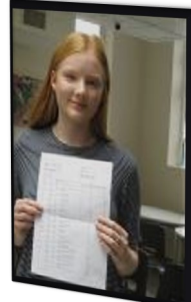
Year 11 students at Arthur Mellows Village College once again excelled themselves, achieving a highly impressive 82% A* to C grades in both Mathematics and English GCSE this summer. In addition, 20% of all grades awarded were A* or A. This is great testament to the hard work of everyone concerned. Jessica Snape was the top performer, gaining an outstanding 7 A* grades and 5 A grades.

These results complement the recent A Level results and reflect the outstanding commitment of our students and the dedication of all our staff. The College continues to build upon its reputation for academic excellence.

The following students were among many who achieved outstanding results at GCSE.

Top Performers	
Jessica Snape	7A*, 5A
Rebecca Covill	6A*, 4A, 2B
Hanna Hughes	4A*, 7A, 1B
Sarah Hendry	4A*, 6A, 1B
Molly Jackson	5A*, 5A, 2B
Charlie Westbrook	3A*, 8A, 1B
Saira Akhter	4A*, 5A, 1B, 1C
Charlie Crouch	2A*, 9A, 1C
Katie Heywood	3A*, 5A, 4B
Andrei Mazalkou	2A*, 7A, 2B

MR SANDEMAN
Head of College



COLLEGE NEWS

ARTHUR MELLOWS VILLAGE COLLEGE ACHIEVES - TEACHING SCHOOL STATUS



AMVC has been selected by the National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL) to become a national teaching school – an important role in raising standards in schools.

AMVC was one of over 30 schools to be granted teaching school status in the latest designation round.

Teaching Schools are all rated as 'outstanding'. They work with partner schools in an alliance to ensure high quality school-led initial teacher training and professional development opportunities for teachers at all stages of their career.

They raise standards through school-to-school support, engage in research and development, and ensure that the most talented school leaders are spotted and supported to enhance their career opportunities.

Mike Sandeman, Head of College at AMVC, said:

"This will give us an opportunity to work collaboratively with the other highly committed schools in the area shaping professional development opportunities and enhance teaching, learning and pupil achievement across the authority."

NCTL has responsibility, in partnership with headteachers from the Teaching Schools Council, for the designation and quality of the teaching schools programme.

Roger Pope, Chair of the National College for Teaching and Leadership, said:

"I'd like to congratulate AMVC on being designated as a teaching school. They should be very proud of this achievement."

"Teaching schools are at the heart of school improvement. They're supporting other schools, attracting and training the best new teachers and developing the next generation"



SHAILESH VARA MP FOR NORTH WEST CAMBRIDGESHIRE VISITS ARTHUR MELLOWS VILLAGE COLLEGE



Shailesh Vara MP visited Arthur Mellows Village College in Glinton, Peterborough, and met with senior staff as well as having a discussion with pupils.

Mr Vara met with Chair of Governors, Mr Gilmour McLaren, and Headteacher, Mr Mike Sandeman, who both updated him on recent developments at the college.

Following the meeting, Mr Vara met with some pupils and spoke about his role as a Member of Parliament and in Government with both the Ministry of Justice and the Department for Work and Pensions before taking a Question and Answer session. A wide range of topical questions were posed including on the EU referendum, Student Loans and the development of Peterborough.

Following the visit, Mr Vara said: -

"I enjoyed my visit to the College and was particularly pleased to meet with its pupils as well as the senior leadership."

The College has worked very hard over the years to provide a consistent quality education and its Ofsted rating of 'Outstanding' is testament to this."

As always there were some challenging questions from the pupils on a variety of issues."

Mike Sandeman, Headteacher of Arthur Mellows Village College said:

"It was a pleasure to see a sitting MP reach out to young people and engage with them on the topics of their choice. Mr Vara provided a template that many could learn from in terms of bringing young people into the political fold and involving them in the big issues of the day."

PE NEWS

Fenland League - Cross Country Monday 3 October 2016

Well done to all the students who took part in the Fenland League Cross Country competition on Monday 3 October 2016 at Stanground. We would like to congratulate the following students who finished in the top 10 in their field:



Year 7/8 Boys - Team Position 4
Sid O'Connell - 3rd



Year 9/10 Boys - Team Position 1st
Ben Roberts - 2nd
Sam Garner - 4th
Ishan Limbukhim - 9th



Year 7/8 Girls - Team Position 2nd
Harriet Salisbury - 6th
Chelsie Bole - 10th

Year 9/10 Girls - Team Position 3rd
Molly Jones - 6th
Katie Porter - 7th



NETBALL NEWS

YEAR 9

Year 9 Girls Netball Team had a great result, winning their league and coming 3rd in the Peterborough Netball tournament held at Arthur Mellows on Tuesday 11 October.



YEAR 10

Well done to our Year 10 girls Netball A and B team for coming runners up and 5th in their league in the Peterborough Netball tournament held at Arthur Mellows on Tuesday 11 October.



Year 8 and 9 Boys Rugby

Congratulations to the Year 8 and 9 Boys Rugby team who finished 3rd in the 3/4th place playoffs in this years Peterborough Rugby Tournament. Great result.



FOOTBALL RESULTS:



YEAR 7
Stanground v AMVC (2-4)
AMVC v Nene Park Academy (14-0)



YEAR 8
AMVC v Nene Park Academy (11-0)

YEAR 9
AMVC v Nene Park Academy (3-1)

YEAR 10
Kings v AMVC (4-3)

YEAR 11
Stanground v AMVC (3-3)

SIXTH FORM
Kings v AMVC (2-2)
AMVC v Nene Park Academy (7-1)



YEAR 6 PRIMARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Over 2 days, during this October, 220 Year 6 students were welcomed to Arthur Mellows Village College.

Community Sports Leaders from Year 12 were instrumental in the success of both days. They planned and ran sessions for up to 12 students each, which included a warm up, skills practices and a conditioned game, before organising the schools into matches to compete against teams from other schools. We ran 3 different sessions over the 2 days.



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

By Mrs Wilding, PE Department

PE NEWS

ARTHUR MELLOWS VILLAGE COLLEGE EXCELS AT THE PETERBOROUGH SCHOOLS ATHLETIC CITY

Over a period of 2 days we took a strong contingent of 49 Year 9/10 students and 47 Year 7/8 students to the Peterborough Athletics track to compete against the best athletes in the city from all the other Peterborough Secondary Schools.



As usual our athletes did not disappoint and out of only 8 categories AMVC came first in four of them and 2nd in the others. An outstanding achievement against such strong competition.

We were winners of the Year 7 girls, Year 8 girls, Year 9 girls and Year 10 boys and 2nd in Year 7 boys, Year 8 boys, Year 9 boys and Year 10 girls.

The following students also managed to break AMVC school records, some of which have stood for almost 40 years.

Year 10 Girls

Anna Warrington broke the Triple Jump Record – achieving a distance of 9.68 m taking the record from the previous winner R Pape 9.26m from 1996



Year 9 Girls

Nicole Betambeau, Amelia Monaghan, Katie Porter and Ella Greenwood broke the Year 9, 4 x 100m relay time with a new record of 55.4 seconds. This record had stood since 1978 when Stevenson, Vergette, Pammant and Heggarty had recorded a time of 56.6 seconds.



Year 8 Girls

Dior Harrison broke the 75m hurdles record recording a time of 12.44 seconds. This took the record from S Compton which had stood since 2007 with a time of 13.9 seconds

Year 10 Boys.

Ben Papworth – just broke D Hyland's 800m record which he has held since 1983. Ben recorded a time of 2m:07 seconds.



Our Year 10 boys also smashed the 4 x 100 m relay school record for the 2nd year running, this was no mean feat as the record of 49.1 seconds had stood since 1976. Ben Papworth, Dane Stockhill, Bradley Lee and Jordan Lee achieved a time of 46.7 seconds.

We are very proud of these students for breaking these records, we would also like to congratulate the athletes listed below who came first in their events.



Year 7 Girls

Maddison Moore – 1st in 800m
Jess Broadway, Hannah Campbell, Maddison Moore and Erin Treacy – 1st in 4 x 100m relay
Issy Ames – 1st in High Jump

Year 8 Girls

Dior Harrison – 1st in hurdles
Dior Harrison, Shannon Leishman, Grace Fowler and Jess Camwell – 1st in 4 x 100m relay
Elizabeth Moorhouse – 1st in shot and 1st in Discus

Year 9 Girls

Nicole Betambeau – 1st in 100m
Jess McKenzie – 1st in 200m
Amelia Monaghan – 1st in 1500m
Nicole Betambeau, Katie Porter, Amelia Monaghan and Ella Greenwood 1st in 4 x 100m relay

Year 10 Girls

Lia Cataldo – 1st in 100m
Catherine Snodgrass, Lia Cataldo, Kiera Cooper and Anna Warrington 1st in 4 x 100m relay
Keeley Tipton – 1st in Javelin
Shania Northern – 1st in High Jump
Anna Warrington – 1st in Triple Jump and long

Year 8 Boys

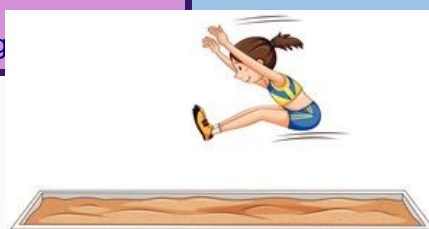
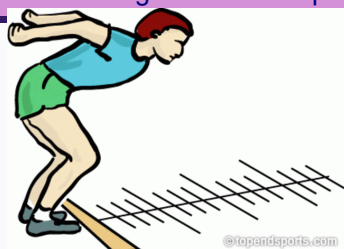
Harvey Hancock – 1st in 1500m
James Cooper – Joint 1st in High Jump

Year 9 Boys

Ben Roberts – 1st in 1500m
Dan Devenish, Jordan Forde, Andrew Irvine, Aaron Peat – 1st in 4 x 100m relay

Year 10 Boys

Ben Papworth - 1st in 800m
Bradley Lee, Jordan Lee, Ben Papworth and Dane Stockhill – 1st in 4 x 100m relay



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An Academy School

Sixth Form Open Evening

Wednesday 9 November 2016 at 6.30 pm

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

View our excellent facilities and talk with our current Sixth Form students



**A Level Results
(Summer 2016) 27%
pass rate – A*-A**

**A Level Results
(Summer 2016) 50%
pass rate – A*-B**

*“Arthur Mellows is an outstanding school”
(Ofsted judgement December 2014)*
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