



THE VOICE of Arthur Mellows Village College

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Message from the Head of College

Welcome to this end of Spring term edition of The Voice which as usual is packed with all the news of late from Arthur Mellows.



This time I would like to pay particular focus on the excellent achievements of the students in the various PE activities; the football and cross country news for both boys and girls is excellent and we certainly have teams to be very proud of. Very many congratulations to all concerned.

I also read with interest this month the excellent and very moving account of the Auschwitz trip to Poland in 2016. Kimberley Dodge gives her account from her perspective, writing with extreme maturity and poignancy and she is to be commended for such a powerful piece of writing.

Finally, on behalf of those staff, students and parents who attended Presentation Evening on 23 March 2016, I would like to formally thank Cassidy Little for being our Guest Speaker. His speech was extremely inspirational and the story he had to tell was truly motivating.

We now approach the home stretch towards the external examinations that many students will be sitting very soon and I would like to end by asking all students to put every last bit of effort in to attending revision and booster classes that are offered to you. Staff will go out of their way to help you achieve so please embrace the hard work now in order to reach your potential in the Summer.

M Sandeman

EXAM CERTIFICATES

Please ensure you have collected your exam certificates as we are still holding thousands going back to, at least, 1980!

Please collect them in person or give an authorised person written consent to collect them on your behalf. We never post them due to their value.

SUMMER 2016 EXAM TIMETABLES

After Easter, students will receive their second Examination timetable which will show the actual start time of their exams, the room they are taking their exam in, and the seat they are sitting in. We will also email a copy of this home.

Please spend some time checking it with your son/daughter to make sure all details are correct. Any errors should be reported to the Exams Office as soon as possible. It is a good idea for students to check all the equipment needed, start time, room and seat details the night before each exam to avoid extra stress on the day of the exam.



RESULTS DAYS

A LEVEL: THURSDAY 18 AUGUST 8.30 AM TO 11.00 AM

GCSE: THURSDAY 25 AUGUST 9.00 AM TO 11.00 AM

IMPORTANT DATES SIXTH FORM

Monday 16 May 2016
Year 12 study leave commences

Wednesday 25 May 2016
Year 13 lessons finish

Thursday 26 May 2016
Year 13 Last Day Celebrations

Monday 13 June 2016
Year 12 students return to College

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 11

Friday 13 May 2016
Celebration Day

Year 11 students granted study leave

After Friday 13 May 2016
Year 11 timetable will be suspended. Students will only be required to return to take examinations. *Please note that if Year 11 students have not completed their coursework they will not be permitted to leave on Friday 13 May 2016*

Friday 24 June 2016
Locker keys must be returned by this date.

Key Dates

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| Sixth Form Preparation for Employment | Wednesday 20 April 2016 |
| Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice | Friday 22 April 2016 to Saturday 23 April 2016 |
| Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice | Friday 29 April 2016 to Saturday 30 April 2016 |
| Bank Holiday | Monday 2 May 2016 |
| Year 10 Parents' Evening | Monday 9 May 2016 |
| Half term | Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2016 |
| Term resumes | Monday 6 June 2016 |



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COLLEGE NEWS

SKYPING WITH A SCHOOL IN GERMANY- THE GERMAN LUNCH CLUB

Monday, 7 March 2016, was a special day for the 25 members of the 2 German Lunch clubs. Instead of attending their regular first 2 lessons, they went to the auditorium to participate in an extraordinary activity; Skyping with a class in Germany.

Since November 2015, 12 students from Year 8 and Year 9 have been part of a German lunch club. A second Lunch Club for students in Year 7 began in January 2016. The idea of forming these clubs at Arthur Mellows was developed in cooperation with a Government founded organisation "UK -German Connection". The aim of these clubs was not only to learn about German culture and history in a creative way, but do to do so in collaboration with a school in Germany. With the help of "UK-German Connection", a link was established between Arthur Mellows Village College and St. Wolfhelm, a gymnasium (German for grammar school) in the German City Mönchengladbach.

Both groups in England and Germany started out by creating and exchanging posters about their knowledge of the other country. Then they swapped friendship books, in which the Arthur Mellows students got the chance to introduce themselves in German to the other group. After learning a lot about German school life, every student was assigned a pen pal in Germany and started to exchange letters with their partners. The highlight for the students so far has definitely been the opportunity to Skype with the German partner school.

By Katharina Lauterbach (German Language Assistant)

Here some students share this experience:

"It was very well organised. We got to talk to our pen pals and got to know them better. I had so much fun. I think everyone did. I can't wait to talk to my pen pal again." Katie Barber (Year 9)

YEAR 7 CLUB



YEAR 9 AND 8 CLUB



"I found the skyping session fun and interesting. The German pen pals were very polite and asked great and funny questions. I was quite happy, actually really happy, because I got to see my pen pal and talk to her instead of writing a letter! A fellow student named Mohammed, who was also there said: "It was fun and I would definitely do it again!" I would definitely like to give it another shot because I was so nervous, I didn't know what to say." Javeria Tariq (Year 7)

OUNDLIE FESTIVAL OF LITERATURE



Hollie Fovargue in 7JSA enjoyed a fabulous day on Saturday, 19 March 2016, when she was presented with a prize and certificate at the prestigious **Oundle Festival of Literature** for best writing in the Year 7 to 8 category, beating dozens of entries from schools in the Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire area, including many youngsters from private schools. The prize was presented to Hollie by best-selling author **Simon Toyne** who was a guest speaker at the event. Her story, 'The Meadow' is a fantasy romance inspired by her favourite authors JRR Tolkien and Suzanne Collins.

"I was nervous, but it has always been my dream to be an author. Simon Toyne said to me that if you have an idea, you are never going to get it published unless you get it down on paper. I am hoping that this is going to lead on to bigger and better things as I would love to be an author one day."

Hollie can often be found in the Resources Centre choosing her next book to read, and is planning to run a reading club next year to try to inspire other students to share her love of reading. Hollie is a lovely young lady and we are hopeful that in the future she will fulfil her ambition to become a successful author. It certainly won't be for lack of effort or talent.

By Mr Zaidi, Head of Media

COLLEGE NEWS

AMVC SKI TRIP 2016 – SALZBURGER AUSTRIA

Once again, I can proudly report on how much of a privilege it was to take such amazing students from this school skiing. Quite possibly the best trip to date Until next year, of course.

Snow was great, travel and accommodation better than usual, but most importantly the skiing was excellent. Both beginner groups were able to ski 'Red runs' by the end of the week, Intermediates were really advanced and the advance group were, without question, the best group I have seen for years.

We are now looking at next year and deposits are coming in fast. But if anyone in current Year 10, 11 or Year 12 is interested then please come and speak to me.

Mr Steele, Head of Year 11

Being a first time skier, I really did not know what to expect when arriving at the slopes. People always have different views, but really what it came down to was the people I spent the time on the trip with. I am sure if I had gone with any other group, or students or teachers, I probably would not have enjoyed it so much. Yes, I fell over many a time, as did my friends, and I am sure if you followed the AMVC ski twitter you would have seen all the hilariously embarrassing photos and nominations/awards.

As a beginner, the trip was huge fun, because to be honest no one could ski, and we just spent most of the trip laughing. Likewise, those who were in advanced had an awesome time, as they got to speed off down the black slopes competing against one another, Alex Carter being the ultimate best, of course.

The trip was just perfect for all levels of ability. The weather was beautiful, we got to see a lot of snow and also had a beautiful sunny day, flawless! And, of course, we must say a massive thank you to the hotel staff for the wonderful food and being so welcoming. We obviously must not forget the teachers, as it could not have happened without them and they made the trip really feel special. They put so much effort into making sure we were happy and having a good time, a true holiday. So a massive thank you to everyone involved. The trip was truly amazing. I do not think any of us could have had a better time.

By Maddie Challis, Year 12



REAL BREAD WEEK

14-22 MAY 2016

Here at Cucina we are proud of the fact that we bake our own bread daily at each restaurant, so this is a great opportunity for us all to shout about it!

We are hosting at least one class in each of our restaurants to teach any students, parents & staff how to make fresh bread.

Speak to your school chef today about getting involved!



MATHS CHALLENGE SUCCESS

JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE ON TUESDAY 8 MARCH 2016

Four students, Erin Treacy, Eve Osborne (both Year 7), Levi Coleman and Roan Pilsworth (Year 8), represented the College in the **Regional Junior Maths Challenge 2016**, held in Peterborough earlier this month. The team were faced with 5 very challenging rounds of 'hard' maths which tested numeracy and logic skills, as well as, team work and competition. The students did admirably and should be very proud of their achievements. Well done.

INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE 2016

One hundred and thirty students from Years 9, 10 and 11 recently took part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge 2016. Our students were very successful with many receiving awards, and 2 qualifying for the next round (only 6% of all the students entered are invited to the next round). We were delighted with the success of all our students and we wish Robin Barber (Year 11) and Callum White, (Year 10), the best of luck in their forthcoming next round.



By Mrs Brown, Maths department

COLLEGE NEWS

AUSCHWITZ - Poland 2016

In March, a group of 24 year 10 students visited Poland for four days to study the Holocaust.

This was more than a trip, it was an emotional and, at times, spiritual journey, which allowed our students and us as staff to reflect upon the events that took place leading up to and during the Holocaust; also to consider more deeply the aspects of humanity, inhumanity and suffering that this caused.

Before visiting Auschwitz and Birkenau, we first explored the adjacent town of Oświęcim and found out about the thriving Jewish community of around 25,000 people who lived there before the war. They were highly successful and talented people, who developed much of the industrialisation, which included the factories and the train network as the town prospered. Poignantly, it was largely because of this train network that the area was chosen by the Nazis to build a concentration camp there. Today, not one Jew is left in Oswiecim.

In Auschwitz, we took part in a workshop, where we were able to see some of the artwork produced by the prisoners. Some had been completed for the SS officers to hang on their walls, others produced in secret having smuggled materials out of the workshops. These images were in direct contrast to one another, with images of idyllic countryside scenes and foxhunting to be compared with pictures of loved ones on scraps of paper, or images hidden in the ground, aiming to show the world the truth about what was happening in the camp. The students were asked to think deeply about the meanings behind these images and artefacts.

We were also incredibly privileged to hear, first-hand, the personal story of a holocaust survivor

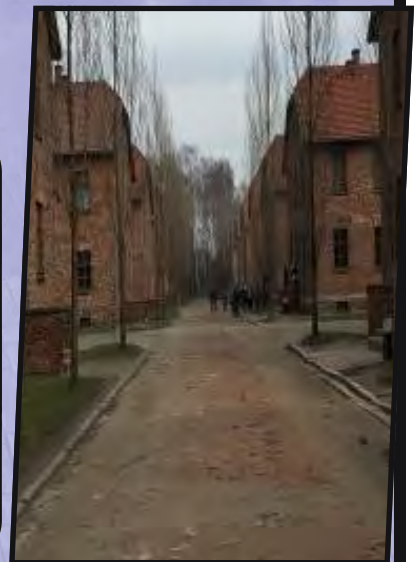
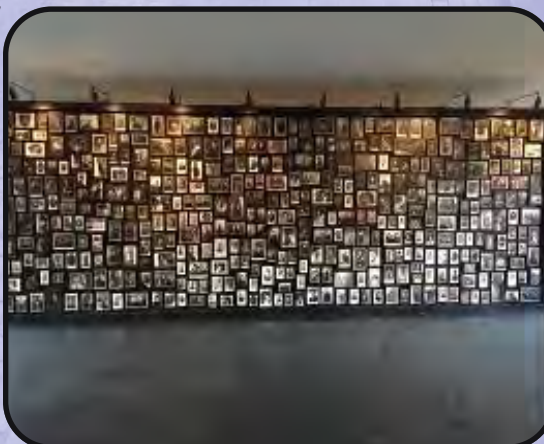
now 95 years old, who survived because of his skills as an electrician. His story of survival was one of chance, stamina and utter courage; he never gave up on the will to live. Right at the end of the war, on the death march, he and a fellow prisoner managed to escape and hid in a

sewer for two days, before escaping and finally arriving at a farm. Here the kind farmer's wife gave them a meal. Weighing only 40 kilos at the time, our survivor did not eat the meat. However his friend did and died as a result. In his famished, impoverished state, his friend could not cope with the food.

In many ways the Holocaust was a product of mass industrialisation, whereby rationalism and science, driven by hate, combined to find more and more efficient ways to exterminate the Jewish population. Firstly, slowly, the Jews were scapegoated, separated and demonised, finally murder became routine and their dehumanisation was complete.

I think I speak for all of us that, by the end, we understood the importance of remembering what happened, in order that this should never be allowed to happen again.

By Mrs Reilly, Assistant Headteacher



COLLEGE NEWS

When I first heard that Arthur Mellows was offering a school trip to visit the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland, I was surprised but also interested. The idea of visiting one of the most emotionally evoking and significantly historical places in the world sparked my curiosity and I decided that I had to go. There was no question about it, this was something I wanted to be a part of; a journey I had to embark on.

After signing up for the trip, we departed for Poland on Friday, 4 March 2016. A small group of us left as acquaintances but little did we know, we would return as close friends. Arriving in Poland was unsettling, the town of Oświęcim had an eerie feel. The ghostly atmosphere was disconcerting; a complete contrast to the lively buzz of Peterborough town centre. Walking around Oświęcim, we learnt about specific residents of Jewish and other targeted descents during the Nazi rule. Mr Salt, from Arthur Mellows, shared his knowledge of the town with us and organised a visit to the only Jewish Synagogue that was not destroyed in Oświęcim. We also looked at a Jewish graveyard and how uncared for and unkempt it was. Everyone believed it was down to lazy family members or other means but we soon learnt that the unruly state of the graves was down to the simple fact that there was no Jewish community left to tend to it. This hit the group pretty hard.

Visiting Auschwitz 1 was the first stop into the history of the Nazi regime. The images of the torture that targeted minorities endured here were difficult to look at. The idea that the most horrifying genocide happened right here where we were stood was very distressing. Auschwitz 2 Birkenau was another experience altogether. The walk from the accommodation to the camp was very unsettling. Houses and homes lined the foot path but appeared abandoned and neglected. The occasional guard dog was the only sign of life. Despite the children's play parks and acres of farm land, the whole place was dead; the giant shadow of the death camp Birkenau looming in the background. It felt as though the entire city was haunted by the genocide that happened here, the mass murder that took place right in their home town. Birkenau had a different feel to Auschwitz 1. Untouched evidence of what had taken place here instead of the exhibitions and museums that Auschwitz 1 had been converted into. The vastness

AUSCHWITZ - Poland 2016

of the land gave everyone a feel of the enormous scale of this horrifying massacre.

Later that day, we met with a survivor who willingly shared his difficult story with us and how he had escaped the Nazi torture. His story really put into perspective what we had seen over the past few days and hearing the events first hand from someone who experienced it, gave us an idea of what it was like for the people who actually endured it.

On the last day of the trip, we travelled to Krakow centre and took some time to explore and shop, It was nice to finally have some light relief from the emotionally draining experience that we had all been a part of. Although, I believe what we had seen and learnt had impacted on how we view life. It had made us all more grateful for what we have, and the modern age that we live in, that we almost felt guilty shopping for ourselves. Nevertheless, we had a nice time looking around the city of Krakow.

After returning home, everything went back to normal; life returned to its hectic cycle of school, work and little rest. However, what had changed was the way that we all viewed life, not only had we learnt a great deal of history but we had also learned to appreciate and to be thankful that society has come far enough not to let something so terrible happen again. Our outlook on life had changed forever, and what we experience was unexplainable to anyone who has not been there themselves.

Experiencing this emotional and disturbing journey together has brought what was a loosely connected group together to a tight-knit group of friends. The memories we made on this trip has brought us together to be more like a family, and we all continue to stay in touch.

I would personally recommend to anyone, whether you are interested in history and the Nazi regime, or not, to embark on a journey to Auschwitz. This once in a life time experience was worth everything and left me with many thoughts that I am still yet to organise and understand. Not only did I leave with a group of good friends for life, but a better understanding of life and humanity.

By Kimberley Dodge, 10ARI



NEW YORK 2016

I have lost track of how many times we have run this trip now, but it remains as exciting and essential as ever. We took 40 Year 12 and 13 students to New York for 3 action-packed days of cultural, educational and sightseeing activities. We were once again reminded of how fortunate we are to have so many talented, likeable and enthusiastic young people at the College and a leadership team who completely understand the value of such trips.

We started off with a walk into Times Square to take in the 21st century neon splendour of it all, before splitting into two evening activities - half the party went to the Rockefeller Center to ice skate whilst the other half went into Brooklyn to see Muse put on an incredible multimedia rock extravaganza. Mr Oakley complained it was a bit too loud, but as a spectacle which converged music, multimedia stage design and visual art it was stunning.

The next morning, we set off on a coach tour of film location sites in the most filmed city in the world, watching clips from films and TV shows as we passed their filming locations, ending up at the Friends apartment building via Central Park, the Flatiron Building and Washington Square Park. Again, the party split with the Year 12 students attending a film-making workshop whilst the A2 students took the opportunity to shoot footage for their music video coursework. The next day we went to the Museum of Moving Image in Queens for a session on film soundtracks, props and costumes and audio dubbing before moving on to the Museum of Modern Art. After the teachers enjoyed an encounter with a grizzly bear in Central Park, that evening, we went to the most famous sports arena in the world, Madison Square Garden to watch the

New York Knicks in a one-sided NBA demolition of Phoenix. The surviving half of Run DMC played at half time which was an unexpected treat, for me at least.

On the last day, we took the Staten Island Ferry to get iconic shots of the Statue of Liberty before preparing ourselves for the long journey home. At some point, we also visited Ground Zero and walked across the Brooklyn Bridge, although I can't quite imagine where or how we fitted that in, ending up at the so-called best pizzeria in New York. If you asked any of the students if the trip was worth the money, I'm pretty sure that they would all agree it was; there is something about teenagers being able to independently make their own way around a city that they only know from films and TV that seems to open their eyes to the possibility that there is a great big world out there and that there are amazing opportunities for people prepared to work hard.

For me, the trip ended on a high note when I was contacted by a former student, **Phil Lawlor**, now living in the cool East Village area of New York leading an amazing life providing music for adverts, films ('Marley', 'The Great Gatsby') and TV shows. He has agreed to come back to Arthur Mellows to talk about his fantastic career.

Working in the media is not just a dream, and we undoubtedly have the talented and driven students who can achieve amazing things in the outside world. Many thanks once again to the staff who came along – Mssrs Oakley and Atkin, and Miss Gilbert – and especially the students who were incredibly well-behaved, enthusiastic and mostly willing to forego sleep in order to derive the maximum benefit from what remains an amazing trip.

MR ZAIDI, HEAD OF MEDIA STUDIES



COLLEGE NEWS

COLLEGE PRODUCTION: 'TEECHERS'

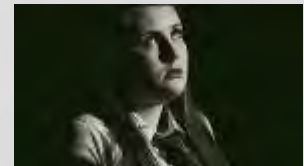


'February half term was a well-deserved break for many of the students at Arthur Mellows, particularly those who had worked tirelessly to create the amazing 'Teechers' by John Godber.

Over a period of 5 months, students attended regular after school, and lunch rehearsals to put on the fantastic show, I am sure all those who came to see it will agree that the hard work paid off! A huge thanks to all the friends, family and staff who came to support the show, students love to see your faces in the crowd. These shows cannot happen without a dedicated director, I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank our heavily pregnant director Amy McKeogh, especially for her well-crafted characterisation of Lacey, or was it Stacey? We wish Amy all the best on her maternity leave.'



By Miss Clennett, Head of Drama



A REVIEW OF THE 'PRIVATE LIVES' THEATRE TRIP, FEBRUARY 2016

On a bright, wintry evening after school, 18 of Mrs Knight, and Mrs Norris' Year 12 English Literature students travelled to Birmingham. The students (and staff) all thoroughly enjoyed an evening at the theatre soaking up the wit of Noel Coward's timeless satirical comedy, 'Private Lives. 'Private Lives' is a comedy of manners, split into 3 scenes and devised by the ingenious Noel Coward. The central plot of the play is a divorced couple, Elyot and Amanda, awkwardly bumping into each other on their separate honeymoons, only to find out they still have feelings for each other.



After an escape to Paris and a few days of optimism, they soon return to their old ways of arguments and domestic violence. The plot thickens when the new spouses of Amanda and Elyot turn up, only to begin arguing themselves, showing once again the high passions involved in love. The play is drawn to a close with a typical Coward finish, Elyot and Amanda tiptoe off together as the curtain falls.

Tom Chambers (winner of Strictly Come Dancing) and Laura Rogers played the central pairing of Elyot and Amanda and it is paramount to Coward's message that this pairing gel and clearly display the dangers of love. Chambers did this brilliantly with fantastic portrayal of Elyot's hopeless love for Rogers' Amanda. Perhaps the most defining moment in this adaptation of the play was the use of music and dance. The lead characters were played by talented dancers and they used fast moving dance to show their chaotic love. The dances also deteriorated into fights as the play progressed, emphasising Coward's message: everybody has flaws and despite ups and downs, love will prevail.

Overall, this was the best version of the play I have seen. Other than the pathetically poorly designed ice cream 'spoons' for a price of £4 (!), it had very few faults.

By Callum Richardson, Year 12

PRESENTATION EVENING

On Wednesday, 23 March 2016, Arthur Mellows Village College held its annual Presentation Evening, during which certificates and awards were presented to a representative number of students, indicative of real success achieved at all levels. It is a tradition that such successes have become an established expectation at Arthur Mellows.



Our guest speaker this year was Cassidy Little. In 2011 whilst on his second tour of Afghanistan, as part of 42 Commando, Cassidy lost his right leg in an IED blast. He was placed in an induced coma for a week and hospitalised for two months.

Three months out of hospital Cassidy met Director Stephen Rayne and writer Own Sheers, and as part of Bravo 22 Company was offered the lead role of Charlie in 'The Two World's of Charlie F'. He worked with Sir Trevor Nunn and Ray Winston on the highly successful run and London dates at The Theatre Royal Haymarket. The company brings some awareness to the audience of the soldiers and marines experiences after injury, using a cast of injured military personnel on stage with actors.

Last year, Cassidy was selected from over 11,000 nominations to take part in the first ever 'BBC's Peoples Strictly in aid of Comic Relief' with dance partner Natalie Lowe. Cassidy was nominated for his bravery after the blast as he continued to still try to help other injured personnel and has been a huge support to others in rehab despite his own injuries.



Cassidy and Natalie won the famous glitter ball, with their Paso Doble and on Christmas Day 2015, they danced the jive in the 'Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special'.



The College was extremely pleased, and honoured that Cassidy agreed to be the Guest Speaker at this event.

Academic results for the College are only one indication of success. In other areas, particularly sporting and cultural, many individuals and groups of students have been involved at all levels. The evening celebrated success in all areas with a large number of awards being presented.

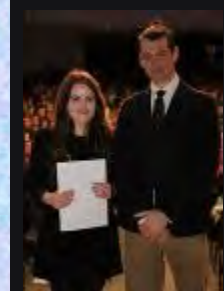
Mike Sandeman, Head of College, said: "The evening was very enjoyable and a chance to catch up with students and to hear about the next step in their career path which in many cases is at university. I had much pleasure in offering my congratulations to all students collecting certificates and awards and hope that this Presentation Evening is not only a true celebration of their achievement but an indication of future success."



PRESENTATION EVENING

OUTSTANDING AWARD WINNERS

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| Outstanding Achievement Award in BTEC Business | Bartosz Peter |
| Outstanding Achievement Award in Business | Karen Jones |
| Outstanding Achievement Award in Economics | Joseph Sheffield |
| Outstanding Achievement Award in English Language and Literature | Emma McGill |
| Outstanding Achievement Award in English Language | Charlotte Morris |
| Outstanding Achievement Award in English Literature | Amber Vella |
| Outstanding Achievement Award in Mathematics | Lydia Allsopp |
| Outstanding Achievement Award in Chemistry | Raymond Wong |
| Outstanding Achievement Award in Physics | Connor Vintiner |
| Outstanding Achievement Award in Biology | Beth Masters |
| Outstanding Achievement Award in History | Rosannah Reynolds |
| The Duncan Fleet Duke of Edinburgh Award | Ellie Simpson |
| Outstanding Achievement Award in Geography | Ellie Simpson |
| Outstanding Achievement Award in Philosophy and Ethics | Emily Cottrell |
| Outstanding Achievement Award in General Studies | Ella Farrow |
| Outstanding Achievement Award in Travel and Tourism | Mahaliah Meriales |
| Outstanding Achievement Award in Modern Foreign Languages | Amber Vella |
| The Neil Pengilley Award for Sport | Robyn Joyce |
| Outstanding Achievement Award in Psychology | Olivia Barrett |
| Outstanding Achievement Award in Media Studies | Ethan Cross |
| Outstanding Achievement Award in ICT | Matthew Guest |
| Outstanding Achievement Award in Sociology | Robyn Joyce |
| Outstanding Achievement Award in Health and Social Care | Adele Haynes |
| The Paula Whitfield Award for contributions to Drama | Samuel Makepeace-Beach |
| Karen Gribble Award for Art | Jazmin Giles-Reffell |
| Outstanding Achievement Award in Technology - Graphics | Emma McGill |
| Outstanding Achievement Award in Technology - Resistant Materials | Olivia Barrett |
| Outstanding Achievement Award in Music | Jack Morton |
| Higher Sports Leader Award | Matthew Guest |
| Higher Sports Leader Award | Shannon Hamey |
| Governors' Award for Best GCSE Results | Hope Costello |
| Outstanding Progress Award | Jessica Reed |
| Head Boy Award | Joseph Carter |
| Head Girl Award | Beth Masters |



COLLEGE EVENING

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Activity Holidays For Children
National Charity Centre (11/2007)



Total money raised:
£1,836.30



SPONSORED HEAD SHAVE - MR MOFFATT'S HEAD SHAVE FOR CHARITY



Artist of the month George Salisbury 7ASH
Still Life in the style of Paul Cezanne, oil pastel on paper.

AMAZING MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENT

Amazing musical achievement of two of our students

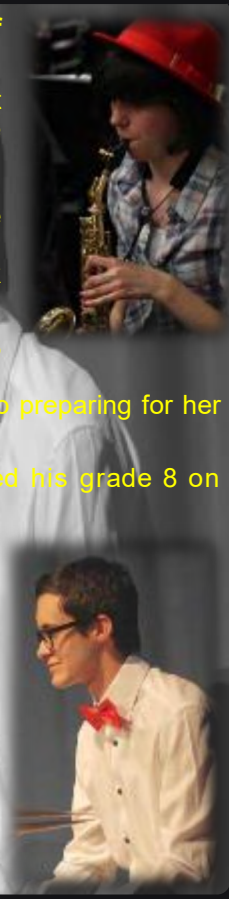
Most people who learn an instrument eventually take a grade. If you have been through this experience, you will know how difficult every grade is, and how much work is involved. The highest grade possible is grade 8 and two of our students have this week achieved this grade.

Hester Baird achieved her grade 8 flute with merit. This is an amazing achievement considering Hester is also preparing for her A Level exams.

Charlie Westbrook has just achieved his grade 8 on Drum Kit, with distinction. As well as getting a distinction, Charlie did not actually drop a single mark. This achievement is unheard of at any grade, but especially at grade 8. This is likely to be recognised nationally.

A MASSIVE well done to both of these students, and to all students in AMVC who have taken a graded musical exam this time.

Mrs Hammond, Head of Performing Arts



SOKE FOOTBALL AND NETBALL COMPETITION YEAR 5 AND 6 THURSDAY 17 MARCH 2016

Over 300 Primary school students from Arthur Mellows Village College and Ken Stimpson Community School feeder primary school's, took part in the annual 'Soke Netball and Football' competition at Arthur Mellows Village College this month. This is a prestigious competition and is one of the highlights of the primary sporting calendar for these schools.



A Level students, as well as Junior and Community Sports Leaders from the College, umpired and refereed all the games to a high level, allowing teachers to coach and encourage their teams. There was an excellent standard of play both in the football and netball competitions, with some very close games, especially in the semi-finals of the football, which went to penalties and the netball finals which went to extra time and golden goal.

FINAL SCORES - FOOTBALL

Winner: William Law
Runner-up: Norwood

FINAL SCORES - NETBALL

Winner: Newborough A
Runner-up: Castor

Well done to all the youngsters who participated with great enthusiasm, and the leaders who were excellent role models, showing maturity and professionalism under pressure.

By Mrs Wilding, Primary PE Co-ordinator

PETERBOROUGH EVENING TELEGRAPH – SPORTS AWARDS FOR 2015

Congratulations to William Howarth, 7LKL, for winning the Junior Footballer of the Year category for 2015.

William plays for Werrington under 12's and was nominated as he scored 48 goals for them last season. The Evening Telegraph said of him: *'He displays a great attitude, admirable loyalty and a willingness to work hard for the team.'*

Jaxon Simmons also deserves recognition for making it to the final 3 in his category. He was nominated for Junior Sportsman of the Year

Jaxon, who is a talented swimmer who swims for COPS, was a medallist at the ASA National Championships in Sheffield in the summer and he was named in one of British Para-Swimming's World Class Performance squads.



PE NEWS

YEAR 7 AND 8 PETERBOROUGH AREA NETBALL TOURNAMENT HELD AT ARTHUR MELLOWS VILLAGE COLLEGE ON 15 MARCH 2016



As part of our Higher Sports Leaders Award, Saxon Clarke, Joanna Newman, Ian King and myself have organised this year's Peterborough Schools Netball Tournament held at Arthur Mellows Village College on Tuesday 15 March, 2016.

Our role was to organise and host the whole event. This involved contacting all Peterborough schools, creating an order of play, scorecards, arranging certificates for all participants, ordering medals for the winning teams, considering safety and risk assessments including first aid, contacting the local press and running the event on the night.

There were 12 Peterborough schools in both the Year 7 and the Year 8 tournaments. Both of these tournaments were fiercely competitive and each team did brilliantly.

AMVC put teams into both Year Groups, and unfortunately just missed out on reaching the semi-finals both for Year 7 and 8, with our A teams coming 3rd in both competitions.

The Year 7 final was between Hampton and Stanground, with Stanground coming out victorious with a convincing 4-1 win. In the Year 8 final, Bushfield and Stanground faced off in a closer match with Bushfield coming out champions with a close 3-2 win.

Congratulations to both winning teams and all the Netballers who took part.

We are another step closer to gaining our Higher Sports Leader Award having successfully organised this tournament.



Year 7 A Team



Year 7 B Team



Year 8 Team

By Ian King, Year 13

FENLAND LEAGUE - CROSS COUNTRY RACE RESULTS

Well done to all the students who took part but especially to the following students who came in the top 10.



Year 7 and 8 Girls



Year 7 and 8 Boys
Harvey Hancock (2nd)



Year 9 and 10 Girls
Katie Porter (6th)



Year 9 and 10 Boys
Ben Roberts (2nd),
Luis Turner (3rd)
and Ishan Limbukhim (4th)

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

After running for Peterborough at the Cambridge Schools Cross-Country in January, and being selected to represent Cambridge at the Anglian Schools Cross-Country race in February, we are pleased to announce that Ishan Limbukhim and Ben Roberts from Year 9 were selected to represent Cambridgeshire at the English Schools Cross-Country at Wollaton Park in Nottingham on Saturday 5 March, 2016.



Ben Roberts



Ishan Limbukhim

On the day, they finished 10 seconds apart, with Ben coming 152nd in 17.06 and Ishan coming 177th in 17.16. There was a total of 337 runners in this race.

HOCKEY NEWS

On Tuesday 1 March 2016, we took a team of Year 7 girls to represent Arthur Mellows Village College at the Year 7/8 girls Hockey Tournament at Kings School.

Our girls played exceptionally well, and we are proud to announce that they won the tournament, which was a big achievement as all the girls were from Year 7.

The match results were as follows

AMVC 0 v 0 Kings A
AMVC 4 v 0 Kings B
AMVC 6 v 0 Voyager
AMVC 1 v 0 TDA

Year 7 Team

Jess Broadway Sophie Ellen
Ella Cartmel Kaitlyn Bloomfield
Lauren Mapleston Shelley Broadway
Lucy Rowe



Jess and Shelley Broadway, who have been selected to play Hockey for Cambridgeshire, were chosen as joint Players of the Match for AMVC.



Netball Results Year 7



Sir Harry Smith 7
AMVC 14

Ormiston Bushfield Academy 7
AMVC 7



FOOTBALL NEWS

Congratulations to 3 of our Football Teams on their home wins at the beginning of the term.

Year 10 AMVC 6 - 0 Thomas Clarkson



Man of the Match: Harley Meadows

Goal Scorers: Lia Cataldo, Ryan Bointon 2, Frazer Graner, Harley Meadows and Nathan Snart

Year 8 AMVC 4 - 0 Thomas Clarkson



Man of the Match: Ali Pizzo

Goal Scorers: Wanya Madivadua x 2, James Hogg, Alfie Addinall

Year 7 AMVC 7 - 0 Thomas Clarkson



Man of the Match: Joe Sandel

Goal Scorers: Joe Sandel 4 and Shane Bointon 3

By Mrs Richardson, PE department

COUNTY CUP RESULTS

YEAR 7/8 GIRLS: Congratulations to our Year 7/8 Girls Football team who are through to the **FINAL** of the **COUNTY CUP**.

The girls won their **quarter final** against **Nene Park Academy** on **Thursday, 17 March 2016**.

Player of the Match : Shelley Broadway

Scorers: Jess Camwell 2 and Shelley Broadway 2.

On Monday, 21 March 2016 the girls played the **semi final** against **Stanground Academy** and **WON 7-0**.

Player of the Match :

Grace Sipson

Scorers:

Jess Camwell 2

Jess Broadway 2

Grace Sipson 2

Shelley Broadway.1

We wish the girls the best of luck for the County Cup Final on **Wednesday, 13 April 2016**.



YEAR 9: Congratulations to our Year 9 Boys Football team for getting to the **SEMI-FINALS** of the **COUNTY CUP**.

On Thursday, 17 March 2016, the boys played Neale Wade school, in the quarter final, and **WON 3-1**.

Player of the Match :

Andrew Irvine

Scorers: Andrew Irvine,

Tom Hill and Ryan

Olbromski.

Well done to the boys for getting this far.



YEAR 10: On Thursday 11 February 2016, we took the Year 10 Football team down to Chesterton Community College in Cambridge to play in the **QUARTER FINALS** of the County Cup.

This was an eventful game. AMVC took a 2 goal lead in the first half but conceded 2 in the 2nd, which took us on to extra time. Chesterton scored an early goal but Luca Tocci dribbled down the wing and his deflected shot fell to Frazer Garner which brought us back Level at 3-3 and the nightmare of a penalty shoot out.

Unfortunately, Chesterton won this 4-2 on penalties.

Well done to the boys for managing to get this far.

YEAR 7: Congratulations to our Year 7 boys football team for getting to the **QUARTER FINALS** of the County Cup against Stanground Academy. Unfortunately, they were beaten 2-1 on the night.

Player of the Match : Joe Sandel