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The Kids' Guide to Arthur Mellows Village College



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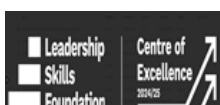
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SCHOOL**
TAKING THE NEXT STEP

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Welcome to AMVC

“There are no strangers here – only friends you haven’t met”.

This ‘Kids’ Guide’ is just for you although your Mum, Dad and Carers can read it too!
Below and later in the booklet, you will find photos of key staff in the school but of course there are many more, including your subject teachers, who you will get to know very well.

MR GILLIGAN Head of College 			
MS E KAVANAGH Deputy Headteacher Designated Safeguarding Lead 		MR R WATSON Deputy Headteacher 	
MRS L BAXTER Assistant Headteacher Senco Lead Designated Safeguarding Lead 	MRS K CLENNETT Assistant Headteacher Director of Sixth Form Designated Safeguarding Lead 	MISS K LEWIS Assistant Headteacher 	MISS L MARSHALL Assistant Headteacher 
MR H SAUNTSON Assistant Headteacher 	MR N STEELE Assistant Headteacher Designated Safeguarding Lead 	MRS E WARD Assistant Headteacher Designated Safeguarding Lead 	
MISS H GROUND Associate Assistant Headteacher 	MR J ROS Associate Assistant Headteacher 	MS E VEALE Associate Assistant Headteacher 	

WELCOME FROM THE NEW HEAD STUDENTS

Hello, and welcome to Arthur Mellows! Moving up to Secondary School can be very scary, but you should be extremely excited! AMVC has so many more new subjects for you to learn and plenty of exciting opportunities to get involved with, such as many different sports teams, lots of charity events and loads of wonderful trips!

Arthur Mellows really is an excellent school that we are sure you will be proud to be a part of! We guarantee that you will settle in very quickly and make lots of new friends who are just as nervous, but as excited as you. All the teachers will be extremely supportive, but you can also always ask older students for advice, we are not that scary, we promise!

The most important thing is to work hard and enjoy yourselves by getting involved with as many new and exciting activities as possible!



Head Students 2026/2027:

Grace Richardson, Kobi Kenton,
Marina Effah, Sam Ward
(Head Students)

Vanessa Ioan, Charlie Boateng,
Jessica Benbow
(Deputy Head Students)

Year 7 is a big change from Primary School and lots of people worry that they will not like it, but we can assure you that it does not take long to find your way at Arthur Mellows. The prospect of being part of a Form Group is completely new to most Year 7 students, but it soon becomes very comfortable and reassuring to see the same faces at the start of every day. It is a great place to start in the search for friends, and we know from personal experience that the people you meet in the first few days of Year 7 can become some of your best friends for years.

As well as the chance to meet lots of new people, Secondary School also gives you the opportunity to study a variety of different and interesting subjects. Many of these you may not have encountered before, so pay attention and you may find a new favourite.

YOUR TUTOR GROUP

Arthur Mellows: a place full of fun, opportunity, and excitement! It offers amazing experiences such as a choir, Sports Day, and other various activities! However, these days must start with something, and that is your Tutor Time in the morning...



When you arrive at Arthur Mellows you will be greeted by your Form Tutor. A Tutor Group is like your class back at Primary school, but you meet in the morning every day and get to have a nice chat with the students in them, before going off to your lessons. There will be nine Forms in your Year Group.

It is a friendly, relaxed place where you may see some of your friends from Primary School. You won't be on your own! Just remember everyone is new to the school and will be a bit nervous, which is normal, so try to say 'hi' to a few unfamiliar faces, and you never know they might be your best friend in years to come!

You will meet every morning at 8.40 am and for twenty minutes you may do activities like reading, charades, and interactive games on the whiteboard (which include Spot the Difference and watching Newsround). Form time ends at 9.00 am and then you go off to your classes when you hear the bell!

Your Form Tutor and any other teachers you see at Arthur Mellows can help you with anything. This can be if you are lost, worried or have *any* questions about the school as they know you are new and will be glad to help!

Your Tutor Group will soon become a place full of familiar faces and characters and they will become a second family to you in time!



THE YEAR 7 TEAM

MR ROBERTS

Head of Year 7



MR ZIMMERMANN

Assistant Head of Year 7



WHAT IF THINGS GO WRONG? THE PASTORAL TEAM ARE HERE TO HELP

MR N STEELE

Assistant Headteachers / Heads of Pastoral
Designated Safeguarding Leads



MRS E WARD



MR C PHILLIPS

Deputy Pastoral Manager
Designated Safeguarding Lead



MR J WARE

Year 7 Pastoral Assistant



Sometimes things happen in school which makes life tough. It may be that your work in lessons is a cause for concern or your behaviour (or that of other people in the class) prevents the best possible work being done. The Pastoral Team are here to help, and you can go and see them at break or at lunchtime.

SEE THE PASTORAL TEAM IF.....

Sometimes when you start a new school, you make new friendships, and that is great! However, some people find it harder to make friends than others and this can cause friendship squabbles. No one should ever feel alone. We want to help because we care about you. There is no reason why your life in school should be made uncomfortable by the actions of others. If you are worried or concerned, you must talk to a responsible adult about it.



Bullying

If you are being bullied it may seem the end of the world, but it is not. Here at AMVC we have an Anti-Bullying Programme and that has kept the amount of people being bullied very low.

Who to tell?

Most people do not want to tell anyone as they think the situation will get worse. But if you do not tell anyone it won't get better. Tell someone you can trust, and they can help you, ie adults, friends, family, teachers... anyone!



Your Rights

If someone is being physically or verbally bullied, they may be doing that because they are jealous, but no one has a right to hurt you. So, get someone to help you solve the problem and you will have a good time at AMVC.



Getting Lost!

If you do get lost here, just ask someone to help you get to your next lesson. A student or a member of staff will either give you directions or take you to where you need to be. You will soon find your way around – AMVC may seem big, but you will soon know your way around and may be able to help others!

INSIDE THE INCLUSION DEPARTMENT

MRS L BAXTER Special Needs Co-ordinator Lead (SENCO) Designated Safeguarding Lead 	MRS K BRIGGS Deputy SENCO 	
MRS S DEMBRY Assistant SENCO 	MRS N THOMSON Assistant SENCO 	MRS M RAMSDEN Senco Support 

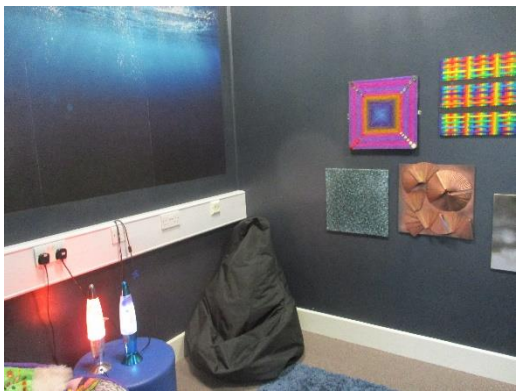
We are a friendly team who can give you support with lots of different things, including organising yourself, helping to prioritise your workload, homework, friendships and much more! We will always try our best to make sure our students' needs are met and look forward to meeting you! One of our recent Year 13 Leavers said:

"I am so grateful for all the support you have given me over the years, and I am sorry that you had to deal with the swirling ball of emotions and autism that was my younger self. I like to think I have more than changed. I think I have made amazing progress looking back to who I used to be. It's really incredible, but I don't think I could have done it, at least not to this extent, without the help you and the rest of SEN gave me."

LEARNING SUPPORT ROOMS WITHIN INCLUSION



OUR SENSORY ROOM





GET INVOLVED – SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS

Arthur Mellows is a fantastic provider of a variety of activities! These activities take place either at lunchtime or after school, ensuring that at least one event will fit in your schedule. Having numerous activities leaves you spoilt for choice!

Joining a club will allow you to expand your circle of friends. You will mix with lots of different people with different personalities, meaning it'll never be boring!

The clubs will also bring enjoyment to you if you take advantage of the opportunities available. Get those legs and arms moving in sports club, unleash your inner diva or rock star in one of the Music clubs or become the new Albert Einstein in Science club. There are just so many to explore so make sure you allow yourself to enjoy all parts of school life!

Clubs

The teachers running the clubs welcome students of all abilities, so whether it is for improvement or just fun you'll be more than welcome. The enthusiasm of the teachers really encourages you to get involved so make sure you listen out for messages from your Form Tutor or keep your eyes peeled for any posters advertising the activities.

If you are really passionate about an activity that does not have a club, do not worry and don't be disappointed as the School Council representatives from the 'Student Voice' are here to help!

These helpful chaps can raise this issue at the School Council to ensure your voice can be heard.

The most important thing is to enjoy your time at Arthur Mellows Village College and one of the ways to do this is by joining a club and becoming part of a team!



THE COLLEGE DAY**ATTENDANCE**

The College is open from 8.20 am for students to arrive however the gates are shut at 8.35 am sharp. After this time, all students should come into school through the Main Entrance where they will be greeted by the Attendance Officers, Mrs Blackledge and Mrs White.

MRS BLACKLEDGE AND MRS WHITE

Attendance Officers

**THE COLLEGE DAY AND LESSONS**

Your lessons at Arthur Mellows are as follows:

	Start	End
Registration	8.40 am	9.00 am
Lesson 1	9.00 am	9.50 am
Lesson 2	9.50 am	10.40 am
Lesson 3	10.40 am	11.30 am
Key Stage 3 Lunch Key Stage 4/5 Break	11.30 am	12.05 pm
Lesson 4	12.05 pm	12.55 pm
Key Stage 3 Break Key Stage 4/5 Lunch	12.55 pm	1.30 pm
Lesson 5	1.30 pm	2.20 pm
Lesson 6	2.20 pm	3.10 pm

- ✓ Each timetable cycle lasts for two school weeks, that's **10 days**.
- ✓ The first 5 days of the cycle are called WEEK ONE and the second 5 days WEEK TWO.
- ✓ Most days are divided into 6 periods which last for 50 minutes.

ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT TO BRING TO SCHOOL

It is a really good idea to be fully prepared for your lessons so here is a list of equipment that you will need:

Essential:

A bag

Pens

Pencils

Ruler

Coloured Pencils

Eraser

Pencil Case

Protractor

Calculator

Compass

Purple Pen

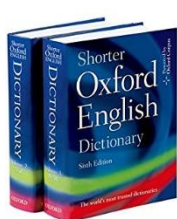


Optional:

Dictionary

Felt Tip Pens

Set Squares



Not Allowed:

Tippex

Aerosols



FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD!

Food at AMVC is the best! Last year we welcomed a new catering provider, Accent Catering.

Every day the chefs in the Refectory cook up a variety of different treats for us. Students regularly take a detour on the way to Science just to get a whiff of the scrummy treats.

There is no need to worry about losing your money, as we have a cashless catering system which operates by pressing your finger on a scanner. Your account is individual to you and you alone.



Welcome from Accent Catering

September 2025

Accent Catering
We are proud to be appointed the caterer for The Four Cs Academy Trust from September 2025. Founded in 2002 Accent is an independent company operated by one of our founders Derek Warman and Managing Director Ian Crabtree. We are an established caterer, passionate about supporting local British farmers and growers with seasonal quality ingredients at our core.

Fresh Food
We tailor our menus depending on the age of the pupil, our ethos, however, remains the same; we never compromise on our commitment to our craft – creating amazing food from quality produce by skilled chefs.

Our food is prepared from fresh ingredients. All our meat is Red Tractor (UK sourced) accredited; fruit & vegetables are UK sourced where possible & fish from sustainable stocks. We focus on producing great tasting food from scratch, so you will not find our chefs using packet mixes or ready to use sauces.

A Sustainable Future
We are proud to partner with the National Farmer's Union to support local suppliers and help our schools learn the importance of food provenance and the process food goes to from field to fork. We know how important sustainability is and we're fully signed up to the Courtauld's Commitment (to reduce food waste) and the UK Plastics Pact (to remove all unnecessary single use plastic from our business).

Free School Meals
All children in KS1 are entitled to Free School Meals, and eligible KS2 & secondary students can also enjoy a free meal each day. We encourage all families to take up this offer, as school meals are great value, with lots of tasty choices to choose from. Our menus always include a meat/fish, as well as vegetarian dishes, with pasta and jacket potatoes readily being available to help give them the boost they need for learning in an afternoon. Meals are accessed via our Biometric system, with daily credit added automatically to your child's account at lunchtime.

Marketing
As specialist school caterers, we believe that catering is so much more than just a meal on a plate. We work hard to create a service that is fun and adds value beyond the traditional lunchtime offer. We run a variety of Special Day menus including Bonfire Night, Lunar New Year and World Book Day - which bring excitement and real value to the daily lunch experience.

We also run annual themes designed to encourage pupils to try new and exciting dishes. With a focus on fresh ingredients and balanced nutrition, our exclusive monthly recipes help pupils build strong and healthy relationships with food.

Secondary posters



Primary posters



Allergens
Accent Catering are partners of the Natasha Allergy Research Foundation and take the responsibility for managing food allergies and special diets very seriously. We seek to reassure parents and guardians that we have a detailed understanding of the subject and recognise the importance of having robust procedures in place.

All of our menus are fully allergen checked and labelled. Our teams fully trained each term and on-site Allergen gurus are trained and knowledgeable to ensure every customer is catered for.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to the dining room!

Compared to an average packed lunch an Accent school meal contains:	15% LESS SATURATED FAT	2x THE FIBRE	46% LESS SALT	1/2 THE FREE SUGARS	Accent
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Your parents/carers will need to credit your account online, using their ParentPay account.

There is a daily spend limit of £5.00 and this will easily buy you a healthy, filling lunch. Everyone at Arthur Mellows agrees that the food is great. You will find yourself taking detours to the Refectory pretty soon.

HOMEWORK

Teachers give homework when they need to know that you understand something. It will always be on something covered in lesson.

There will never be anything too difficult, and if you are struggling, see the teacher and they will be more than happy to talk it through it with you and help you until you fully understand.

The teachers recognise that you need time to complete the homework and most teachers have a homework schedule, so you are not bombarded with random homework everyday!



WEEKLY HOMEWORK PLANNER				
Monday	DATE	3 REASONS	Completed	Due date
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Tuesday	DATE	3 REASONS	Completed	Due date
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Wednesday	DATE	3 REASONS	Completed	Due date
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Thursday	DATE	3 REASONS	Completed	Due date
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Friday	DATE	3 REASONS	Completed	Due date
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If you are worried about keeping on top of your homework, do not worry! Your planner is your new best friend! You can easily keep track of what is due and when, and what you need to do for the homework. It is not difficult to get your homework in on time when you have got it all written down in your planner.

Doing the homework a few days before the deadline is a good idea because if you do not understand it, you have time to ask the teacher.

Homework is important



If you are having trouble with resources for homework, there is a day whereby the library is available for your Year Group only and after school.

MOBILE PHONES

Mobile Phone Protocol



'You use it, and you lose it!'

- Before you arrive in the school gate, your mobile phone must be switched off and placed in your bag (not in a pocket). They will not be allowed out at any point during the day.
- This includes all headphones and earphones/Air Pods.
- Smart watches can only be worn if the linked phone is switched off, or it is on airplane mode.
- These are to remain in the bag until end of Period 6 (3:10 pm), where you will be allowed to check for messages and have access for the journey home.
- Do not look at your mobile phone to access your timetable. Please use your planner.
- If you are asked for a code to log on to Microsoft 365, you will be allowed to get your phone out of your bag (under the supervision of the teacher) to retrieve the code. However, setting up your Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) as well as a phone number will greatly reduce the number of times you are asked for a code.
- You will not be able to use your mobile phone to access Microsoft TEAMS.



Mobile Phone Protocol Explained

- Too many students use mobile phones for social purposes in between lessons and at the end of breaktimes. This makes you late for your next lesson and creates a conflict with staff.
- The need to check messages on mobile phones is a continual distraction during and between lesson time and disrupts learning as you are constantly thinking about your phone.
- Using mobile phones during social times instead of having a conversation and developing friendships with other students. We want you to make friends and learn how to have a conversation.
- Mobile phones can have a damaging effect on a student's mental health and wellbeing.
- Using mobile phones inappropriately is a frequent reason a student may get into trouble at school.
- Mobile phones are frequently used during school time for incidents related to cyberbullying.

BUDDY SYSTEM



The Buddy System is where you get put into groups with other people from your Form and two Sixth Form members are your leaders.

During Form Time, once a week, you will go to an area like the Sixth Form Café and spend time with your Buddies. You can tell them anything you want. They can tell you where you go to get for your next lessons.

WHAT IF I HAVE A DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT, OR HAVE TO GO TO THE DENTIST?

Going to the Doctors and the Dentist is still allowed during school time. You will need to show your Form Tutor your appointment letter and ask Mum, Dad or your carer to write a note in your Planner to show your Form Tutor.

At the time you leave school you will also need to sign out at Student Reception. If your appointment is first thing in the morning (meaning you come in late in the morning), then just come into school via the Student Reception door.



ILLNESS OR ACCIDENT AT THE COLLEGE



If you are too unwell to attend school, your parent/carer **must email** absence@arthurmellows.org, stating your name, tutor group and the reason for absence, before school starts.

If you are poorly or have an accident during the College Day, you will be taken to the First Aid Room. If necessary, the First Aider may ring parents/carers to ask that you be collected and either taken home or advised to go to the doctors. If it is more serious an ambulance will be called, and your parents or carers will be informed as soon as possible.

You are not allowed to ring your parent/carer from your own phone asking to be collected from school.

If you regularly need to take medicine during the school day, this should be handed in and kept safely in the First Aid Room. All medication should be labelled with your name and date of birth.

UNIFORM**Examples of how your uniform should look****KEY STAGE 3
(Years 7, 8 and 9)****KEY STAGE 4
(Years 10 and 11)****ITEMS NOT ALLOWED**

			
No leather sports trainers made by a sports manufacturer or in a sporty style eg Vans, Reebok, Nike, Lonsdale etc	No canvas shoes	No skinny-type casual jeans or leggings are acceptable	No short straight pencil skirts. Henley style black skirt is acceptable only.

The College has a zero-tolerance policy on incorrect uniform; items will be confiscated, and appropriate sanctions will be put in place. In some cases, alternative items will be offered for students to change into and requested to be returned. Non-returned items will be charged to parents/carers at £10.00 per item.

UNIFORM POLICY

Garment	✓	x
<u>Key Stage 3</u> Shirts / Jumper / Cardigan	White Polo shirt with AMVC crest*. Green V-neck jumper with AMVC crest*. Green cardigan with AMVC crest*.	No other polo shirts / jumpers / cardigans permitted.
<u>Key Stage 4</u> Shirts / Jumper / Cardigan	White Polo shirt or fitted blouse with AMVC crest*. Black V-neck jumper with AMVC crest*. Black cardigan with AMVC crest*.	No other polo shirts / blouses / jumpers / cardigans permitted.
Trousers / Shorts	Black plain, formal loose-fitting or slim fit school-style trousers. Shorts – black tailored and knee length.	No skin-tight trousers or leggings; no 'jeans'/jeggings type trousers. Sports shorts or tracksuit bottoms are not permitted under trousers.
Skirt	Henley style (pleated at knee length). Skirt length to be no more than 2 inches above the knee.	No other skirt styles permitted.
Socks / Tights	Plain black / dark coloured or white socks. Must be removed for Gymnastics lessons. Plain black- or natural-coloured tights.	No patterns or decoration.
Shoes	Unbranded polishable plain black / brown leather style shoe or ankle high boots.	No trainer-style shoes, sandals, high- heeled or canvas styles are permitted.
Jewellery / Accessories	One pair of small, plain ear studs or earrings (worn one in each ear or a single earring) and one plain, discreet bracelet and necklace may be worn. One ring may be worn. Plain black belt may be worn. Jewellery for religious or Cultural reasons is permitted to be worn. Natural eyelashes only.	No other visible jewellery is permitted. All jewellery must be removed for PE / Dance lessons. False / acrylic nails or nails with bright designs / colours are not permitted. False eyelashes are not permitted.
Hair	Hair accessories should be functional and discreet. Hair colour should be natural and tied back for PE lessons (other lessons at discretion of teacher). We acknowledge that Afro – textured hair is an important part of our Black students' racial, ethnic, and religious identities, and require specific styling such as afros, braids and cornrows.	Unnatural hair colours or hair styles are not permitted.
Earphones / Mobile Phones		No earphones / mobile phones to be visible in and around the College – these will be confiscated by staff if seen in and around the College building (in line with the Mobile Phone Policy). No inappropriate use of Smart watches.
Coat	Students are allowed to wear coats which are plain and dark. Students are allowed to wear coats / scarves / gloves while walking in and around the Corridors.	No hoods to be worn inside the College building. No external wear (coats / scarves / gloves) to be worn in Classrooms, Refectories or Main Hall.
Headwear	Students have the option of wearing a plain dark coloured kameez, hijab or turban. PATKA – plain dark colours only.	No patterns or decoration permitted. No bandanas or durags allowed. No hats / hoods to be worn in classrooms, refectories or main hall.
*All of the above items (Polo shirts, Jumpers, Cardigans, Blouses) must be purchased from: Chroma Leisure 10 Wulfric Square, Bretton, Peterborough, (Tel. 01733 262526) Online ordering is available (www.chromasport.co.uk) All other items, including skirts, trousers, coats etc, can be purchased at alternative retailers. Where possible, the College PTA will endeavour to arrange second-hand uniform sales three times a year.		

PE UNIFORM POLICY

Item of Clothing	Information
Bottom half	Plain Black shorts (Football style or 2in1), Track Pants / Tracksuit Bottoms or leggings. Heavy branding (large logos, stripes) is NOT permitted, and logos should be limited to an inch square. No tight-fitting shorts or skorts are permitted.
Shirt	AMVC PE green polo shirt / AMVC Sport Red Polo Shirt (KS4/5 examination PE students only)
Mid Layer	AMVC Green PE Hoodie OR AMVC PE black ¼ zip training top
Under Shirts / Compression Layers (Optional)	Black or white top and bottoms
Socks	White Sport Socks / Black football socks

Health and Safety Rules

- All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.
- All long hair must be tied back.
- All students must remove their socks for Gymnastics lessons.

LOCKERS

A good place to keep your PE Kit is in your locker! You have the option to have a locker which is the perfect place to store your PE kit for the week.

We highly recommend that you bring your PE kit in with you on Monday and take it home again on a Friday – this will save you forgetting it!



WHO IS WHO?

In order to recognise who is who in school, we operate a lanyard system:

Black Lanyards = Member of Staff



Yellow Lanyards = Sixth Form students



Green Lanyards = Known Visitors



Red Lanyards = Visitors



OUR REWARDS SYSTEM

POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE BROMCOM POINTS

Positive Bromcom points are given out by staff for all aspects of life at Arthur Mellows. Points are recorded on staff computers and can be for good work, homework, positive attitude, good manners, representing the school, being kind to others.... almost anything positive really. Some of the points lead to emails home to parents and points go towards your Form's total. Basically, if you are positive at school you will get noticed and rewarded.



Negative Bromcom points can also be given out. These are also recorded on staff computers and can be for not completing enough work in lesson, poor attitude, not completing homework, being rude etc.



Achievement certificates are distributed to students who receive the following positive Bromcom points:

50 Points: Bronze Achievement Certificate
150 Points: Silver Achievement Certificate
250 Points: Gold Achievement Certificate

These certificates are celebrated in your Head of Year assemblies.



OUR CLASSROOM CODE

At Arthur Mellows we believe the following:

- Every student has a right to learn
- Every teacher has a right to teach
- All students and staff have a right to feel safe

If we respect the above, then together we can:

- Achieve excellent results
- Build positive working relationships
- Support and help each other

To have successful lessons you must:

- Arrive on time
- Have the correct equipment for the lesson
- Complete your work
- Allow everybody to learn
- Always do your best

Failure to do so will lead to the following:

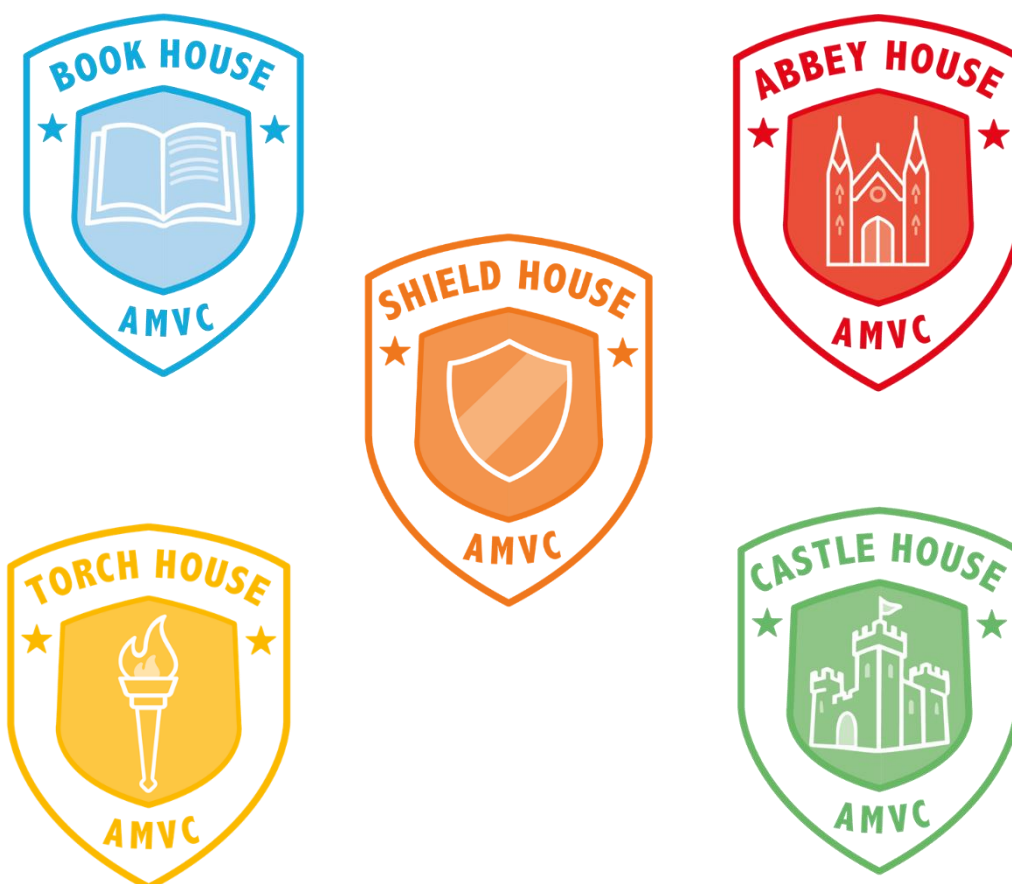
First verbal warning

Second verbal warning and where possible name recorded on board

Student sent to Isolation for silent study.

OUR HOUSE SYSTEM

Arthur Mellows Village College has a successful House System. The House System contains five houses, which all represent the past and history of the College. The five houses are Abbey, Book, Castle, Torch and Shield.



Through the House System, we encourage students to build a community fostered on support, equality and respect. Students are invited to be leaders in their respective houses, leading on wellbeing, sport, charity fundraising as well as other initiatives such as awareness events and supporting with College representation.

New Year 7 students are placed into their Houses in September based on their Tutor Groups and they accumulate house points based on their contribution to school life. Students enjoy participating in charity events and organising sporting competitions and much more.

WHAT OTHER STUDENTS SAY ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

When I got here I thought it was really scary and I wasn't sure whether I would get lost or make any new friends, but you don't have to worry because I am sure you will settle in very easily.

You will sometimes have your friends from Primary School, but when you branch out and become friends with new people, that's what makes Secondary School.

Don't be afraid to ask for help, it's the only way to learn even if it seems like everyone knows.

Revising for tests helps, always listen and bring a drink.

If you're worried about making new friends, go to a sports club and get involved with extra-curricular activities.

If you are worried about getting lost, don't! There are plenty of people around to help, including me. You have already made a new friend!

I settled quickly, Pastoral really help! Don't be scared of them, they are there to help – not to tell people off all the time.

Secondary School is so daunting at first, but I assure you, that new friends will be made and so will memories. The amount of new people you will meet is extraordinary. Secondary school – where friends and memories are made!

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