

THE VOICE

of Arthur Mellows Village College



Message from Mr Oakley, Head of College

As I write this, the Year 11 and 13 GCSE and A Level examinations are well underway. Students are to be congratulated on how they have settled back into examination and revision studies following the disruption of Covid over the last couple of years. I wish them all the very best and look forward to celebrating their success on examination results days.

Everyone in the school community will be aware of the student mobile phone restrictions that come into force on Monday 6 June 2022. I would like to thank parents/carers for their support in this change in policy and routine. Students are reminded that phones should be turned off and in bags (not pockets) before they enter the College site in the mornings and they cannot be turned on until 3.10 pm. If students are found to be using a mobile phone or associated device, eg earphones/pods, they will be confiscated in line with the policy.

Parents/Carers will be aware that a letter has been sent recently regarding our uniform policy and changes we are making concerning affordability, availability and durability. You will be aware that from September, a Henley style skirt, available from many different outlets, is the skirt of choice, however, previous style skirts can be worn during the phase out period. With the help of the PTA, the College is looking to host a second-hand uniform sale one Saturday morning later this Summer and further details will be provided in due course. On the subject of the PTA, they are always looking for new members, therefore, if you are interested in supporting this quite small group of volunteers, please do come along to their next meeting on **Thursday 9 June at 5.30 pm** at College – you will be made very welcome.

Finally, I wish everyone a good half term break and look forward to seeing students and staff, refreshed and ready for the last half term of the year on Monday 6 June 2022.

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Duke of Edinburgh Gold Qualifying	Friday 8 - Wednesday 13 July 2022
Duke of Edinburgh Silver Qualifying	Thursday 14 - Saturday 16 July 2022
Term ends	Thursday 21 July 2022

COLLEGE NEWS

SIXTH FORM STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM 2022/2023



Sixth Form Student Leadership Team 2022/2023

It is with great pride that the new Sixth Form Student Leadership Team has been announced.

They were all utterly brilliant in interview with Mrs Clennett, Mr Oakley and Mr Jennings, and conducted themselves with maturity and professionalism:



Head Boy: Sam Fielding

Student Council, oversight of The Sixth Form Committee, Governor Liaison, Last Day and Open Evenings



Head Girl: Grace Pye

Student Council, oversight of The Sixth Form Committee, Governor Liaison, Prom and Open Evenings

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SIXTH FORM STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM 2022/2023



Deputy Head Boy: James Shaw

Development of Professional Development, Charity and Volunteering Initiatives, working with and promoting Citizens UK alongside students and parents



Deputy Head Girl: Charlotte Chapman

Yearbook and Hoody oversight, Four Cs MAT Liaison, development of Community / Social Initiative across the Sixth Form



Assistant Head Boy: Arjun Singh

Development of Professional Development, development of Nutrition and Exercise Initiatives, liaison with the catering provider



Assistant Head Girl: Shaylee Neveling

Development of Professional Development, development of Diversity Initiatives, liaison with Life Skills

PASTORAL NEWS

STRANGER DANGER

The College staff would like parental support in raising awareness of 'stranger danger' and general safety to and from school for our students.

Relevant messages will be reinforced in school, however, we ask parents/carers to speak with your child, of the importance of not speaking with, or engaging with strangers and to report anything they feel is suspicious to both yourselves, the Police and the College at the first opportunity.



New Post Boxes

The Pastoral Team have introduced two confidential post boxes which have been placed outside the Pastoral Hub and outside Mr Steele's office.

The idea of the post boxes is for students to post any concerns or worries they may have. Students may be too afraid to initiate their concerns in the first instance, so this would be a first step for them. Concerns will be discussed in confidence and actioned.

We hope that these boxes will form further support to our students.

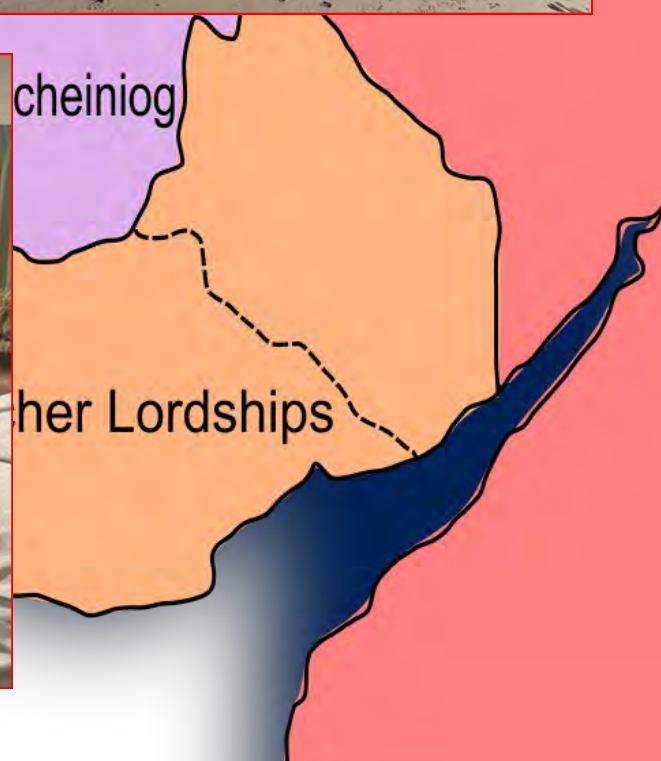


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GEOGRAPHY WALES FIELDTRIP



'It was so lovely to get back to normal and take students on a trip again. We had forgotten the number of questions we get about Wales 'do we need our passports?' 'do we need plug adaptors?' 'do we need different currency?'. We had also forgotten about the questions about clothing 'are crocs OK to wear?' 'Can I wear my sliders and socks?'. After answering all these questions and more(!), the day had come to leave. We arrived in Porthcawl to blustery weather and the students got stuck into their fieldwork, completing their questionnaires and surveying the managed beach.'

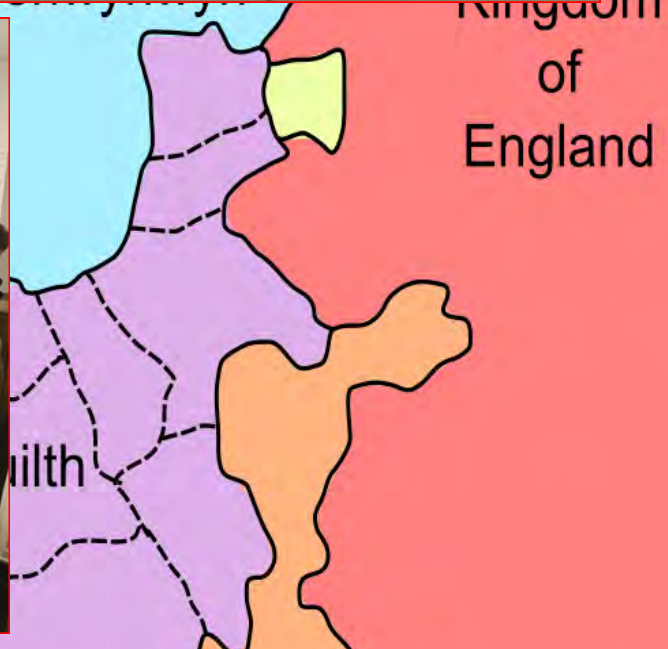


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'We travelled onwards to the Youth Hostel and they were treated to stunning scenery, the magnificent hills, the glass like quality of the reservoir...and...the number of sheep!

Over the next couple of days, they survived a very rainy Cardiff with a typical British attitude, ran up and down sand dunes in the lovely sunshine on Port Eynon beach and explored the ex-mining village of Blaenavon.'



'In the evenings, the students all relaxed after a two course dinner.

They provided their own entertainment by hotly debating the teams on The Apprentice, playing games of uno rather seriously, and generally having fun with a football (until it popped), playing table tennis and hide and seek.

We look forward to hosting further school trips in the near future.'

Mrs E Veale and Mr J Pepper



STUDENT VOICE

'In case you missed it, I took over running the Student Voice this year and I have to say I have really enjoyed the first two meetings and have been particularly impressed with the articulate contributions from students from Year 7 all the way up to Post-16 students.

Student Voice matters. It is vitally important that students throughout the College feel they have a voice, to raise concerns about aspects of College life, and hopefully make positive comments, too, regarding things they feel we are doing well.

In recent meetings, contributions from the Student Voice members have been carefully considered by the Senior Management Team and School Governors regarding important issues and proposals such as changes to uniform and the restrictions of mobile phones. Students have a very important perspective on these issues, and it is important for them to know that their views are always considered and valued.

It is also important to know that the Student Voice members are present to reflect the views of the student body, so if anyone has an issue they wish to be debated, they just need to talk to their Year Group representatives or speak to me directly or via Teams to request that an issue is added to the agenda for discussion.

Issues discussed this year have ranged from:

- * the Pastoral Hub (design plans, right)
- * proposals for the mobile phone 'ban'
- * changes to uniform
- * Activities Week 2023
- * the one-way system



all of which will be picked up in the next meeting with more information.

Over the past few weeks, students might have noticed significant changes to the Pastoral Hub, to address concerns raised in a recent Student Council meeting, including confidential interview rooms and a box for students to post concerns placed outside the hub and in the Coffee Lounge. The Student Voice would like to thank Mr Steele for responding so swiftly to their concerns.

In future, all Student Voice meetings (half-termly) will be followed up in the following 14 days with a shorter lunchtime meeting, so I can feed back to the council members about the issues they have raised. A noticeboard in the Main Corridor will also be regularly updated with relevant information from meetings.'

Mr B Zaidi

Student Voice members are: Florence Copland and Ieva Andrulyte (Year 7), Betty Unwin and Rafael Davitt (Year 8), Gabriella Clarke and Jessica Nwazuruokeh (Year 9), Taylor Barrand and Grace Clark (Year 10), Leo Woolf and Marcus Amps-Woodward (Year 11), Charlotte Chapman and Matthew Simpson (Year 12) along with Matt Roe (Head Boy) and Jasmine Murray (Head Girl).



Student Voice

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HISTORY HOLOCAUST STUDY BY ELEANOR GERAGHTY (9MCI)



ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY

'Recently in Year 9 we have been studying the Holocaust. I found it hard to understand the extent in which the Holocaust affected people. I think it was also difficult to get to grips with how catastrophic this time was. On 8 February 2022, we had the once in a lifetime opportunity to speak to the Holocaust survivor, Eva Clarke.

Eva was born on the way to a concentration camp in a cattle wagon while her mother weighed only 5st 8lb. Eva is one of very few who survived. Her whole family was of Jewish religion or descent.

Eva's talk allowed all students in Year 9 to learn more about the devastating events. Eva explained how people were tortured, how her mother was told that when her brother was born, she would have to hand him over to the Nazis. It's astonishing how her and her mother were able to survive the liberation of the Jews during that 3 year period, in such extreme and hostile environments.

I hope that all students in Year 9 enjoyed this experience, many do not get the opportunity to hear this kind of story first-hand. Allowing Eva to tell her family's devastating story will continue to spread awareness in our society and allow students to relay the facts to others, meaning that this doesn't get lost in history and is respectfully remembered.

My perspective of the Holocaust has changed dramatically. I have come to realise how huge this historical period was and how it caused many families lives to change forever, even in current generations and I hope that it gets spoken about for many more to come.

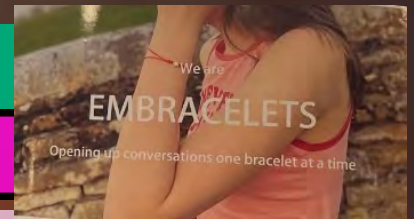
It should also be known as a very moving story, which shows how the discrimination and antisemitism that all Jews faced when all they were doing was living. They were happy and human just like you and me.

I, along with all Year 9s are very grateful to have been able to listen and learn from Eva. It was interesting and as I have such an interest in History, I certainly will not forget what a fantastic opportunity it was.'



COLLEGE NEWS

YOUNG ENTERPRISE



Our Young Enterprise Journey About us:

'Our enterprise is called EmBracelets, we are an enterprise who sell bracelets with the aim of reducing the stigma around Mental Health whilst supporting Mental Health charities.

Each one of our bracelets represents a different mental health disorder. We have chosen four main mental health disorders prominent in the UK today. Each colour represents a different mental disorder. Anxiety (Black), Depression (Light Blue), OCD (Red), PTSD (Pink) and a general mental health awareness bracelet (Lime Green). When you buy a bracelet for a particular disorder, money from that purchase goes to support the mental health disorder your bracelet spreads awareness for. For each disorder a different charity is supported, we have chosen Anxiety UK, OCD UK, PTSD UK, Samaritans for Depression and Centre 33 for general Mental Health. You do not have to have the disorder to wear the bracelet, you may have a friend with anxiety, you may feel strongly about reducing the stigma around Mental Health or simply want to support the charity associated with the bracelet.

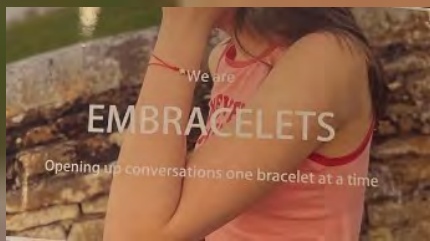
We also have a website which gives people information on Mental Health, this can be visited via a QR code on the back of our packaging. At the moment, it covers information on the disorders, our journey as a company. Marketing wise, we have an Instagram which also features a host of helpful information along with lots of bright pictures of our EmBracelets. Currently we are targeting people within the school as our first EmBracelet community. Many people from the school have begun to follow the EmBracelet account which has grown the awareness of our enterprise.

Our vision is to grow more than a single enterprise. We also are beginning to plan a wellness club within our school where anyone can come each week to chat about different topics, make bracelets for their friends and family with some great snacks to entice people in!

Running Embracelets:

In our Young Enterprise team, we each have a role which we have the responsibility of. We originally worked with 15 students, each member contributed £2 as a starting cost, yet soon realised not all the members were willing to pay for their effort. As a result, we decided to cut the members down into the four of us. Grace as Managing Director, Tiffany as Marketing Director, Charlotte as Finance Director, and Jessica as Creative Director. The four of us have meetings regularly in person at school with our school advisor Mrs Mitchell to discuss our next steps and once a fortnight with our business advisor Mark. So far, we have discussed issues such as packaging, environmentally friendly options, recyclable materials, price, and the purpose of our Enterprise. Outside of school, we stay connected and constantly share our views and opinion of the Enterprise. We discussed the price to be £3.50 each.





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To run the enterprise, Grace's job role is to make sure we prioritised the right target and make sure we are not falling behind our plans, she also coordinates the business including communicating with important individuals such as our Sixth Form Team. Tiffany's job role is to market the enterprise and advertise the enterprise. This includes advertising on social media, negotiation of platforms such as brands and charities to launch our enterprise.

Charlotte's job role was to focus on finance, and this included opening a bank account and acknowledge the bank balance. Jessica's job role is to initiate creative ideas which as an enterprise we will carry out to further benefit the company and our profit.

So far, we have contacted Centre 33 and donated 50% of our profits raised from non-uniform day to supporting mental health. We also raised profits from selling sweets and used this to purchase our materials. We will always have our purpose at the back of mind, 10% of our bracelets proceedings goes to a charity supporting the mental health disorder.

Impact and Legacy:

Our goal is to use our bracelets to raise money for charity and raise awareness about mental health. The more bracelets we sell, the more people we can help. We want to make it clear that you do not have to have the mental health disorder to wear the bracelet. The symbolism of the colours will hopefully leave behind a legacy within our community. We hope that even after we leave school, the wellbeing club which we will set up continues and we can pass the responsibility onto other passionate people.

All of us being current A Level students, we know how busy and stressful life can be. Trying to balance school, work, family, and a social life while staying healthy and looking after your own mental health can be exceedingly difficult.

We all knew that we wanted to create a product that is more than just something people want to buy for it's function or look, we wanted to create something that would help others and stop people being in the same place we have been. Together, the four of us managed to set up the new website, re-establish our finances, sort out our products, packaging, prices and made the school more aware of who we are through social media and presentations to our Sixth Form team.

Although we were sad to lose a big part of a team who first helped start EmBracelets, we are happy with the new progress we have made and hope that we can still accomplish our goals. As a small group, it also means that we can organise our tasks and what needs to be done in a more efficient way.

Awards Ceremony:

One of the most important experiences of all was the trip to East Anglian University. Mrs Mitchell accompanied the four of us on a coach journey. We presented in an auditorium in front of many schools, students and teachers.

We managed to win three awards: Best Marketing Award; Most Meaningful Logo Award and Area Finalist Award. It was an interesting day, and we gained a lot of experience through teamwork and are all dedicated to our young enterprise.'



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SIXTH FORM NEWS

Mock Interviews

From 9.00 am on 10 February 2022, Arthur Mellows were joined by eight guests from the Peterborough area to conduct face to face interviews with students who are thinking of entering employment when they leave Sixth Form.

The students were given an opportunity to build on the skills they started to develop during the virtual interviews that took place in November 2021. Some students did well to face their fears, and for the first time sit opposite someone in an interview situation. Students were again asked to think about their skills and how these have been demonstrated, also a chance to get valuable feedback on CVs.

The Employers that took part were, Cross Keys Homes, Peterborough Regional College, Anglia Ruskin University and Marriott Hotels. We thank them for their time in helping to prepare our students for this real world skill.



'Positively You' Revision Workshop

On 21 April 2022, all of the Sixth Form students had an opportunity to take part in revision workshops to aid them in their studies for upcoming A Level exams. As a Sixth Form, we are aware that these exams may be the first that some students had sat since primary school and therefore wanted to alleviate any feelings of anxiety that there may be and help with techniques.

'Positively You' provided some great methods for revision ranging from teaching other information to answering short questions. I know that we all now have more knowledge on the

life of Muhammed Ali. The sessions were interactive and over the course of 50 minutes the Year 12 and 13 students took part in and created some revision resources.

Careers Fair

If any Sixth Form student missed this event, a Future Festival on June 2022 will be available. Please contact Miss Stark for any questions regarding Apprenticeships.

Sixth Form Key Dates

Term starts	Monday 6 June 2022
Exam Window for Year 13	16 May - 22 June 2022
Year 13 Prom	Friday 24 June 2022
UCAS Trip	Monday 27 June 2022
Year 12 Online Teacher Feedback Event	Monday 27 June 2022
Year 12 Parent/Carer Destinations Evening	Tuesday 28 June 2022
Sixth Form Future Festival	Tuesday 28/Wednesday 29 June 2022
Sixth Form Induction Week	12 - 15 July 2022
Term ends	Thursday 21 July 2022
A Level Results Day	Thursday 18 August 2022
GCSE Results/Surgery Day	Thursday 25/Friday 26 August 2022

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SIXTH FORM STAFF TEAM



A new Sixth Form staff team has been created, as follows:

- ✧ Mrs K Clennett: Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form (from September 2022)
- ✧ Miss J Stark: Assistant Head of Sixth Form
- ✧ Mrs K Price: Assistant Head of Sixth Form - Year 12 (from September 2022)
- ✧ Ms H Sheen: Assistant Head of Sixth Form - Year 13 (from September 2022)
- ✧ Mrs V Barnsley: Pastoral Assistant
- ✧ Miss B Adams: Pastoral Assistant
- ✧ Miss E Harris: Pastoral Assistant (from Monday 6 June 2022)
- ✧ Mr I Hillier: Pastoral Assistant (from Monday 6 June 2022)



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COMBINED CADET FORCE (CCF) NEWS



Cadet April Camps – SAA and Fieldcraft

As the weather has been improving the cadets have been thrown right back into the action with two full weekends of activities. The weekends involved 120 cadets from 3 schools; Arthur Mellows Village College, Stamford Welland Academy and Abbey College.

The first weekend took place at the start of the Easter holiday and focused on the cadets learning to handle the Cadet GP Rifle and passing their weapon handling test which allows them to shoot the weapons. Along side learning how to handle the weapons they also learnt how to set up a shelter, react to enemy fire, camouflage themselves and move whilst remaining concealed. The days were full to the brim with activities, with Friday and Saturday focused on teaching and Sunday focused on testing the new skills they had learnt. The cadets were fantastic and this resulted in an excellent pass rate across all of different activities.

The first weekend was focused on getting the cadets ready for the action-packed second weekend, which took place just after the Easter holidays. On Friday and Saturday, the cadets rotated around six different stands teaching them new fieldcraft skills, from how to attack the enemy, if there is an attack on a patrol (section attack), to how to set up a surprise attack if they were being followed (ambush).

As the night drew in, the senior cadets put on a number of excellent demonstrations of the skills they had been learning that same day, which really showed how impressive it can all be if everyone works together, followed by a lesson on night noises. On the Sunday the cadets fully embraced their newfound weapon handling skills and fieldcraft knowledge by carrying out section attacks, ambushes and withdrawals while firing blank ammunition. As well as these, they also used paintball guns to spot and fire at small targets as indicated by their partner and firing at targets that popped up whilst patrolling along a CQB lane. It was an action-packed day which was a lot of fun and really showed how much the cadets have learnt.

All the cadets were real credits to the CCF and to AMVC, but five cadets really stood out over the weekends and were promoted to Lance Corporal to recognise their achievements and leadership potential: Calum Dow, Max Ferrer, Eleanor Geraghty, Oliver Hodor and Benjamin Tyers.

Well done to all the cadets involved and bring on Summer Camp!

Captain Debbage



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COMBINED CADET FORCE (CCF) by Rohan Hadfield

'To properly describe what happened over the Combat Cadet weekend, it should be split into two distinct parts: the exercise and 'relaxing'. Presenting a division evident to us while partaking in the event.

I can portray the 'relaxing' as nothing more than polite battery farming, where we experienced days, 19 or more hours long, of constant action, time awake and alert, to then retire into a cold hangar to our allocated space and muse ourselves on the happenings of the day beneath the artificial lights. It is in the hangar I would argue we felt the most tired, it was here the adrenaline wore off and we realised how much we ached before avoiding the worst of the rations, eating what we could and clambering into bed on the cold concrete floor.

The second night was far better. As it goes, the trip makes you glad of a great many staples of ordinary life, like flushing toilets, central heating, and home cooked meals; the second night delivered on none of those but delivered pizza and chips - foods I had never been so grateful to see and eat until then. Not only that but Mr Eardley had managed to find us camp beds to save all but one of us from another night on that joy-forsaken concrete floor.

Waking up was easy, it was getting out of bed that was difficult, and after a lackadaisical start to the day, most of us made a hot drink and went for breakfast, thankfully they had buckets of food outside the hangar. Literal buckets, which they scooped out food with ladles onto your plate. The sausage was nice, I'm sure it was made better by the lack of anything not comparable to dog food. Most egregious of all were the scrambled eggs, a disagreeable sheet of gelatinous mess but with nowhere to dispose of it, we were all but forced to stomach it if we wanted to live. Breakfast did however give life to 'The Wegg' or war egg who was decided to be our 'mascot'.

Getting on the bus, the mood changed, and the music started, I had never seen Mr Eardley so happy, unfortunately we did not all share his enthusiasm. As soon as we were on exercise, we all focused and all of a sudden it wasn't so bad, we forgot the cold and made sure we enjoyed ourselves. The competition itself was much less formal than any of us were expecting, which makes sense when you're supposed to jump on the floor and lie there in the dirt for as long as is deemed necessary. This lack of formality suited us and by the end of the weekend you could see which teams had taken it as seriously as possible and they trudged around like zombies and glowered at our bus, rocking from side to side to 'Cheerleader' at full blast, seemingly angry at our happiness. That being said, once we were being assessed there were points at stake and that was our main goal – gain as many as possible and lose as few as possible, as is generally the goal when points are involved in a competition.



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COMBINED CADET FORCE (CCF) by Rohan Hadfield continued

Aside from each of those, the other stands went relatively smoothly. Our section attack, as was explained to us multiple times was amazing, and I would suggest our observation went well. The sewer crawl was quite enjoyable probably because there was no actual sewage, and it was just an underground tunnel. The house clearance and fire support, even the casualty evacuation all culminated in a platoon attack where we (one third of the cadets there) captured an entire street. We took individual houses using the skills we had learnt before giving covering fire for the next section to go. It was during the final phase that we got to do a casualty evacuation, it was probably the most enjoyable moment as we ran through the smoke and the sound of gunfire carrying a stretcher to safety. This did however mean we had a lot of unspent ammunition which in turn would mean a lot of paperwork if we didn't get rid of it all in the final house clearance since "The enemy got back in". This scenario led to a ridiculous amount of ammunition being used in a small area, most notably Zach and I emptying ninety rounds into one corner of the room.

Come the ceremony, we waited patiently for our name to be read out, and when it came for a silver medal, there was a shared happiness amongst us as Neve marched up in front of everyone to collect our prize, and it was made far sweeter when we beat the insufferable Charlie Rice (yes lower-case letters are intentional, after all history is written by the victors and although we didn't win outright, we beat him so I can say what I want).

For all of this, us cadets are extremely grateful that Mr Eardley went to the effort to set up the trip and even the little things whilst we were there like finding the camp beds and sorting out pizza, and thanks must also be directed towards Mrs Debbage for coming along too and helping us out, and everyone else who came in and trained us for this weekend: Captain Blundell, Captain Boiling, Sergeant Shropshire and Sergeant Jones. It was testament to these people that we placed as highly as we did, and we couldn't be more thankful for all the effort they have put in.'

Cadet Achievements

Eight of our cadets (along with one from Abbey College) took part in a national competition called Combat Cadet, where they were being judged on their leadership, tactics and fieldcraft skills. The team was an absolute credit to the school and I could not be prouder of them. They achieved a silver medal, which was incredible considering they only had 10 hours of training and one weekend, when a lot of schools competing would have had months. It is an excellent achievement and I know they are really proud of themselves.

- Neve Malcolm (Section Commander)
- Milly Stainton-Roberts (2IC)
- Jamie Fulcher
- Rohan Hadfield
- Charlie Franklin
- Suzanne Fewtrell
- Megan Pinnock
- Ryan Hillier



COLLEGE NEWS

CAREERS FAIR AT ARTHUR MELLOWS



On 21 April 2022, Arthur Mellows Village College held it's first Careers Fair for 3 years. All Year 9 – 13 students and parents/carers were invited to attend the evening event.

The Careers Fair was held in the Main Hall and was attended by 32 universities, colleges and employers. The exhibitors in attendance really engaged with the attendees and were able to answer queries, as well as raise awareness of all the career opportunities that exist post Arthur Mellows. There were also interactive activities and freebies to be enjoyed.

During the evening, four employers also ran more targeted presentations. These focused on how to get into certain careers – manufacturing, finance, construction, and the Police. They allowed students and parents/carers to learn about qualifications / training requirements, apprenticeship opportunities and to understand that career opportunities in construction are much more varied than just laying bricks, for example. The Careers Fair was a really informative event. It was great to see so many people in attendance.

The full list of exhibitors:- ARU Peterborough, Azets, Bakkavor, Bishop Grosseteste University, Cambridge Regional College, Cross Key Homes, De Monfort University, Ensors, Howden Turbo UK, Inspire Apprenticeships, JBA Consulting, JM Building, Loughborough University, Moore East Midlands, Royal Navy, Open Reach, Peterborough College, Police, RAF, RSA, Stageworks, Stamford College, Teach East, University Centre Peterborough, University of Bedfordshire, University of Leeds, University of Lincoln, University of Northampton, University of Nottingham, Virgin Media and Wates.


We look forward to inviting parents/carers and students along to another Careers Fair on
Thursday 20 October 2022.

Any employers who would like to be involved, please email Mrs S Clarke (Careers Advisor) at sclarke@arthurmellows.org



COLLEGE NEWS

KEY STAGE 3 CREATIVE ART CLUB



For a few weeks last term, Year 7 and 8 students in the Creative Art club made sunflowers to show their support for Ukraine, using oil pastels, paint and tissue paper.



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Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:30pm*
Saturday: 9:00am - 1:00pm
Sunday: Closed
*Extended opening hours in the school summer holidays



Unit 10, Wulfric Square, Bretton, Peterborough, PE3 8RF



WORLD POETRY DAY

On World Poetry Day classes from Key Stage 3, Year 7 Modern Foreign Language students were asked to write a poem in their Language lessons.

Some classes were asked to do calligrammes (for pets/the sun etc) where the words of the poem were written around the shape of the animal or the sun for example. They also wrote poems where they combined two animals including the sounds the animals make.

Some Year 7 French classes also worked on writing poems around the theme of food (topic had been just covered in class).

Some wrote a poem based on Robert Desnos, a surrealist poet of the 1920-30s, and it's poem *ça n'existe pas, et pourquoi pas?* (translated to: *it doesn't exist, why not?*), a popular poem learnt every year by thousands of primary school children. Others wrote a poem untitled *la cerise sur le gâteau* (translated in: *the cherry on the cake*).

Paige Keegan (Year 7) stated: 'I was proud of my poem, and I think it was really fun.'

There is also a literacy MFL display in the library thanks to Mrs Wright.

The amazing work they produced can be seen in the photo.

Mrs Yates and Mrs Ngueudam



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FREE SCHOOL MEALS INFORMATION

Details of the eligibility criteria are on the school website. If you think you maybe entitled to Free School Meals, the link for the application form can be accessed on the same page of the website.

To encourage healthy eating, we ask students in receipt of Free School Meals to have a full square meal at one of the school breaks.

Our catering provider Cucina has agreed that these students will be allowed to receive:

Main Meal and Dessert or Main Meal and Drink

Water is available at all times.

<https://www.arthurmellows.org/page/?title=School+Meals&pid=29>



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Cambridgeshire County Council

free school meals



If you apply and qualify for Free School Meals, your child's school will receive additional funding called Pupil Premium, **up to £1,320 a year**.

Even though all children in Key Stage 1 receive Universal Infant Free School Meals, your child's school can only benefit from Pupil Premium funding if you apply, and are eligible, for Free School Meals. Don't delay the funding ... apply today!

Schools spend the pupil premium money on anything that can help your children do well at school, including trips, activities and extra support.

Applying online only takes a few minutes and, if eligible, your child will continue to receive Free School Meals until:

- The end of Year 6 (if they are in primary school on **31 August 2023**)
- The end of Year 11 (if they are in secondary school on **31 August 2023**)

This is even if your income rises above the threshold at any point during that time.

Eligibility

To get free school meals you need to be receiving one of the following:

- Universal Credit (up to £7,400 net earned income)
- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop working altogether or start to work less than 16 hours per week)
- Child Tax Credit but no element of Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190

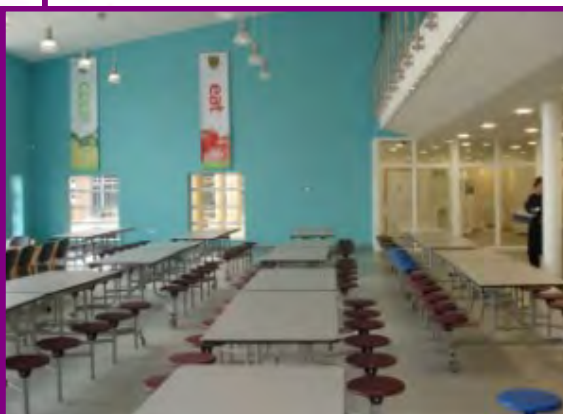
To apply, visit

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



Cambridgeshire County Council, Education Welfare Benefits Service are the free school meal (FSM) entitlement provider for the College. If you feel that you may be eligible, we would be grateful if you could complete a FSM application. Please complete an online application if you are claiming any of the following:

- Universal Credit (up to £7,400 net earned income)
- Income support
- Income Based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop working altogether or start to work less than 16 hours per week)
- Child Tax Credit but no element of Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190



COLLEGE NEWS

SPORTING NEWS

What a term it has been! We are delighted to see so many students involved in our extra curricular clubs and fixtures. It's been a long time coming. We have been very busy since February half term involving many events and fixtures. We firstly want to say well done to all students who have been competing this term and the staff that facilitate this. We look forward to what the summer half term brings.

BOYS FOOTBALL



The U13 County Football match was a success against Ely College in February.

The team played very well winning 6 - 0. They are through to the semi finals!

Scorers were:

Taylor Dalton x 4
Jack Saggars x 1
Harry Winks x 1

Man of the Match: Taylor Dalton

The Year 7 boys took part in a 9 aside football tournament at Nene Park Academy. The team played five matches, winning one game 1-0 and drawing 3 games 0-0 which unfortunately wasn't enough to get past the league stage.

The team were very unlucky as the standard was high but did very well to be in the mix at qualifying.

The Year 9 boys had more luck at the same tournament, however this time it was 7 aside.



The team also won one game 1-0 and drew the other 3 games 0-0, which put the team in second overall.

The team then progressed into the knock-out stage, getting through to the semi-finals. But unfortunately, due to time restrictions the game had to be settled by a rock-paper-scissors shoot out after another 0-0 draw which saw the team unable to progress to the final.

The Year 8's have had a successful year of football. They have competed in many competitions and fixtures since September.



The group have worked together since Year 7 and have become a great team together. Their commitment to the team has been outstanding and all their effort have paid off as they won the U13 Cambridgeshire/Huntingdon County Cup, which is a huge achievement. competed well in the tournament ran by NPA and was runners up in the PDSSA boys' competition. Well done to all who were involved.

COLLEGE NEWS

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GIRLS FOOTBALL

What a football season!

The girls have showed their continued commitment and hard work! Since February half term both teams competed in the Cambridgeshire and Huntingdon County Cup, NPA's Girls Football Tournament and Foundation Girl's Tournament organised by Peterborough United.

Through their dedication and commitment to regular training, the students have developed on their core skills and a variety of tactics/strategies which have all proven to be successful.

Both teams competed in the County Cup competing against other schools across the county, including Long Sands. Being the first Girls' Football Team to represent AMVC in the County Cup, the students should be super proud with how far they got in the competition. The U15's got to the Semi Finals and unfortunately lost on penalties.

The U13's have shown tremendous commitment to the football club, with all students attending regular training. Now training has stopped, the students are constantly asking when training is back on. Don't worry, it won't be long until we start back up again! The team have also had their successes.



They demonstrated great resilience and teamwork which all paid off in the U13's tournament ran by Nene Park Academy. Had excellent defensive play by Jess Bridgestock, Isla Wales and Sophie Hicks followed by the midfield players; Patsy Duffy, Lara Wells, Chloe Porter, Aimee Harris and Ava Reinis.

Excellent work upfront from Evie Roe, Katie Conkey and Miri Jacombs. Well done the girls for their excellent team work and hard work!

On Friday 13 May, the U14's attended the Girls Foundation Football tournament ran by POSH. This was a great opportunity for the students to get involved and compete against local schools in

Peterborough and some that they haven't played against before. The students worked well as a team and demonstrated great core skills when working together. Some amazing goal scorers from both Eleanor Geraghty and Elissa Abbott. The team gave everything 100%, unfortunately due to some injuries the team lost in the quarter finals.

During the U15's tournament, Eleanor Geraghty demonstrated some excellent shots being top scorer for that event supported by assists from Eva Fowler, Eloise Anton and Melissa Guest.

Additionally, the team would not have been successful without the defensive line working hard to stop the opponents. This was evident as we only conceded one goal throughout the entire tournament! This was from the amazing teamwork from Amelie Spencer, Destiny Nsofor, Alice Lamb and Millie Morgan.



This was a great end to an amazing season! We look forward to seeing what they bring next year.

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YEAR 7 AND 8 NETBALL

We saw Year 8 netball team play and represent our school for the first time since joining Arthur Mellows. They came up against some challenging and very talented schools, in which the girls showed great commitment and teamwork attending weekly training and games.

All the hard work has paid off through their fantastic efforts in fixtures against Hampton Gardens, Kings, The Peterborough School, just to name a few. They also came 2nd in the Peterborough Schools Netball Tournament which they should be extremely proud of!

The Year 7 team also had an amazing league. As this was their first time representing the school, we had a lot of students very eager to play. With 18 students attending, it showed that they wanted to try something new and work their hardest to get to know one another, and build on core skills to outwit their opponents.

These efforts were demonstrated in all matches, especially during the Peterborough Schools Netball Tournament in March. The team showed great talent and got all the way to the semi-finals but unfortunately lost against The King's School in the Semi – Finals.

A big congratulations to all Year 7 and 8 Netball Teams!

School	Year 7 Team	Year 8 Team
Hampton Gardens	Won 10-2	Won 5-2
The King's School	Loss 2-12	Loss 3-10
Ormiston Bushfield Academy	Were not in the league	Won 9-3
Sir Harry Smith	Drew 4-4	Won 11-4
The Peterborough School	Loss 8-6	Loss 10-16
Peterborough Schools Netball Tournament	Got to the Semi-Finals but a loss to The King's School	Came 2 nd !

CROSS COUNTRY

Fenland Relay Final at Hampton

We took a Year 7/8 and Year 9/10 boys and girls team to compete against all schools across Peterborough in a relay final. The students had a great time, and it was an exciting opportunity for the students to race in a relay event rather than the standard individual competition.

The students worked really hard and gave 100% to ensure they wouldn't let the team down. Well done to the Year 7 and 8 girls team who came 6th out of 25 teams!

English School's Cross County Championship in Kent

On 19 March 2022, Selected students represented Cambridgeshire, including five AMVC students who all relished in the opportunity to compete at the highest school's Cross Country event that the country has to offer!

Erin Walker came 107th in the U15 girls race, Olivia Walker came 301st in the U17 girls race, Erin Treacy 209th in the U19 senior girls race and Dylan Tomaselli 194th in the U19 men's race.

This was a great weekend experience for all. Well done to the five that were involved.

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PETERBOROUGH DANCE COMPETITION

This year, we ran our first Dance Club for a while. It has been a huge success with 18 students regularly attending. All the students have worked so hard choreographing and learning new skills and dances across different styles including street, contemporary, jazz and modern.

We had an amazing opportunity to compete in a local competition ran by School Games. We had

to create a 2-3 minute dance that represents the ideology of the Commonwealth Games; community, diversity and friendship. The group worked really hard committing to extra rehearsals to get the dance completed. We are proud to announce that we won the competition and all students involved should be proud of what they have achieved!

JSLA/HSLA

Our Sports Leaders have had a successful term. They have developed their leaderships skills and traits to be a good Sports Leader.

Our JSLA/HSLA leaders have successfully ran the following events: Year 5 Tag Rugby Soke Football and Netball , Year 1 Multiskills. All worked hard to make the day fantastic for primary schools involved!

Upcoming Events

SEN Day with local Primary Schools; Sports Days; City Championships at the Peterborough Athletics track.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



BILLY THORPE 12BZA: ICE HOCKEY

Great Britain Under 18s have had to make a change to their roster ahead of this year's World Championship in Tallinn. Peterborough defenceman Billy Thorpe replaces Milique Martelly for the Division II Group A tournament at the Tondiraba Ice Hall.

GB will face hosts Estonia, as well as Korea, Lithuania, Romania and Serbia, from 3 - 9 April 2022. Head Coach, Sean Easton, said: "I am sad for both parties that Milique cannot attend. In the south of England, he is the most talked about prospect coming through with his dynamic speed and offensive play.

But there is always a silver lining where someone else gets the opportunity and Billy is having a breakout year in the National League.

He is having a great opportunity at Peterborough with Slava Koulikov. He plays a different style of play to Milique, but he will add a lot to our team."





TERM DATES

SUMMER TERM 2022

Half Term	Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June
Ends	Thursday 21 July

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Training Day 1 and 2	1 and 2 September
Opens	5 September
Training Day 3	14 October
Half Term	24 to 28 October
Ends	21 December

LATE BUSES RUN ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS AT 4.30 PM

TUESDAY ROUTE

Newborough, Eye Village,
Eye Green, Thorney



THURSDAY ROUTE

Wittering, Ailsworth, Castor

**STUDENTS SHOULD BOOK THEIR SEAT AT STUDENT
RECEPTION ON THE DAY, BEFORE 1.30 PM**

GENTLE REMINDER: PARENT PARKING

Please could we remind parents/carers not to park at the top of the Clare Lodge access road, in some cases cars are double parking in the entrance, this is blocking cyclists (often children on their way to College coming down the footbridge). It is also preventing cars getting off the main road - which then causes hold ups for other road users, who are trying to travel towards the College, and is delaying and causing risks for the Clare Lodge staff getting in and out of work. Thank you.

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In previous issues of The Voice, we have celebrated student achievements outside of College.

If your child has achieved an individual or team goal outside of the College, please send in a short paragraph outlining their achievements; these do not necessarily need to be sport related.

Please also include a relevant photograph, providing your consent for the photograph to be published. Please send your items to office@arthurmellows.org