



## Message from the Head of College

Welcome to the first edition of The Voice in this new academic year. All of our new students have settled very well into life at Arthur Mellows and are contributing to in-school extra-curricular activities. Year 7 students have quickly 'found their feet', are no longer getting lost and are enjoying the opportunities that secondary school life brings their way.



Four of our new Year 7 students were brave enough to stand on stage last week at the Year 6 Open Evening and talk confidently and articulately about how they have adapted to Arthur Mellows. These were Emily Comber, Jack Bradberry, Scarlett Tarney and Taylor Bradberry. They were joined by Ethan Nagle (Year 9), Jasmine Murray (Year 11), Lewis Mote and Lauren Shaw (both Year 13). This event was very well attended once again, which is testament to the reputation we hold, not just in the local community, but further afield into the City and the Lincolnshire border towns. I must express my sincere thanks to all the staff and students who helped to showcase this event and show our visitors our amazing facilities and school ethos.

Although it seems quite a while ago I must mention the outstanding GCSE and A Level results that our students achieved in the Summer. The detail of this is mentioned on pages 2 and 3 of this edition, but all students did extremely well and staff were genuinely delighted. Our A Level results, at 31% A\* to A and 62% A\* to B were honestly the best I have ever seen in many years as Headteacher and my congratulations and best wishes go to all students involved. I hope all families have a restful half term break.

**M Sandeman, Head of College**



View some of our latest photographs within this edition of The Voice and on our new website: [www.arthurmellows.org](http://www.arthurmellows.org)

## KEY DATES

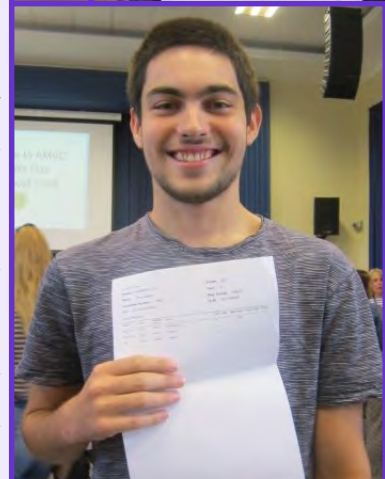
Term commences	Monday 28 October 2019
Year 7 Parent/Tutor Day	Thursday 31 October 2019
Sixth Form Open Evening	Wednesday 6 November 2019, 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm
Year 8 Parents' Evening	Monday 11 November 2019
Christmas Concert	Wednesday 11 December 2019, 7.00 pm
Year 11 Collapsed Day	Friday 13 December 2019
Year 12 GCSE Presentation	Monday 16 December 2019
A Level Presentation Evening	Tuesday 17 December 2019, 6.00 pm
Term ends	Friday 20 December 2019
Term commences	Monday 6 January 2020

# COLLEGE NEWS

## A LEVEL RESULTS

Once again, outstanding A Level results have been achieved by Year 13 students with 31% of students achieving A\* to A grades and a phenomenal 62% A\*- B. In addition to this, 99.7% of students passed their A Levels highlighting the impressive success of results again this year. Vocational achievement has also seen some outstanding results with 64% of students achieving Distinction\* to Distinction and a 100% pass rate.

The Year Group surpassed our expectations and many of the achievements were extremely impressive. Our top achievers were Louise Collinson A\*A\*A\*A\* who will study Biochemistry at Oxford University, Kimberley Dodge A\*A\*A\* who will study English Literature at Durham University, Jasmine Hannah A\*A\*A\* who will study Law at Leeds University, Yoni Spivak A\*A\*A\* who will study Computer Science at Birmingham University, Luca Tocchi A\*A\*A\* who will study Physics at Durham University, Ben Milner A\*A\*A\*B who will study Law at Cambridge University and Roanne Causey A\*A\*A\*A who will study Medicine at Leeds University. We wish all students the best for the future.



# COLLEGE NEWS

## GCSE RESULTS

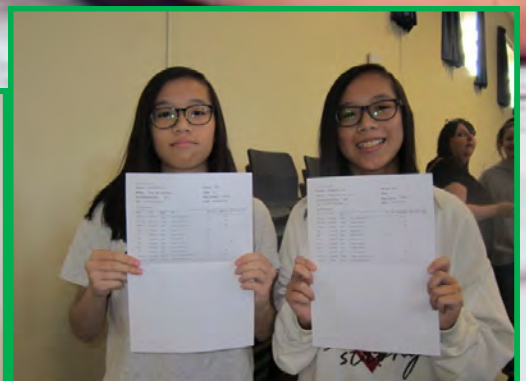
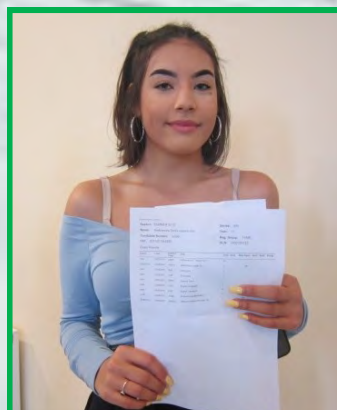
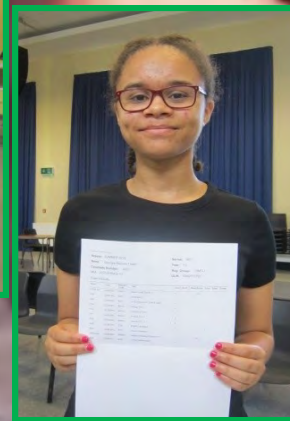
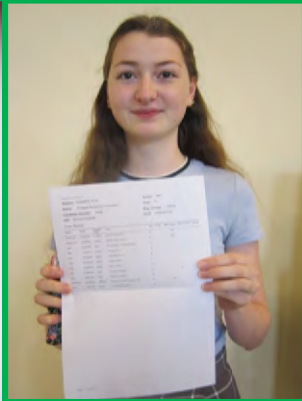
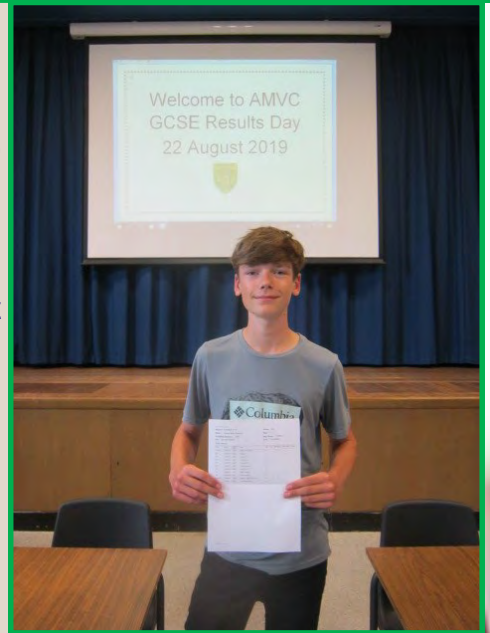
Year 11 students (2018/2019) have once again excelled themselves.

On the back of the outstanding A level results it is delightful to see such strong results at GCSE with 52% of students achieving a grade 5 or above in both English and Maths and 75% achieving a grade 4 or above in both English and Maths. In addition, 22% of grades across all subjects were the very best grades of 9 -7 or equivalent. This is great testament to the hard work of everyone concerned.

Harvey Hancock was the top performer, gaining an outstanding 7 grade 9s, 2 grade 8s, 1 grade 7 and an A\*.

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

Sadie Collie, Owen Oldfield Rose, Philippa Thompson, Roan Pilsworth, Isabella Crowther, Bryn Jones, Emily Chan, Tiffany Chan, Tilly Little, Daria Slaby, Georgia Foster, Chris Login.



# COLLEGE NEWS

## HEAD BOYS AND GIRLS

Dan Devenish  
Deputy Head Boy

Lewis Mote  
Head Boy

Max Howland  
Associate Head Boy



Lauren Shaw  
Head Girl

Jemma Thorp  
Deputy Head Girl

Hi everyone! In case you don't already know, we are the Head Boy and Head Girl for this 2019/2020 academic year.

We're both friendly faces so if you need anything at all just look out for the badges on our lanyards. We also have an extensive committee we work alongside, who are equally just as friendly and happy to help you with anything and everything. We are constantly working to improve our school lives and make learning at Arthur Mellows as enjoyable as possible.

In addition to this, one of our aims this year is to bring life back to our Student Council and will be working closely with our new Student Council Co-ordinator, Mrs Rhodes, to make sure positive changes can happen to our school environment.

This year we want to involve as many students as we can from each year to voice any changes that you want to make; this year is about you! These will be supported by members of our Sixth Form Committee, meaning any ideas our students come up with will be vocalised to all different areas of our College.

We also want to work on making everybody here at Arthur Mellows feel welcome and included, whether you are a Year 12 student who's moved here from another school, or one of our Year 7's who are just getting started on their AMVC journey. We are here for you!

We have many exciting things on the horizon that we are hoping to bring to you in the coming months, so you'll be hearing from the two of us a lot more in the future.

Remember, If you have anything you can think of that will help make your time here at AMVC feel more inclusive, please do not be afraid to find one of us and speak up, your voice helps make a difference.

Have a great year with us at Arthur Mellows!

**Lewis Mote and Lauren Shaw**  
**Head Boy                      Head Girl**

# COLLEGE NEWS

## SIXTH FORM NEWS

### MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY



For this year's World Mental Health Day on Thursday 10 October 2019, we as a Sixth Form came together in support of the *Young Minds Charity*. Wearing yellow is something simple we can do, to show our support for the silent struggle that comes with inner battles of mental health.

We are proud to have raised £353.90 for a charity that supplies such valuable services.

This cause is very close to home and important to our school and generation. 1 in 5 young people suffer from mental illness, our help is crucial and spreading awareness allows us to open up a conversation about mental health. We are proud to be able to fund a charity that provides extremely valuable services to individuals without judgment allowing them to feel supported and valued.

Thank you to everyone who joined in to support this cause.



## SIXTH FORM KEY DATES

12SIL Tutor Bonding	Monday 28 October 2019
12SSI Tutor Bonding	Friday 1 November 2019
World Vegan Day	Friday 1 November 2019
12TCE Tutor Bonding	Monday 4 November 2019
Sixth Form Open Evening	Wednesday 6 November 2019, 6.30 pm—8.30 pm
12ABR Tutor Bonding	Friday 8 November 2019
Senior Maths Challenge	Thursday 21 November 2019
PD Lip Synch Battle	Thursday 12 December 2019
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 13 December 2019
Term Ends	Friday 20 December 2019

# COLLEGE NEWS

## YEAR 11 PREFECTS



### YEAR 11 PREFECTS FOR 2019/2020

Year 11 Prefects have now been named and introduced for this academic year. Students in the Year Group were asked to apply to be a Year 11 Prefect at the end of Year 10. Students were then interviewed by Mr Steele and Mrs Ward and a total of 14 Prefects were successfully selected.

The Prefects have been issued with purple lanyards and have been given tasks to get involved in and take responsibility for over the year, as follows:

**Shelley Broadway and Charlie Rice:** Media

**Charlie Lock and Ravi Bhatti:** Environment

**Jasmine Murray and Will Howarth:** Sports

**Megan Pinnock and Mohammed Samiq Walji:** Eco

**Evie Edwards and Jack Hutchinson:** Yearbook

**Jack McCulloch and Eliza Bowman:** Prom

**Daisy Wright and Neve Malcolm:** Community

# COLLEGE NEWS

## YEAR 11 PREFECTS



'My name is Evie Edwards and I'm a Year 11 student at AMVC. I am a Yearbook Prefect and so I will design and make the Yearbook. All Year 11 students get a Yearbook when they finish the Academic Year. The Yearbook will have photographs and contributions from all students and staff about their time at Arthur Mellows. I wanted to become a Prefect because I want the students to remember their time here and how many memories we all share. I'm very grateful about the fact I was chosen to be a Year 11 Prefect.'

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'My name is Jack Hutchinson, my role as a Prefect is to help organise the Year 11 Yearbook. My interests include playing the guitar, which I play in the school Jazz Band. I like helping and meeting new people, which really helps with my role as a Prefect. Some of my favourite subjects in school are Music, Geography, Drama and Science. One of the reasons I wanted to become a Prefect was because I thought it would be a great experience and challenge that I would love to be part of.'

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'Hello, my name is Shelley Broadway and I am one of the Media Prefects. My partner and I have many different projects ready to be put into action to make media of all kinds better at this school. One of our key ideas is that of a 60 second update where different Year Groups will have the opportunity to update the student body on key events that have happened in that month. Other than this, we are keen to improve the representation of the subject media throughout the Year Groups. Another aspiration we have is to document school events, using the media resources provided by the school to allow parents an insight into events such as collapsed days.'



'Hello, my name is Charlie Rice and I am the Media Prefect for this year. My role is to get engaged with the school and to get involved with the media, so my role basically is to take photos and videos. One of the things I have recently done is all the photography for the CCF Presentation Evening. My main plan for this year is to introduce a 60 second video update once a month, about what is going on throughout the school Year Groups. Another one of my ideas is to run a media lunchtime club, so students can get a basic understanding of media and what it is about.'



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'My name is Charlie Lock and I am one of the Environment Prefects. Being an Environment Prefect, I am hoping to encourage the school to be more environmentally friendly by recycling more in school and using less plastic to ultimately be a 'plastic free' school.'

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'I'm Ravindar Bhatti, an Environmental Prefect. I believe that we should do the least amount of harm possible to our planet; We can do this using resources responsibly and using renewable products to reduce waste. To minimise paper waste, we could substitute usual writing materials, such as exercise books and booklets to reusable folders and binders. Another idea is to have a food system put in place to reduce food waste.'

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'I'm Jasmine Murray, one of the Sports Prefects. I started at Arthur Mellows in Year 9 and I'm so pleased I did. I've always done sport since I was little. The sport I started with and I still do now is rugby. Over the last ten years I have also learnt gymnastics, athletics and netball. I am really excited to promote even more sport at the school and take on more leadership tasks.'



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'My name is Will Howarth and I am one of the Sports Prefects. I am passionate about sport and always have been. I would like to adapt a few rules in the Sports Department. I look forward to being a Prefect for the rest of Year 11.'



# COLLEGE NEWS

## YEAR 11 PREFECTS



'My name is Megan Pinnock and I am a Year 11 Eco Prefect. I am highly passionate about the school and am motivated to help it become 'greener'. I am a Prefect to work as a role model for younger students and to give advice and produce ways to improve the school. We are looking very closely at ways in which we can reduce plastic use and effectively promote eco-friendly solutions throughout the school. Mohammad and I are working hard to put these plans into motion and we can't wait to see what we can do for the school this year.'

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'My name is Mohammed Samiq Walji and I am a Year 11 Eco Prefect. As part of the Eco Prefect team, my main goals include an increase in recycling throughout the school, the installation of a recycled plastic bottle greenhouse and increasing the environmentally friendly status of the school.

I look forward to helping the school become more environmentally friendly.'

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'My name is Jack McCulloch and I am the Prom Prefect for Arthur Mellows. My job as this Prefect is to set up, plan and run the end of year prom. My main intentions for prom at first is to get a committee together and then try and make the prom requests from the Year 11 students a reality and organise the best prom ever, once the exams are over. As well as this, I am a friendly student and look forward to helping around the school.'



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'My name is Eliza Bowman and I'm in 11MTR. This year I have the position of Prom Prefect. My role involves gathering ideas from Year 11 as to what they would like to see at their prom and then planning the event. Additionally, my role also involves supporting teaching staff with duties, to give a helping hand at evening events and be a role model to younger students.'



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'Hello, my name is Daisy Wright and I am one of two Community Prefects representing Arthur Mellows. I am extremely proud of holding this position and am incredibly eager to start using it to aid the school, as well as supporting the local community of Glington. As a motivated and hard-working student, I am particularly passionate about ensuring that everybody is happy, healthy and excited about coming to school. I believe that school should feel a safe place, where everyone can express themselves and not feel judged. I am there to make this happen, I want to do it by bringing everyone in the school community together. We are stronger as a team, because working together is success.'

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'Hi, I'm Neve Malcolm and I am one of the Community Prefects here at AMVC. My role is to help breach the gap between our school and the wider community. We are working to improve the social aspects of both inside and outside of the school and would like to encourage students and staff to get more involved in the sense of community we are aiming to achieve.

As a hardworking student of Arthur Mellows, I am passionate about my school work, but also extra-curricular activities including the AMVC Combined Cadet Force (CCF) and school bands. Overall, I enjoy school and would like to take advantage of this school's amazing opportunities and I'm hoping to inspire others to do the same!'



# COLLEGE NEWS

## PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPH DAY

You may be aware that the College has recently updated the website and as such, we arranged for a new bank of promotional photos to be used in many areas of our publicity.

We employed the services of a professional photographer to take photographs of various students at work in the College. This took place on Thursday 26 September 2019.

Here is a small selection of the photographs which were taken, capturing students in their studies.



# COLLEGE NEWS

## CAREERS FAIR



### Annual Careers Fair

The Arthur Mellows Village College Annual Careers Fair took place on 24 September 2019 and was once again a great success. More than 30 exhibitors took part in the event which was attended by approximately 300 visitors. The event was brokered through The Peterborough Skills Service and the breadth of information and expertise available at the event was vast.

Students and parents had the opportunity to access information and guidance from local businesses, nationwide employers, the armed forces, training providers, further and higher education providers.

The door opened at 5:30 pm and there was a constant flow of visitors throughout the evening.

Arthur Mellows Village College is committed to providing their students with up-to-date, relevant, impartial careers information and opportunities.



This annual event has increased year on year and has proved very popular with students, parents and businesses.

Mike Sandeman, Head of College, said *“The College is committed to working with young people and their parents in guiding them in their career pathway and ensuring that their academic achievement helps the students to realise their potential. It was great to see this event so well attended”*.

# COLLEGE NEWS

## YEAR 11 GCSE GEOGRAPHY TRIP

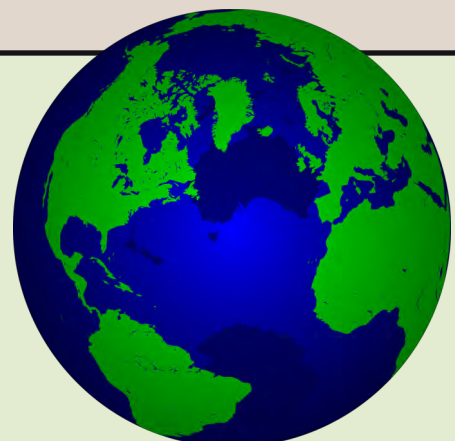


Across two days the Year 11 GCSE Geography students braved the elements to collect data about the beaches at Old and New Hunstanton. They learnt how to use a variety of different equipment.

The purpose of the trip was to practise a variety of practical fieldwork techniques and gather fieldwork data in preparation for their external examination which is worth 30% of their overall grade.



Fieldwork is an essential element of Geography, and the students will reflect on their experiences back in the classroom in preparation for their GCSE exams when they will be tested on both their knowledge and understanding of the fieldwork they took part in.



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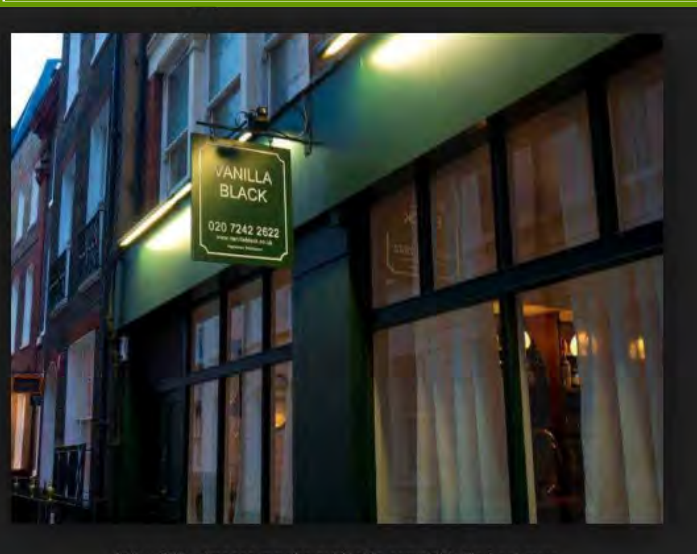
## PROFESSIONAL CHEFS VISIT AMVC

### Chefs cook up a storm

During the Activity Days in July 2019 forty Year 7, 8 and 9 students were treated to three days of professional instruction from chefs.

Lee Clarke from Peterborough's 'Provost' restaurant, Simon Pollendine, our very own AMVC chef and Christopher Greenacre a former student of AMVC, who is now working at 'Vanilla Black'. a top vegetarian restaurant in central London, all visited us and showed the students their culinary skills.

They made rosemary focaccia, fresh pasta and even cooked fresh clams!



It was great to hear some Year 7 students tell me they were inspired to be a chef now, after working with the professionals for three days.

I can't thank the chefs enough for giving up time in their busy schedules.

**MRS R BOWMAN**



# COLLEGE NEWS

## THE SEN GARDENING CLUB

At Arthur Mellows Village College we are very lucky to have an area of the school where SEN students, from Years 7 to 11, are invited to help maintain our outside garden.

Our garden is a great place for these students to explore their senses in a safe and fun environment – the feel and smell of the soil and compost between their fingers, the scent of herbs lingering on their fingers after being touched, being outside in the fresh air during the summer months and feeling hot sun through the greenhouse windows, contrasting with needing a coat, gloves and wellies during the autumn months!

The garden creates a sense of achievement (outside of academic success) and excitement as they watch their planted seeds develop and grow into fully grown plants. The garden has raised vegetable beds and a greenhouse where a whole range of vegetables, fruits and herbs are grown, from seed, by our green-fingered students. The garden fosters a sense of responsibility too as students often volunteer their time at lunchtimes to go and check on the plants and water them if needed.

Each summer the students then run a market stall out in the school's main courtyard where they sell their wares. Herbs such as Sage, Thyme, Mint, Fennel, Chives, Parsley and Rosemary are all sold; fruit such as apples and strawberries are also sold together with salad vegetables such as tomatoes, beetroot, carrots, celery and sweetcorn.

In addition, some of the produce is used by the Cucina Kitchen. For the market stall the kitchen staff made sausage rolls (using the sage from the garden) and jams and chutneys using the strawberries and tomatoes. These were then sold to the staff and students and the money raised was then reinvested back into the Gardening Club.



The SEN garden helps students by offering success and a sense of achievement in an area where students don't necessarily need to know numbers or even pick up a pen.

For some students it has "unlocked" a love of the outdoors and they have found a passion for gardening - so much so, that two of our students successfully went onto study Horticulture at College after finishing in Year 11.

**MRS D WHYTE**



# COLLEGE NEWS

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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](mailto:office@arthurmellows.org)



'My name is Abigail Lambert (7EMN) . It's my first year at Arthur Mellows and I have a passion for Ice Skating.

I've been skating for a year and a half and progressed to a level now where I compete nationally at ice rinks across the UK.

I've entered five figure skating competitions so far and have won two of them and was placed 3rd in two others at my level.

I train 12 hours a week, often having to get out of bed at 5.00am.

I've also successfully auditioned for a main character part in a Christmas Ice Show Production of Sleeping Beauty this year, which I am really excited and nervous about at the same time, a bit like I felt starting Arthur Mellows!'

'My name is Jasmine Murray (11MTR) and I am a Year 11 Sports Prefect.

One of my best achievements in sport has been my team winning an International U15 Rugby Tournament in France.

I was the captain for the U15 Rugby and we were nominated for the Junior Team of the Year at the National Rugby Awards.

I have also been selected for the East Midlands Rugby at U14 and U15 and recently have been selected for an U18 England Rugby Centre of Excellence at Loughborough University.'



Ella Gerrard (8KPT) was in outstanding form at the Rob Welbourne Swimming Meet on 5 and 6 October 2019 where she dominated the 50m and 100m Freestyle achieving two Golds and just being pipped to bag Silver in the 100m Individual Medley.

This capped with three impressive personal bests and achieving the 2019 Lincolnshire County Championship Qualifying times in all events.



# COLLEGE NEWS

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### PARENTS/CARERS WHO DROP-OFF THEIR CHILD(REN) IN GLINTON VILLAGE

The College has received several complaints from Clare Lodge Children's Home in the village of Glinton regarding parents/carers using their driveway to drop off and pick up Arthur Mellows students.

Whilst the College appreciates the difficulties in finding suitable places to wait for children, particularly at the end of the school day, we must ask that the Clare Lodge driveway is not used.



The staff at Claire Lodge require full and free access at all times and have informed us that should cars continue to use and block their roadway for AMVC drop-off and pick-up, then they may have to call the Police.

Your assistance in helping us maintain good relationships with our village neighbours would be appreciated. Thank you.

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Please remember to label all students' property, including shoes, trainers, school bags, pencil cases etc  
We have lots of missing bags/PE kits which we would like to return to the rightful owners but are unable to do so as they are not labelled.

### LOST PROPERTY

The lost property is held in the Pastoral Hub.

If your child has lost any items of clothing, they will need to visit the hub by the end of the school day on **Wednesday 30 October 2019.**

After this date, the lost property currently stored there will be disposed of.

### SCHOOL PRODUCTION 2020

The next School Production 'Bouncers and Shakers' is currently being rehearsed.

Students taking part in the production are rehearsing on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3.15 pm - 4.15 pm in P1.

#### Show dates:

Thursday 6 February and Friday 7 February

#### Venue:

7.30pm start in the Auditorium.

#### Tickets:

£7.00 adults, £5.00 concessions and will be on sale from December 2019.

Refreshments will be available in the interval.

# BOUNCERS & Shakers



# COLLEGE NEWS

## YEAR 7 PGL RESIDENTIAL



‘The Year 7 pupils at AMVC travelled for one and a half hours by coach to PGL in Caythorpe on Friday 11 October 2019.

When we arrived, we found out who are room mates would be for that night (a lot of people wanted to know this) and I was in a room with Katie, Roxy, Freya, Caitlyn and Emma. We all had loads of fun together.

From that point onwards, we did a lot of things outside, despite the rain, some of these included: Raft building; Orienteering; Sensory Trail, Zip Line and the Big Swing.

That was a lot of fun things, considering we only stayed for one and a half days.

After arrival, my group headed off to the Zip Wires. (the devices that make us go down) at the top of the Zip Line. We were then allowed to hop off the platform and zoom down to the bottom.

We were securely fastened to our Trolleys

I liked it because of the adrenalin and it was so exhilarating to do.



We then headed off to Orienteering. This was good because it helped us to get to know the premises of PGL in a creative way!

We worked in small teams to locate where stamps were, using practical map reading. When we reached the stamps, we used them to puncture a hole in our card, to prove we had found it.

Next was the Sensory Trail. We wore blindfolds and completed an obstacle course, whilst holding onto a rope and the next person’s shoulders.

This activity was important because it involves self-belief and trust in your peers.





# COLLEGE NEWS

## YEAR 7 PGL RESIDENTIAL



After a good night's sleep and breakfast, we went to the Big Swing. You had to have nerves of steel to go on this huge swing!

When you are at your desired height, you pull on a ripcord and with your adrenalin pumping, you are sent plummeting earthbound! It's quite nerve-wracking, but overall a great balance between fear and fun!



Lastly, we went to Raft building. Using barrels, wooden poles and ropes, you had to make a raft that would successfully cross the lake. My group succeeded, however the boys next to us didn't, but we returned all smiles to the coach park to set off home!

PGL was a great experience and I would highly recommend it!

**By Eva Randall 7PPC**

A further selection of photographs of the Year 7 PGL trip can be found in the gallery section of the website: [www.arthurmellows.org](http://www.arthurmellows.org)



# COLLEGE NEWS

## HISTORY NEWS

Two students from Arthur Mellows Village College, Kathryn Pepper (13LST) and Amber Bereznyckyj (13MRI) entered the **Federick L Borch 111** essay prize formally ran by the Cromwell Association.

The essays were judged by the President of the Cromwell Association, Professor Peter Gaunt, of the University of Chester. Colonel Federick Borch 111 was the prize winner in 1975 for his essay: *'Cromwell: Dictator or Constitutionalist?'* and funded the reward of £150 which was alongside an offer of publishing the winning essay in their newsletter, *'Cromwelliana'*, and inviting the corresponding school to become a member of the Cromwell Association.

The task was to answer the question: **'That which you have by force, I count as nothing': Was the English Revolution anything more than a military coup d'etat?'**

After completing thorough research by using the school's reference section and online archives, our students submitted their work and received detailed feedback from Professor Gaunt himself. Feedback included "interesting vocabulary" and the general consensus of the students' attention being either too broadening or too focused on a particular point. Despite this, they achieved third place and both believe that their involvement in the competition has helped their essay writing skills and would certainly recommend it.

### Kathryn Pepper essay:

<https://www.arthurmellows.org/site/data/files/users/3/voicelinks/FEBEFE83DFAEFD1F75C55E652F961B13.pdf>

### Amber Bereznyckyj essay:

<https://www.arthurmellows.org/site/data/files/users/3/voice-links/0F44DDEE8AD1C958AC29DEF7436F4A07.pdf>



This entry was following an exciting trip to the Civil War Centre in Newark where our Sixth Form students attended the Cromwell Associations' Annual School Conference.

The theme of the day was *Revolution* as they got to participate in historical debate with practicing historians and emerge into an active project ran by Professor Andrew Hopper of the University of Leicester.

Debate subjects included: Leveller Ideology; The Fate of Charles 11; and finally whether we could really call the mid 17<sup>th</sup> century a *period of revolution*. At the conference the students were able to build upon their Stuarts knowledge and their ability to support or counteract statements. The students came away with the sense that while upheaval did in fact trifle with British politics and dare I say society; the actions of those involved was a short-term necessity. You can hear the debates on the Cromwell Associations' website here:

[http://www.olivercromwell.org/wordpress/?page\\_id=3314](http://www.olivercromwell.org/wordpress/?page_id=3314)

Our school gained the opportunity to witness the ongoing creation of a nationwide archive of Civil War petitions made by former soldiers and war widows trying to receive pensions from the state.



This was coupled with an online resource presenting an interactive map of all the key places in the war; the closest to us being Rutland. You can access such at: <https://www.civilwarpetitions.ac.uk/>

The students' task was to interpret primary sources of widows' appeals to receive the pension and convince the bored of Professors (and our teachers) that their individual deserved the pension more than the others.

Our students showed they have great knowledge from their A Level Stuarts course, as they utilised information such as the brutality of the 1641 Irish Rebellion to apply it to their cases. Fortunately; one AMVC group (consisting of Jemma Thorp, Anna Short and Amber Bereznyckyj) managed to convince the bored that their individual deserved the pension and therefore won a packet of chocolate buttons!

Overall; the trip was very interesting and the students not only enjoyed the activities but also the museum and facilities surrounding them as they tried on Civil War clothing and watched a thrilling short about the hardships of disease during the Civil War.

Newark as a town was beautiful and clearly showed it's place in history and the students came away joyful with the experience of live debate to dwell on.

# COLLEGE NEWS

## YEAR 10 ENTERPRISE



Year 10 Enterprise students took part in an Enterprise Evening during October.

Local entrepreneurs from Calmababy, Dega Flooring, Zest Communication, RecruitMint and First Signs came in to talk to students about what they do and what makes their businesses a success. Students were able to ask a range of questions as well as take part in a baby signing class.

It was a pleasure for all the Enterprise teachers; Miss Stark, Mrs Scott and Mrs White to watch students, who have only been studying the subject for a few weeks, engage with the professionals and be motivated by what they do. I am sure there are plenty of young entrepreneurs amongst them.

**Mrs Street**



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