

THE VOICE of Arthur Mellows Village College



Message from Mr Oakley, Head of College

It is with great pride that I write my last entry for this academic year, and my first as Head of College at Arthur Mellows. My first year in this new role has been very rewarding; students have returned from a turbulent two years in their lives and staff have spent time and effort in re-establishing school routine and expectations, catching up and revising in lessons. Student resilience is increasing and we feel very much back on an even keel, ready for the next academic year.

I am pleased to report that the mobile phone restrictions the College introduced earlier in the Summer term have been a resounding success. From quite a few phones being confiscated in the first 2-3 days, this is now a minimal issue for the College, yet the impact has been outstanding. Students are walking around the site, with their 'heads held high', are prompt to lessons and seem to have their imaginations back! As I observe them during their social times, they are talking with friends, playing chess, reading books and also generally taking part in extra-curricular activities. Lessons are undisturbed and students are concentrating on the task in hand. I would like to thank parents/carers for their unstinting support of this initiative and for collecting a few phones at the end of school days that have been confiscated. Without the support of parents/carers and the staff at the College, this change in policy would not have been possible and I genuinely believe it has been a force of good for all students.

Could I also thank you for your co-operation and support this week in helping students get through the hottest days on record. Students were very sensible during this time and conducted themselves admirably.

A number of staff are leaving us this term, however, I would like to pay special recognition to Jo Sludds, Assistant Headteacher, who is leaving us after 19 years, to become Headteacher at the new Manor Drive Secondary Academy. She will be known to many parents/carers as having responsibility for student welfare and behaviour and was also behind all the wellbeing initiatives of late, that were particularly beneficial during the lockdown periods we have all experienced. She will be truly missed by her colleagues at Arthur Mellows and we wish her well in her new, exciting role.

Finally, may I wish everyone: students, parents/carers and staff, a lovely Summer break and I look forward to celebrating success with our Year 11 and 13 students when they collect their examination certificates later in August.

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YEAR 8 SKEGNESS GEOGRAPHY TRIP

The College took Year 8 students on a Geography Field Trip to Skegness, as a complement to the curriculum. This was a valuable opportunity for students to learn about the social, economic, and environmental impacts of tourism, and to develop new skills in investigation within Geography. Here are some of the students' accounts of their day:



'During my day at Skegness I enjoyed the lunchtime the most, because we could explore parts of Skegness by ourselves, after eating our lunch. I bought sweets and chilled out with my friends. We were supposed to go to KFC for lunch, but too many people were there.

I enjoyed the field sketches, because we could draw whatever we liked in an area, like an amusement ride or the aquarium. We completed this in groups of three.'

By Jaden Burke

'I liked that at Skegness we got to go to the shops there, because I got to experience how shopping was near the seaside, and why the most common food there was and what lots of the shops sold in common.

I found out that lots of food shops in Skegness sold fish and chips!

The field work was also very good because we got to ask members of the public questions.'

By Marcus Cham



'In Skegness, I enjoyed talking to the tourists. I found it great listening to others' opinions. My favourite part of the field work was asking tourists questions about their experiences there, it was very interesting seeing others' views on the seaside town.

I found out that there are so many buildings and food places because of the number of tourists that visit. It was very interesting seeing how many buildings that they were there for tourists to use, not the community.'

By Grace Gill



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YEAR 8 SKEGNESS GEOGRAPHY TRIP

'Personally, we think that the Skegness trip was a great experience and we would recommend it to future Year 8s. During the day, we completed many fun activities whilst improving our Geographical knowledge on coastal towns.

One of our favourite parts of the day was finding out tourist's impact to Skegness, it was a good way of learning about other people's points of views.

We loved drawing the landscapes of different parts of Skegness and comparing the differences. Some areas were a lot more cared for and loved by the public, whilst others weren't as appealing to the eye and neglected.

Another activity we completed was to assess how many people were in one area for one minute, to see how busy a place is.

One thing we think the future Year 8s should look forward to is socialising with peers and the freedom of the trip. Overall, I hope they like it as much as we did!

By Charlotte Shirtcliffe and Katy Short



'At Skegness my favourite part was going into the seaside shops. I enjoyed them because they sold things that they don't sell locally. Another highlight was KFC: 12 hot wings, 10 drumsticks, 4 small fries and a bottle of Pepsi. We left so much, but it was fun getting indigestion!

I enjoyed the field work on the pier, as I loved the view! I found out that more coastal areas of Skegness were the most busy.'

By Cameron Hawes



'I liked that at Skegness we were allowed to work independently at times, whilst being with our friends and to experience the shops and restaurants during our lunch, with our friends.

But my favourite part was lunchtime, because we could buy our food and eat it without being monitored by a teacher and being trusted to do what we wanted to. My favourite part of the field work was the pedestrian count, because it was easy and simple. I found out that the area near NatWest and Lumley road was busy'

By Josh Cotton

COLLEGE NEWS

SUMMER MUSIC CONCERT



On Tuesday 5 July 2022, we held our first in-person Summer Music Concert for several years. It was so lovely to actually be performing to an audience and for many students this was the first time this has happened. As always, students had worked very hard to prepare performances for the evening, and we saw first performances by many of our usual groups.

Our choir began and ended the evening with performances of "Believer" by Imagine Dragons, and "You will be found" from Dear Evan Hanson. As a new choir, I have seen huge improvement over the year, and I look forward to what they will achieve next year.



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SUMMER MUSIC CONCERT



Our Junior Band, made up of just Key Stage 3 students, also played a medley of pieces to a very high standard.

One member, Fiona Fewtrell (7CGR/IDI) also gave a solo piano recital showing amazing skill and confidence! Our Jazz Band entertained under the leadership of Mr Roberts, and we saw Hawaiian shirts, pineapples and chameleons! As a new addition, there was even dancing!

Other performances from our Year 11 and 12 students really showed what amazing musical talent we have here at AMVC.

Mrs Hammond and Mr Roberts



COLLEGE NEWS

CHOIR OF THE YEAR



On Monday 4 July 2022, our Year 7 students took part in an inter-form competition we call "Choir of the Year". Over the past six weeks, every class, with their Music teacher, had selected and rehearsed a song as a class, ready to perform in this event. Students all worked so hard for this, and the competition was extremely close on the day! There were some outstanding performances from all students and many individual prizes were awarded.

For being an outstanding performer, awards went to:

Harry Catto, Maximus Singh, Olly Twiggs, Eoin Watson, Joseph Worley, AJ Jummun, Alycea Brown, Alexi Tarazi, Harry Hazelden, Savannah Smith Jones.

For outstanding solo's, awards went to:

Alex Willocks-Peart, Harry Kelley, Macie Giddens, Clodagh Davitt, Isabella Frew.

The following students were awarded a prize for their consistent effort throughout the event. They are:

Harry Carter, Zak Morpeth, Sienna Buckley, Josh Allen, Isla Bird, Macie Giddens, Lottie Roxbee, Luca Leo, Eden Farrugia, Prince Nsofor, Oliver Roddis, Antonia Butterworth, Amy Fuller, Isabella Lynas, Theo Dorman, Alfie Jagger, Callie Hemmings and Harry Kelley.

The winning choirs were:

In 3rd place - 7S4 singing "Starships"

In 2nd place - 7F1 singing "24 Carat Magic"

In 1st place - 7F4 singing "Uptown Funk"

However all students gave a fantastic performance, and we would like to say well done to everybody.



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YEAR 9 FRENCH

Year 9 (French, set 1) worked in groups to write up short comics, using their knowledge of French to manipulate the language as we learnt in class and on some occasions to use new structures (applying the grammar learnt to independently vocabulary or expressions). Mrs Ngueudam is very proud to share with you the work of Berto Eling, Isaac Stuffins and Malik Zamoum as their language use was excellent, enabling them to confidently deliver the morale of the story.

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YEAR 12 HISTORY TRIP TO THE CROMWELL LECTURES

By Maddie O'Neill 12HSH

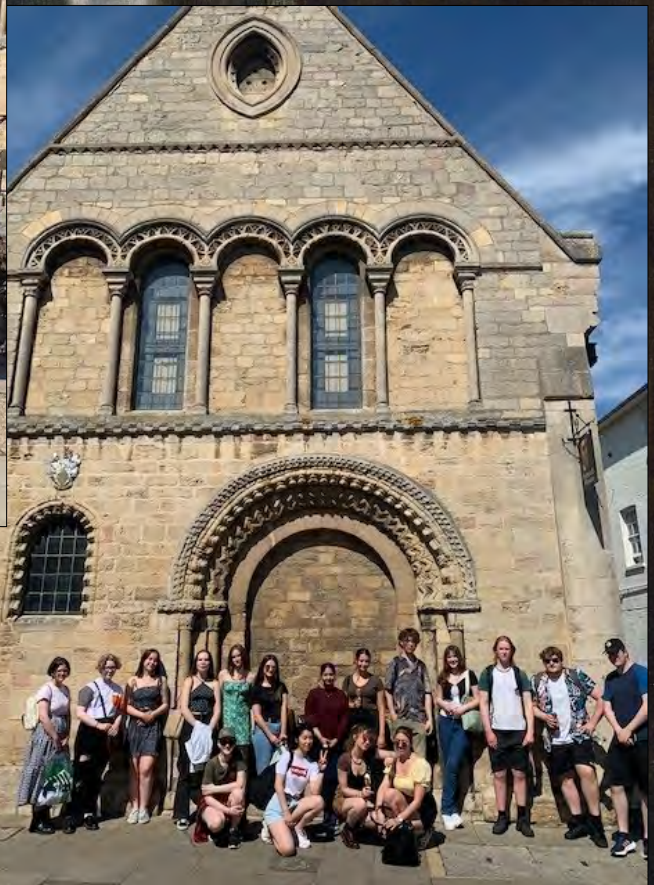
'The Year 12 History class attended a trip to Huntingdon on Thursday 16 June 2022 to The Cromwell Lectures. It was an entertaining visit in which we attended debates about the civil war, as well as having a chance to look around a Cromwell museum.

We arrived at 10.00 am having travelled by train, giving enough time to grab breakfast in Huntingdon before gathering with other groups from other schools/colleges to listen in on the debates from university lecturers. These lectures consisted of topics such as 'Who truly was to blame for Charles' execution?': Charles himself, or parliament?

The lecturers argued their points before reaching a compromise, and we were then able to take a lunch break to look around Huntingdon, specifically the museum. But first, many of us took a quick trip to the chip shop down the road, sitting outside in the sunshine before having a look around the museum.

The building contained different facts and pictures from the 17th century, and even some clothes relating to the time that we could try on: like armour and a large fedora. Afterwards, we returned to attend workshops, again merging with other colleges, reading and analysing sources from the time. Our group specifically looked as if Charles' death was inevitable. At 3.00 pm, we had another chance to look around the city, perhaps grabbing an ice cream and do some shopping, before catching the train back to Peterborough to conclude our visit.'

Mrs Price (Head of History) stated that the students were brilliantly behaved all day and listened intently throughout the lectures. She added that it was a pleasure to spend the day with them all and they were a credit to Arthur Mellows Village College.



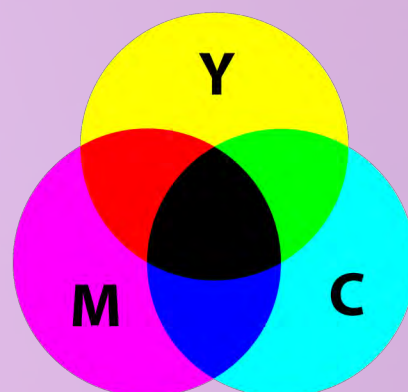
STUDENT VOICE

STUDENT VOICE MEETING: JULY 2022

This was another positive meeting which covered a lot of ground and demonstrated the active role that our students play in the life of the AMVC community.

Issues covered this time ranged from uniform issues and the affordability of items compared to smartness and comfort, as well as how to alert students to the long-term dangers of vaping.

We are also involved in a longer term campaign to raise awareness about the cost and environmental harm caused by widespread colour printing, and there will hopefully be posters placed by all printers next term asking staff and students to consider whether they have proof-read their work and if they actually need a printed version in the digital age.



Concern was also raised about the longstanding issue of student safety to and from College, especially for cyclists. Although this has been raised with local authorities in recent years, it was agreed that the safety concerns in the rush to get out of College necessitated further action. A letter is being drafted as we speak to see if we can get this issue back on the agenda, to consider options for improving student safety and easing congestion for the wider community. Watch this space.

As always, the students were articulate and passionate about making their voices heard, and were keen to identify positive aspects of school life as well as areas for development. These included the range of food available for students, and even a begrudging recognition that the phone restrictions have had a positive effect around the College in terms of social interactions and a noticeable reduction in cyberbullying.

Mr Zaidi

Student Voice

COLLEGE NEWS

SIXTH FORM NEWS: FUTURE FESTIVAL

On 28/29 June, a multitude of universities, employers and apprenticeship advisors shared their expertise with the Sixth Form students at AMVC. During Arthur Mellows' Future Festival, students were off timetable for both days, taking part in various activities to help shape their futures. The school offered numerous pathways to its students for those interested in all post-sixth-form options. There were talks ranging from how to get an apprenticeship to a CV workshop.

On the first day the students were treated to a masterclass in choosing the right course for them and an explanation of what is an initially daunting UCAS process. Unfortunately, due to transportation issues, the armed forces, who had originally planned to run teambuilding exercises were unable to attend; however, this proved the perfect chance to put the skills learnt in the earlier talk to use by having a session to update their UCAS profiles. Additionally, the students learnt about apprenticeships, being given expert advice from the AIM group on how to use the government website to their advantage and how to find the schemes that suited them. "The apprenticeship session was very clear and thorough; it was obvious she was an expert on the subject," one student praised.

The University of Northampton educated the Sixth Formers on how to ace their interviews, whether that be with an employer or with a university. They learnt about the different types of questions, interview styles and how to dress, with practical advice ranging from not eating onions 48 hours beforehand, to researching the employer thoroughly, pre-interview. For the medics among the students, a talk was run from periods four to six by Amy Fielding, a medical student, to give them an idea of the process of getting into medicine, and how to navigate UCAS and university applications.



The final event on the first day was a CV workshop, run by a speaker from the Department of Work and Pensions. He offered the students a specialist insight on how to write a competitive CV, helping them to structure a personal statement that will catch employers' eyes. Discussing the importance of knowing what to look for in a job, he assisted students in clarifying what kind of work environment they were looking for and the style in which they would ideally like to work.



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SIXTH FORM NEWS: FUTURE FESTIVAL

The second day offered a new range of sessions for the students to benefit from, with talks on student life, finances, personal statements, budgeting and life as an apprentice. This provided a mixture of opportunities for the students to learn about their futures by offering insights into both university life and apprenticeships. It helped express how valuable both experiences are and clarified the fact that both are equally respected and useful, banishing myths such as the claim that apprenticeships are less revered than a university degree. This gave the students a newfound confidence in their future prospects as one student said "As someone who is unsure of their future, it really showed me my options post-18. I found it really useful".

The student life talk by Evie Maher, an AMVC graduate, construed to the students what to expect at universities. Similar to the finance session, led by the University of Lincoln and budgeting, ran by De Montford University, it highlighted both the fun parts about being at university but also described the practicalities of living on your own for the first time. These talks received a lot of praise from the students: "the financial advice made me feel safe in my future prospects".

There was also a session on personal statement writing by the University of Leeds where students were taught what universities look for in an application and how to perfect the art of writing about yourself, often a task students struggle with. They were led through how to make their personal statement concise but also competitive and although it was mainly tailored for those interested in universities, the skill taught was transferrable, helping to build on the CV writing skills covered the day before. In order to aid the Russell group aspiring students, Neaco offered a competitive application workshop to help improve their chances further.

The final talk was from Jack Dean, a former AMVC student who talked about his experience in an apprenticeship. He offered a valuable insight to students preparing to go into employment to see the difference in what their futures could hold compared to the university life they had heard about previously.

The AMVC Future Festival was held in the Sixth Form centre throughout the day, included various universities, employers and apprenticeship providers. They answered any questions the students had about their establishments.

The students found this very beneficial, "The careers fair was incredibly useful as it was nice to speak to universities 1 on 1 in a less crowded environment".



Sixth Form Diary Dates

A Level and Level 3 Qualifications Results Day	Thursday 18 August 2022, 8.30 am - 10.30 am
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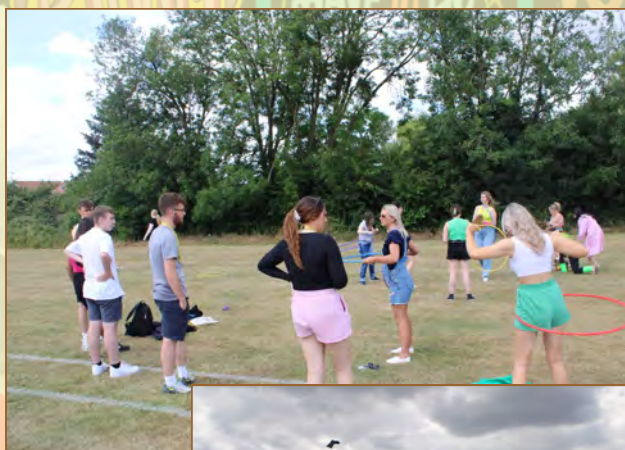
SIXTH FORM NEWS: INDUCTION DAYS

During the week of Monday 11 July 2022, the new Year 12 students were welcomed into the College for four days of taster lessons before the whole Sixth Form came together for a team building day on the Friday. Each subject area planned a variety of fun-filled activities for their new students to give them an insight into the courses that they will be studying in September.

Arguably the most anticipated event in the week was the 80s themed team building day, where the Sixth Form competed in their forms in a number of exciting and entertaining events. The day offered activities such as the limbo, a three-legged race and a space hopper race, helping the Sixth Formers to get to know their Tutor and Form Group better.

SIXTH FORM NEWS: TEAM BUILDING DAY

At the end of Sixth Form Induction week, all the Sixth Form students took part in team building activities. These ranged from Space Hopper racing to welly wanging by way of the limbo. It gave a chance for our prospective students to get to know each other before they start in September and for external applicants to feel welcomed by AMVC. It had an 80s theme and not only were students treated to 80s food in the Sixth Form Centre, we were encouraged in activities by the likes of Abba and Dolly Parton. As you can see a good time was had by all.



SIXTH FORM NEWS: YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE

This month, a student in Year 12 was given the opportunity to work within the Finance Department at Peterborough City Hospital. In order to take part in this opportunity she had to apply and win on the merit of her application. She found that the experience opened her eyes in terms of what happens within a Finance Team operating in a hospital and what job opportunities there may be after A Level studies.

AMVC has now begun some link work with Peterborough City Hospital, trying to expand any of the further opportunities that may arise for our students to experience working within the NHS. This does not have to be in a nursing capacity.



Students - For more volunteering and work experience opportunities for Sixth Form students, please watch for emails from Miss Stark.

COLLEGE NEWS

MENTAL HEALTH ACTION DAY



AMVC Mental Health Action Day and Carnegie Centre Of Excellence For Mental Health In Schools

Ms Kavanagh, Deputy Headteacher, has been working with Minds Ahead, Leeds Beckett University and Carnegie Centre of Excellence in Mental Health In Schools to explore ways we can support and improve our provision surrounding Mental Health and Wellbeing in school. AMVC has committed to achieving the Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools Award and as part of the process we have set up and have been working with a team of Student Mental Health Ambassadors in Year 12 on initiatives around resilience and wellbeing.

On Friday 24 June 2022, we ran a Mental Health Action Day which worked with over 60 students across Years 7 - 12 exploring what Mental Health and Wellbeing is and developing ideas on how we can promote and support students with developing strategies to support their wellbeing in school.

We invited any interested students to participate and become Youth Ambassadors for mental health and wellbeing. Students came up with a range of amazing ideas which include extra-curricular activities, quiet study spaces in school as well as promoting the five steps to wellbeing. Over the coming months we will be working on exploring these steps further as well as running more Mental Health Action days in the new academic year.

Ms Kavanagh was really impressed with the students and how well they bonded with other students as well as their participation in discussions and activities. A focus for us as a team includes encouraging students to take part in more extra-curricular activities such as sporting events and crafts as well as providing quieter spaces for students to access throughout the day. The ambassadors have now begun to get together every Friday first lunch, enjoy a biscuit and focus on an action point for the new year ahead. These students are representing Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12 and it has been a pleasure to see them come together for a common goal.



For September, students are excited to be working on a project for Young Minds, a national organisation that support young people. The team will be organising a whole school Hello Yellow campaign, where all students wear yellow to show support and understanding of one another. They will also be developing a marketing campaign around the 5 steps to Mental Wellbeing, using inspiration from the NHS campaign that ran during the National Lockdown.

We are very keen and would love to involve the feedback of parents and carers in our work on mental health and wellbeing so if you have any suggestions please email Ms Kavanagh directly via office@arthurmellows.org FAO: Ms Kavanagh. We are particularly interested in hearing any ideas and initiatives that you think could benefit the young people or indeed parents/carers.

COLLEGE NEWS

CANCER RESEARCH UK CHARITY WEEK

The committees at Arthur Mellows joined together to run a week's worth of activities, from the 4 July 2022, in order to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Cancer Research funds over 4,000 scientists, doctors and nurses to aid the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer. Cancer is the leading cause of death worldwide with one in two people developing some form of cancer in their lifetime. Their work is crucial in finding ways to help people and hopefully finding a cure.

On the Tuesday, the A Level Music students performed during second lunch in the Main Hall, playing classics like 'Don't Stop Me Now', 'Valerie' and 'Chiquita', while students of all Year Groups gave a donation to go and enjoy the live music. Unfortunately, Wednesday's whack-a-mole was cancelled, but on Thursday the committee continued the activities, charging 50p to throw wet sponges at teachers during lunch time. This raised significant funds for a good cause and united all the Year Groups as they enjoyed the sunshine and some light-hearted fun.



Also on Thursday, a group of seven Sixth Formers took on the teachers in a football match held to raise money for the cause. Unfortunately, the Sixth Form lost 2:1 to the teachers. The match started in a lively manner with multiple attempts by the Sixth Form team to get it past Mr Wilson in the first few minutes before a penalty was called for. The first goal was scored when Mr Wilkinson took a penalty three minutes into the match and the Sixth Form goalkeeper failed to save it. The next goal was scored shortly after Wilkinson's by the Sixth Form's Sam Fielding; however, the team didn't have long to celebrate before Mr Hunter promptly scored the winning goal for the teachers.

The main event of the week was the Race for Life which the Sixth Form completed on the Friday. The students had the last two periods out of lesson to either run or walk the 5k to raise money for the charity.

They also got to enjoy a non-school uniform day to take part in Wear It Pink, in support of breast cancer awareness. There was face painting available thanks to the social and charity committees' artistic abilities and that afternoon there was a host of musical performances by the Sixth Formers who were supported by a couple of talented Year 10s.



Towards the end of the day, the Sixth Form students were treated to ice lollies and were awarded medals for their Race for Life efforts. By the end of the week, the online donations had reached £500, excluding the cash donations given throughout. Not only was it a perfect end to a brilliant and fun week, but it also brought us all together to support an important cause.

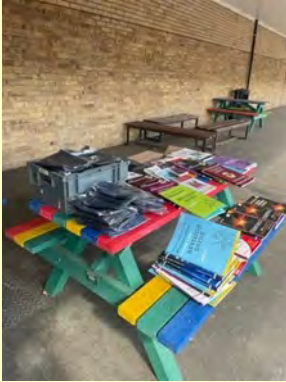


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AMVC PTA: SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

The Arthur Mellows Parent Teacher Association, a group run solely by volunteers, organised a most successful second - hand school uniform sale at the school to date on Saturday 9 July 2022. The group is made up of both current and previous teaching staff and parents/carers who are passionate about raising money for the school in order to fund multiple projects such as a sensory room and providing additional kitchen aids, and also the purchasing of graphics tablets, Sixth Form laptops, and iPads enjoyed by the whole school.



They raised almost £700 by selling second hand school uniform at reduced prices, making it more affordable for those struggling in these difficult times. After such a successful sale, they are eager to restock and so any donations of school clothing still in good condition and GCSE revision books and text-books would be greatly appreciated by the team.

In order to donate, please drop your contribution off at the AMVC Main Reception from September onwards, or message them on Facebook for an alternative drop off point. For information on future PTA managed events please follow them on Facebook at 'Arthur Mellows PTA' or contact Claire Cobourne on 07736 844059.



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COLLEGE NEWS

YEAR 11 PROM



Thankfully the Year 11 Prom went ahead this year and it was a fantastic event!

As a Head of Year, we have many proud moments, but this really does top them all. All of Year 11 looked stunning! Lots of gorgeous long flowing dresses and tuxedo's, they all looked a million dollars! It was a wonderful sight watching the limos and supercars pulling up, it was a spectacle to behold and the weather held out for us too. It was so nice to see them enjoying themselves and for some of them, seeing each other for the last time.

Some students have had their struggles throughout their time at AMVC, so getting to this point has been a challenge in itself, but they got there! We have included a selection of photographs. It was a fab event and lots of staff attended to wish them well and see them in all their finery. Good luck to all the students in their future.

Well done Year 11, you made us a proud team!!! Mrs Ward, Miss Bailey and Mrs Levy.



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YEAR 11 PROM



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ACTIVITY DAYS 2023

activity days

We are delighted to announce that Activity Days will be returning next year at the end of Academic Year 2023. Prior to the pandemic, Activity Days were very popular with students and a key feature of the school calendar, offering a wide range of enrichment activities both in and out of College for our Key Stage 3 students.

Staff are already working hard preparing a wide range of trips and in-school experiences for all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 to enhance and enrich the curriculum and the wider school experience. The Activity Days range from overseas trips to free activities in school with no cost so are priced for every household budget.

We have taken every step to keep costs down wherever possible and to give as much notice as possible so households can pay for trips over the coming months if that is your preference.

A booklet will be issued in late September/early October 2022 with more information about the various activities, including staffing, cost and availability of places. Activities include crafting and jewellery making, West End theatre trips, an overseas football tour, go-karting, coding, as well as days out to venues such as Silverstone, Rutland Aquapark and Duxford.

Students will be able to sign up for their preferred options in early November to allow time for parents/carers to pay spread out payments for the paid-for activities. Initially, priority will be given to students in Year 9 for whom this will be the last chance to participate in this popular end of year activity, followed by students in Year 8 and Year 7.

Priority will also be given to those students who have been awarded with lots of positive SIMS points as a reward for their continued hard work and good behaviour in and around the College.

Activity days will take place on:

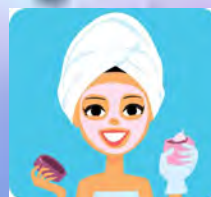
Monday 17 July 2023

Tuesday 18 July 2023

Wednesday 19 July 2023

Mr B Zaidi

Activities Week Co-ordinator



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DIVERSITY WEEK

Throughout this year's pride month, Arthur Mellow's staff and students have been wonderfully celebrating the diversity within our world. This year's Diversity Week partnered with the charity 'Just Like Us', has focused on celebrating our differences whether it be race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality or disability. Thus, we have been united in not only accepting, but also embracing the aspects of ourselves that make us into unique and special individuals.

Around school LGBTQ+ pride wristbands were sold to celebrate different LGBTQ+ identities or outline our allyship. The joy and happiness surrounding pride was also seen as students enjoyed a bag of skittles during Form Time.

Our individual differences were also reflected upon during form, as people got creative on making a form Diversi-tree where students could think about and highlight what made them who they are. Each Year Group also received an informative assembly discussing the history and importance of pride month as well as a background on the word 'Just Like Us' do.

Diversity week proved to be an exciting way of encouraging people to celebrate our differences, so we look forward to future projects that can help us create an even brighter and more inclusive environment.



- School Diversity Week is our annual, UK-wide celebration of LGBT+ equality in primary schools, secondary schools and colleges
- Our free LGBT+ inclusive educational resources help make schools safer, happier and more welcoming places for all young people
- We run school talks, a student-led Pride Groups programme, and our Ambassador Programme trains LGBT+ 18 to 25 year olds to speak in schools about allyship

COLLEGE NEWS

SPORTING NEWS

END OF TERM STAFF V SIXTH FORM CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH



'It would be easy to write that the charity was the real winner when a huge crowd turned out on the sweltering Astro-turf pitch to watch the mighty Sixth Form student team take on a ragtag group of teachers and support staff during lunch time.

However, putting all cliched metaphors aside, the reality is that the teachers won. As unlikely as it may seem, the team with the average age of 40 taught the youngsters a valuable lesson in resilience, tactics and teamwork. Under the inspired managerial leadership of Mr Hillier, the Pep Guardiola of the Sixth Form Pastoral Team, a plan was formulated to negate the speed of the Sixth Form team and enjoy a stunning victory.

Controversially, Mr Steele was dropped to a substitute role as Mr Hillier put his plan into effect. Slow ones at the back, fast ones up front, get your body in the way of any shots and sweat a lot. It sounds easy, but putting into practice on the unforgiving astroturf was a different matter. The first goal was the result of an incisive pass out of defence by the veteran Mr Zaidi. The goalkeeper hesitated and then lunged for the ball, only to concede a controversial penalty. Would VAR intervene? Of course not. Mr Wilkinson confidently dispatched the ensuing penalty, kissed the badge on his Bradford City shirt and it was game on.

The Sixth Formers roared back, cheered on by an enthusiastic crowd gazing in wonder at two high quality teams pinging the ball around. There were chances at either end before a lucky deflection created an opening and even the cat-like Mr Wilson couldn't prevent a goal. The man had seemed unbeatable, deservedly winning a cult following with save after save, exquisite handling skills and arrow-like balls from the back to launch a wave of counter-attacks.

The students played their part, highly skilled and determined, but there could be only one winner. Zaidi brought the ball out of defence, played a ball inside the full-back for the overlapping Mr Neaverson who squared the perfect ball for Mr Hunter to prod the winner home. Another controversial penalty decision gifted the students a chance to equalise only for Matty Mills to pathetically pass the ball to Mr Wilson, who heroically made the crucial match-winning save. The crowd gasped, oohed and aaahed as the tension built.

The game went into Fergie time but the heroes of AMVC stood tall, repelling one attack after another and the final whistle confirmed the unlikely win. What an honour it must have been for the crowd to have witnessed such a spectacle, knowing that their 50p contribution to Cancer Research had enabled them to see such a marvellous sporting extravaganza. Well done to the Sixth Form Committee for organising an amazing week of activities as part of their charity fund-raising drive. Only at AMVC!

Mr Zaidi

Staff Team : Mr Zaidi, Mr Wilson, Mr Hunter, Mr Granville, Mr Wilkinson, Mr Neaverson, Hayden Brown (Sixth Form).

Student Team: George Whiteman, George Hill, Mekhi Underwood, Louis Meadows, Sam Fielding, Matty Mills, Riley Taylor.

COLLEGE NEWS

SPORTING NEWS: PETERBOROUGH CITY GAMES

Tuesday 12 and Thursday 14 July 2022 saw the Year 7 to Year 10 students partake in the PDSSA City Athletics Games at the embankment track. The College was very successful overall, demonstrating the excellent sporting talent that AMVC has to offer.

The Year 7 girls came 2nd overall, which saw consistently high performances from all individuals including the stand out performance from Tilly Weatherbed (7SRB) who won the Javelin event in her category throwing 15.88m.

The Year 7 boys came 3rd overall, again seeing some great performances, but a shout out to Ryan Abbey (7CGR/IDI) who broke the Peterborough schools 800m record in an excellent time of 2 minutes and 36 seconds, proving his engine on the football field transfers into the middle distance athletics events.

The Year 8 girls came 2nd overall, with excellent performances from Patsy Duffy (8ASH) and Grace Richardson (8RKU), winning the discus and long jump events respectively. Patsy Duffy threw a huge 19.87m whilst Grace jumped a great 3.8m.

The Year 8 boys also came 2nd overall, with some fantastic solo performances from Kylan Mills (8TMY) winning the javelin (throwing 26.15m), Oliver Goodliffe (8TNE) winning the shot put (throwing 8.76m) and Alphin Hadfield (8GPA) winning the 100m in 12.2secs. But an extra shout out to two Peterborough schools record breakers in this category, Finlay McGrory (8TMY) jumping 1.5m in the high jump and the 4 x 100m relay team taking 0.6 seconds off the previous record.

The Year 9 girls finished in 2nd too, again with some excellent individual performances from Lauren Foreman (9MCI) winning the 75m hurdles and a further 2 records broken – Leia Mason (9HBN) breaking the shot put record, throwing an incredible 19.75m and Erin Walker (9NFE) taking 8.7 seconds off the 1500m record running a great time of 5 minutes 8 seconds. I have no doubts she will go on to break the 5 minute barrier this season if she hasn't already by the time this article comes out!

The Year 9 boys were our best overall performers, taking home overall win and the trophy. Teddy Nottle (9KPT) put in a great shift and didn't seem to stop all day, not only that but he won the 800m in 2 minutes 21 seconds, as well as winning both the long jump and triple jump with distances of 4.44m and 10.08m respectively. Jamie Campbell (9HSN) gave AMVC another 1st place position, winning the 200m in 25.28. Ashton Fletcher (9MCI) was another stand out performer, breaking the Peterborough Schools Javelin record with a distance of 35.7m. The Year 9 boys 4 x 100m relays team also broke the record for this event, taking the record from a previous AMVC with a time of 51.19.

The Year 10 girls also performed excellently, placing 2nd overall. Lola Fletcher (10VCH) ran a speedy 45:03s winning the 300m as well as winning the 1500m comfortably in 5 minutes 26 seconds. Katie Gee (10JMF/THA) gave a strong performance in the 800m, front running the race from gun to tape winning in 2 minutes 55 seconds. The depth of the AMVC squad was again demonstrated by the 4 x 100m team winning the event in 57.66s.

The Year 10 boys put in a solid effort, placing 7th overall. I have to give a shout out to Aj Singh (10GMU/PKA), who not only came 2nd in both his throwing events shotput (throwing 9.45m) and discus (throwing 22.02m) but also was a last minute replacement in the 200m.

Well done to everyone else who took part, you were all excellent both in your events and with your behaviour. You did the College very proud.

Mr Wilkinson
PE Department

(Pictured right) Finlay McGrory taking the Peterborough Schools high jump record, jumping 1.5m



COLLEGE NEWS

SPORTING NEWS

The students have had an amazing term with lots of exciting sporting events and opportunities to finish off the school year. The students have enjoyed developing their skills in rounders, tennis, cricket, softball and swimming. In addition, we have had a high level of students attend our after school curricular (rounders, swimming and athletics) allowing us to enter a number of competitions and events. Check out below some of the outstanding performances from our students at Arthur Mellows!

SEN DAY

25 May 2022 saw the PE Department with the support from the Sixth Form students, (who were completing their HSLA course) run a carousel of activities for students with additional needs from primary schools in the local area; Welbourne, Hampton, Sacred Heart, Discovery just to name a few. The day involved the primary students completing a range of activities and enhancing their skills in new sports including curling, boccia and dance. The students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the day and we look forward to running the event again soon.

CRICKET U13 AND U15

Well done and a big shout out to the U13 and U15 boys AMVC cricket teams. After competing against The King's School, Jack Hunt and Thomas Deacon Academy, with both teams showed exceptional resilience and game play throughout the league. All their hard work paid off as both teams became Peterborough School Champions. Well done to all those involved!

YEAR 7 AND 8 ROUNDERS TOURNAMENT

On 5 July 2022, 11 Year 7 and 8 students attended the Peterborough Rounders Tournament held at Thomas Deacon Academy. As a recently new team, the students played extremely well together, demonstrating fantastic batting and communication skills. A massive shout out to Isabella Lynas (7DCA) who caught an amazing ball with only one hand! Unfortunately, this was the only event organised for rounders, but we hope with a big push this year and next, we hope to attend more rounders fixtures in the future.

YEAR 9 SPORTS DAY

This year, we ran Sports Day for Year 9's a bit differently! Each Tutor Group organised a team of ten students for Netball, Football and Rounders to compete in an inter-form round robin tournament. It was a great day and had a positive atmosphere throughout all activities. The students got stuck into the tournament showing great competitiveness and sportsmanship! It was lovely to see all students get involved in different sports!

Results:

- 1st: MCI and HBN
- 3rd: KPT
- 4th: NFE
- 5th: HSN
- 6th: PPC and KBR
- 8th: DCU
- 9th: EDI



It has been another excellent and fun filled year for PE. From everyone in the AMVC PE department, we hope you all have a wonderful summer break, and we look forward to seeing you in September!



Sports Leaders and Primary School Sports at AMVC

Well, the summer term has been as busy and action packed as always!

AMVC has run a number of inclusive and competitive festivals and tournaments all linked to the School Games values.

Soke Athletics

We welcomed 400 primary students to AMVC on 7 July to celebrate the Commonwealth Games and School Games values. The day started with a Commonwealth Procession, which included representatives from each school as well as Sports Ambassadors. We were lucky enough to have GB and England athlete, Miguel Perera visit us for the morning – and the competitors were SO proud to have him at the event and the leaders to be in the picture with him. Miguel was so good at chatting and encouraging all the competitors and gave out medals and certificates to all competitors and spoke to them all about his journey to being a member of the GB hurdling team.



Athletes took part in running, throwing and jumping activities. This event was supported by our School Games Organiser for Peterborough – Sam Sly. It was great to have his support on the morning. All those who attended did such a good job. The students worked so hard to achieve their best and were well rewarded with medals, certificates and stickers. The leaders were a credit to AMVC – we had 50 staff and leaders to make sure this event ran smoothly(!) – so well done to all involved.

It was a great morning of sport and the values of the school games were certainly celebrated by all who were there – **Determination** to achieve, **Honesty** from competitors and leaders, **Respect** for all other competitors and judges, **Passion** for the sport, **Teamwork** from all the schools and the leaders and a huge amount of **Self Belief** from all the competitors. The final positions were very tight. The winning school was – John Clare, Helpston and we had a joint second place as Norwood and William Law.



COLLEGE NEWS

SPORTING NEWS: INCLUSIVE SPORTS EVENTS

Year 1 Multi-skills

This event was held in May 2022. It is an event for the whole class, the following schools brought all their Year 1s to take part in a variety of sports activities which focused on agility, balance and co-ordination. Norwood, Peakirk cum Glington, Northborough, Wittering, Norwood, Gunthorpe and William Law. The weather was good and all the students had a great time, learning new skills from the Sports Leaders. It is a mammoth task to have so many students on site at one time – but the event was a huge success thanks to the dedication of the Sports Leaders.



Year 2 Cricket festival - June 2022 during National Schools Sports Week



Damianne Redpath (Cricket East representative) came to AMVC and spent a day training our Sports Leaders in early June. This training was especially to promote girls sport and leadership within it.

Our leaders were great role models when they ran this cricket event for all of Year 2. The AMVC leaders planned four

circuits – each with six stations of various cricket games. Stations included Space Invaders, Star Strike, Rapid Fire, Hand Hockey amongst others. Approximately 500 Year 2's attended this event over two mornings.



Intra Sports Festivals for Key Stage 1

These were held at individual primary schools – supported by Mr Moffat or Mrs Wilding – often with AMVC Sports Leaders to assist, and with Year 6 running the events for Key Stage 1. This really was Primary Leadership in action – the leaders did a great job encouraging and leading their team or activity. These Activity Days were held at Castor, Newborough, Northborough, William Law, Norwood, Gunthorpe and Duke of Bedford primaries.

Gym and dance display for Year 3 - June 2022

This event was rearranged due to Covid restrictions on the planned November date. We welcomed eight classes to share a dance performance with all those in attendance. In addition, the Year 3's took part in various dances including Zumba, improvised dance and observed dances and gymnastics from the AMVC dance crew who recently won the Regional Dance competition, as well as other gymnasts and dancers from the College. Special thanks goes to Miss Martin, Amelia Bradberry and Morgan Jones in Year 12 for their hard work and choreography.



AMVC Sports Leaders supporting Primary Sports Days

AMVC has been supporting individual primary school Sports Days all term. AMVC leaders have been assisting with clock sports, running activities and helping with traditional races – running equipment back and forth, handing out stickers and generally ensuring the smooth running of the day. On all occasions they have worked their socks off and we have had only positive feedback from staff and parents/carers regarding their conduct and behaviour. Schools supported Castor, Peakirk cum Glington, John Clare, Norwood, Northborough and Fulbridge primaries.



TERM DATES 2022/2023

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

SPRING TERM 2023

Training Day 4	4 January
Opens	5 January
Half Term	13 to 17 February
Ends	31 March

SUMMER TERM 2023

Training Day 5	17 April
Opens	18 April
May Day	1 May
Half Term	29 May to 2 June
Ends	19 July



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