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THE VOICE of Arthur Mellows Village College



Message from the Head of College

Dear Parent / Carer

I write my final communique to you all as Headteacher of Arthur Mellows.



It has been a great honour to hold this post for 14 years and during that time the College has changed immeasurably. I am always proud to say that I represent what I believe to be the most outstanding cohort of students in the area. I often marvel at the support that those young people are given by you as parent/carers and it is that triangle of people, namely student, parent / carer and school that has been the backbone of the success that we have seen for young people at the College.

I have always focused on what I believe is in the best interests of all students and I will move on to my next role of CEO of the Four Cs Trust, happy in the knowledge that your child will be well placed to tackle whatever the future brings.

Although I am giving up the day-to-day leadership of the College, my role of CEO will mean I will have a more strategic view of the schools within the Four Cs Trust which of course, includes Arthur Mellows. I would like to end by thanking you for your support over the years and leave happy in the knowledge that the College leadership is in the safe hands of Jonathan Oakley and the Senior Team that we have worked with over the last few years.

M Sandeman, Head of College

IN THIS EDITION:



NEW HEAD OF COLLEGE

SEPTEMBER CHANGES





CADET CAMP

'As you will have seen from our website, Mike Sandeman, Head of College is stepping back from his role at the end of this academic year to assume a full-time role as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Four Cs Trust which currently oversees Arthur Mellows and three other primary schools but, over the next 2 years, will see an increase with three other schools coming on board.

Mike has been Head of College for the last 14 years. Shortly before his arrival in 2007 the College was inspected by Ofsted and rated 'satisfactory'. Mike had a vision, and under his leadership, vast improvements were made. In November 2009 the College was re-inspected and rated 'Outstanding'. The conversion to Academy status then followed which saw fantastic changes to the infrastructure and environment of the College and in 2014 at a subsequent Ofsted inspection, we were for the second time rated Outstanding.

Again under his leadership, AMVC along with Fulbridge Academy, developed the Four Cs Multi Academy Trust which has led to improving the education of many other young people in Peterborough. During his time at AMVC, Mike will have been responsible for around 5000 students and I hope all those young people will join me in giving him an enormous round of applause for all his hard work and wish him every success in his new role.'

Mr Nigel Jennings (Chair of Governors)

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SEPTEMBER ARRANGEMENTS BY NEW HEAD OF COLLEGE





The Four Cs Academy Trust

Curiosity Confidence Courage Constancy





I am writing this in my capacity as the new Head of College from September and to advise you of some important information to assist you and your child with planning for the start of the next academic year:

Start Dates for Year Groups and Lateral Flow Testing

In line with national guidance, there is no need for students to continue with Lateral Flow testing over the Summer holidays. Individuals who want to continue testing for their own reassurance can access testing through https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests or any local pharmacy.

You may be aware that in September, schools have been asked to test secondary age students twice on their return to school, with each test being three or four days apart, using a new Lateral Flow Device (LFD).

As the school does not have the capacity to test all of the students in one day, the beginning of term will be staggered to accommodate the testing requirements as follows:

Date	Year Groups In School	Lateral Flow Testing	
Monday 6 September	Years 7 and 12	Years 7 and 12 First Test	
Tuesday 7 September	Years 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13	Years 10, 11, 13 First Test	
Wednesday 8 September	All Year Groups in school (Years 8 and 9 – first day)	Years 8 and 9 First Test	
Thursday 9 September	All Year Groups in school	Years 7 and 12 Second Test	
Friday 10 September	All Year Groups in school	Years 10, 11, 13 Second Test	
Monday 13 September	All Year Groups in school	Years 8 and 9 Second Test	

Generic work (English, Maths, Science and PSHE) for Years 8 and 9 will be posted on the school website for students to complete at home because they will not be returning to school until Wednesday 8 September 2021.

Face Masks

Students will not be required to wear face masks when they return in September and will not be required to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact. In this event, the NHS who will be managing the track and trace procedure will offer advice directly. If students do feel more comfortable still wearing a mask, then of course, this is understood.

And Finally....

I would like to conclude by thanking all parents and students for their support of the College over this most challenging of years. We are aware that the situation nationally is still very much uncertain in terms of the Pandemic, and we will adjust as usual to the national guidance at the time. We certainly hope, however, for a smoother academic year than the one just past, with a more increased focus on outstanding teaching, learning and extra-curricular activities which is what the College is renowned for.

MR J OAKLEY Head of College

NEW SCHOOL DAY - ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022

New School Day

Whilst the current times for the start and finish of the school day will remain the same from September, we will be extending the morning registration on a Monday by 10 minutes until 9.10 am to allow for catch-up teaching to be delivered to students. The time allocated to breaktimes will reduce by five minutes accordingly, so that the end of the College Day will remain the same.

30 20 3 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	Start (Mondays)	End (Mondays)	Start (Tuesday – Friday)	End (Tuesday – Friday)
Registration	8.45 am	9.10 am	8.45 am	9.00 am
Lesson 1	9.10 am 10.00 am		9.00 am	9.50 am
Lesson 2	10.00 am	10.50 am	9.50 am	10.40 am
Lesson 3	10.50 am	11.40 am	10.40 am	11.30 am
Key Stage 3 Lunch Key Stage 4/5 Break	11.40 am	12.10 pm	11.30 am	12.05 pm
Lesson 4	12.10 pm	1.00 pm	12.05 pm	12.55 pm
Key Stage 3 Break Key Stage 4/5 Lunch	1.00 pm	1.30 pm	12.55 pm	1.30 pm
Lesson 5	1.30 pm	2.20 pm	1.30 pm	2.20 pm
Lesson 6	2.20 pm	3.10 pm	2.20 pm	3.10 pm

New Form Groups

In light of the changes to the registration time detailed above, and to allow for bespoke catch-up teaching to take place, your child may be changing Form Groups from September. They will be advised of their new Form Group on the last day of term, during registration. The new Form Groups are being designed to maximise the catch-up work and therefore do not necessarily reflect friendship groups.



We are approaching the end of perhaps the most difficult year in education any of us could imagine.

I want to thank you for the magnificent way you have all worked to minimize the effect of the pandemic. Trustees are proud of the way you have all approached the task.



We should not underestimate the challenges of remote learning and the stresses it imposed on staff and pupils alike. Congratulations on making it work and thanks particularly to parents and carers for your part in the process.

As we look forward to the next academic year there are still uncertainties ahead but I am sure the strength and resilience demonstrated in all of the schools in the Trust will enable us to look forward with confidence.

D G MCLAREN

Chair of Trustees, Four Cs Multi-Academy Trust

ARTHUR MELLOWS SENIOR MANAGEMENT STAFF STRUCTURE 2021/2022



Mr J Oakley: Head of College



Mr P Cradock: Deputy Headteacher



Ms E Kavanagh: Deputy Headteacher



Mr R Watson: Deputy Headteacher



Mrs J Sludds: Assistant Headteacher



Mr N Steele: Assistant Headteacher



Mrs B Harrison: Assistant Headteacher



Mrs M Lord Assistant Headteacher



Mr H Sauntson Assistant Headteacher

VIRTUAL SUMMER MUSIC CONCERT





On Wednesday 15 July 2021 our Summer Concert was released virtually to parents/carers. We have not been able to do any kind of performing since before lockdown, so to be able to showcase some of the amazing work that has been taking place in music was a real treat.

We had been recording performances for several weeks which was quite a challenge at times! Fortunately, the standard of work was so high we had to do very few takes and the final outcome was of very high quality.

Highlights for us are very hard to single out as all performances were so good. However, our Year 12 musicians gave several performances that would easily hold up on a professional stage. Each member of the group is an outstanding musician. It was lovely to see some Key Stage 3 bands coming through - we saw performances from a fab Year 7 band who have only recently got together.

In addition, our Year 9 band (who still do not have a name!) gave their 'Arctic Monkeys' tribute. Year 10 remains the Year Group with the most musicians - we had many individual and group performances from them.

We are all hoping that the next concert will be able to be in person!

MRS T HAMMOND

Head of Expressive Arts





CONNECTING CLASSROOMS PROJECT

Connecting Classrooms Project with Tunisia



'Arthur Mellows Village College was invited to take part in a Connecting Classrooms Project. The British Council arranged a partner school in Tunisia, Abu Kacem Chebbi Preparatory School in Djerba. They provided both schools with free classroom sets of micro: bits so we could work collaboratively on a do your :bit challenge. A micro: bit is a pocket-sized computer with an LED light display and sensors.

The do your :bit challenge aims to test young people's imagination, looking for them to combine creativity and technology to come up with solutions for the UN's Global Goals for Sustainable Development by tackling the issues we are facing today. They are looking for innovations that make the world a better place. The competition aims to add social purpose to digital

learning and allow students to apply their digital skills to real world solutions.

The Micro: bit Foundation have particularly encouraged a focus on Goal 3 – Good health and Wellbeing and Goal 13 – Climate Action. Both schools in the Connecting Classroom partnership agreed to work towards these goals and share our developing solutions with each other.

Our students have been busy this term, programming the micro: bits, creating prototypes (using recycled materials) and writing about how their solution meets the global goals. They have created innovative tech solutions such as a smart recycle bin, fridge and watch, relaxing wellbeing games and step counters.

In addition, they have been scripting and filming video introductions of themselves, speaking French, to build their relationship with their partner school. Students at

Abu Kacem Chebbi are learning English and are also creating their own videos to share with us.

The students have worked hard on their solutions with such enthusiasm. They have been amazing in identifying opportunities to make changes for the better on a local and global scale. We look forward to continuing with our partnership with Abu Kacem Chebbi in the new school year.'

Miss T Mayhead -Teacher of Computer Science



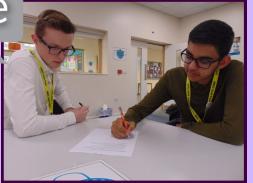






Student Voice

STUDENT VOICE





Student Voice: Spring and Summer 2021

Unfortunately Covid 19 has had a significant impact on Student Voice meetings, although we managed to hold some remote meetings using Teams during lockdown. Students have been keen to discuss issues with remote learning, identifying positive aspects (such as the use of apps including Nearpod and GCSE Pod) as well as helping to pinpoint problematic aspects such as workload. Students have also discussed ways of promoting wellbeing during lockdown, and suggestions included: cooking, reading, weekly Face Times and zoom quizzes with friends and family, as well as exercise and going for walks.

We were delighted, however, to be given the green light to have an in-person Student Voice meeting in June – the first since December 2020. Student Representatives consulted their Form Groups to gather topics of discussion, and then two reps from each year (plus the new Sixth Form Leadership Team) met to discuss them.

A lively and enjoyable meeting was had, with plenty of animated exploration of the issues. These included: which of the Covid-prompted changes (such as the one-way system, Teams assemblies and the adjusted timetable) might be kept; After School clubs and activities which might be reinstated/introduced; uniform and non-uniform; school food, its cost and range; the introduction of a 'School Shop' to sell healthy snacks and sustainable stationery; inclusivity and diversity in the College, and the discipline system. All ideas have been passed on to the Senior Leadership Team and feedback will be given early next term.

Next term's first meeting will have inclusivity as its focus – with special emphasis on students' behaviour towards each other and trying to challenge misogynist or sexist attitudes. We look forward to continuing to meet in person to have lively and engaging debates about school issues.

MRS A RHODES
Student Voice Co-ordinator



YEAR 8 TUDOR HISTORY

A poem by 7F3

Henry VIII and his six wives

'Catherine of Aragon from the Spanish family
She gave me a daughter but was too old for me
Mary my daughter could not be a king
So bye bye Catherine and I took off her ring.

Anne Boleyn gave a girl child
When Henry found out he went wild
Clever clogs was not so clever
When her head was cut off forever and ever

Jane Seymour the third wife
Didn't live a very long life
She died straight after giving birth
When her son Edward first met earth

Anne of Cleves wife number four Henry sent her straight through the door Face so ugly she looked like a horse The final conclusion was to get a divorce

Katherine Howard was fifth in line
Having affairs a lot of the time
Henry said 'our love is dead'
And so he decided to cut off her head

Katherine Parr was the final wife
She was there when Henry lost his life
Super smart, she wrote a text
And sorted out who would be Tudor next'

HISTORY READING RECOMMENDATIONS

The Socially Distanced History Club

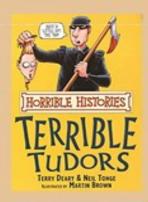
Key Stage 3 Curriculum Recommendations:

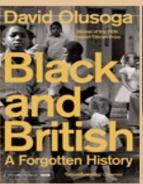
Y7: Terrible Tudors by Terry Deary

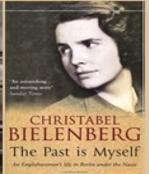
Y8: Black and British by David Olusoga

Y9: The Past is Myself by Christabel

Bielenberg







Key Stage 4 Curriculum Recommendations:

Cold War: The Spy and the Traitor: The Greatest Espionage Story of the Cold War by Ben MacIntyre

Nazi Germany: Travellers in the Third Reich: The Rise of Fascism Through the Eyes of Everyday People by Julia Boyd

Crime and Punishment: The Worst Street in London by Fiona Rule





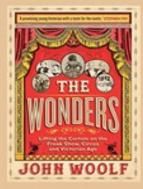


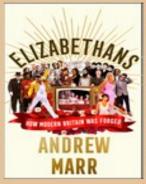
Just For Fun - Recommended Reads:

The Wonders: Lifting the Curtain on the Freak Show, Circus and Victorian Age by John Woolf

Elizabethans by Andrew Marr

Operation Mincemeat by Ben MacIntyre







Audio-visual Alternatives Podcasts

We are History (Sixth Form recommendation)

You're Dead to Me (Radio Edit) - All Year Groups

Netflix:

13th Greatest Events of World War II in colour









CADET SUMMER CAMP



'After the obvious disappointment of the initial trip getting cancelled, you can be sure that it was welcome news something had been strewn together as a substitute; after all we had come for an experience, an adventure: Cadets.

The first day brought the adventure in the form of 'Adventure training' involving kayaking and all manner of weird games, like the wonderful idea of putting five people on a three man kayak so that each is suspended beneath the surface and every participant's legs are pulled



from their sockets as you try to accommodate the extra two people in the boat they were never meant to fit in. The paddle boarding was nice however, with each on their own and the games and challenges taking a more fun nature this time, I think it's safe to say we all enjoyed it, even if both Mrs Debbage and Mr Hunter fell in.



The katakanu in themselves brought the new challenge of coordination. I can say we were more successful with a leader calling the strokes than we were with the idiot counting to 100. Eventually we reached our target and commenced with the challenge, with a round of heads-shoulders-knees-and-toes finishing with a jump into the water, and a healthy dose of voluntary "waterboarding" (I quote the leaders at Rutland).

Wednesday and Thursday provided an insight into military life, however tame our experience was. It's a funny feeling walking into an ambush with ear defence listening to your every heartbeat, every footstep and your sense of utter loneliness,

heartbeat, every footstep and your sense of utter loneliness, knowing full well your life is not in danger, non-the-less it was exciting. The food was not. Rations are dismal – as is drill, the risk of tick bites and the hours of waiting, but it is more than made up for in the exhilaration of putting up your own basher, casualty evacuation, and finding a brand new bite on your leg. I had learnt a lot as, I am sure had those around me by the time Thursday drew to a close.

Friday was completely different again with a trip to Duxford Air Museum, a guided tour in the land warfare section from kind and enthusiastic guides, and freedom to explore as we pleased so long as we

returned to the Memphis Belle at the designated time. And it was after a look at the planes in the top hangar; delving into the rich aerial history of the Battle of Britain, an onboard look at the Concorde and a couple of rides on the visitor bus * chortles as only a journalist can * we were quite ready to retire to the Memphis Belle and begin the ride back to school.

As I have experienced it, I cannot recommend it more, from social interaction, discipline and knowledge, it has been completely worthwhile.'

By Rohan Hadfield

TEACH EAST TEACHER TRAINING

Teach East SCITT - 2020/21

What a year! Despite the pandemic and the limitations placed on schools, Teach East trainees continued to develop their skills and complete their course - they are now all accredited with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and ready to start their new careers.

Teach East relies so much on the expertise of others from across the city, but not least all those wonderful colleagues from Arthur Mellows who contribute their material and share their knowledge collaboration is key to success and professional growth.

We also extend a huge thank you to all of our Partnership Schools who host and support our trainees during the academic year, giving them opportunities, enriching their training and sharing their time and insights. As we look to the next cohort we look ahead to a slightly more 'standard' training year, allowing more time for classroom practice and face-to-face training and support.

Thank you to all who have helped make 2020/21 such a success!

Teach East Graduation and Induction 2021

In the space of five days we said 'goodbye' to one magnificent cohort of trainee teachers and 'hello' to

Thursday 8 July 2021 saw the Teach East 2020/21 Graduation Ceremony, held outside and with limited numbers due to restrictions and the need to be COVID-secure.

However, restrictions aside, a lovely time was had - all trainees were present and all their loved ones, mentors and supporting staff joined via Teams so they could share in the occasion and the richlydeserved congratulations – what a year to undergo training!

The assembled group were treated to excellent speeches from Mike Sandeman, CEO of the Four Cs MAT, and Pamela Kilbey, CEO of the Peterborough Keys Academy Trust; both were inspirational. We



Presentation for Andrew Currie

also welcomed the Currie family to present a moving tribute and award in the name of Andrew Currie, who sadly passed away earlier this academic year - his contribution to Teach East cannot be underestimated and will never be forgotten.

On Monday 12 July 2021 we welcomed all new trainees for Teach East who will be starting in September 2021, again with restrictions but again without diminishing the quality of the experience; new trainees were given information and support to help them prepare to start their course and follow in the successful footsteps of those who have gone before.

On behalf of Teach East, a huge thank you to all of those at Arthur Mellows Village College who contribute to the programme, support and development of the trainees - we couldn't do it without you!

Henry Sauntson

Assistant Headteacher Teach East Director (FCCT, SLE)

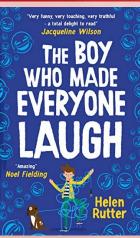


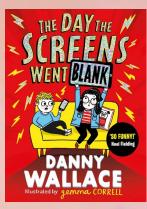
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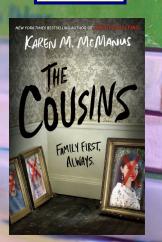
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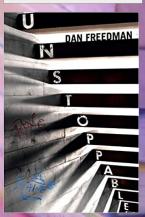








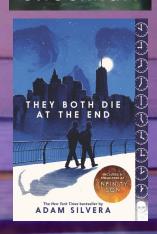




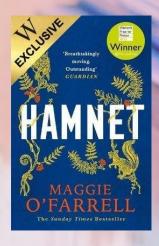
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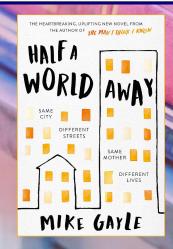


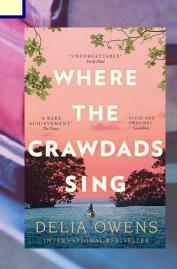




SIXTH FORM/ADULT







SPORTS NEWS

THE RETURN OF THE PRIMARY SOKE COMPETITIONS

Finally in the summer term we have been able to bring back competition to the Soke Cluster of Primary Schools. We have held some fantastic events over the last three weeks. There were some excellent performances from the range of schools. The biggest congratulations and thanks must go to the AMVC Sports Leaders who have worked tirelessly ALL academic year to ensure that we bring safe, fun, inclusive and competitive events to all the cluster Primary Schools, both on Primary School sites and in the last few weeks back at AMVC.





Some of the many AMVC Higher and Community Sports Leaders

Soke Hockey

Hockey was a keenly fought competition, all schools received some advanced level coaching from our Sports Leaders, two of whom have represented England Hockey in recent times so the participants were in very capable hands. There were 6 teams in attendance and between the coaching, umpiring, spraying down of sticks, balls and sanitising, it was an intense competition. Eye came out as winners with Northborough a close 2nd and Wittering A Team 3rd.

Soke Football

Football was keenly contested with 7 teams in attendance. It was great testament to the fitness of those participating on a hot day with all schools playing a minimum of 6 matches. The top 4 schools were Castor 4th, Welbourne 3rd, with Northborough and Wittering A going on to play in the final. Northborough shone through to go on to be Soke Football Champions 2021 winning all 7 of their games including the final, scoring 31 goals in the process and only conceding 1 goal all day!!! Very impressive.



Soke Netball

Covid19 has had an impact on this event – with a number of Primary Schools pulling out in the days leading up to it. Only 4 teams attended eventually, so we had a relaxed and fun afternoon with a round robin event, all teams played each other. Wittering, Castor, Eye and Northborough were in attendance – and they brought the sun with them too – it was a sizzling afternoon! With a re-cap to all participants of the rules and complex High 5 rotations the competition got underway ...

Castor and Wittering had some tough matches – of particular note is Castor's performance-who were all in Year 5 – a great experience to develop further next year. The closest and final match was between Northborough and Eye – who until that point had both won all of their

matches. After a hard fought battle, and some very tense moments – Northborough just came out on top winning by 2 goals. Well done to all who took part – and again the leaders who umpired and coached with enthusiasm and professionalism.



SPORTS NEWS

After School Clubs

We have been extremely pleased with the participation of our After School clubs with over 400 students attending since April. We have ran a number of activities including Rounders, Zumba, Cricket, Swimming, Basketball, Netball and Football.

Swimming Gala

Year 7 and 8's Swimming Gala took place this year on Wednesday 14 July 2021. Each form had been asked to enter two girls and two boys into three events: 25 m Breaststroke, 25 m Backstroke and 25m Freestyle. They then had to select two girls and two boys for a freestyle relay which would end the event. The students who attended were enthusiastic and encouraging to all their peers. During the morning, all swimmers watched and cheered their team mates on hoping to win the Form Team prize.

Swimming Gala Results

YEAR 7		YEAR 8	
1st	FTY	1st	KBR
2nd	EBK	2nd	LMI
3rd	TNE	3rd	HSN
4th	JCM	4th	MCI
5th	TMY	5th	DCU
6th	ASH	6th	PPC
7th	ССК	7th	CWT

Year 8 Top Boy - Harry Keegan 8KBR Year 8 Top Girl - Kendra Greenwood-Covell 8MCI



Sports Days 2021

This year's Sports Days were a great success. It was touch and go whether they would go ahead due to this year's rainy weather conditions, having to reschedule our Year 8 Sports Day, but luckily the rain stayed away for both days and we even saw sun!

AMVC Sports Days run differently to the traditional Sports Day, as we like all the forms to participate in all events. Therefore we have 9 forms and they move round 9 events over a full school day. The events were: -100m, 200m, 800m, skipping, discus, shot put, javelin, high jump, long jump finishing with an inter-form 4 x 100m relay. Each student is awarded a score from 5 – 1 for each event and the points are awarded to the form to encourage everyone to support each other. All of our students enjoyed the day especially as some Year Groups have not have a Sports Day since Year 6!

Year 7 Sports Day Results: 1st Tutor Group was TNE with 692 points Best Boy

Dino Fowler, Alfie Garford and Alphin Hadfield all on 40 points.

Best Girl

Megan Giles on 40 points.

Year 8 Sports Day Results: 1st Tutor Group was YBR with 757 points Best Boy

Ethan Tandi and Eden Covell both scored 42 points.

Best Gir

Mylea Burchett who scored 38 points.

Year 9 Sports Day Results: 1st Tutor Group was KAI with 725 points Best Boy

Regan Spridgeon with 43 Points

Best Girl

Katie Gee with 41 Points



Luke Broadway with 25 Points

Rost Girl

Georgia O'Connell with 25 Points



Caiden Ainley 10IER—Javelin

TEINII DATES 2021/2022				
nation	AUTUMN TERM 2021			
Training Day 1 and 2	Thursday 2 September and Friday 3 September			
Opens	Monday 6 September (Year 7 and 12 only)			
Opens	Tuesday 7 September (Years 7,10,11,12 and 13)			
Opens	Wednesday 8 September (Years 8 and 9 - first day) All Year Groups			
Training Day 3	Friday 15 October			
Half Term	Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October			
Ends	Friday 17 December			
SPRING TERM 2022				
Opens	Tuesday 4 January			
Half Term	Monday 14 February to Friday 18 February			
Ends	Friday 1 April			
SUMMER TERM 2022				
Training Day 4	Tuesday 19 April			
Opens	Wednesday 20 April			
May Day	Monday 2 May			
Half Term	Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June			
Ends	Thursday 21 July			

TERM DATES 2021/2022

Term Dates

Term ends

GCE AS and A Level, EPQ and Level 3

Qualifications

GCSE and Level 2 Qualifications

Staff Training Days (College closed for students) Thursday 2 and Friday 3 September 2021

Term starts (Year 7 and Year 12 students only)

Term starts (Years 7,10,11,12 and 13 students in) Tuesday 7 September 2021

Term starts (Years 8 and 9) - All Year Groups in

Staff Training Day (College closed for students)

Thursday 22 July 2021

Tuesday 10 August 2021, 8.30 am - 11.00 am

Thursday 12 August 2021, 8.30 am - 11.00 am

Monday 6 September 2021

Wednesday 8 September 2021

Friday 15 October 2021

Have you made any changes to your contact information that currently hold for you?



Please keep the College informed of any changes to your address, telephone numbers or email addresses. This is particularly important so that we can contact parents/carers in the event of an emergency or First Please email office@arthurmellows.org Aid issue. information telephone with any new or Main Reception (01733) 252235.

