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September / October 2023



Welcome to Year 12

It is with pleasure that we welcome the new Year 12 cohort who have settled excellently into Sixth Form life already. All students have a timetable that has their Level 3 subjects (A Levels and / or Vocational), Silent Study (their opportunity to complete work outside the classroom), Professional Development, Tutor Time, Enrichment (if a timetabled Enrichment) and of course, the students' favourite, free periods. In addition to this, they complete leadership hours (voluntary work experience in or out of school). This combination is what we pride our Sixth Form on; not just academic rigour, but fostering well-rounded young adults.

Year 12 School Photos: Friday 15 September 2023

On Friday 15 September, Tempest were at the College taking individual photos of Year 12 students. These can be ordered directly through Tempest.

Parents' Information Evenings

On Wednesday 20 September and Thursday 21 September we held our Year 13 Destinations Evening and Year 12 Information Evening for parents / carers. We have sent the presentations and accompanying information via email for your reference. We have also sent out a link to a questionnaire to capture feedback. We would be so grateful if you could complete this to help us continually improve our information evenings.

Important Reminder:

We are a mobile phone free school, including headphones / air pods, Sixth Form included. Sixth Form students have the added freedom of being able to use their phone and / or headphones / air pods in The Sixth Form Centre or IT7 (a designated IT suite for Sixth Form only).

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Jeans for Genes Day

On Friday 22 September Sixth Form supported the charity fundraising event Jeans for Genes Day, a charity supporting the advancement of research and support for genetic diseases. Students were invited to wear jeans and contribute a small donation (suggestion of £1) which has gone directly to the charity. As part of their fundraising, they also held a 'Denim Dress Contest' whereby teams entered and were issued with a pair of jeans. They then had 20 minutes to design and make a garment with limited resources. Our winning team made a fabulous top, with an added ruffle on the shoulder. In total, we raised £322.63. A huge thank you to our young people for helping raise awareness and funds.

Year 13: UCAS 2024

University applications are now open and students applying for courses through UCAS have started this process with their tutors. In the Summer Term, students took part in a two-day Future Festival which gave them lots of guidance re. UCAS. Please find the support booklet attached to the Destinations Evening email which gives students advice on making competitive applications. For those students wanting to apply to Oxbridge, Veterinary Science, Medicine and Dentistry the application deadline is Friday 6 October.

For students applying for other courses, the deadline for their personal statement first draft is Friday 13 October (submitted to Professional Tutors). All applications need to be submitted by Friday 8 December to be processed and sent to UCAS. Predicted grades will be shared with students via their reports, however they can ask for this in advance if needed for decisions.

Silver and Gold Cards

Silver Cards: Year 12 students have now been issued their Silver Card. These allow students to leave site during break and lunch. This is a Sixth Form privilege and will be removed if a student fails to submit work on time, is late to school or for misconduct.

Gold Cards: Year 13 students who have completed their enrichment, leadership hours and have no attendance concerns have now been issued their Gold Card. These allow students to leave site during their free periods, break and lunch. This is a Sixth Form privilege and will be removed if a student fails to submit work on time, is late to school or for misconduct.

Late Gate

As a reminder, all students are expected to be on site by 8.35am otherwise they have to report to "late gate" where a sanction will be issued. Parents / carers will be informed of this too. Should a student have exceptional circumstances for being late, we ask that the student themselves reports to IT6 second break to explain this where the sanction will be removed. We request that parents / carers support this and do not email / call the College regarding this to promote student independence and accountability in Sixth Form.

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Dress Code

Students have all been reminded about the Sixth Form Dress Code. As we have started the new term, a few areas have been addressed and clarified with students. These include:

- Skirts should be of an appropriate length (knee length or below)
- Tops should be of a suitable material, not transparent and not cropped
- No trainers, jeans or hoodies
- Hair colour should be of a natural shade
- Piercings should be discreet - facial piercings are restricted to 1 nose stud

Any student who does not adhere to the Dress Code in the first instance, will be spoken to by their Professional Tutor and then by a member of the Sixth Form Leadership Team if the issue persists. You will be contacted as parents if dress code continues to be an issue and the student may be asked to change / sent home to change. A copy of our Dress Code is attached for your reference.

Year 12 Targets

We are working on the Year 12 academic targets which will be the benchmark for your young person's achievement in their A Level and Vocational subjects. These will be shared with students when they become available.

Head Girl and Head Boy Respect Assemblies

Our fantastic Head Girl and Head Boy have recently been into Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Assemblies to do an assembly on respect and have set all students a challenge of doing something to show respect for themselves, someone else and property each day. They have represented the Sixth Form excellently.

Diversity and Culture Committee

Our Diversity and Culture Committee have prepared some excellent assemblies and resources to tour at Manor Drive Secondary Academy to raise awareness around:

- Black History Month
- International Women's Day
- Stephen Lawrence Day
- Diversity Week

We are proud that they are not only having input at AMVC, but are taking their great work out into the wider community.

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Charity Events:

Hello Yellow: Tuesday 10 October 2023

On Tuesday 10 October, World Mental Health Day, Arthur Mellows Village College will be supporting the charity Young Minds by participating in #HelloYellow. This national event raises awareness of the mental health and wellbeing of young people by wearing an item of yellow clothing or an accessory. Students are invited to take part in this non-uniform event 'wear it yellow day'. Students can make a suggested donation of £1 which goes directly to the charity. As a parent / carer you can also donate through JustGiving which is simple, fast and totally secure, just click the donate button:

**DONATE**

We request that students wear clothing appropriate for College; no mini shorts / skirts, belly tops or other items of inappropriate clothing.

Wear it Pink and Macmillan Coffee Morning: Friday 20 October 2023

On 20 October Sixth Form will be supporting the 'Wear it Pink' National Event to raise funds and awareness for the charity Breast Cancer Now. More information can be found at: [Breast Cancer Now's Flagship Fundraising Campaign, Wear It Pink | Breast Cancer Now](#)

Students are invited to take part by wearing an item of pink clothing or an accessory – this is a Sixth Form only event and not a non-uniform day, Dress Code applies. Students can make a suggested donation of £1 which goes directly to the charity.

**DONATE**

As a parent / carer you can also donate through JustGiving which is simple, fast and totally secure, just click the donate button

We will also be hosting our first Sixth Form Macmillan Coffee Morning in our Sixth Form Centre at breaks, students are invited to bake something for this. All proceeds will go directly to Macmillan Cancer Support. We ask that students provide a list of ingredients with their baked goods and that those with allergies avoid items as preparation areas are not monitored.

Useful Links:

[Jeans for Genes](#)

[Young Minds](#)

[Breast Cancer Now](#)

[UCAS Tariff Points](#)

[UCAS Ultimate Guides](#)



Key Dates

SEPTEMBER

- 15.09.22 - Year 12 Photographs
- 21.09.23 - Year 12 Information Evening (for parents and carers)
- 22.09.23 - Jeans for Genes Day
- 20.09.23 - Year 13 Destinations Evening (for parents and carers)

OCTOBER

- 6.10.23 - Internal Application Deadline for Oxbridge / Medic / Dentistry / other early application courses
- 10.10.23 - Hello Yellow (whole school charity event)
- 13.10.23 - Personal Statement First Draft Deadline for all UCAS applications
- 13.10.23 - College closed for Training Day
- 19.10.23 - Careers Evening at 5.30pm at AMVC (parents and Sixth Form welcome)
- 20.10.23 - Wear it Pink Day and Macmillan Coffee Morning (Sixth Form only charity event)

LATER THIS YEAR

8.12.23 - UCAS Application Deadline (all other courses not mentioned above)

16-19 Bursary

Further information and the application form can be found on the College website.

If you have any questions, concerns or queries please contact sixthform@arthurmellows.org and a member of the Sixth Form Team will get back to you as soon as they are able to.

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