



# THE VOICE of Arthur Mellows Village College



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## Message from the Head of College

I would like to welcome all new students and parents to Arthur Mellows via this new format of The Voice which will be issued each half term to update families on what is happening in the College. Our new Year 7 students have settled well into Arthur Mellows and are adding to the life of the College.

The summer examination results headlines were extremely pleasing, well exceeding the national average. This demonstrates the quality of education provided, despite the distraction of contractors on site. Our top GCSE achievers include Rebecca Falkingham and Catherine Duerden and our top achievers for A Level include Ryan Sykes and Edward Tucker. Congratulations to all students for once again raising the bar.

Our building works continue with a large proportion of the new build being handed over later in the Autumn term. The Science Faculty will then move to new purpose built twenty-first century facilities, as will the Sixth Form and a new refectory will assist our new caterers to provide high quality food. Planned refurbishment works will then continue in a large proportion of the College. The outcome will be a College fit for purpose in the 21st Century.

If you have any comments with regards to our new format of the school newsletter please feel free to send them to me.

***M Sandeman***

## Arthur Mellows Association (AMA) Update

The AMA is currently raising funds to enhance the outdoor area of the new refectory; this initiative requires the support of pupils and parents. Everyone can do their bit, and helping need not be a huge time commitment. For instance, support can be given by providing raffle prizes, or donations for fund raising activities (specifically uniform, jewellery or online shopping).

### Want to know more?

The AMA's aim is to raise funds to purchase equipment and fund initiatives which enhance the school experience for the pupils. This is achieved by:

- **Selling refreshments** on such occasions as the drama production and carol concert
- **Holding raffles**
- **Selling second-hand uniform**
- **Online shopping**
- **Donations from parents and interested parties**
- **Mobile phone recycling**
- **Non-uniform day**
- **Quiz night**
- **Jewellery recycling (for further information contact *Debbie Beales* on 253336)**

For further information on AMA activities, please check the College website:  
[www.arthurmellows.peterborough.sch.uk](http://www.arthurmellows.peterborough.sch.uk)

**The AMA needs your support!**

# CONGRATULATIONS

## Fashion Challenge, 2008

Congratulations to **Eleanor Stanton** 11DBA who won the overall Fashion Challenge competition run by Isle College, Wisbech, in June. The theme was 'Vintage,' and Ellie designed a dress to achieve the '40s look based on photos of her Great Aunt in wartime England. She was in competition with students across 4 other counties and won £100 and had her design made and modelled by the BTEC students at their annual fashion show. We also had 3 finalists who received a certificate and goodie bags: Georgia Mumby, 11TMA, Amy Mallabar, 11BZA, and Olivia Frost, 11SCO.

Well done to all those who entered across Years 7 - 11! Watch out for next year's competition in May and AMVC's second fashion show, 'Fashion for Sue,' on Thursday 2 April in the school hall, 7.30—9.30 pm, raising money for Thorpe Hall Hospice.

**Miss Lee**

**Well Done!**



## National European Day of Languages at AMVC



On Friday 26 September we celebrated National European Day of Languages here at Arthur Mellows. The day was set up by the Council of Europe in 2001 to give people an understanding of the importance of languages and other cultures.

The day began with each tutor group having the opportunity to do a quiz all about Europe. Throughout the day many of our pupils' lessons had a more European flavour and a lot of the teachers impressed their classes as they greeted them in other languages.

In the morning, some Year 6 pupils from Northborough Primary School came to the school to do some French and German activities, which was really enjoyable.

The highlight of the day for me was organising the Café at lunchtime. With the help of some Sixth Form students and members of the Languages Department, we transformed the hall into a French-style café. The Sixth Form students dressed up as European waiters and served the younger pupils French desserts, which they thoroughly enjoyed. We had a lot of fun and there was a lovely atmosphere as many of the Sixth Form students and teachers really got into their roles as waiters, especially "Madame" Banks!

7GPE deserve a mention for their contribution to the day as they were the Tutor Group to buy the most tickets, well done! A big thank you to the Sixth Form students and staff who helped to make the day a success and to all those who supported the event. We raised about £200 which will go to the Children with Leukaemia charity.

**Mrs Cowell**

## Food News

As part of his work experience, **Chris Greenacre** in Year 11 went to the 5\* Goring Hotel in London. He carried out a variety of tasks fully experiencing what it was like to work in such a high class establishment with some of the world's leading chefs, and was offered the chance of an apprenticeship on leaving school.

Leading on from this, Chris was entered for the D and T category in the Evening Telegraph Education Awards in which he was one of three finalists out of the whole of the city. He was awarded with 'runner up'. I have been so impressed with Chris's passion for Food Technology. He has shown a huge amount of self motivation over the past year and has made an excellent start to Year 11.

Well done also to all those students who entered the East of England Food competition this year. Unfortunately we didn't get through to the final, but just for entering they received an award of £200 for the Department.

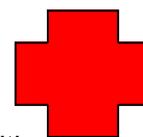
**Mrs Cavanagh**



# IMPORTANT COLLEGE NEWS

## College First Aid Provision

We would like to remind parents that we provide basic First Aid in College for illness and injury that occurs during College time only. Our First Aid personnel are unable to make a diagnosis or treat matters that occur at home ... your GP is the best person for this. Please bear this in mind when deciding to send your child to College with a possible health problem / injury as a considerable amount of time is spent contacting parents.



If your child becomes unwell during the day however, and we feel it necessary for them to go home, it is the responsibility of parents and their elected contacts to arrange collection and transport home. Would parents / carers please also bear this in mind when issuing us with contact information for your child and ensure that all named contacts have a means of transport or are willing to hire a taxi. Should any details relating to your child's contacts / medical conditions change, please let the College know as soon as possible.

The College is unable to give medication to any student unless it has been prescribed by a Doctor. All medication brought into the College is required to be kept in a locked cupboard in the Medical Room. A consent form available from the Medical Room will also need to be completed by parents / guardians. Should a student not on prescribed medication have a headache, the parent / carer may be requested to bring some into the College. Please note that unless medication requires being taken with food or is prescribed four times a day, it is not necessary for the medication to be held in College.

Your co-operation in the above would be very much appreciated.

## Reporting Your Child's Absence

Just a reminder to Parents / Carers that when you are reporting your child's absence, could you please phone the **Pupil Sick Line** on **01733 254020** on your child's first day of absence, stating:

- how long your child will be absent (if you know),
- your child's name and Tutor Group, and
- reason for absence.

Should your child be absent for further days, could you repeat this on a daily basis as required. Thank you.

## Students Leaving School

If a parent / carer wishes a student to leave school during the day, they must:

- Bring a signed letter of permission
- Show the letter to their Form Tutor and have it signed by the Form Tutor at morning registration.

Take the signed letter with them to the Medical Room in order to sign out before going to Reception.



Friday 14 November

## Children in Need

### Cruise's Travel Shop

- **12, 13, 19 and 20 November**
- **12.45 pm — 1.15 pm**
- **Venue: R1**
- **Help us raise money for Children in Need!**

If you would like to gather information on possible holiday ideas and destinations, here is an opportunity to find out more and raise money at the same time. We are running Cruise's Travel Shop on 12, 13, 19 and 20 November at lunchtime. Students can bring along their parents' ideas and have fun in the Travel Shop at the same time. Games and competitions taking place.

**Further information from Mrs Cruise in Humanities.**

**Lost Property** — We continue to be inundated with lost property. Could parents / carers please ensure that all uniform and PE kit is clearly labelled with the pupil's name. Thank you.

# KEY DATES

## TERM DATES

### AUTUMN TERM 2008

**Closes:**

Friday 19 December

### SPRING 2009

**Opens:**

Monday 5 January

**Half Term:**

16 – 20 February

**Closes:**

Friday 3 April

### SUMMER 2009

**Opens:**

Tuesday 21 April

**May Day:**

Monday 4 May

**Half Term:**

25 – 29 May

**Closes:**

Friday 17 July

## OTHER DATES

### ACADEMIC DAY

Tuesday 4 November

### AMA CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 22 November

### YEAR 13

### PARENTS' EVENING

Monday 8 December

### CHRISTMAS

### CAROL CONCERT

Wednesday 17 December

### ACADEMIC DAY — Tuesday 4 November 2008

Students will not be in College on Tuesday 4 November 2008.

Parents will have received letters with appointment times to meet with Form Tutors. At this meeting parents will receive and discuss academic data which the College is using to track student progress and set students' targets for the future.

**J Oakley**



### Calling all Year 11 students SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING Wednesday 19 November 2008

Are you energetic, highly motivated, hard working and aim to achieve your best in everything you do?

If so, come along to this evening and meet staff and students to talk about your potential to study A Levels or Applied courses

Time **7.00 pm**, presentation in the Main Hall followed by meetings with subject leaders in departments

**S Reilly**



Discover something new in you  
Join one of our courses starting from  
Monday 12 January 2009  
at Arthur Mellows Village College

- **Badminton for All** Monday 7pm – 8.30pm 11 sessions (£65)
- **Football Techniques to Keep Fit** Monday 7pm – 8.30pm: 11 sessions (£65)
- **Silver Jewellery Making for All** Monday 7pm – 9pm: 10 sessions (£104)
- **Low Impact Aerobics** Tuesday 6.30pm – 7.30pm: 11 sessions (£44)

Concessions may apply

To enrol, or to find out more,  
phone (01733) 761361, email [admin@pcae.ac.uk](mailto:admin@pcae.ac.uk) visit [www.pals.ac.uk](http://www.pals.ac.uk) or call  
into the College in Brook Street, Peterborough PE1 1TU

#### School Comms Registration

If you would like to receive this newsletter and other general school correspondence by email, complete this form and return it to the School Reception so that your email address can be registered for School Comms.

*I / we wish to register for School Comms communication*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Form Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email address: \_\_\_\_\_

