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Message from the Head of College

This bumper issue contains all the good news that the College can celebrate at this time of year. It has been an extremely busy term and all students and staff are looking forward to a well-earned rest and summer holiday!

All students have now completed external and internal examinations and the hard work is all over. The students now have the long wait until the results are announced and on behalf of the College I would like to wish everyone well and look forward to sharing in their success towards the end of August.

I would also like to say goodbye and good luck to valued colleagues who are leaving us at the end of this term. Their hard work and commitment to the College, in some cases over many years, is very much appreciated and I wish them all the best for the future.

Finally, may I take this opportunity of thanking parents for all their support over the last academic year and I look forward to starting another successful year at Arthur Mellows in September.

This term we say Goodbye to.....

- ◆ **Mr Banks**, Assistant Headteacher, who is retiring
- ◆ **Mrs Cavanagh**, Food Technology teacher, moving on to another school
- ◆ **Miss Cole**, PE teacher, moving on to another school
- ◆ **Mrs Haigh-Smith**, Science teacher, moving on to another school
- ◆ **Mr Ladak**, Maths teacher, moving on to another school
- ◆ **Miss Orviss**, RE teacher, moving on to another school
- ◆ **Mr Rogers**, Site Officer, who is retiring



ASSOCIATED BOARD MUSIC EXAM RESULTS, SPRING 2009

♪	Matthew Taylor	grade 4 cornet
♪	Joe Roberts	grade 5 trombone
♪	Kelda McKnight	grade 3 piano
♪	Tessa Snart	grade 1 piano
♪	Lucy Hallam	grade 3 flute
♪	Theo Eze	grade 5 clarinet
♪	Megan Smith	grade 4 flute
♪	Emily Huckle	grade 4 flute
♪	Daphne Bolster	grade 6 clarinet (merit)
♪	Samara McKnight	grade 6 clarinet (merit)
♪	Shannan Walker	grade 1 violin (merit)

Well done to all.

Key Dates next term

Autumn Term starts	8 September 2009
Year 7 photographs	14 September 2009
Training Day	15 October 2009
Half Term	26—30 October 2009
Academic Day	11 November 2009
Autumn Term ends	18 December 2009
Spring Term opens	4 January 2010
Half Term	15-19 February 2010
Spring Term ends	26 March 2010
Training Day	12 April 2010
Summer Term opens	13 April 2010
May Day	3 May 2010
Half Term	31 May—4 June 2010
Summer Term ends	22 July 2010

EXAM RESULTS DAYS:

GCE A Level	20 August 2009 (10.30 am—12.00 noon)
GCSE	27 August 2009 (10.30 am—12.00 noon)

Results can be collected from the Youth Centre at Arthur Mellows. If you are unable to collect your certificates, you can either leave a stamped addressed envelope so they can be posted to you or give written authorisation to a friend or relative to collect them on your behalf.



COLLEGE NEWS

Year 9 Enigma Day

On Thursday 2 July a group of Year 9 Gifted and Talented students went to the Thomas Deacon Academy for an exciting day of code-breaking and problem-solving. The day began with a talk led by a professional mathematician from Cambridge University who explained the history of codes and ciphers. It was then we got our first glance of a genuine World War 2 Enigma machine from 1936 which was used in Nazi Germany. After that, we enjoyed a session of code breaking using many different types of codes from throughout the ages. Some were quite easy to solve but some took a lot longer and really got us thinking. We also got a chance



to solve different puzzles provided by the Millenium Maths Project. Although they looked simple they actually required a lot of perseverance and hard work. Finally, we looked at Morse code and learnt a card trick that really impressed us.

The day made us look at maths in a new light and showed us there's a lot more to maths than learning formulas and equations.

By Samara McKnight, Beth Oliver, Aileen Baird

Alps trip 2009

Once again Year 10 have had the opportunity to experience geography first hand in the French and Swiss Alps. Flying for the first time meant that we were able to squeeze even more fun and fieldwork into an action packed few days (even though there was the disadvantage of leaving at 3am!). We arrived at our Hostel tired but with enough energy and enthusiasm to walk down to Evian Les Bains and enjoy a relaxing boat trip on the lake.



The next morning it was time to explore 'Gorges pont diable', where the students were impressed by the sheer power of the river and saw the impact water can have on rocks. The beautiful weather helped them appreciate this tourist attraction and meant that we were able to enjoy our packed lunches beside the river. The afternoon was a chance to cool off at a Swiss pool, and was enjoyed by all, perhaps most enthusiastically by one member of staff in particular.

Monday morning began with a tour of the Evian bottling factory and then a visit to Geneva. Again we enjoyed the sunshine and had a picnic by the lake followed by the chance for our fashion queens to hit the shops! The highlight of the afternoon was our visit to the United Nations. In spite of the challenges of finding the correct entrance and getting through security, the students were fascinated by the work that goes on there, even to the point that there was talk of career opportunities by certain individuals that had earlier wanted to skip the visit to sunbathe. Thankfully our journey home included another opportunity to cool off in the spectacular fountain on the lake, thanks to our bus driver negotiating the rush hour traffic.

In Chamonix on Wednesday we were less lucky with the weather, although the chance to go inside the ice tunnel more than made up for that. As always the scale of the Mer de Glace amazed Year 10 and the visit to the glacier really helped them understand the work they had done in class earlier in the year. The rainy afternoon was spent shopping for souvenirs and exploring Chamonix itself. Then it was back to the hostel for our final evening.



We returned to Arthur Mellows on Wednesday having had a fantastic time. Thank you to all the students who were a real credit to the school and who made this such a successful trip.

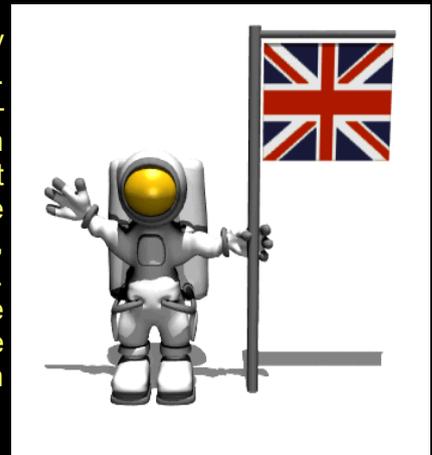
Ms Cruise

COLLEGE NEWS

Year 6 finds out what is in moonrock!

This month the Science Department has had several groups of primary students visiting their new, state-of-the-art science laboratories. Organised by Dr Edwards, and assisted by Dr Stanley-Isaac, Mrs Haigh-Smith and Year 10 Triple science students Christopher Lightfoot, Ryan Reece and Joshua Stewart, the Year 6 pupils enjoyed an activity that involved separating out the constituents of a sample of 'moonrock'. The Year 6s used a variety of separation techniques including magnetism, filtering and evaporation, ending up with some salt crystals to take away. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the Year 10 boys were an absolute credit to the College. The science roadshow is now on the move to take a circus of activities to Wittering Primary School. Watch this space for some more primary science news next year!

Dr Edwards



Media Studies: Good Schools Guide

We were pleased to receive news recently that we are included in the latest version of the Good Schools Guide for having achieved the best results for boys in Media Studies at A Level over the past 3 years for any school in the country.

Although I would like to take full credit for this national recognition, the reality is that we are blessed at the College with many outstandingly talented and dedicated students – boys **and** girls – who raise the bar every year with superb practical work and a lovely supportive ethos to share expertise to fully exploit the facilities we have on offer. As well as recognising the effort and support of our hardworking Media students, I must also thank Mr Kennedy who does a brilliant job teaching the 'boring' theoretical parts of the course while I run around with cameras doing the easy bit.

Billy Zaidi (Head of Media Studies)

Former Student Update

Our congratulations to former AMVC student **Gareth Price** – or should I say **Dr Gareth Price** – who has finally achieved his doctorate in Sociolinguistics, having stretched his studies from Falmouth to Essex to Taiwan with a stint doing voluntary work in the Sudan.

Swine Flu Virus—Notice to parents

Following the notice to parents in the last edition of The Voice, you may be aware that there has been rumour and speculation of suspected cases of Swine Flu within the school community.

I must reiterate that there is no substance to this rumour and speculation and there are currently no confirmed cases of Swine Flu to report.

The College will notify all parents should this situation change by both Schoolcomms and hard copy letter home to parents. Policy and procedures are in place in the event of an outbreak and we are constantly receiving updated advice from the Health Protection Agency, the Department of Children, Schools and Families and the Local Authority.

Health and Safety of our students remains our first priority whilst this risk remains, together with ensuring that the learning and teaching of students is maintained. Efforts will also be made to implement enhanced electronic communication with regards to teaching materials.

Mike Sandeman, Head of College

AMA Car Boot Sale

The AMA are holding a car boot here at the school on Saturday 15 August, 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm. To pre-book a stall please contact Louise on 07889 010319.



Rail Safety

You may have recently read in the Evening Telegraph that our students were praised by the Rail Safety Inspectorate after a spot-check at the Fox Covert rail crossing. They were pleased to report that the hundred or so students who regularly use the rail crossing followed the safety instructions by dismounting from their bikes and checking carefully for trains before crossing.



PE NEWS

Primary School Sports

Once again the sporting calendar for primary school events has been very busy over this academic year. There has been at least one event for every pupil in every Year Group in our 9 main feeder primary schools:

☺	Year 1	Multi-skills festival at 3 chosen primary schools
☺	Year 2	Multi-skills festival at AMVC
☺	Year 3	Virtual Athletics competition
☺	Year 4	Indoor Athletics Festival
☺	Year 5	Table-tennis Festival
☺	Year 5/6	Soke Football and Netball
☺	Year 5/6	Peterborough Football and Netball Finals
☺	Year 3/6	Soke Athletics Competition
☺	Year 5/6	Fitness sessions in our multi-gym

Each event has been well supported by schools and parents and not least our own **Sports Leaders** at AMVC. Sports Leaders have been invaluable to all the events this term, leading activities, organising equipment and youngsters, encouraging and supporting the participants in their events.

Clubs and Activities

In addition to our sports team successes the PE Department at AMVC has continued to run active clubs aimed mainly at the less sporty pupils, building their confidence in PE activities. **'Smart Moves'** and **'Look Good Feel Fit'** have been particularly popular-with trips to tobogganing, bowling, climbing and ice-skating to name but a few.



Thank You and Goodbye

A special thanks to Miss Cole, leaving this term, who will be sadly missed, especially by the 'Look Good Feel Fit' students in Year 9 and by me for running it with such enthusiasm and making it a huge success.

Mrs Griggs and Mrs Wilding

Sports Leaders Awards

The PE Department have run courses for three separate awards this year: Junior Sports Leader Award, Community Sports Leader Award and for the first time this year we offered the Higher Sports Leader Award which four of our students completed. A great achievement as this has taken up a lot of their own time, volunteering with local school and community groups, learning First Aid and organising a Peterborough city netball competition from scratch. Well done to **Catherine Driscoll, Seth Burkett, Chris Gregg and Matthew Fergusson.**



Sports Leaders in Primary Schools

A further development this year has been to take the sports leaders awards to the primary schools and introduce the **Young Leaders Award aimed at Year 5 and 6.** Peakirk cum Glinton Primary School has been the first to complete this Award and it has proved very successful and popular. A busy year, which still sees some pupils helping at primary school sports days right up until the last week of term. Thanks to all the Sports Leaders who have given their time, energy and enthusiasm so readily and been highly praised by accompanying staff.

PE NEWS

Summer Results

Once again we have had a fantastic athletics season. We had really strong squads for all Year Groups and every athlete performed brilliantly so we can boast again to be the top school in the city as we achieved top three finish for all Year Groups, winning four out of eight competitions. There were many excellent individual performances but some stood out as they won their events as follows:

Hannah Wayland in Year 8 not only won the discus but threw a new championship record. Other outstanding performances were:

Year 7 - Finish Position 3rd
Katie Hutchinson 1st in 1500m
Beth Seekings 1st in Discus
Portia Obiri-Yeboah 2nd in Shot Putt
Megan Parrett 2nd in 800 m
Molly Thompson 2nd in High Jump
And the relay team of Portia Obiri-Yeboah, Maggie Hampton, Megan Parrett and Lydia Allsopp finished 2nd.

Year 7 Boys - Finish Position 3rd
Matt Taylor 1st in Javelin
Brandon Howell 2nd in 100m
Myles Phillips 3rd in 400m
Myles Phillips 3rd in 800m
Steven Dovey 2nd in 1500m
And the relay team of Myles Phillips, George Prodrick finished 2nd

Year 8 Girls - Finish Position 2nd
Ellie Jaggard 2nd in Hurdles
Ellie Jaggard 3rd in 800m
Shannon Ruff 2nd in 1500m
Sophie Gwilliam 2nd in High Jump

Hannah Wayland 1st in Discus
Year 8 Boys - Finish Position 1st
Matt Carter 1st in 100m
Jack Yule 3rd in 200m
Matt Carter 2nd in 400m
Jack Yule 2nd in 800m
Arthur Mellows winners of relay
Jordan Bunch 1st in Triple Jump
Joe Roberts 2nd in Discus
Dan Richardson 2nd in Javelin

Year 9 Girls - Finish Position 3rd
Jay Bingham 3rd in 100m
Charlie Wing 1st in 1500m
Arthur Mellows 2nd in Relay
Holly Finding 3rd in Javelin

Year 9 Boys - Finish Position 1st
Lewis Jackson 3rd in 200m
Tom Holyoake 1st in 400m
Dustin Edwards 2nd in 400m
Tom Holyoake 1st in 800m Championship and new School Record 2.10.1
Jake Gardiner 2nd in Hurdles
Jake Gardiner 3rd in Triple Jump
James Berry 1st in Javelin

Year 10 Girls - Finish Position 1st
Amy Haines-Eynon 1st in 200m
Olivia Fricker 3rd in 800m

Sacha Mooney 4th in 800m
Amy Haines-Eynon 3rd in 1500m
Hannah Dundas 3rd in Hurdles
Arthur Mellows winners of Relay
Natalie Robinson 3rd in Long Jump
Amy Haines-Eynon 2nd, Triple Jump
Simeone Compton 1st in High Jump
Jessica Craighead 1st in Shot Putt
Simeone Compton 1st in Javelin

Year 10 Boys - Finish Position 1st
Star of Meeting Alex McNally High Jump record 1m 84cm and equalled the 100m record 11.6 secs and for good measure won the hurdles at a canter.

Alex McNally Equal First in 100m
Jacob Joyce 2nd in 200m
Alex McNally 1st in Hurdles
Arthur Mellows 2nd in Relay
Joey Obiri-Yeboah 1st in Long Jump
Jacob Joyce 1st in Triple Jump
Alex McNally 1st in High Jump
Ryan Orchard 2nd in Shot



Well done to every body who took part. It really was a pleasure to be part of the days and the PE staff were proud of everyone who took part.

Year 9 and 10 Sports Days

We held our Year 9 and 10 Sports Day and had a really good day with excellent participation levels and fun was had by all (well most). Big well done to Mrs Price's Form who won **Year 10** and made her proud. Second place went to Mr Norris!

Cricket

We had a good season this summer with two teams representing AMVC in the David Cross Trophy. U16 were runners up in their league. U14 completed several close games. The boys enjoyed the challenge and are keen to do even better next year.



COLLEGE NEWS

The AMVC Bistro Experience

On Thursday 2 July, eight Year 11 students participated in the first AMVC Bistro Experience. The aim of the evening was to provide GCSE Food Technology students with an opportunity to utilise their skills by working in the Cucina kitchen to prepare and serve food at an evening function. The students: Jamie Andrews, Charlotte Child, Claire Cooke, Dominic Edge, David Fear, Tom Gillespie, Edward Hewitt and Ryan Lenton worked alongside Cucina Unit Manager, Steve Collins to design, prepare and serve a quality three course menu to thirty guests. In initial meetings with Steve, the students selected a menu which showed not only a high understanding of how to compliment flavours and textures but also drew upon the students' knowledge of different cultures and tastes. One guest commented that: ***"It showed imagination and flair to attempt the contemporary flavours and presentation"***. Once the menu had been determined, the students attended school for two afternoons prior to the evening to prepare the ingredients (which included peeling lots of potatoes, honing their knife skills while finely slicing vegetables and organising the washing up) and ensure tasks were allocated.



On the evening itself, the students arrived promptly at 5.00 pm to begin the final preparations. Dressed in their chef whites, the atmosphere was 'buzzing'; the students worked professionally and energetically to produce three imaginative and high quality courses. Teamwork was imperative and the students worked superbly to support one another as the deadline of 7.00 pm approached. By 6.45 pm a final debriefing was held and everything was ready.

The thirty guests started to arrive and it was evident that they were looking forward to the evening. With the tables close to the kitchen, so that the students' progress could be closely observed, the guests chatted and relaxed in the refectory. At 7.15 pm the starter was served by the students and everyone tucked in enthusiastically. The initial customer courtesy check showed that so far was so good!!

"The starter was lovely; bright and refreshing. Excellent flavour, worked well with the duck"

Gaining experience of serving and engaging with customers, the students expertly delivered the remaining two courses

"The main course had traditional British food presented in a new and attractive way" and "Pudding was very refreshing and enjoyable"

Complimentary tea/coffee and home-made biscuits concluded the meal. A rapturous round of applause greeted the students when they were presented to the guests at the end of the evening and they deserved it. They had devised an imaginative menu, prepared it to the highest quality and maintained service with a smile!!



"The students did fantastically well. It was a privilege to be asked in the first place and an honour to see them all work so hard with a big smile in their face. Thanks".

The students were a pleasure to work with, a credit to the school and will hopefully remember the experience for years to come. Well done to you all.

Now, we have the next AMVC Bistro Evening to plan and look forward to with a new group of students. We hope that you will come along to experience the fabulous, high quality food that is served and enjoy a night out to remember. Look out for the date, menu and booking slip in the next edition of The Voice. We look forward to seeing you then.



*For the full menu and more information about AMVC's Bistro Experience, see the College website.

Jonathan Oakley

Sally Nash (Cucina)

Steve Collins (Cucina)

COLLEGE NEWS

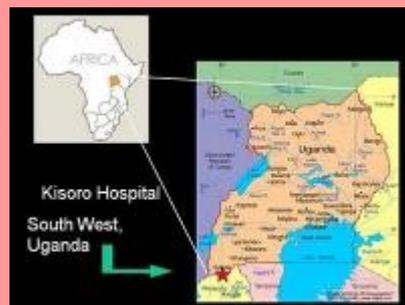
Year 7 Fund raising for Kisoro Hospital in Uganda

In the last couple of months our Year 7 students have been given the challenge of raising funds for a struggling hospital in Kisoro, Uganda.

The students used their imagination to set up and run a range of fun activities that would raise money for the hospital.



This is the children's ward in Kisoro Hospital. As you can see, there are not enough beds, and there are not enough doctors or nurses.



Fund raising last year raised £200 which paid for resources and treatment that they could not normally afford. Examples are: two patients with advanced cancer of the cervix were sent for Radiotherapy, a young boy who had a brain tumour had an operation with money provided for the post operative care and another boy was able to get treatment for Tuberculosis of the abdomen.

The initial target for this year was £250, but the running total to date is £700, with more money still to be collected! This means that so many more patients will benefit from our caring and imaginative students.

Here are examples of the range of activities that have been set up and run.

All of Year 7 took part in an inter-form penalty shoot-out. Each Form Group chose their best shooters and goal keeper and took it in turns to get the highest score. There could only be one winner, who were 7EBE!



"We did the car wash for fundraising. We made about £15 - £20. It was fun because we sometimes threw water at each other and we were against the clock." Tasha Stubbs 7SBL.

"We got everybody in our Form Group to bake or buy cakes and biscuits for a cake sale. We set up the stall and the cakes were laid out according to price and were ready for our hungry customers. As soon as the bell went all the people came rushing up to our stall. We had to work fast as the queue got large! We were really busy and raised £95." Marissa Channing-Bates, Prudence Turrall and Ellie Simpson 7MEL.



7GPE did a sponsored run round the track in fancy dress. We have also had two cake sales and have been collecting spare change from the form group.

"We did a sponsored Cross Country run in Northborough and Werrington. Between us we ran 12 miles and raised £75!" Laura Layen and Charlotte Kitching 7MEL.

"For raising money me and my 2 friends did a hairdressing stall using curlers and straighteners and also my friend did French plaits. We raised £18." Holly Fitzjohn 7SBL.



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COLLEGE NEWS

Year 7 Fund raising for Kisoro Hospital in Uganda (Continued...)

"7PFO decided to do a sponsored paper aeroplane competition. During Form Group time we went down to the Sports Hall with our paper aeroplanes that we had made and decorated to throw them. One by one we threw our planes to see how far they went. We threw them a few times and they went quite far. We collected all the money in and we had quite a lot. This and our cake sale raised over £200. We hope that our money will help towards the things that the hospital needs." Charlotte Morris 7PFO.



7JPE had sponsored Wacky races.

7EBE held a tombola of sweets and other goodies and raised £29.05. This was largely organised by Matthew Hodgson.

Jessica Standish-Leigh 7EBE organised a 'Mystery Square' game: People bought a square from a board of a hundred. People could pick their favourite Disney or Harry Potter character. The winner of the first prize was Charlie Pelan and the second and third prizes went to Steve in the Canteen and Melissa Gillespie. This raised a further £15.00.

Other fund raising events that were set up and managed:

- Another popular cake sale – AJY
- Sponsored read – 7MEL
- Video blogs – 7MEL
- Guess the number of Jellybeans – 7JPE
- Bring and buy books – 7SBL

Miss Ellis



Exam Certificates

Did you go to school at AMVC?
Did you collect your exam certificates?
We have found a lot of exam certificates dating back to 1971! If you came to school at Arthur Mellows and are not sure if you collected your certificates, then please contact me to check.

Jacky Pickering



What to look forward to in Dance next year!!

A Professional Dance Company, *LudusDance* will be working with Year 11 GCSE Dance students to create an exam piece in September. *LudusDance* will also be performing their current dance work, "ID:me" at the College!!

Dance clubs for next year (look out for details in September)

- ♪ Years 7 and 8 Dance Company
- ♪ Year 9 Dance Company
- ♪ GCSE Technique class
- ♪ Breakdance Crew rehearsals
- ♪ Boys Dance

AMVC Breakdance Crew will be competing in TruSkool 2010, the UK Schools Breakdancing Championships. If you want a chance of a place in the crew, just come along to Breakdance Crew rehearsals!!!

Miss Bugby

Calling any budding Exam Invigilators

We are looking for new members to join our team of Exam Invigilators for the next school year. If you are interested in a part time job which is fairly flexible due to the scheduling of exams, then please contact me to discuss the details.

Jacky Pickering, 01733 254091

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