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Message from the Head of College

Many students are now working hard in the final push towards external examinations. Staff are making themselves available for last minute revision sessions and I am aware that many students are taking advantage of these. I would like to wish students in Years 11, 12 and 13 all the very best for their external examinations and I look forward to celebrating with them in August; you all deserve every success. The following quotation comes to mind for those students leaving us this year

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who'll decide where to go." Dr. Seuss



I hope everyone has a good half term break and that students return, refreshed and positive for the final stretch towards the Summer break.

M Sandeman
Head of College

KEY DATES

Summer term resumes	Monday 5 June 2017
Year 8 Parents' Evening	Monday 12 June 2017
Bronze DofE Expedition Group A	Friday 16 June to Saturday 17 June 2017
Sports Day Year 8	Friday 19 June 2017
Sports Day Year 7	Tuesday 20 June 2017
Sports Day Year 9 and 10	Wednesday 21 June 2017
Sixth Form 'Prep for Employment'	Tuesday 27 June 2017
UCAS Day Sixth Form	Wednesday 28 June 2017
UCAS Evening for Parents	Wednesday 28 June 2017
Summer Concert	Thursday 29 June 2017
Year 13 Prom	Friday 30 June 2017
Sixth Form Induction	Monday 3 July and Tuesday 4 July 2017
Bronze DofE Expedition Group B	Tuesday 4 July to Wednesday 5 July 2017
Year 10 Collapsed Day	Friday 7 July 2017
Year 11 Prom	Friday 7 July 2017
Year 10 Work Experience	Monday 10 July to Thursday 20 July 2017
Choir of the Year	Monday 10 July 2017
Year 9 Collapsed Day	Friday 14 July 2017
Key Stage 3 G&T Cross Curricular Day	Monday 17 July 2017
Activities Days	Tuesday 18 July to Thursday 20 July 2017
End of Academic Year	Thursday 20 July 2017



ARRANGEMENTS FOR YEAR 11 REMINDER

From Friday 26 May, Year 11 students will be on study leave. Students will only be required to return to take their examinations. School uniform must be worn for the examinations and normal rules are to be observed whenever students are on site. (ID cards need to be brought to exams).

During study leave, any student wishing to remain on site between exams and undertaking silent revision will have the use of Refectory 2.

All students must sign in and out using the signing in sheets at Main Reception.

A copy of the revision timetable and exam timetable has been given to students, but is also published on the College website.

Locker keys must be returned before Friday 23 June 2017 and school books must be returned before the end of term.

If students are not returning to Arthur Mellows for the Sixth Form, they must clear their cashless catering account as refunds cannot be made.

The Year 11 prom takes place on Friday 7 July 2017, from 7.00 pm until midnight at the Peterborough Marriott Hotel.

Photographs can be purchased on the night.

GCSE results day is Thursday 24 August 2017 Results can be collected between 9.00 am to 11.00 am.

Everyone at Arthur Mellows wishes the Year 11 students the best of luck in their exams and for the future.

Mrs Warrington, Head of Year 11

RESULTS DAYS

A LEVEL: THURSDAY 17 AUGUST 2017
8.30 AM TO 11.00 AM
GCSE: THURSDAY 24 AUGUST 2017
9.00 AM TO 11.00 AM



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COLLEGE NEWS

“Schools Make Music” performance Thursday 30 March 2017

On Thursday 30 March 2017, we participated in the “Schools Make Music” event at Kingsgate church. We joined many other schools from the borough to participate in this huge event that really showcased the best that Peterborough has to offer in our schools.

Our school choir performed, as did our Jazz band and our BTEC Year 12 band. Our students performed amazingly, and were a real credit to AMVC.



Year 12 BTEC performance

On Wednesday 3 May 2017, our Year 12 BTEC students took part in their final “Ensemble” unit performance. They organised the whole evening themselves, and performed some of the best quality music Arthur Mellows has ever seen. The students were; **Elliot Theakstone, Keziah Hammond, Charlotte Birch-James, Beth Evans** and **Sam Coppin**. Mr Roberts and Mrs Hammond joined the students on stage at various times during the evening. We were both so proud of the students that took part.



Mrs Hammond, Head of Music

SWEAT THE TECHNIQUE 2017



On Thursday 4 May 2017, the College held its annual “Sweat The Technique” dance show with performers from Year 7 through to Year

13. There were a range of styles performed from Hip Hop to Musical Theatre, all choreographed by our dance teacher, Miss Bugby and students. These included collections of solos and group work, as well as a lot of exam performances by the Year 10 BTEC Dance class, as well as several dances from this year’s excellent school production, “Hairspray.”

It was a fantastic evening and really showed the amount of talent we have here at AMVC. However, it was slightly bittersweet for myself, Esmee Bennett, Lauren Purnell and Laura Spears as it was our last dance show at Arthur Mellows.



Having been a part of the Dance department since Year 7, we will definitely be sad to leave it behind.... However, I am sure we will be back to watch next year!

Amy Fielding, Year 13

GOVERNOR VIEW – PROPERTY

An important aspect of the Governors role is to oversee the maintenance and improvement of the school site. The school has successfully bid for various grants to support this.

Last year the old science block was opened as the McLaren Building and is now being used by Media, Art and Science. A second canteen has also been opened to accommodate students at break time and lunchtime.

Another recently completed project is the new playground for Year 7 and 8 students. This incorporates canopies giving

shelter, seating and table-tennis tables. This has proved so popular that thought was given to how the outside area could be improved for the other Year Groups

Recently the school has erected further canopies to provide shelter for older students. The student council are designing a seating arrangement for all to enjoy all-year round.

The Senior Management Team are always looking for innovative ways to improve facilities at the College and sources of grant funding to support this.

Sarah Humble, Arthur Mellows School Governor

COLLEGE NEWS



The Fenland Knights' Author, Martin Hedley visits AMVC

Children's author, Martin Hedley of 'The Fenland Knights' made a very special visit to AMVC on Wednesday, 3 May 2017 to meet with two Year 8 students: Aaron Roberts and Isobel Minnie.

Both students, when in Year 6, were asked to read the initial script of 'The Fenland Knights' and give their constructive feedback and thoughts of what could be improved in the initial draft. Both Aaron and Isobel gave some very helpful and insightful comments.



Martin then included these changes in the final draft of his novel. Martin subsequently came into the College to formally present each student with their own personalised signed copy of 'The Fenland Knights' and to thank them both formally for their very valued contributions. We are very proud of our two Year 8's: Aaron Roberts and Isobel Minnie. Well done.

Mrs Harrison, Head of Year 8

PREP FOR EMPLOYMENT

Thursday, 23 March 2017 saw Year 13 Preparation for Employment students taking part in practice employment interviews. Students had the opportunity to have a 15 minute interview with a range of employers including Perkins, Virgin Trains, Handlesbanken and the Royal Marines.



The morning was seen very much as a success from both the students' and the employers' perspectives. Students were complemented on their professional approach and the way they were able to communicate their ideas and aspirations. As a member of staff, I felt privileged to watch the enthusiasm and attitude of our Year 13 students, many clearly excited about their next step into the world of employment.

Highlights of the morning were **Ross Hemmings** being invited to Handlesbanken to shadow an employee for a week and **Jordan Martin** completing the 40 press ups when asked by the Royal Marines, even in his smart interview attire. Well done!

Mrs Street, Head of Business

NETWORKING BREAKFAST

During March, local employers came in for the morning to talk to Year 13 Preparation for Employment students about the apprenticeships they run. The networking morning gave students the opportunity to talk to employers, including the NHS, Perkins, 3AAA and Babcock International, and find out about their requirements and the sorts of apprenticeships that are available.

This was an overwhelmingly positive experience for the students, and it was lovely to have emails later that afternoon from the employers saying how professional our students had been and how interested they were in what the businesses had to offer. Well done.

Mrs Street, Head of Business



PE NEWS

Year 8 Football

What an exciting finish to the Year 8 Football, both for the boys and girls! First up were the boys **winning the coveted title of the County Cup Final** against St Ivo's with a very comfortable win of 2-0. The Year 8 boys were simply outstanding in their line of defence and attack with Shane Bointon and Joe Sandel scoring the winning goals. **Joe Sandel** was nominated 'player of the match' for his outstanding contribution to the overall game. Mr Staffieri, the boys Football manager, commended the boys for their 'great commitment and spirit' both on and off the pitch. He said it was a total 'pleasure to work with them'. Equally, a huge thank you should also go to Mr Staffieri for his own commitment to the team, dedicating his evenings to training the boys



for the matches, and driving the boys to the matches on the AMVC bus. Well done all of you for such a great sporting achievement.

Year 8 girls were also a real credit this year to

AMVC with the girls securing a place at the County Cup Football final for the second time in 2 consecutive years. The girls played St Ivo's, with the match being a very fiercely contested cup final.



It was Isabella Chaudhuri who scored an equalising goal which energised the team to work even harder against the steadfast St Ivo's. Sadly, it was not to be this year but the Year 8 girls certainly gave us a lot to be proud of.

This year has been very successful for our Year 8 girls, with them winning the Peterborough Park tournament at Nene Park, Netherton and the Area finals representing Peterborough at Nottingham. A massive well done to the girls. Furthermore Mrs Griggs and Mrs Richardson should also be acknowledged for their commitment and dedication in supporting the team, both in training and transporting the girls to the various games throughout the year. Well done to all.

Mrs Harrison, Head of Year 8

Swimming News



Arthur Mellows Village College students, Amelia Monaghan (Year 10) and Jaxon Simmons (Year 12), who swim for City of Peterborough Swimming Club, are celebrating outstanding success and international call ups.

Amelia Monaghan has received her first call up to International swimming duty after her excellent performance at the recent British Swimming Championships. Amelia was the youngest athlete to qualify for the Junior 200m breaststroke event and finished in fourth place in the final, when she competed against the best of British swimmers aged 14 to 17.

Amelia has been selected to join a British Swimming squad of 37 athletes who will compete at the LEN European Junior championships to be held in Netanya in Israel at the end of June. Talking about the selection process, British Swimming Head of Elite Development Tim Jones, who will lead the team in Israel, said: 'We think it's right to cast the net ... with the juniors who could be a significant force for us in three years' time in Tokyo'.

Jaxon Simmons has recently been competing against the best of the world's para swimmers at the British Para Swimming International meet 2017 (BPSI) at Ponds Forge in Sheffield. Over the four day competition, Jaxon competed in six events, setting three new personal best times. He qualified for one

World Final and four British Finals.

Earlier this year, Jaxon was selected to join the British Para Swimming Podium Potential Programme, which is designed to support athletes in achieving their goal of competing at the 2020 and 2024 Paralympics. Jaxon has also been selected to represent Great Britain at the Berlin World Series event to be held in July.

Harry Whiteman (Year 12) was selected to attend an Open Water Talent Camp earlier this year, following his success at the Open Water championships last year, where he qualified for the National championships by taking the gold medal in both county and regional championships. He has also qualified for the GB Open Water Elite Series 2017, where only elite youth swimmers can enter.

Harry started the medal haul for Cops in the 3km event as he qualified for the National championships by taking the gold medal in both championships with a time of 39:48.5. In the men's 800m Novice event

George Whiteman (Year 7) filled the podium taking bronze medals for Cops

Competing later this month in the Eastern Region Championships are **George Whiteman (Year 7), Harriet Salisbury (Year 7) and Eve Wright (Year 8)**, all of whom are tipped to make finals.

Emma Wouldham, HLLSA (SEN)

Faces of Cambridge Memorial Day Weekend: Saturday 27 - Sunday 28 May 2017

To mark the 75th Anniversary of the arrival of US troops to the UK during World War II. Cambridge American Cemetery, Madingley will be holding a free memorial day weekend.

Caption: Cpl Jack R
Fitter - 533 Bomb
Squadron, 381 Bomb
Group - Grave: A-2-22





Over 3 million Americans passed through Britain between 1942 and early-1946. Their different ways and strange culture changed us forever. Numerous young soldiers and civilians died supporting the war effort - many never went home.





Caption: Sgt Joseph J
Rubin - 487 Fighter
Squadron, 352 Fighter
Group - Grave: C-4-72