



## AMVC Sixth Form Bulletin October 2021

### Jeans for Genes Day: Thursday 16 September 2021



On Thursday 16 September, the Sixth Form supported the charity Jeans for Genes Day and raised an amazing **£342.16** which has been sent directly to the charity. A great effort from all of the Sixth Form and professional tutors.

### Year 12 school photos

On Friday 17 September, Tempest came into the college and took photos of all Year 12 students and any Year 13s who wanted their photo to be retaken. Students have all now been issued their photo order slips. Please follow the instructions on those slips if you want to order a photo.

### Hello Yellow for Young Minds

On Friday 8 October, we will be supporting the youth charity Young Minds by wearing an item of yellow (or a full outfit of yellow) as part of their Hello Yellow Campaign. This charity has close affiliation with the College and have supported some of our students by offering mental health support. The work they do can be found here: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>



On this day, students are invited to come to College in non-uniform but should wear an item of yellow to show support of the day and event. We will be taking small donations and will also be selling yellow ribbon pins. All proceeds will go directly to the charity, who we have supported for the last 6 years. In the next bulletin we will share photos of the day.

### UCAS 2022 Year 13

University applications are now open and students applying for courses on UCAS have now started this process with their tutors. For those students wanting to apply to Oxbridge, Veterinary Science, Medicine and Dentistry they have an application deadline of **Friday 8 October** for it to be sent to UCAS by their deadline of **15 October**. For those making a standard application, they have a personal statement deadline of October half term. All applications need to be submitted by **Friday**



**10 December** in order to be processed and sent to UCAS before the Christmas break. Predicted grades will be shared with students in due course.

### Silver and Gold cards

All students have now been issued with their silver (Year 12) and gold cards (Year 13). These cards allow students to leave site in their free periods, lunch and break. 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 8.40 am otherwise they have to report to "late gate" where a sanction will be issued.



## Car Parking Permits



Many of our Sixth Form students choose to drive and are lucky enough to have their own cars. If they choose to park on site, they need to see Mrs Jones or Mrs Barnsley to get a car parking permit. Students park on site at their own risk and we carefully monitor the safe driving and parking in and around site. Parking on site is a privilege which we will remove if any driving or parking is viewed as irresponsible.

## 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 with students. These include a reminder that:

- Skirts should be of an appropriate length (just above the knee)
- Blouses should be of a suitable material, not transparent and not in the form of a belly top
- No trainers, jeans or hoodies
- Hair colour should be of a natural shade
- Piercings should be discreet

Any student who has not adhered to the dress code will in the first instance, be spoken to by their Professional Tutor and then by a member of the pastoral team if the issue persists. You will be contacted as parents if dress code continues to be an issue and the student may be sent home to change.

## Year 12 Targets



Targets have now been issued to departments and students and will be shared with parents via school comms next week. Any questions please use the contact details below to raise your query. The targets are a benchmark for students to aim for, we have worked closely with students to explain this process and reiterated to them the message that their own personal target setting is key alongside these. We do not want to worry or create anxiety for students, but we also want to ignite their passions and aspirations. We hope that this process is a supportive one for them and you.

## Kooth Support

We have attached separately to this bulletin some support by the team Kooth who provide outstanding support for youth mental health. They are offering some parent training sessions which you may find useful.



## Black History Month

October marks Black History Month and across the Sixth Form and the College, we will be using curriculum time, the @amvcsixthform Instagram page and assemblies to celebrate the work and accomplishments of black people in the UK. As a parent you can find out more about Black History Month at this webpage: <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

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DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

### Driving Event 18 and 19 October 2021

Over the course of the 2 days Year 13 students, along with their tutors, will take part in two different workshops.

Under the Environment and Transport Team at Peterborough City Council, we will welcome in Cambridgeshire Police and Fire Departments. One

workshop is led by the police whereby students are taught about many factors of driving safely (including legal information) and get to see a real crash car, analysing what happened in the road traffic collision. The second is led by the fire service, who will be teaching students about what to do if they are ever the first to arrive at the scene of a collision. The aim of these sessions is to ensure that students are provided with vital information about safety as young drivers, and ensure that they stay safe if they are ever at the scene of a collision. This event has been running for a number of years and has been greatly received by students; informative, interesting and delivered in an engaging way. Year 12 students will take part in this in February 2022.



### Careers Fair

**“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”**

On Thursday 21 October 2021, AMVC will be hosting a Careers Fair. The Careers Fair is aimed at students in Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13. It will be held in school between 5.30pm and 7.30pm.

We have a number of local and nationwide employers attending, covering a range of industries. Other exhibitors include representatives from local colleges and universities, as well as members of our Armed

Forces. There will be an opportunity to speak to apprenticeship providers, impartial careers advisers and AMVC staff.

In past years, the Careers Fair has proved very popular with students and their parents alike. In light of Covid, we have adopted a number of safety principles for this year's event. There will be a one way system in operation in the main hall, hand sanitiser will be available and it is requested that attendees wear masks if they are able.

### Year 13 Mock Exams

Across December, Year 13 will be completing their mock exams. In the November bulletin we will provide some more details about the schedule and dates. We wanted to let you know that as a team, our priority is to support students through this process, one that they may find stressful and challenging. Across tutor time, assembly, PD and around the College, we will be focusing on supporting mental health, resilience skills and a sense of exam practice. We hope that this focus will support them to positively tackle the mock exams in December and March and then ultimately prepare them for the summer 2022 exams. We are working alongside the student committee to offer a range of wellbeing initiatives to further support them during these times. This half term, we have started to offer free tea, coffee and hot chocolate before school as a small boost to their day. If you as parents have any other suggestions, please get in touch at the email address below.



## **GCSE and A Level Results days 2022**

This week the DFE have confirmed that A Level results day will be held on Thursday 18 August and GCSE results day on Thursday 25 August. We will be running our Surgery Day which supports any issues with University places or results on Friday 26 August. More information will be shared across the year. Please make a note of these dates and it is advised that holidays are avoided at these times.

## **Part Time Jobs**



As we approach Christmas, we start to find that students begin to work more hours at their part time jobs. Please can we remind you that students should limit their hours. Ideally students should not be working any more than 8 hours a week. In our experience, students get overwhelmed, exhausted and suffer from fatigue and stress when they are trying to balance full time education alongside their studies. We offer a 16-19 bursary in the College and if the student is working many hours

because finances are tight, we would encourage you to look at the bursary in case you are eligible: <https://www.arthurmellows.peterborough.sch.uk/page/?title=Bursaries&pid=108>

## **GCSE Maths and English resit exams**

After half term, there are a number of students in the Sixth Form who have opted to resit their English and Maths GCSE. We wish them the best with this and want to express our gratitude for the efforts they have put into studying for these alongside their A Level and Vocational Qualifications. The dates are as follows:

English Language Paper 1	1 November 2021 9.00am
English Language Paper 2	3 November 2021 9.00am
Maths Paper 1	2 November 2021 9.00am
Maths Paper 2	4 November 2021 9.00am
Maths Paper 3	8 November 2021 9.00am

## **Questions and Support**

If you have any questions, concerns or queries please contact [sixthform@arthurmellows.org](mailto: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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