

AMVC Sixth Form Bulletin November



Hello Yellow for Young Minds

On Friday 8 October, we ran our annual Hello Yellow for the mental health charity Young Minds and raised an amazing £382.03. The day was a great success and the whole of the Sixth Form looked great in their items of yellow clothing.

Advance notice of charity events

Supporting the work of charities is a big part of the work we do in the Sixth Form. Currently the students are selling poppies to students in the College to support the Royal British Legion as part of the Armistice Day remembrance activities happening on Thursday 11 November.

In addition to this we also wanted to share with you other key charity days coming up which will be supported and led by the Sixth Form students and communicated with you in separate whole school communications:

- Children In Need (November)
- Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children (December)
- Elf Day for Dementia UK and Alzheimer's Society (December)



Destinations and Apprenticeships Event

On Wednesday 17 November 6.30pm-7.30pm we have the Apprenticeship Evening which will provide exciting information for students and parents/carers from a number of providers in Peterborough. Information has been shared separately about this and we hope to see you online.

Employer Showcase Year 12 and 13

Every Monday registration over the last few weeks and across November, we have organised some employer showcases where Employers and Apprenticeship providers in Peterborough have presented virtually live to our students about the opportunities within their businesses. This has been well received and has even promoted several competitive apprenticeship schemes for students to consider when they finish their studies.

Saffery Champness Earn and Learn Event: 25 November 5.00pm-7.30pm

Saffery Champness
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

We have attached a leaflet in addition to this newsletter with a wonderful opportunity from Saffery Champness about an event they are running showcasing what it is like to train and work with a firm of accountants and tax advisors. Please encourage your student to sign up if they are interested in this opportunity.

Virtual Interviews

On Thursday 18 November, Miss Stark's Preparation for Employment group in Year 13 and a number of other students will be taking part in the Mock Interview Day with some local employer and apprenticeship groups. This is a great learning opportunity for students as they prepare for their time after Sixth Form.

UCAS 2022 Year 13

Students are well under way with their applications. We have had some excellent offers coming in from Universities which has been a pleasure to see. All applications need to be submitted by **Friday 10 December** in order to be processed and sent to UCAS before the Christmas break. We run a UCAS workshop every day first break in IT9 and encourage students who need help with personal statements, their choices or the application itself to come and get some support. Ms Kavanagh and Ms Clennett process all applications on a first come, first served basis and once a student pays and sends, it only comes to them for checking.

UCAS

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 8.40am 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 and 13 Monitoring and IMPACT

At the time of writing this, Year 13 have just received their monitoring grades and Year 12 will be shared in the next few weeks. These monitoring points give you information about your student's WAG (working at grade) and their TPG (teacher predicted grade for the end of Year 13). As a team we use this information to support students through mentoring and identify any areas they may need more support. This process is called IMPACT. Your student will be placed on an IMPACT report which will identify them as:



- High IMPACT (underachieving significantly in one or more subjects and will be supported by a member of the Sixth Form Leadership Team)
- Medium and Low IMPACT (underachieving but not significantly, normally in one subject and will be supported by the Form Tutor and Subject Teachers)
- Green IMPACT (meeting their target grade in all subjects)
- Gold IMPACT (above target in their subjects)
- Super Gold IMPACT (above target significantly in one or more subjects).

This system is a positive mentoring programme and enables all students to meet their full potential. As parents, you may be contacted if your student is on High IMPACT and we want to involve you in the support we are offering them.

Year 13 Mock Exams



Across December, Year 13 will be completing their mock exams, please find below a schedule of dates and times. We want to let you know that as a team, our priority is to support students through this examination period which they may find stressful and challenging. Across tutor time, assembly, PD and around the College, we will be focusing on supporting their mental health, resilience skills and 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.

Date	Start	Length	Component Title
Mon 06 December	09:00	02:00	A2 MOCK BUSINESS STUDIES PAPER 1
Mon 06 December	09:00	02:30	A2 MOCK ENGLISH LITERATURE PAPER 2
Mon 06 December	09:00	02:00	BTEC BUSINESS Y13 PAPER 1
Mon 06 December	13:30	01:30	A2 MOCK FURTHER MATHS PAPER 1
Mon 06 December	13:30	01:30	A2 MOCK HISTORY PAPER 1
Tue 07 December	09:00	02:30	A2 MOCK ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 1
Tue 07 December	09:00	03:00	A2 MOCK PRODUCT DESIGN PAPER 1
Tue 07 December	09:00	02:00	A2 MOCK PHYSICAL EDUCATION PAPER 1
Tue 07 December	13:30	01:30	A2 MOCK CHEMISTRY PAPER 1
Tue 07 December	13:30	01:30	YR 13 OCR CAMBS TECH HEALTH & SOCIAL

Wed 08 December	09:00	02:30	A2 MOCK FRENCH PAPER 1 LISTENING READING WRITING
Wed 08 December	09:00	02:00	A2 MOCK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PAPER 1
Wed 08 December	09:00	02:00	A2 MOCK POLITICS PAPER 1
Wed 08 December	13:30	01:30	A2 MOCK TRAVEL AND TOURISM PAPER 1 TOURISM DEVEL
Thu 09 December	09:00	02:00	A2 MOCK MATHS PAPER 1
Thu 09 December	09:00	02:15	BTEC APPLIED SCIENCE
Thu 09 December	13:30	02:00	A2 MOCK ECONOMICS PAPER 1
Thu 09 December	13:30	01:00	A2 MOCK HISTORY PAPER 2
Fri 10 December	09:00	02:15	A2 MOCK BIOLOGY PAPER 1
Fri 10 December	09:00	01:45	A2 MOCK DRAMA PAPER 1
Fri 10 December	09:00	02:00	A2 MOCK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PAPER 2
Fri 10 December	09:00	02:30	A2 MOCK ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE COMBINED
Fri 10 December	13:30	01:30	A2 MOCK CHEMISTRY PAPER 2
Fri 10 December	13:30	02:00	A2 MOCK POLITICS PAPER 2
Mon 13 December	09:00	01:30	A2 MOCK FURTHER MATHS PAPER 2
Mon 13 December	09:00	02:30	A2 MOCK GEOGRAPHY PAPER 1
Mon 13 December	09:00	01:45	A2 MOCK HISTORY PAPER 3
Mon 13 December	13:30	02:00	A2 MOCK SOCIOLOGY PAPER 1
Tue 14 December	09:00	02:30	A2 MOCK ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
Tue 14 December	09:00	02:00	A2 MOCK FRENCH PAPER 2 WRITING
Tue 14 December	13:30	02:00	A2 MOCK ECONOMICS PAPER 2
Tue 14 December	13:30	01:15	A2 MOCK ENGLISH LITERATURE PAPER 1
Wed 15 December	09:00	02:30	A2 MOCK GEOGRAPHY PAPER 2
Wed 15 December	13:30	02:00	A2 MOCK PSYCHOLOGY PAPER 2
Wed 15 December	13:30	02:00	A2 MOCK MATHS PAPER 2
Thu 16 December	09:00	01:45	A2 MOCK PHYSICS PAPER 1
Thu 16 December	09:00	02:00	A2 MOCK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PAPER 3
Thu 16 December	09:00	02:00	A2 MOCK POLITICS PAPER 3
Thu 16 December	13:30	01:00	A2 MOCK SOCIOLOGY PAPER 2
Fri 17 December	09:00	02:15	A2 MOCK GEOGRAPHY PAPER 3
Fri 17 December	09:00	02:30	A2 MOCK FILM STUDIES

GCSE and A Level Results days 2022

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 shouldn't 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>

Highlight for mental health support

We have been showcasing different services where our young people can find support if they need it. We have an extensive team here in Sixth Form who work day in and day out providing pastoral care. We also work alongside charities that support young people. Some excellent work, advice, support and guidance can be found from these charities and providers as highlighted in the graphic.

Questions and support

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.

A graphic titled '24/7 & Late Night Helplines For young people' features a central illustration of a hand holding a smartphone. Surrounding this are five colored boxes, each representing a different helpline service: YoungMinds (blue), The Mix (yellow), Papyrus (green), Samaritans (pink), and CALM (light green). Each box contains the name of the service, a brief description of its offerings, and contact information. The YoungMinds box includes a '24' icon in a speech bubble. The Samaritans box includes a 'S' icon in a green circle. The CALM box includes a 'CALM' icon in a speech bubble. The background of the graphic is white with blue and yellow arrows pointing towards the helpline boxes.

Ms Emma Kavanagh Head of Sixth Form/Deputy Headteacher

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