

AMVC Sixth Form Bulletin May

Welcome to May's Sixth Form Parent Bulletin which will cover what is a very important time in the Sixth Form. April seemed to pass us by with the Easter holidays taking up most of it. It has been a very busy time across the Sixth Form with preparations for exams well under way as well as exciting developments in our team which we will cover across the bulletin this month.



General Sixth Form Updates

Citizens UK and AMVC



Since last year Arthur Mellows has been part of Citizens UK which is a national community organising group. The Peterborough group have been working on campaigns including improving safety in Peterborough; developing the mental health support services available for young people, particularly the first response service at PCH and creating a welcome group for the Afghan Refugees. AMVC has a small group of Year 12 students who have been working with Ms Kavanagh on some of these projects and recently we went leaflet dropping in the local community to support the Homes for Refugees campaign. This is an exciting campaign to try to get private landlords to

lease their homes to the LA for Afghan and Ukrainian refugees arriving to the UK. The leaflet is attached to this bulletin should you be able to support in any way. Over the coming weeks the AMVC team have been offered a house to clean and furnish for a refugee family and we hope to update on this project in the next bulletin.



Mental Health Award

AMVC have recently committed to achieving the Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools Award and have been working with our team of Student Mental Health Ambassadors on initiatives to support mental health and wellbeing within the College. This is being led by a fantastic group of Year 12s who have most recently been working on an affirmations project and assembly for the whole school.

We would love to involve the feedback of parents and carers in our work on mental health and wellbeing so if you have any suggestions, please email Ms Kavanagh directly at ekavanagh@arthurmellows.org



Young Enterprise Winners

Last week one of our wonderful Young Enterprise groups had some great success and won some fabulous awards for their business Embracelets including:

- Most meaningful logo
- Marketing award
- Their idea and being an area finalist



Well done to Grace Johnson, Tiffany Chan, Jess Gumbrell and Charlotte Aitken for their amazing work on Embracelets and also to Mrs Mitchell who has supported them through this project.

Positively You

On Thursday 21 April 2022 we had the educational organisation Positively You come into the Sixth Form and run extensive revision workshops for all of Year 12 and 13. Inspiring, motivational and helpful, the sessions helped students to understand the powers of dual coding in revision as well as exploring how memory recall can be an important tool for exam success. Students have all been given ideas and things they can do to support their revision



from this workshop. If you wanted to support them at home, the main techniques learnt were:

- Dual Coding
- Jigsaws (the word / equation / thing to remember on one post-it or bit of paper / card, the definition of it on another and it in use on another)
- Flash Cards
- Feynman Technique
- Quick fire quizzes (repeating the answer out loud)

Changes to the Sixth Form Team

As we approach this Half Term we welcome our new Sixth Form Pastoral Assistant Miss Adams, who will be supporting Year 12 students for the rest of this year.

Sadly on Friday 6 May we will say a sad goodbye to the amazing Mrs Jones who will be leaving us for QKA where she will continue to provide excellent pastoral care to young people in Peterborough. Mrs Jones has been part of our Sixth Form for many years and we will miss her so much.

Bursary

You can find information about the 16-19 Bursary here on the school website if you feel that your child may be eligible for financial support:

<https://www.arthurmellows.peterborough.sch.uk/page/?title=Bursaries&pid=108>

Year 12 Updates

Post 16 Destinations advice

Advance notice that there are many events approaching to support Year 12 on their next steps destinations advice. These include The Future Festival on Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 June 2022 where we will host a series of events, talks and exhibitions in school covering University, Apprenticeships and Employment. On Tuesday 28 June 2022 we will be hosting a Destinations Parents Evening to run through some of the questions you may have about next steps. More will follow in the next bulletin and follow up school message.

UCAS Convention 2022 Bedford University

To supplement the work we do in preparing for the next steps, we have 100 tickets booked for the annual UCAS Convention which will take place at Bedford University on **Monday 27 June 2022**. Tickets are still available if students have not already signed up.



How can you help?

If you want to begin exploring options with your child about what they may want to do next, a good place to start is the UCAS website where you can find advice and guidance on all routes available including university, apprenticeships and employment. <https://www.ucas.com/>

Year 12 Exams

Year 12 students are now well under way with their Year 12 examinations and are doing a great job. These exams give us an indication of how your child is doing in their respective subjects. You will be able to discuss the results of these exams with the subject teachers at the online Parents' Evening on Monday 27 June 2022.

For some students studying Vocational routes there are real examinations taking place in May. We have supported the students by running additional revision sessions outside of their normal lessons which they will all attend across May.

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New Sixth Form Student Committee

After a rigorous application and interview process, congratulations to all our Sixth Form students who were awarded roles in the Student Sixth Form Leadership Team. Over the coming months they will build their committees and look to put into initiatives for the coming year which includes charity, mental health and wellbeing, diversity and the environment.



Head Boy: Sam Fielding

Student Council, oversight of The Sixth Form Committee, Governor Liaison, Last Day and Open Evenings



Head Girl: Grace Pye

Student Council, oversight of The Sixth Form Committee, Governor Liaison, Prom and Open Evenings



Deputy Head Boy: James Shaw

Development of Professional Development, Charity and Volunteering Initiatives, working with and promoting Citizens UK alongside students and parents



Deputy Head Girl: Charlotte Chapman

Yearbook and Hoody oversight, Four C's MAT Liaison, development of Community / Social Initiatives across the Sixth Form



Assistant Head Boy: Arjun Singh

Development of Professional Development, development of Nutrition and Exercise Initiatives, liaison with the catering provider



Assistant Head Girl: Shaylee Neveling

Development of Professional Development, development of Diversity Initiatives, liaison with Life Skills

Year 13 Updates

Prom

The Year 13 Prom is taking place on Friday 24 June 2022 at The Marriott in Peterborough. Payment for Prom has now closed. We are looking forward to this event and excited to celebrate the Year 13's and their time at Arthur Mellows.

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Year 13 Celebration Day and Study Leave 2022

The Year 13s will have their celebration day on **Friday 13 May 2022**. On this day we will host a breakfast, sign yearbooks, issue awards and have a BBQ celebrating all that they have achieved across their time at AMVC before the formal examinations start the week after. Across 16 - 27 May 2022, students will still be in school and attending lessons but whilst the formal examinations start on Monday 16 May 2022, we will be running a bespoke timetable for students which will allow them to attend revision sessions with their teachers. Year 13 will officially finish on Friday 27 May 2022 with study leave commencing from Monday 6 June 2022 where students will only attend College for their examinations or for revision sessions.

UCAS 2022 Year 13

UCAS

UCAS has now closed for applications and students are eagerly awaiting to hear back from their offers. The whole of the Sixth Form team is on hand to support students with their decision making. If you need any support with this or have questions you are welcome

to contact the team or have a look at this page on the UCAS website which explains everything you need to know:

<https://www.ucas.com/connect/blogs/what-happens-next>

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/types-offer/replying-your-ucas-undergraduate-offers>

Student Finance 2022-2023

Student Finance is now open for applications and you can find everything you need to know about this here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/student-finance-how-youre-assessed-and-paid/student-finance-how-youre-assessed-and-paid-2022-to-2023>

Students have had a session on Student Finance with Mr Collins, Head of Year 13, and their Form Tutors and we will be providing more information about Student Finance deadlines in the months to come.

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Summer Examinations

From Monday 16 May - Friday 27 May 2022 students will have the opportunity to attend extra revision sessions with their teachers either the day of exams or the day before as an additional support for them prior to official study leave after May Half Term. Many staff are also offering lunchtime and afterschool sessions so please encourage your child to attend these.

Your child has been given a copy of their exam timetable. Should you require a copy for your own use, please email office@arthurmellows.org and we will arrange for a copy to be shared with you.

Key Dates

3 May -13 May 2022 - Year 12 Exams

6 May 2022 - MP3 for Year 13 sent home to parents

13 May 2022 - Year 13 Celebration Day

27 June 2022 - Year 12 Parents' Evening

27 June 2022 - UCAS Convention Bedford University for Year 12

28 June 2022 - Year 12 Parents' Destinations Evening

28 -29 June 2022 - Future Festival for Year 12

If you have anything else that you would like to see in the Sixth Form parent bulletin please contact us below with your suggestions.

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.

Ms Emma Kavanagh Head of Sixth Form/Deputy Headteacher

Ms Kate Clennett Head of Year 12

Mr George Collins Head of Year 13

Miss Jo Stark Assistant Head of Year 12 and Year 13