



Anthony Gell School

# NEWSLETTER

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## Diary Dates

Mon 4th Sept - INSET Day

Tues 5th Sept - Year 7, 12 & 13 only return to school

Wed 6th Sept - All years return to school

Fri 29th Sept - INSET Day

Fri 27th Oct - Break up for October Half Term

Mon 6th Nov - INSET Day

Tues 7th Nov - All years return to school

Thurs 21st Dec - Break up at 1pm for Christmas Holidays

Fri 22nd Dec - INSET Day

## Welcome from Mr Kelly

Welcome to our Summer 2023 newsletter! I hope you enjoy reading about some of things students and staff have been up to during the last few weeks here in school and further afield. Our newsletter can never include all of the enrichment activities on offer, but we very much hope that those which have made it to print give readers a glimpse into AGS, and bring back lots of good memories for all involved. I'd like to thank everyone who made all of these and lots of others possible. Education is never limited to a lesson or a classroom.

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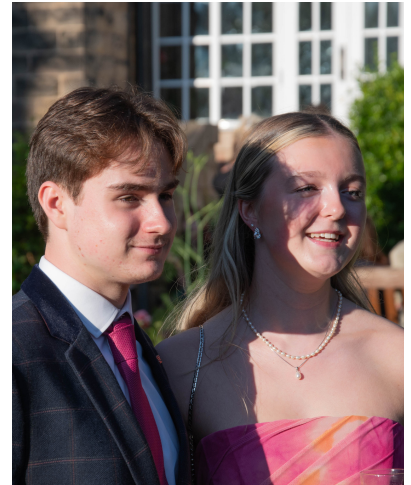
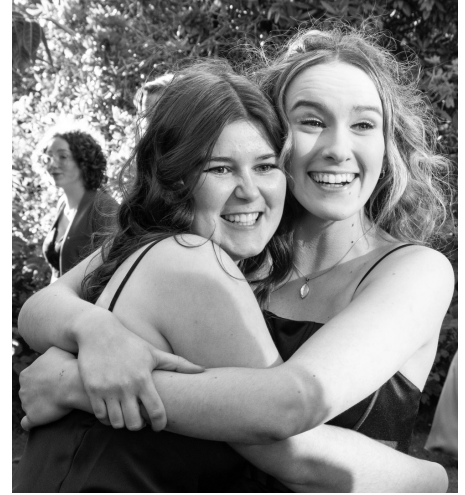


# Year 13 Prom

We welcomed our Year 13s to their prom at Makeney Hall to celebrate the end of the exams and their time at AGS. It was wonderful to catch up with students and wish them well for their futures. Makeney Hall, as always made the event a memorable evening for both students and staff to enjoy, and with an excellent mix of good food and dancing.

Good luck to all with your future plans.

*Mrs Butt,  
Sixth Form Learning  
Mentor*





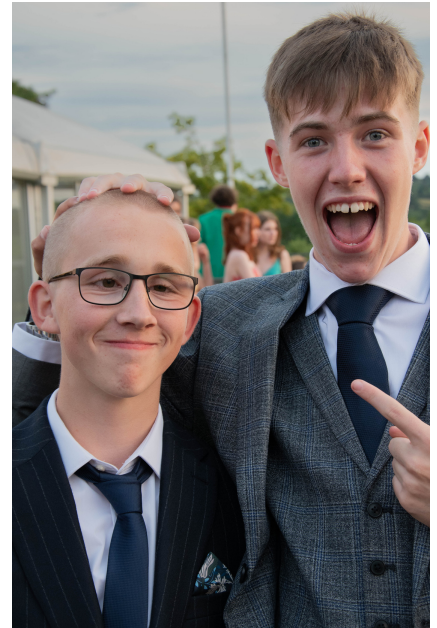




# Year 11 Prom

Over 130 Year 11 students came together at the beautiful Shottle Hall on 13th July to celebrate their achievements at Anthony Gell to date.

Students arrived in all their splendour with a wonderful array of transport modes and beautiful outfits. They were supported by an army of parents, wider family and other loved ones who turned out to share in this very special time.







The weather held out for us all evening while students enjoyed a wonderful meal, a professional photographer, and hitting the dancefloor for the traditional disco. A great time was had by all and we look forward to seeing Year 11 again when they are back in school to collect their results on 24th August.

Mrs Lowe  
Assistant Headteacher



# Darts Club at AGS

Jocky Wilson, Eric Bristow, Lisa Ashton, Phil Taylor, Michael Van Gerwen, Fallon Sherrock.....

Could one of our AGS darting stars become the next big thing?

At AGS, a group of students have taken their passion for darts to the next level. They have formed a darts club, which has quickly become a popular extracurricular activity for students.

Since its inception, the club has attracted a diverse group of students, ranging from beginners to advanced players. Members meet once a week during lunch to practice both the physical side of darts as well as their numeracy skills.

The Anthony Gell Foundation and Gell Friends have provided financial support to get the club up and throwing.

They hope that the darts club will continue to grow and provide students with an enjoyable and challenging extracurricular activity.

'One hundred and eighty, divided by three, is one dart at a time' Sid Waddell.

*Mr Baddeley*

*Director of Teaching and Learning - Maths*



# Moorways Trip

In mid-June approximately 70 young athletes from Y7, 8, 9 & 10 gathered at Moorways Stadium, Derby for the annual district championships.

The team performed with enthusiasm and recorded several notable performances including 28 second places, 13 first places and three new school records (SR).

## 1st

Y7 Boys 1500m - Joey Ashley-Hall

Y7 Boys Long Jump - Finlay Roberts

Y8 Girls 200m - Millie Green

Y9 Girls 800m - Lilia Gerrelli

Y9 Boys 800m - Jack Hudson

Y9 Boys High Jump - Kaden Marshall

Y10 Boys 200m (SR) - Jamie Varley

Y10 Boys Long Jump - Owen Young

Y10 Boys Shot Putt (SR) - Josh Poyser

Y10 Girls Shot Putt - Emily Crompton-Brown

Y9 Boys Discus - Addy Maher

Y7 Girls Javelin - Alice Lovatt

Y9 Girls 4x100m Relay - Lillia Gerelli, Luisa Artamendi-Lyon, Eva Vega-White, Ruby Matkin

## 2nd

Y9 Boys 300m (SR) - Josh Kirkman

Overall AGS finished third, narrowly missing out on second place.

Next stop AGS Sports Day - a first for Nightingale House and a first for many more due to Covid and last summer's extreme weather.

*Mr John*

*PE Teacher.*



The AGS Athletics Team at Moorways



# Well Dressing

Our theme for this year was a celebration of '100 years of Disney'.

Our Year 7 students designed the well as part of a homework competition. The winning designers this year were - Eleanor Cooper, Marnie Learmouth, Zeke Quinn, Jack Gamble and Jess Cockerill.

Students together with staff collaged the materials onto the Well over a period of a week. The money raised by the AGS Well Dressing 2023 has been sent to The Bobby Moore Fund a restricted fund of Cancer Research UK to raise money for pioneering bowel cancer research.

Special thanks goes to the staff, students and governors involved.

*Mrs Bailey*  
Art Teacher



Students from Year 7 busy creating the Well Dressing

## Year 7 & 8 Technology Projects



Year 7 students have been studying the Bauhaus and Art Deco design movements and have designed their own clocks in these styles. They drew these ideas on CAD (Computer Aided Design) and then used the laser cutter in school to create the shapes. Year 8 have been studying Sustainable Architecture and producing their own designs and models using CAD and the laser cutter.



# Liverpool Maths Challenge

The MEM (Mathematics Education on Merseyside) Liverpool Challenge is an academic competition organised annually by the Mathematics department at the University of Liverpool. This year 120 schools took part in the challenge with over 2000 students participating. Anthony Gell students participated in both the Junior Challenge (years 7 & 8) and Senior Challenge (years 9 & 10). Three students performed exceptionally well. Erin Wooliscroft was awarded best in school for the Junior Challenge and Hugh Morris was awarded best in school for the Senior Challenge. Erin and Freya Wilson were both invited to the University of Liverpool on the 16th May to receive their certificates.

The Challenges consisted of problem-solving tasks with a theme of the Ancient Egyptians below is a question from each level.

## Junior Maths Challenge Question:

The priestess at Horus' temple has to go up a flight of 5 steps each day. The high priest has decreed that she will ascend the steps one or two at a time. She wants to know if she can do this a different way each day for a week. Is it possible?

How many ways are there of ascending the steps?

The grand staircase has 13 steps. The priest wants to know if he can climb this a different way each day for a year using the same rules as the priestess. Is it possible?

How many ways are there of ascending the grand staircase?

Explain why your answer is correct.

## Senior Maths Challenge Question:

**Egyptian Fractions**

The ancient Egyptians used only unit fractions, so they would write  $\frac{3}{4}$  as  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}$ .

Find the six ways to write 1 as the sum of 4 distinct unit fractions.

Write 1 as a sum of 5 distinct unit fractions, without using  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

*Mrs Smith*  
*Maths Teacher*

# Wimbledon Trip

On Monday 3rd July, 20 students were given the opportunity to go on a residential trip to London, which included a day at the tennis. We had Court Three tickets for the day and were lucky enough to watch 4 games, which included three top 10 seeded players and a wildcard British tennis player.

The highlight for the majority of students was getting to meet Jodie Burrage after her first ever First Round win at Wimbledon.



A close second was eating strawberries and cream which were enjoyed by all.

We were lucky enough to stay until close of play for the day when the court lost light. A very enjoyable trip had by all.

*Mrs Roberts*  
*Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning - PE*



AGS students at Wimbledon



# AGS Readers



A group of keen AGS readers visited Murray Park school in Derby to celebrate the Carnegie Award on the 21st June. Ten students read the shortlisted novels and joined other schools in enjoying several activities linked to the shortlisted books and watching the award ceremony itself. It is really lovely to have students so keen to read these excellent books and the chance to engage with students from other schools is very exciting.

*Mr Flint*

*Director of Teaching and Learning - Communications Faculty*

The final UKMT Maths Challenge was held in April with the Year 7s and 8s sitting the Junior paper.

## UKMT Maths Challenge

This is a challenging set of maths questions organised by Leeds University, with schools from all over England taking part.

The students worked incredibly hard on the paper and showed high level maths, logic and problem solving skills. We had an impressive number of students achieve certificates and the maths department would like to offer huge congratulations to them all. Anya Wild in Year 8 went on to sit the follow on round, the "Junior Kangaroo", this June. To make it through to this round shows that she is a very gifted mathematician.

Junior UKMT Maths Challenge Winners 2023:

**GOLD** – Billy Rooney, Lucy Kearns, Anya Wild

**SILVER** – Olyver Gratton-Surgery, William Hambleton, Sam Haynes, Reuben Reeves, Lenny Slack, Paige Armour, Florence Brodrick, Caitlin Butler, Arthur Collis, Xanthe Delves, Neve Donnelly, Alyssia Finn, Polly Lathbury, Benjamin North, Sylvester Shakespeare, Katie Shorter, James Sweeting, and Erin Wooliscroft

**BRONZE** – Joe Ashton, Joe Croll, Erik Fischer, Corin Fyffe, Jem Galvin, Susan Griffiths, Liam Jackson, Heidi Johnston, Matthew Morton, Woody Ray, Cody Stiles, Olivia Vinal, Harriet Wiltshire, Benjamin Bowen, Wilf Fogg, Tayjun Holroyd, Mimi Lamin, Evelyn Peet, Ethan Quinn, Sophia Reed, Matthew Rogerson, Seth Veasey, Freya Wilson and Lily Woodward.

*Mrs Redshaw*  
*Maths Teacher*

## Year 10 Geography trip to Burbage Brook



On the Year 10 Geography Field Work trip, to the Peak District, we made our way to Burbage brook on the coach. We had a 10 minute walk to the site, where we took measurements of the width of the river, depth, size of rocks etc. A few of us got in the river (getting very wet and cold) which was a good experience. It helped us learn more about rivers and how they evolve over time.

*Lizz Boam*  
*Year 10 Student*



# AGS Careers Week



Years 10 and 12 have had a range of fantastic opportunities during our Careers Week 2023. Year 12 have all had the opportunity to experience the world of work through a face-to-face work experience placement. We are so grateful to the huge range of employers who have hosted these placements; if you feel you would be able to host a Year 12 work experience placement next year then please contact [jbutt@anthonygell.co.uk](mailto:jbutt@anthonygell.co.uk). Meanwhile for Year 10, we have had more than 30 visitors in school delivering careers talks and representing a huge range of jobs and careers.

Staff from the Department of Work and Pensions have also visited school to give talks about apprenticeship pathways and deliver CV workshops. Stepnell Construction delivered an employability skills workshop to the whole of Year 10 too. We also welcomed ASK apprenticeships into school to deliver a parent / carer workshop on Apprenticeships.

Year 10 students have taken part in a 'virtual work experience' this term, where they have been able to explore a huge range of career pathways that are bespoke to their own personal interests. The virtual work experience platform will be available to students and families all through next year as a support for them while they choose their next steps, and we will be in touch with parents and students with login details.

All of Year 10 had the opportunity to be taken to either a local college or a university by AGS staff, to see what their future may hold in terms of their educational next steps. We thoroughly enjoyed taking students to Derby College, the University of Nottingham and the University of Sheffield. A great careers week has been had by all and we look forward to continuing to support all of our students as they take these all important next steps.

If you feel you would be able to contribute to next year's careers week then please contact me on [klowe@anthonygell.co.uk](mailto:klowe@anthonygell.co.uk)

*Katy Lowe*  
Assistant Headteacher





# AGS Sport News

## Basketball

AGS basketball teams have completed a very successful season, with teams competing in the County Cup and the Basketball England Dynamik National Schools Competition.

Throughout the season our teams have impressed with the dedication to training, positive attitude and outstanding performances. The results in the main competitions are below:

**Year 9 - County Cup**

AGS v West Park School, Derby won 74-30

AGS v Belper School won 62-18

County final v Frederick Gent School, South Northampton - AGS Win!

**Year 9 - Basketball England Dynamik National Schools Competition**

AGS v King Edward VII School, Sheffield won 95-18

AGS v Tapton School, Sheffield won 78-42

AGS v George Spencer Academy, Nottingham won 88-20

Last 32

AGS v St Ethelberga's Collegiate, York won 82-43

Last 16

AGS v Jesmond Park Academy, Newcastle upon Tyne won 101-54

Last 8

AGS v Northampton International Academy lost 61-67

**Year 10 - County Cup**

AGS v St John Houghton School, Kirk Hallam won 62-41

AGS v West Park School, Derby won 73-34

AGS v John Port School, Etwall won 52-37

County Champions!

**Year 11 - County Cup**

AGS v Belper School won 75-50

AGS v Landau Forte, Derby won 74-54

Mr Pover  
PE Teacher

## Rugby

### U13 Derbyshire 7s Tournament

After a thrilling autumn 13-a-side festival the squad gathered once again. The first match resulted in a narrow but encouraging defeat against the eventual winners. Taking great motivation and belief from their narrow defeat, the team rallied and won their next two games handsomely, with a total of 12 tries shared amongst 9 players. The team finished in second place in their group and top try scorers out of both groups - the team to avoid in the next round! However, due to a late start, the competition progressed with the top team in each group playing in the final, sadly no semi-final or opportunity for AGS to try and reverse their earlier defeat. Well done to all who played and a special mention to Charlie Willis, who delayed celebrating his birthday with his family to be part of the team.

### U15s Derbyshire 7s Tournament

It was the first time the team played together, and the nerves and apprehension could be felt as the bus neared Derby Rugby Club. However, the apprehension, soon turned to cohesion and excitement as they entered the field of play and played for each other; tackling like machines, passing with eye of the needle accuracy, while weaving and dancing their way to the final, winning their first 3 games, losing the last of their group games, having already secured a place in the semi-finals.

Once again, the squad performed strongly in the semi-final and recorded a comfortable win. Onto the final and an encounter with pre-tournament favourites - Lady Manners. Despite having opportunities to score, AGS ended the half two tries and a conversion down. But once again showed great spirit and togetherness to score two tries in the second half leaving the outcome of the game resting on the final kick of the tournament, which unfortunately, AGS was unable to convert.

Well done to all who played in an outstanding team effort! A special thank you to Matlock Rugby Club who were kind enough to loan the school the use of their team jerseys throughout the season.

Mr John  
PE Teacher



# Art, Media and Technology Showcase

The Art, Media, Tech and Restoration Club Showcase took place in the school hall in July. The displays gave students a chance to highlight lots of the creative hard work they have been putting in over the past two years.

Work from GCSE Design and Technology included models of final projects, and the level 1 / level 2 Food Technology work was shown through photographs of the students' beautifully presented cooking projects.

GCSE and A level Art projects lined the two corridors, and as usual the work was stunning. Both GCSE and A Level Media Studies students also displayed their print and digital media work with an extremely high quality of work shown throughout.

Visitors were able to watch music videos, scroll through websites and flick through Art coursework sketchbooks, as well as walk through the corridors lined with fascinating art and technology.

Restoration club projects were also on display, featuring items from an upcycled fire extinguisher that had been turned into a lamp to beautifully restored chairs and interesting mechanical toys.

The work will all be on display again during the Art and Architecture trail in September, so if you missed it this time make sure you come along then to see it during the weekend of 9th and 10th September 2023.

Mrs Spencer  
Teacher/Mentor

