

Dear Parent

New website

You may know that we have for some time been working to create a new website for the College. It has proved a far from easy process, involving a change of designer in June after 5 months of very little progress.

I am delighted, therefore, to inform you that the new site is now live at www.sawstonvc.org. Please do visit it and take a tour of its contents. At this early stage, departments, year groups and individuals with specific responsibilities have yet to enter their information but you will find a significant amount of material already posted.

We are particularly pleased to have been able to post a variety of homework tasks for pupils in each subject and in the majority of year groups. You can find those under 'Departments'.

I am indebted to CBA Designs, Stapleford, for their hard work on the website. They have not only produced a very fresh design and a site that is very easy to update, they have also shown remarkable patience, persistence and resilience in coping with a technologically-challenged headteacher. They have my warmest thanks.

Speaking of which ... we received news last week that we had been successful in our bid to redesignate as a Technology College. This brings us close to an extra half a million pounds to support our work in our school and across our primary schools in Maths, Science and Design Technology. It also gives us access to further opportunities to expand our sphere of operation to the benefit of our pupils, more of which in a future newsletter. My thanks go to Mr Stavrou, Head of Maths, Dr Newman, Head of Science, and Mr Morris, Head of Design Technology, all of whom contributed significantly to the bid, to them and to their teams for the work they do that earns us the designation and to Mr Culpin, our Deputy Headteacher, who leads Technology College status (and is much more technologically-gifted than his boss) and wrote a very impressive bid.

I am sure you will share my pleasure that the school continues to make significant progress. Thank you for all you do to support us.

Yours sincerely