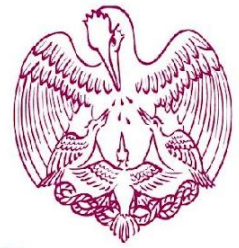


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**Sawston**  
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

## **Weekly Round-Up**

Two years ago this week, we entered our first lockdown and faced an uncertain future. Many families have endured so much since then and we are all feeling the consequences of the pandemic still. However, we can be grateful that tonight we return to West Road to celebrate our talented musicians and to marvel at the resilience, commitment and dedication of pupils and staff. Music and the arts in general, just like sport, have nourished our souls during the last two years and the sense of community and togetherness they bring will be written large in the faces of those performing tonight

### **NEW Covid Update**

Unfortunately, our staffing is still affected by the latest variant with several staff having to self-isolate. All lessons have been covered but we look forward to a time when Covid pressures relent and we can deliver everything without asking staff to have to do quite so much. We have had 34 positive pupil cases since last Saturday. Of these, 21 pupils have been in College at some point during the week and the distribution is 5 in Y7, 2 in Y8, 3 in Y9, 4 in Y10 and 7 in Y11. For information on self-isolation rules and when pupils should stay at home, please see our [website](#).

### **NEW Spring/Summer menus**

Chartwells, our catering provider, has published its new spring/summer menu which can be found [here](#). The new menu will launch after Easter.

### **REMINDER Easter vouchers for FSM pupils**

Parents whose children are in receipt of Free School Meals should receive a one-off voucher of £30 to cover the Easter holiday period. The Local Authority will send vouchers to parents' emails on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. If you have any questions please contact: [winter.support@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:winter.support@cambridgeshire.gov.uk). For information on the eligibility criteria and making an application, please click here for the most recent letter from the Cambridgeshire County Council.

### **REMINDER Year 11 Group Photograph**

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March the Year 11 group photograph will be taken during period 5. Pupils must be in full school uniform and adhere to the uniform policy which can be found [here](#).



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### **NICE TO KNOW** When the Chips Are Down

Congratulations to Year 10 pupils Izzie Allanson and Ellen Arthurs who brought When the Chips are Down to the stage in the Marven Centre this week with a dedicated cast of Year 7 actors. The play was written and directed by Izzie, while Ellen took on the task of planning and creating costumes, props and make-up. This was an ambitious project completed as part of the Gold Arts Award, and both pupils should be proud of their achievement, as should also the Year 7 cast who mastered their script and cues and performed to appreciative audiences over two nights. Well done to all!

### **NICE TO KNOW** Sporting Highlights

Congratulations to our **Year 8 Girls' Basketball Team** who replayed Chesterton in a 3 v 3 basketball tournament on Tuesday. This was their third match of the season and the improvements were vast! Chesterton are renowned for having strong basketball teams and yet our A team finished second (narrowly losing by one basket in the final), our B team finished third and our C team finished fourth. Chesterton B and C team finished fifth and sixth. Star performances came from Tyrihana Johnson and Izzie Thomas who scored the bulk of our points. Alba Garman, Ines Lao-Sirieix and Emily Green were aggressive in defence. Maisie French, Ines and Mia Diaz David distributed the ball well up the court to set up many scoring opportunities. A fantastic performance and roll on the match next week against St Bede's.

Congratulations to our **Year 7/8 Boys' Basketball Team** who won a 3 v 3 tournament against Bottisham on Wednesday afternoon. Our A team consisting of Ted Silk, Jonathan Ruitenburg and Theo Gregory won the tournament against a strong Bottisham A team 12-10 in a tense final. Our B team came third and our C team came fourth after comfortably beating Bottisham's B and C teams. Everybody defended brilliantly throughout making it very difficult for the opposition to score easy points close to the hoop. An excellent way to finish the season and the boys should be very proud of their efforts in a brand new sport this year. Well done!

Well done to the **Year 10 and 11 Boys' Basketball Team** against Bottisham Village College. The boys played a very strong team away with the match finishing with an unfortunate defeat. All boys played incredibly well and it was great to see how well they have developed as a team over the last two months. Some stand out performances consisted of Jaime Carmona Munoz who scored the bulk of Sawston's baskets including a fantastic three pointer in the early stages of the game. Both Malakai Wilson and Robbie Pearson Jones worked well together, applying continuous pressure on the team's strongest players. It was impressive how much the team had improved from their last set of fixtures. All boys should be very proud of their performance this season!

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Wishing you a relaxing and peaceful weekend,

Jonathan Russell