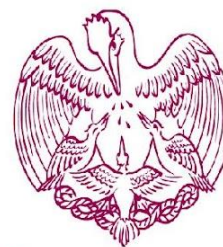


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**Sawston**  
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Weekly Round-Up**

Thank you for continued support during this busy term. Covid has been a constant and challenging presence but we have made it to the end without any closures or changes to our curriculum. Staff have worked very hard to keep things running, covering lessons and stepping in at the last minute. The collective team effort has been outstanding. Pupils have played a vital part in this: their enthusiasm, their resilience and their co-operation have made it far easier and make coming in to work a pleasure every day. We wish them and their families an enjoyable and well-deserved break. We look forward to seeing our pupils return on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April for the summer term.

### **IMPORTANT Government 'Living with Covid' Guidance**

- Testing has ended for all pupils in schools. There will be no public access to testing aside from private sector testing. Schools will not be able to order tests.
- From 1<sup>st</sup> April, anyone with a **positive COVID-19 test result** will be advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be three days. This will rely on people accessing paid tests.
- From 1<sup>st</sup> April, updated guidance will advise **people with symptoms of a respiratory infection**, including COVID-19, and a high temperature or who feel unwell, to try stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

### **NEW Covid Update**

We have had 23 positive pupil cases since last Saturday. Of these, 10 pupils have been in College at some point during the week and the distribution is 2 in Y7, 2 in Y8, 2 in Y9, 3 in Y10 and 1 in Y11.

### **NEW House Celebration**

Congratulations to our top House Point earners this term. We had the opportunity to celebrate their endeavour in a special event yesterday afternoon in the arctic blast. Pupils enjoyed a range of activities including football, tennis and of course chocolate eating. A great time was had by all, including the Heads of House, despite the threat of snow!



Artsmark  
Platinum Award  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

## **[NEW Newsletter and The Fountain](#)**

We have published our newsletter and termly pupils' magazine, The Fountain, on the school website. They can be found here: <https://www.sawstonvc.org/news-and-community/principals-newsletter>

## **[NEW Year 10 exams](#)**

Year 10 examinations will be taking place after Easter between Monday 25th April and Thursday 5th May. Pupils should use guidance given to them by their subject teachers to focus their revision, along with any revision homeworks set on Satchel. Pupils can also access lots of revision resources for each subject on the pupil drive which can be accessed by logging into their school google account and typing [pd.sawstonvc.org](https://pd.sawstonvc.org) into the address bar.

## **[NEW Year 11 Support for Examinations: Summer 2022](#)**

In order to support Year 11 pupils and their parents with the upcoming examinations for summer 2022, we have placed three resources on the examinations page of the College website. These can be accessed by going to <https://sawstonvc.org/information/examinations/> and scrolling down to a section called 'Information for Year 11 Exams 2022'. The resources have been embedded in the page below this. The resources include a short narrated exams information presentation for 2022, the pupils' exam guide booklet and a list of upcoming revision and support sessions. For more information on these please see the email from Mr Burgess sent out yesterday or watch the narrated presentation.

## **[NEW Staffing News](#)**

Yesterday, we said a fond farewell to our Adult Learning Manager, Sue King, who retires after 21 years of professional service to the College. Sue has ensured that our community values and commitment to Morris' vision of 'cradle to grave education' will long endure. We welcomed Catherine Hayes who started this week who is our new Adult Learning Manager. After Easter, we welcome Miss Waldock to our English team as Lead Practitioner. She is our permanent replacement for Mrs Harris who left at Christmas.

## **[NICE TO KNOW Sporting Highlights](#)**

Our Year 8 girls took on St Bede's in another 3 v 3 basketball tournament on Wednesday afternoon. The girls put on a tremendous display showing great progress from previous performances. Our B Team won the tournament, winning two matches and drawing their third! Izzie Thomas and Mia Diaz David scored lots of baskets and Alba Garman was a real force in defence! Our A team came third overall in the tournament, winning two of their matches. Tyrihanna Johnson the bulk of their points, with Ines Lao-Sirieix and Isabelle Jackson providing the assists. Emily Green was unrelenting in defence! It was an excellent way to finish the season, having won our last two fixtures overall! Well done girls!

Wishing you the best of holidays,

Jonathan Russell