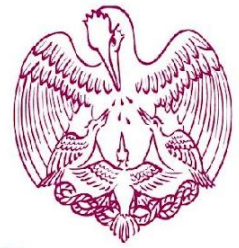


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Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round-Up

It has been a pleasure to have everybody back after the sunny Easter break. Hopefully, families were able to relax and enjoy the long weekend together. We look forward to a term less impacted by Covid as we move into the government's new 'living with Covid' phase. It absolutely hasn't gone away but we will be managing things differently as per the guidance set out below.

We have 14 school days left before the start of the summer exam series so we continue to wish our Y11 pupils the very best with their revision and this final push to achieve the best they can.

IMPORTANT Covid-19 – what to do if your child is unwell

The government's 'Living with Covid' strategy came into effect on 1st April. The full guidance can be found [here](#).

Pupils with a respiratory tract illness, including Covid-19, should stay at home until they feel well enough to return to school as long as they do not have a high temperature. Those with mild symptoms (and no temperature) may come to school.

Symptoms of a respiratory tract illness include: continuous cough; high temperature; fever or chills; loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell; shortness of breath; unexplained tiredness, lack of energy; muscle aches or pains that are not due to exercise; not wanting to eat or not feeling hungry; headache that is unusual or longer lasting than usual; sore throat, stuffy or runny nose; and diarrhoea, feeling sick or being sick.

Those testing positive for Covid-19 (although there is no requirement to test), should stay at home for 3 days after the day of the test and return as long as they do not have a high temperature.

Those living with someone who has tested positive do not need to stay at home unless they are feeling ill.



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NEW Covid-19 Update

We continue to ventilate spaces and encourage pupils and staff to wash hands regularly and use hand sanitisers. Pupils may continue to wear face coverings if they choose but are not encouraged or advised to do so. We are no longer able to supply face coverings or home testing kits. As reporting of Covid has changed, we will no longer be able to provide breakdowns of the number of pupils infected. However, we are aware of two cases in College this week. We continue to advise sensible caution, especially as we return from social mixing at Easter.

NEW GCSE Drama Year 10 Devised Performances

The Drama department is delighted to invite an audience into the Studio Theatre to watch the Year 10 actors perform their devised works on Wednesday, 11th May and Thursday, 12th May. Doors open at 6.45 pm for performances beginning at 7.00 pm and likely to finish at approximately 9.30 pm. There will be a short interval on each evening. Tickets (£3.00-£5.00) are available now from:

11 May 2022: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sawstoncinema/t-jzkxogg>

12 May 2022: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sawstoncinema/t-krockja>

NEW Staffing News

We are delighted to welcome some new permanent staff this term. Miss Emma Waldock joins us as Lead Practitioner in English, Mr Glen Starkey as Premises Manager, Dr Steve Young as Cover Supervisor, and four new Teaching Assistants: Mrs Katerina van Der Baan, Mrs Anna Konik Resende, Mrs Gemma Gonzalez and Miss Arantxa Ibanez Garcia.

REMINDER Lost Property

Please remind pupils to check lost property in reception for any items they are missing. We have a large number of unnamed jumpers, coats, PE bags and water bottles.

On Thursday next week there will also be an opportunity for pupils to view all of the lost property in the playground at lunchtime.

NICE TO KNOW Y11 History Trip

At the end of last half term, 69 Year 11s went on a 3 night residential trip to PGL Windmill Hill in Hailsham, near Hastings. Pupils visited a range of sites relevant to their Norman Conquest GCSE study including the 1066 Battle site, Pevensey Bay (where William the Conqueror landed with his invasion in 1066), the Tower of London, Canterbury Cathedral and Hastings Castle. They also got involved in some adventurous activities including archery, Jacob's Ladder and on the final evening, laser tag. Thank you to all the Year 11s for being so brilliant on the trip (we had lovely feedback from all the sites we visited) and for all the staff that came along to support.

NICE TO KNOW Art Bytes

We are currently taking part in Art Bytes, an inter-school art competition with a virtual gallery. Three works have been shortlisted from each participating school, and voting is now open to the public to find each school's winning entry for a place in the virtual exhibition scheduled for June and

a chance to be a regional or national winner. Please look at the Sawston entries shortlisted and cast a vote for your choice here: https://artbytes.co.uk/schools/sawston-village-college_96/

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Wishing you a peaceful weekend,

Jonathan Russell