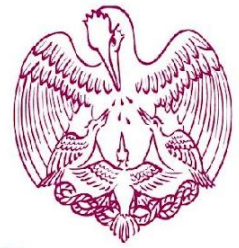


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Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round-Up

We have been really impressed with our Y10 pupils this week who have behaved impeccably in their exams and worked hard in preparation. The exams will finish next Thursday and we wish them the very best for the remaining subjects. This week has also seen a sensational performance of a new National Theatre play by our Y8 and Y9 pupils, who were highly commended by professionals when they visited Norwich's 'Garage Theatre'.

IMPORTANT End of this term – College to close on Friday 22nd July

As on previous similar occasions (e.g. the 2012 Diamond Jubilee or 2011 Royal Wedding), the DfE has amended the Education (School Day and School Year) (England) Regulations to reduce the school year 2021/22 for maintained schools to a minimum of 189 days, in order to allow schools to close that day or on another day. Where the Bank Holiday falls within the half-term holiday, as it does, schools may choose an alternative date to close the school. We have elected to close for staff and pupils on Friday 22nd July. Therefore, the last day of the term will be Thursday 21st July.

NEW ALIS for Year 7 Parents

Thank you to all of the Year 7 parents who have activated their Anglian Learning Intranet System (ALIS) account so far this week. We hope that this additional level of information is useful in supporting conversations at home about behaviour, rewards and attendance. There are still some accounts yet to be activated and we would encourage you to do so by clicking on the link sent to you by Anglian Learning earlier in the week. All being well with our Year 7 pilot, we intend to roll-out ALIS for other year groups in the coming weeks.

NEW Anglian Learning Peer Review

On Thursday 5th May, we will be visited by Mr Duncan Cooper, Anglian Learning Director of Secondary, Mrs Helena Marsh, Principal of Linton Village College, and Mr Duncan Roberts, Principal of Joyce Frankland Academy Newport, to review our curriculum. This will involve lesson observations, pupil discussion and work scrutiny.

NEW DfE 'Top Tips' for exam revision

The Government has published some tips for pupils and parents regarding revision for this year's exam series. You can find the link [here](#).



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[NEW Invigilators Wanted!](#)

We have an excellent team of 15 Invigilators who work for us. However, to meet JCQ regulations and for contingency purposes, we could really do with some more. We pay competitive rates, provide full training and will accommodate people who can only offer occasional sessions. All candidates must complete an application form, as, in line with all schools due to safeguarding, we do not accept CVs. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact our Exams Officer, amartin@sawstonvc.org.

[REMINDER Sawston Fun Run & Walk](#)

The local community will come together on Sunday 8th May in the annual Sawston Fun Run. We are hopeful that many staff and pupils will want to take part. More information can be found on the Rotary's website <https://sawstonfunrun.co.uk/>.

[NICE TO KNOW National Theatre Connections Festival](#)

On Monday, twenty SVC pupils participated in the National Theatre's Connections Festival at the Garage Theatre in Norwich. A cast of 18 year 8's and 9's, ably lit by two members of our school tech team, performed 'Remote', a play by a National Theatre writer Stef Smith. The play delivers the positive message and challenges the audience, 'you've got to care about something' and to not 'count yourself out because others are', to find 'perspective' and to try and make a difference in the world. The cast captivated the audience, including National Theatre mentors, directors and other industry executives, making them roar with laughter and shed a tear. They also performed the play this week in College and it was easy to see why so many people were impressed. We are incredibly proud of such committed and talented SVC pupils.

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Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Jonathan Russell