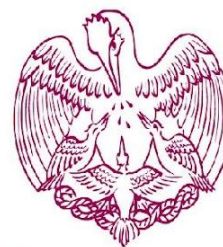


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Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round-Up

The week started with several sore legs after the fantastic Sawston Fun Run on Sunday 8th May. Organised by the Rotary Club of Cambridge Sawston, it attracted one of the highest turnouts in its thirty-six-year history. Expectations are high that over £15,000 will be generated, taking the cumulative total close to £510,000 that has been donated to local charities and organisations.

We have also enjoyed some excellent Y10 Drama devised performances this week, BTEC exams have gone well and we were delighted to receive very positive feedback from the Peer Review Day that took place last Thursday. We ended the week with more sore legs, this time several of our Y11s and staff had their legs waxed to raise money for the prom. It was good for them to let off some steam ahead of next week when the summer exam series begins in earnest – we wish them all the very best.

NEW Senate Appointments

Congratulations to all of the Year 10 pupils who applied for positions on our Pupil Senate for 2022-23. The quality and quantity of applications this year was very high and staff had an incredibly difficult job when it came to making decisions. We are very pleased to welcome Archie Meikle and Prachi Patel as our new Heads of Senate and Nick Mada and Cady Canda as Deputies.

Congratulations to all of the other new Senate members who we are sure will make a positive impact on the College. Finally, thank you to the outgoing Year 11 Senate for their outstanding work this year, especially against the backdrop of the pandemic challenges.

NEW Meningitis ACWY and DTP Vaccinations for Year 9

For any Year 9 pupils who missed their vaccinations on Wednesday 11th May, the Immunisation Team will be coming in on Thursday 19th May 2022 for the **Meningitis ACWY and DTP Vaccinations**. Communication has gone out today with the consent letter for parents which includes the E-consent link for Year 9.

Should you need to contact the Immunisation Team please use their direct number: **Cambs/Peterborough office on 01480 595047.**

The portal will close at midnight Tuesday 17th May. Please could parents/guardians check their spam for the confirmation email.



Artsmark
Platinum Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England

NEW Challenging Sexism Survey

Healthy relationships are a priority for us at Sawston Village College, and we pride ourselves on our ethos of mutual respect and equality. Sadly, however, the national campaign 'Everyone's Invited' and the Ofsted review into sexual abuse in schools has shown that many young people are subjected to unwanted, sexualised harassment from their peers. We are carrying out a detailed review of the way we address this national issue at Sawston Village College.

As part of this review, we would like to find out the extent to which parents and carers are aware of this issue affecting their children. A message was sent home today to parents and carers of pupils in Years 7-10 with a link to a survey. We would be grateful if as many as possible would take a moment to complete this. The deadline for submissions is Monday 23rd May.

NEW The Great Plastic Count

Next week Sawston Village College is taking part in The Big Plastic Count organised by Greenpeace. The Big Plastic Count is the UK's biggest ever investigation into household plastic waste. By counting your household plastic waste packaging for a week, you and your child will help tackle plastic pollution. The government is deciding targets to reduce plastic waste. With your help, The Big Plastic Count will uncover the truth about how much household plastic is recycled, presenting real evidence that will persuade the government to take action. This isn't about rating your recycling habits, so don't feel embarrassed by how much you throw away. Everyday plastic is hard to avoid. That's what we want to change. We are encouraging the whole family to take part so that you and your family are part of the solution.

The survey will take place from Monday 16th May to Sunday 22nd May. You can either:

Collect then count: Collect your plastic waste in a separate bag and count it at the end of the week using the My Tally Sheet your child brings home. Or:

Count as you throw: Count every piece of plastic package as you throw it away by tallying it up on your My Tally Sheet.

Your child has been emailed a unique link that they share with their mentor group to record the results at the end of the week as well as a top tips sheet. They have also been given a tally sheet to bring home and help keep track as the week goes on. Both of these sheets are linked [here](#) together with a Top Tips Poster for your information.

Find out more about The Big Plastic Count here: www.thebigplasticcount.com. Thank you for taking part in this important investigation!

REMINDER Year 11 Photographs

The closing date for photograph orders with free delivery to the college is Sunday 22nd May. If you need any assistance in placing an order, please contact Tempest 01736 751555 (option 3).

REMINDER Covid-19 walk-in vaccinations

Anyone eligible for vaccinations can now walk-in to any of the large-scale Covid Vaccination centres (Grafton Centre, Chesterton Indoor Bowls Centre, 7 days/week, 8.30 am – 4.00 pm). This includes 5-11-year-olds, and sessions are available at weekends and some evenings (see below details). Appointments can be booked if preferred. Local outreach sessions are also available, as well as sessions at a number of community pharmacies. Visit <https://www.thevaccinators.co.uk/> for more details.

Fully vaccinated children aged 5 and over can now get an NHS COVID Pass letter for travel. It can be requested via the NHS website or by calling 119. More info here: <http://nhs.uk/.../get-an.../get-your-nhs-covid-pass-letter/>

NICE TO KNOW Sawston Fun Run

More than 10 staff ran the event as well as 6 members of the Sports Centre team. However, no one could keep up with our super-fast pupils. Isabella Shorten (Y7) was the first female home in a brilliant time of 29 minutes 27 seconds. She was chased home by Kate Jarrett (Y8) and May Sillince (Y8). Matthew Smith (Y10) excelled again to finish as the first boy home, with Oliver Seaborn (Y7) and Harry Thomas (Y11) just behind. Impressive runs by all.

All pupils who took part should be really proud of themselves as they showed great community spirit. Thank you to all families who supported the event on such a sunny day and to members of the Sawston Youth Group Band and our very own Samba Band who created a carnival atmosphere on the High Street.

VACANCIES Anglian Leisure Sawston – Duty Manager vacancy

We are seeking an enthusiastic, committed and confident Duty Manager to be responsible for operational shifts, reporting directly to the Sports Centre Manager. The successful applicant will possess excellent standards of customer care and a positive attitude to work. You will be able to motivate staff and customers and be committed to achieving the highest standards of cleanliness, maintenance and safety, leading by example. To find out more about the role, please contact Mrs Michelle Wilson, Sports Centre Manager on mwilson@anglianlearning.org.

All our job vacancies – College and Sports Centre - can be found on our website [here](#).

COMMUNITY RLSS National Pool Lifeguard Qualification

Lifeguards benefit from varied working hours, which can easily fit around other commitments, the experience of working within a team, and the opportunity to progress within the leisure industry.

Course – 17th – 22nd July. Assessment – 23rd July (must be aged 16+ on the date of the assessment).
Cost - £250 for SVC pupils

COMMUNITY Health and Care Sector Work Academy

The Health and Care Sector Work Academy is a Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority project, run by City College Peterborough, supporting residents across Peterborough and Cambridgeshire to gain a career in health and care.

Their project helps anyone in receipt of benefit (whether employed or currently unemployed) train for the Health and Social care sector.

They offer a range of FREE flexible courses that all fit around school hours for those that have care responsibilities. They also offer bursary support with childcare, travel and caring for a dependent adult – to take away most of the barriers to training. They work with a network of employers who can guarantee you an interview on completion of your course. Full details [can be found here](#)

COMMUNITY Fostering in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

The Local Authority are keen to find safe, stable and loving homes for vulnerable children and young people.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fostering Service receives around 50 referrals every month, and are doing everything they can to provide nurturing environments for children who need help. They particularly need people who have experience of working with children, such as teachers, teaching assistants and other professionals from the education sector.

They offer carers excellent bespoke training and support and are competitive in pay against IFAs with additional tax savings

If you can provide a safe, loving environment in which a child or young person who cannot live with their birth family can flourish, please get in touch:

- Call 0800 052 0078
- Text FOSTERING to 60777
- Email fostering@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or fosteringandadoption@peterborough.gov.uk
- Visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering or www.peterborough.gov.uk/fostering
- Follow @CCCFosteringService or @PCCFostering on Facebook

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Wishing you a peaceful weekend,

Jonathan Russell