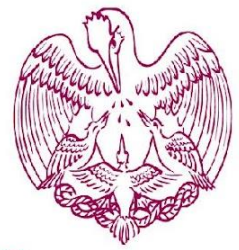


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**Sawston**  
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parent/Carers

## **Weekly Round-Up**

On Wednesday, we celebrated our Leavers' Day with Y11 pupils. It was a lovely event with Y11s in great spirits. They have now begun their formal Study Leave and we wish them all the best for the rest of the exams and look forward to further celebration at the Prom on 1<sup>st</sup> July. Over in the Marven Centre, SYD Juniors are performing 'Joseph' and, if the first night was anything to go by, all those with tickets are in for a great treat tonight and tomorrow.

### **NEW Changes after-half-term**

With Y11s having left and moving out of Covid-19 restrictions, after half-term we are returning to a single break-time from 10.50-11.10 for all pupils. The school population has grown over the last two years and is set to reach 1170 in September, so we are using this time to review the most effective way of running breaks. From 28<sup>th</sup> June, when our venues are no longer exam halls, we will return to weekly face-to-face assemblies for all year groups. Our Induction Evening on 30<sup>th</sup> July will be in person as will the inaugural hosting of our House Prize-Giving events on 5<sup>th</sup> July and 6<sup>th</sup> July. Information about future events will be sent out nearer the time.

### **NEW Platinum Jubilee**

We hope everybody enjoys the Bank Holiday celebrations next week and all the community events taking place in various local villages. We are pleased to be involved in the activities taking place in Sawston and, as part of that, will be running a one-day Jubilee Film Festival on 2<sup>nd</sup> June featuring five different films to be screened at Sawston Cinema in the Marven Centre. The programme begins with *Lady and the Tramp* (1955), then features films made by Sawston Village College working with the community, including *Projecting the Past* (the history of cinema in Sawston), *Henry Morris* (the life and legacy of the school's visionary founder) and *Journeys Intertwined* (the experiences of three men associated with Sawston during WWI). The day finishes with *The Quiet Man*, starring John Wayne. For more details on these screenings, go to: [www.sawstoncinema.org.uk](http://www.sawstoncinema.org.uk).

We hope to mark the occasion with pupils during our Activities Week. We would like to remind all parents/carers that in lieu of the Bank Holiday falling in half-term next week, the College will be closed on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. The end of the summer term will be a half-day on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July to enable us to say goodbye to departing staff and to prepare for the new academic year.



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### **NEW May half-term Newsletter**

This half-term's newsletter will be available on our website from Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May. You will be able to find it here: <https://sawstonvc.org/category/newsletter/>

### **NEW Staffing**

After 14 years' service our Teaching Assistant, Mrs Evans, is moving on to a new position. We thank her for all she has done to support so many pupils especially those with EAL and those who have found English more challenging. We wish her all the best. Our Foreign Languages Assistant comes to the end of her year with us, so muchas gracias a Terese Marquez.

### **REMINDER Parent Survey**

All parents/carers were sent a survey on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May via in-touch (email). Thank you to everyone who has completed this so far; your comments are proving helpful to plan future developments and the positive feedback has been a timely boon for staff. You still have time to share your views – the deadline is 6<sup>th</sup> June.

### **NICE TO KNOW Year 11 Leavers' Day**

Pupils enjoyed racing each other on the inflatable obstacle course, signing shirts, reading their Year books, eating hot dogs, making the most of the ice cream van (on a chilly day!) and capturing memories galore with their cameras. After a gruelling English Literature exam, it was a relaxing opportunity to say goodbye with a formal assembly featuring Zane's amazing drumming and Richard's beautiful piano playing, as well as our staff goodbye film and awards for the 'most likely to...'. Unfortunately, we were let down by our suppliers but we will be distributing hoodies as soon as they arrive, most likely after a core GCSE exam when everyone will be back in College.

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Wishing you all a fabulous half-term break

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Jonathan Russell