

19 July 2022



**Sawston**  
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

## **Weekly Round-Up**

The Commonwealth Games, Euros 2022 and The Open may be grabbing the national headlines but it was SVC pupils who aimed for sporting glory this week. Our Olympic Days are truly inclusive with participation, team work and enjoyment at their heart but they are also not without a healthy dose of House competition. The results from these celebratory three days will be added to the overall House leader board with the winning House announced next week. Well done to everyone for taking part.

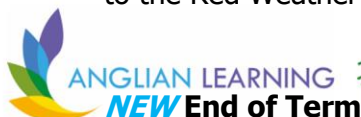
In a far darker part of the College and a world away from the athletics track, we have been delighted and horrified in equal measure by the wonderful College production of 'Sweeney Todd', a macabre tale sung with wit and passion by our talented pupils. Good luck for the final performances tonight and tomorrow. The heat and humidity added to the tension of the production in the Marven Centre but, with temperatures set to soar next week, we all need to take care so please ensure your children are fully prepared with sun cream, a hat and refillable water bottle.

## **NEW Hot weather**

Pupils may wear PE shorts until the end of the term. We are opening more indoor spaces at social times on Monday and Tuesday to provide shade for pupils. We will also manage catering queues differently to avoid pupils waiting in the heat and full sun, as far as possible. Classroom curtains, etc., will be closed and ventilation encouraged as much as possible. Pupils should bring sun hats, wear sun cream and ensure they have a refillable water bottle. Pupils should eat a good breakfast, too. Planned physical activity will be minimised. Staff will be advised to look out for signs of heat exhaustion, heat stroke and heat stress. As of 3.00 pm on Friday, schools have not been advised to close. However, should this change follow national advice, we would publicise this on the website. A further letter is attached here from the Anglian Learning Trust.

## **NEW Hunstanton Geography Trip**

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, the Geography department will be taking Year 9 pupils who have opted for GCSE Geography to Hunstanton for the day to complete some coastal fieldwork. They will be leaving at 7.45 am and returning at 5.00 pm so will not be in school all day. We wish them a safe and enjoyable day, and, hopefully, a coastal breeze! We will be advised by the Local Authority, DfE or AL Trust if any changes will need to be made due to the Red Weather Warning.



College will close on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 12.15 pm. Buses will leave the site as normal from the playground by 12.25 pm. Pupils will have normal lessons period 1 and period 2 but after break, during period 3, pupils will enjoy the annual bumper summer quiz and the final opportunity to win the House Cup. College will be closed to all pupils on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

### **NEW Start of Term**

We will send more details next week but just to confirm, College will open to Y7 and Y11 pupils only on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September and to all pupils on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. We will have staff training days on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September when the College will be closed to all pupils but reception will be open for enquiries.

### **NEW PSHE: a changed approach for 2022-3**

Following a detailed review process this academic year, we have taken the decision to change our delivery model for PSHE. In September, all pupils will have one hour of PSHE on their timetable, rather than receiving this learning through collapsed days throughout the school year. We feel that this will have many benefits for our pupils: a dedicated teacher who knows the individuals and their needs well; the opportunity to revisit material; time to assess understanding and address misconceptions and the ability to respond to issues when they arise in a timely fashion. Our new Head of PSHE, Mrs Hall, will be in touch in September with more detail around the new programme of study.

### **NEW Meningitis vaccination**

We are aware, due to COVID 19, that some Meningitis immunisations may have been missed. This vaccination is an important part of the NHS Immunisation Schedule. Please check your child's vaccination record. If your child has still not received their Meningitis ACWY & DTP Vaccination please can you email or call the NHS team to make an appointment at your nearest clinic. Tel: 01462 427008 [EastAnglia@v-uk.co.uk](mailto:EastAnglia@v-uk.co.uk)

### **NEW Cambridgeshire Holiday Voucher scheme**

The LA will be allocating two vouchers for a total of £75 (£37.50 in July and £37.50 in August) for eligible FSM families over the summer holidays. Parents/carers do not need to do anything at this stage as the vouchers will be issued automatically. More details to follow next week.

### **REMINDER Parent Survey**

The outcome of the Parent Survey will be shared next week.

### **NICE TO KNOW Olympic Days**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> saw the first of our Olympic days. Y8 pupils represented their house in a broad range of sporting activities including Archery, Paralympic activities and Trampolining, to name a few. After a day of fierce competition, Mandela topped the table with 28 Golds, 27 Silvers and 24 Bronze medals to their name but it was Da Vinci who took the lead in the points table, scoring a whopping 827 points overall. Next, it was Y9's turn. Turing pupils

were on an unstoppable winning streak, achieving 23 Gold, 13 silver and 4 bronze medals, but Da Vinci remained ahead in pole position in the overall standings. On Thursday Year 7's took to the floor and it was Earhart's time to shine; topping both the medals table and the points table. But ... there can only be one winner. Congratulations to Da Vinci House, who after three days of exceptional participation and performance, took 1st place on the medals table and the points table - Bravo! From the whole of the PE department we would also like to say a HUGE thank you to our outstanding Sports Leadership team, who worked hard all week to make this event happen.

### **COMMUNITY Summer Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme**

The [HAF Programme](#) is running between 25<sup>th</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August this summer. Eligible pupils, in receipt of income-related FSM, can attend a participating holiday scheme for up to 64 hours for free to enjoy a meal and enriching experiences with their peers. If parents who are struggling financially but are ineligible for FSM would like to book places for no charge, please contact us as we will be able to submit a form on your behalf.

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Wishing you a safe weekend,  
Jonathan Russell