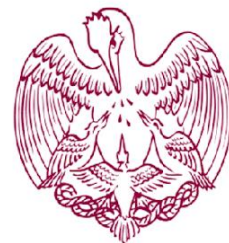


14 October 2022



Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round-Up

It's hard to believe we are at the end of our sixth week with just five more school days until the autumn break. We are looking forward to ending with a non-uniform day to show our support of the vital message that racism has no place in our society. Good luck to those on DofE this weekend and our best wishes to Year 11 as they start their revision in earnest with mock exams just around the corner.

NEW Black History Month and Show Racism the Red Card non-uniform day 21 October

During mentor time this week, staff and pupils have been marking Black History Month (BHM) with a range of activities, assemblies and thought-provoking accounts of personal experience. It has been an excellent opportunity to stop and reflect on the accomplishments of many black people throughout history and living today. The theme for BHM this year is 'Time for Change: Action not Words' and to show our support with this message we will be inviting staff and pupils to 'wear red' on a non-uniform day next Friday 21 October. Parents are asked to pay £1 via wisePAY for this day with the donations going to 'Show Racism the Red Card', an anti-racism educational charity. Their aim is to combat racism through education and enabling role models to present an anti-racist message to young people and others.

NEW Year 7 photographs

Year 7 photographs ordered from Tempest Photography have been delivered to the College. Please encourage your child to collect their order from reception at break or lunchtime.

NEW Cambridgeshire Safer Schools – Police newsletter

October's edition of the Cambridgeshire Constabulary Safer Schools Newsletter can be accessed [here](#). The subjects that are covered in this newsletter are as follows: cycle safety, the dangers of vaping, National Hate crime week and 'Clever never goes' replacing 'Stranger Danger'.

NEW FSM October Voucher Scheme

For the October half term, the Local Authority is continuing to provide vouchers for those in receipt of Free School Meals. This is an automated process as previously: each eligible pupil will receive a £15 voucher by the end of the day on 21st October. Further information is available in [this](#) letter.



NEW Youth COP 27

On Wednesday 16th November, we will be hosting a LA Youth COP 27 event to mark the crucial climate change Conference of the Parties being held in Egypt. Bringing together local secondary school pupils to discuss, debate and collaborate on environmental issues, we are looking for inspiring speakers and volunteers from our parent body who may have academic or industry expertise in this area and could spare an hour or so between 10am and 2pm on that day. Please contact lmorgan@sawstonvc.org if you could inspire the next generation.

REMINDER Rewards and Behaviour information for Parents on ALIS (Anglian Learning Intranet System)

We would like to remind all parents that you are able to see your child's house points, behaviour logs, attendance information and cashless catering balance via the Anglian Learning Information System (ALIS). We have received very positive feedback on this system from those parents who have activated their accounts. Parents who have not yet activated their accounts will receive an email from Anglian Learning on Monday 17th October inviting them to do so. If you have any queries about this system please contact alissupport@sawstonvc.org.

REMINDER Letter from the LA about winter illnesses.

Earlier today, we sent out a letter from the Local Authority Director of Public Health regarding advice Covid 19, influenza and diarrhoea and vomiting. The salient points are:

- The symptoms of COVID-19 and other respiratory infections are very similar. It is not possible to tell if your child has COVID-19, flu or another respiratory infection based on symptoms alone.
- Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can go return to College when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- If a child has a positive COVID-19 test result they should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.
- Secondary school children will be offered influenza vaccination as far as it is possible to do so, with primary schools and lower years 7, 8 and 9 prioritised, and older ages offered vaccination once an offer has been made to younger children and subject to vaccine availability. All children aged 2-17 years with long-term health conditions will be offered the flu vaccine.
- Good hand hygiene is important to stop the spread of the diarrhoea and vomiting virus. It is important to understand that alcohol gels, whilst effective for COVID-19 do not kill viruses which cause D&V and people are advised to wash their hands thoroughly using soap and water and dry them after using the toilet, before preparing food and eating.
- If your child has had symptoms of diarrhoea and/or vomiting, they should not return to College until they have been symptom-free for at least 48 hours.

NICE TO KNOW Year 7 Boys Rugby

The boys' first fixture against Bottisham was a great success, with a score of 35-15 taking them to gain their first win of the year. Strong communication and movement across the pitch allowed for many opportunities to charge through the defence of the opposition, allowing us to gain many tries. Humphrey White (4) alongside Oscar Karpuk (1) generated

strong drives through the defence of Bottisham to score themselves a handful of tries with the support of the team. Torin Jones (1) and Will Sweeting put in a series of great runs to also gain points for the team. A star performance goes to Flynn Darby for his exceptional leadership and consistent involvement in attacking and defensive plays.

NICE TO KNOW U14 Girls Football

A fantastic win from our girls against St Ivo School, which gets them into the third round of the English Schools National Cup.

A 2-1 finish with a brace of goals from Libby Unwin demonstrates the hard work and determination of the girls. With a larger pitch than their first fixture, the girls took the first 15 minutes to gain the lead with a fantastic finish from Libby. As the game progressed, the girls made strong attempts on goal, which were well defended by the opposition. Leading into the second half, the girls were quick to gain another due to a brilliant piece of play between Mia Diaz and Molly Smith which led to a deflection towards Libby, who knocked it into the net for her brace. Ines Lao-Sirieix made a series of incredible saves that prevented some excellent shots on target from St Ivo

THANK YOU Anonymous donor

The Refresh Garden Club would like to pass on their thanks to the kind and thoughtful parent who anonymously donated a lovely rose, three very useful, large pots and some smaller pots. In addition, they have also donated a wonderful selection of vegetable and flower seeds which we will enjoy planting.

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Have an enjoyable weekend,
Jonathan Russell