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Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round-Up

On a deeply sad day for the nation, we are aware that our pupils, families and community will need time to reflect on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and may feel unsettled by the news. As the nation enters a period of mourning, we will likely learn more from the Government about any implications for schools. Next week, we shall celebrate the Queen's life and service in assemblies and we will support any young person who may have questions or who needs help. It may be reassuring to know that our focus this week has very much been on establishing routines, good learning habits and tried and tested approaches that we know will benefit all our children. Our Year 7 pupils have really impressed us this week with their politeness and positivity, their respectful attitudes and their keenness to start well. It has also been delightful to welcome back everybody and to share with them our ambitions for them this year; school has felt very busy.

THANK YOU Uniform

Thank you to all parents/carers who have supported the College by ensuring their child(ren) are in correct uniform. We have provided laundered second-hand uniform and financial assistance in support of families this week and sought to resolve issues positively. Pupils have responded impressively to the call to address any breaches of the uniform code.

NEW Freshers' Fair on Tuesday 13th September

Next Tuesday lunchtime, all pupils will have an opportunity to visit stalls promoting lunchtime clubs and activities. With well over 50 clubs on offer, there is something for everyone. For Year 7 only, pupils will also be able to sign up to clubs and find out more information during period 5 when each class will be given time to explore the Freshers' Fair in full. We would really love them to get involved.

NEW Catering

Innovate, the new catering company, continue to respond to the challenges of record high volume of demand for food at break and lunchtime. Cashless catering has helped speed up the process and pupils making full use of all three catering facilities will further improve service. Any pupils (including Y10 or Y11) who still require biometric access (and have parental consent) will have an opportunity to have their fingerprint updated on the system next week.



[NEW](#) Cambridgeshire Police Safer Schools

The Safer Schools Newsletter offers helpful advice to parents on all sorts of matters, raising awareness of current criminal concerns and offering support to families. This month's [newsletter](#) covers safety tips for pedestrians and cycles, an awareness message about cannabis edibles, the risks involved and how to protect children's privacy and helping young victims and witnesses recover from trauma.

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Wishing you a peaceful weekend,

Jonathan Russell