

11 November 2022



Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round-Up

It's nice to end on a dry note after some heavy downfalls and a very, soggy site. This week, we enjoyed welcoming our new parent governor, Ms Isabel Thomas, to the second autumn meeting of our Local Governing Board. We had a celebratory visit from the Arts Council on Monday who left hugely impressed by the pupils they met. Finally, congratulations to our Year 11, most of whom have now completed their mock exams and who can now enjoy a properly relaxing weekend ahead of a shorter school week.

IMPORTANT College closed to pupils on Friday 18th November

We have a Teacher Training Day on Friday 18th November focused on assessment, exam standardisation/moderation and cyber-security. College will be closed to all pupils on that day.

NEW Anti-Bullying Week

Next week will mark Anti-Bullying Week (14th to the 18th of November) and this year's theme is 'Reach Out'. As a College, we will be learning and thinking about the impact that bullying has on people and we will take part in The Big Assembly. We will further our pledge, as pupils and staff, to create a kinder, respectful environment and we will formally launch our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors campaign.

NEW Non-Uniform day for Children in Need

Next week the pupil Senate will be organising a series of fundraising activities to raise money for Children in Need. The Sports forum will be holding a 'Beat the Goalie' event and staff vs pupils competitions. The week will culminate with a non-uniform day on Thursday 17th November; we are inviting parents to make a £1 donation via WisePay towards this excellent cause. We are also asking again this year for your 'Pennies for Pudsey' on the 17th. The Senate will collect any spare change staff and pupils are able to donate and we are hoping to make an even bigger collage out of your change.

NEW Y11 Exams

Pupil have conducted themselves admirably in the exam halls. With just Monday left and Art exams to follow, most can now take a well-earned break from intense revision. They can expect to learn of their results in the week beginning 22nd November with official notification to parents on 25th.



NEW Additional Bank Holiday, Monday 8th May 2023

In light of the announcement of His Majesty's coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023, an additional bank holiday has been announced on Monday 8 May. Sawston Village College will close on Monday 8th May 2023.

NEW Outgrown trainers and Football boots wanted

Do you have a pair of outgrown trainers or football boots which are too good to be thrown away? The PE department is looking for donations of trainers and football boots, which are in good condition to lend out to pupils in PE lessons. This loaning scheme hopes to reduce the environmental and financial impact of purchasing new boots. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the College reception to arrange drop off. Thank you.

NEW Tree Planting Tools Required

The College Eco Club has recently taken delivery of over 150 trees from the Woodland trust. Our aim is to help bring the UK closer to its 2050 carbon net-zero target by doing our part in planting these trees around the College site. We are looking to borrow post hole spades, hole post diggers or hole augers in order to help with this task. If you are able to loan the College any of these items please contact the College reception to arrange drop off. Thank you for any support you can offer.

REMINDER Year 7 Parents ARR Information Evening

On Tuesday 15 November at 6:30pm we will be hosting the 'Year 7 - Interpreting Progress Reports and Supporting Progression Evening'. The event will take place in the Henry Morris Hall and is open to parents of Year 7 pupils, but particularly relevant to new year 7 parents who may not have had experience of the College's assessment, recording and reporting (ARR) approach before. It aims to offer support and guidance for accessing and interpreting the progress reports produced by the school for your son/daughter and to understand the opportunities provided during the year to understand your child's progress. Pupils are not expected to attend this evening

REMINDER Use of Field

We do our best to keep the school playing field open for as long as possible at social times. However, there comes a point when the ground is too saturated and its use becomes less safe, damages the ground for sports fixtures and leaves a trail of mud in indoor spaces. We are monitoring this weekly but will be closing the field at break and lunch from December until March. Ball games will still be allowed on the astro-turf and tennis courts as per the rota.

NICE TO KNOW Art Exhibition, Michaelhouse Café

From 14-26 Nov, *Platform 22*, an exhibition of artwork from Anglian Learning secondary schools and sixth forms, will be up in the Michaelhouse Cafe, in Trinity Street, Cambridge. We're delighted to be taking part in this joint exhibition and also to be showing work from some of our younger pupils. If you are in central Cambridge over the duration of this exhibition, do pop in and have a look. It will be well worth a visit.

NICE TO KNOW Cambs Youth Cop27 at Sawston

We are all set to welcome over 150 people to the Cambridgeshire secondary school COP27 event we are hosting on Wednesday 16th November. We look forward to hearing from Dr

Simon Morley, our keynote speaker from the British Antarctic Survey and enabling pupils from 14 local secondary schools debate topics important to us all. Our aim is to encourage inter-school collaboration on environmental projects and connect young people.

NICE TO KNOW Remembrance Day Assemblies

The 11th November is Armistice Day, which marks the anniversary of the end of the First World War in 1918. In common with tradition, the College paused for a two-minute silence to remember those who lost their lives in time of war. In the lead up to the Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday commemorations, each year group has attended a Remembrance Assembly, which has focused this year on three former pupils of the College who were killed during the Normandy Landings of 1944. The names of Robert Chapman, Victor Froste and Alfred Mackay are all commemorated on the College's War Memorial and on the newly created British Normandy Memorial, which was unveiled in Normandy last year. The idea for the Normandy Memorial originated with the Normandy Veteran, George Batts, who died this week at the age of 97, and was in part paid for thanks to the fundraising efforts of another Normandy Veteran, Harry Billinge, who also died earlier this year. It is comforting to know that three of the College's former pupils, who fell on D-Day and during the Battle of Normandy in the summer of 1944, have their names recorded at this place of serene beauty where people will gather to remember and reflect for generations to come. If you wish to view the presentation delivered during our Remembrance Assemblies you may do so via the College website at the following link: <https://sawstonvc.org/remembrance-day-2022/>

NICE TO KNOW GIRLS UNDER 14 ENGLISH SCHOOLS CUP FIXTURE (ROUND 4)

A great result from the U14 girls, who won their fixture against Cromwell Community College in Chatteris. A 4-2 win puts them through to the fifth round of the English Schools Cup where we look to be playing against teams from the midlands in our next match. Strong performances throughout the first portion of the match kept Cromwell from creating any chances. Solid linking between Mia Diaz David and Bryony O'Connell helped to create multiple chances, giving the girls confidence in their performance. An unlucky penalty scored by Cromwell gave the girls the motivation they needed to get the ball in the back of the net, with Amaleigh Feary scoring an equaliser. Soon after, Bryony scored an amazing goal over the top of the keeper from outside of the box. Annie Sainson again contributed towards the scoresheet before Cromwell managed to scrape another goal (3-2). As the game progressed the girls maintained a classy performance and Libby Unwin managed to send the ball into the back of the net. Star performers in defence were Bella Seymour and Bea White. A fantastic winning streak so far. Well done, girls!

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Wishing you a hopeful weekend,

Jonathan Russell