

4 November 2022



Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round-Up

Y11 mock exams are in full swing and our invigilators have been very impressed by the way pupils have approached their exams. We wish the pupils the very best over the next six days as they complete what is an intense but very productive period for them. It was lovely to see so many parents at our Y10 Information Evening last night, an event that prepares parents for their children's step up to KS4.

NEW Y10 Information Evening slides

The slides from last night's presentation are available on our website. They can be found in Curriculum>Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance>Information Evenings (or use the search button 'Information Evening') and scroll down to the download 'Y10 Information Evening 2022'. It is also [here](#) for ease.

NEW Local Authority Support with Cost of Living

As winter approaches, more people will feel the impact of inflation and increasing fuel bills. The County Council's webpages on support with the cost of living ([link here](#)) provides information on accessing grants and debt advice, support on getting all the money you're entitled to and more information about the government's recent support measures. The page also contains a link for the Council's Household Support Fund ([link here](#)). This fund, which has wide eligibility criteria, provides direct financial support and a gateway to more personalised offers which are intended to provide longer-term help. It is easy to apply to the fund, details and a link to the application form are on the webpage. There is also a telephone application route for pensioners through our partners Age UK Cambridge & Peterborough on 01223 221929

The Local Authority will continue to run the Holiday voucher scheme for children during Christmas and February half term holidays. If you have difficulties accessing your vouchers, please email winter.support@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

NEW Holiday Activities and Food Programme (Christmas)

We have sent out a letter today to all eligible families on behalf of the Local Authority. The Cambridgeshire HAF Programme is next operating over the Christmas holiday period. Eligible pupils, in receipt of income-related FSM, can attend a participating holiday scheme for up to 16 hours free of charge. An EVoucher (via Wonde) will be issued on Monday 7th November direct to parents. More information can be found [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact The Cambridgeshire HAF Team: HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



REMINDER College Closed on Friday 18th November

As per the calendar, we have a Training Day on Friday 18th November. The College will be closed to all pupils. Teaching staff will be focusing on moderation, standardisation and mock exam marking as well as cyber security training.

REMINDER Children in Need Non-Uniform Day on Thursday 17th November

Our next non-uniform day is Thursday 17th November to raise money for Children in Need.

COMMUNITY Parent Hub Free Event – Navigating the Job Market

On Wednesday 9 November, from 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm at the Netherhall School, i3 Parent Hub will be hosting the National Careers Service to help show you the ways to make informed decisions about how to plan careers and identify appropriate courses.

Titled, "Navigating the Job Market", the National Careers Service will help you look at how you can find jobs, why CVs are important, give you interview skills and tips, and more. In addition, you'll also get access to 1-2-1 tailored and personalised support with a qualified careers advisor, to take your career to the next level. You can book the event and find out more information [here](#).

NICE TO KNOW Arts Council visit on Monday

Every year, the Arts Council hosts Artsmark Celebration Week to shout about the fantastic achievements of our Artsmark settings and advocate for cultural education across the curriculum. This year, the Arts Council want to celebrate the importance community plays in young people's lives, and how creativity can be used to strengthen this. As part of their celebrations, they visit schools and see first-hand the work schools are doing to provide a creative and cultural education for young people. We are proud to be hosting the Arts Council England visit on Monday next week.

NICE TO KNOW Cambs Youth COP27

Plans for the YouthCOP27 we are hosting on Wednesday 16th November are developing well. With 15 local schools registered to attend and British Antarctic Survey giving the keynote, we are looking forward to connecting the different Eco Clubs and interested parties from local schools. Those in our Eco Forum will be taking part on the day from 10 am to 2 pm.

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Wishing you a relaxing weekend,

Jonathan Russell