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**Sawston**  
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Weekly Round-Up**

Our week began with a magnificent production of Julius Caesar performed by our talented actors at Bury St Edmunds as part of the Shakespeare In Schools Festival. We came, we performed, we conquered. Well done to all those involved. We welcomed the Chancellor's announcement of further investment in schools last week but we await the detail and hope that the unfunded staff wage increases, huge energy costs and increasing pressures in SEND will be properly financed in the new settlement. Schools, such as ours, do our utmost to provide as many opportunities as possible including promoting the arts and other vital aspects of the curriculum. It would serve no-one if schools and the future of our children do not have the full investment they deserve.

### **NEW Year 11 - Mock Examination Results**

Once again, congratulations to our Year 11s for all of their application and hard work over the mock examination fortnight. Class teachers are beginning to share results with pupils during lessons. Please keep an eye out for the results letters that pupils will be bringing home next week and for the results data that will be published on [www.go4schools.com](http://www.go4schools.com)

### **NEW Online Safety**

We are aware that there has been a recent rise in concerns across schools nationally, and globally, regarding the 'internet personality' Andrew Tate - an influential person with extreme views. Pupils may come across a variety of harmful online content via online algorithms, sharing of content on social media and through popular media sparking an interest. You can access NSPCC advice about distressing online content [here](#). This article offers specific information and advice around Andrew Tate.

### **NEW Knife Crime Awareness Week**

This week we have held two assemblies, delivered by the police, on pupils' safety (Y9, Y10) to coincide with Knife Crime Awareness Week last week. We are aware that this is a particularly pertinent and sensitive issue given the tragic incident in Cambridge last week and our thoughts are with the victim's family.

ParentHub i3 held an event on county lines at The Netherhall last night, to which an invite was sent earlier this week. For those unable to attend this, who want to understand more about county lines, you may wish to watch the police video [here](#).



### **NEW Drama Trip - 'The Nutcracker' at Cambridge Junction**

Additional tickets for the Drama department's Christmas trip to Cambridge Junction on Tuesday 13 December have now been released for purchase in the WisePay Shop. Tickets reserved for GCSE Drama pupils are also available in the WisePay Shop.

### **NICE TO KNOW U16 Mixed Hockey Match**

Sawston College U16 Mixed Hockey team played against Netherhall school in a very intense and close match on Wednesday. The skills and decision making from members of both teams were impressive. Our Player of the Match goes to Josca Brown who showed brilliant control over the ball and was able to break down Netherhall's defence and play the ball on to our forwards. In the first quarter our goal was scored by Ben Journeaux, who had brilliant speed and determination in the D to beat his defence and find the back of the net. After a hard fought second half the final score was 2-1 to Netherhall.

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Wishing you an enjoyable weekend,

Jonathan Russell

Principal