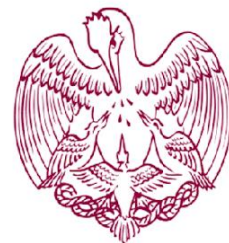


20 January 2023



**Sawston**  
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

## **Weekly Round Up**

Our Year 9s completed their core exams this week, the first formal exam series that most of them will have sat. Their behaviour in the exam halls was exemplary. Hopefully, the results will reflect their efforts and offer them useful feedback on how to make further progress. Also this week, we learnt of the NEU's intention to strike over four days this Spring term, with industrial action starting on February 1<sup>st</sup>. We will give parents advance notice if there is a need for closure or partial closure of the College, read more below.

### **NEW Industrial Action by the National Education Union.**

The NEU is one of a number of education unions but they are the only union currently planning industrial action. Employees are not obliged to inform management of their union membership nor their intention to strike. However, we do have members of the NEU in the College. We will take all reasonable steps to open for as many pupils as possible during the strike, but some disruption is likely on the following planned dates:

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Safeguarding is a key consideration in any decision to close or partially close. We will inform parents next week of our plans for February 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **NEW Staff absence**

Unfortunately, some of our teaching staff are absent this half-term. We are doing our best to minimise any disruption to pupils' learning and we have made some timetabling changes and prioritised exam groups where it has been necessary to do so. Following complications, our English teacher Miss Tuckwood is in hospital. She is receiving expert care and is in safe hands. She sends her best wishes to her pupils and looks forward to seeing her Y11 pupils on results day. Ms Page, Science, is recovering from surgery and Mrs Lloyd, Science, is on compassionate leave and set to return after half-term. We send all of them our very best wishes.

### **NEW FSM vouchers**

The LA will be closing the Christmas Voucher Scheme and cancelling any unclaimed vouchers from 1pm on the 27<sup>th</sup> January. After this time, they will not be able to reinstate any vouchers. In an email sent to all eligible parents, they have reminded parents to claim their voucher before this date.



**[REMINDER Rewards and Behaviour information for Parents on ALIS \(Anglian Learning Intranet System\)](#)**

We would like to remind you that all parents are able to see their child's house points, behaviour logs, attendance information and cashless catering balance via the Anglian Learning Information System (ALIS). Parents who have not yet activated their accounts will receive an email from Anglian Learning on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January inviting them to do so. If you have any queries about this system please contact [alissupport@sawstonvc.org](mailto:alissupport@sawstonvc.org).

**[COMMUNITY Sawston Bypass roadworks](#)**

According to the Cambridgeshire County Council roadworks and traffic information, there are scheduled to be roadworks and a potential road closure on the Sawston bypass between 23<sup>rd</sup> January and 3<sup>rd</sup> February. The exact nature of the roadworks and the potential impact is unclear at this point. The roadworks would appear to be in place between the turn off from the bypass onto London Road and the turn off to Mill Lane so it seems that traffic should still be able to access the village from both ends but may not be able to travel along the bypass. This is likely to lead to potential delays so it may be worth taking this into account if you travel to College along that route.

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Wishing you a pleasant weekend,

Jonathan Russell