

17 March 2023

**Sawston**
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round-Up

Our Geographers enjoyed their field trip to Hunstanton today and were able to reflect on that coastline's erosional processes which have been so much in the news in recent days. Closer to home, we enjoyed the events of Comic Relief and raising money for such an important cause; thank you to everyone who donated. Our Y7s were awed by the Brass Funkeys' performance today, an energetic and charismatic group who, hopefully, will inspire some terrific Arts Award reviews. Drama pupils have also been wowing audiences (and, the exam moderator) with their polished performances, so many congratulations to them. Also, our Y11 Food classes have been cooking up a treat with some stunning GCSE exam dishes; we hope the lucky families have enjoyed tasting their endeavours!

It has been a lovely end to a difficult week in which we made every effort to open to as many pupils during the disruption and appreciate the support that we have had. Finally, we were delighted to feature in the Sunday Times Top 10 list of best state schools in the UK without a sixth form, something picked up this week by the [Cambridge News](#). That's a testament to the hard work of our pupils and staff and our unstinting determination to keep on improving, building on successes and being learners ourselves.

NEW Year 9 Diphtheria/Tetanus/Polio (DTP) and Meningitis ACWY Vaccinations

The Community & School Aged Immunisation Service will be visiting next Thursday, 23 March. If you wish to consent to your child's immunisation and you have not already done so, please complete the consent form using the link <https://imms.hct.nhs.uk/dtp/2022/cambsandpeterborough>.

NEW Year 11 letter

Year 11 pupils have received their additional mock result letter in mentor time today.

NEW Catering costs increase after Easter

Earlier this week we sent a letter from our catering contractors, Innovate. Unfortunately, due to inflationary pressures that show no sign of abating, they are having to raise their prices after Easter. However, they have committed to keeping the meal deal price the same which includes their most nutritional offer and the best value offer for all FSM pupils. If you think you may be eligible for FSM, we would encourage you to apply. Further information can be found [here](#).



NICE TO KNOW Peer Mentor Training

Following an application process, our first cohort of Year 10 Peer Mentors has started their training programme. The aim of this role is for pupils to have someone to talk to who is close to their own age. Our Peer Mentors will work with younger pupils to provide a listening ear and offer advice where they can. We look forward to hearing about the work carried out by this impressive group of young people in the future.

NICE TO KNOW College recognised with Wellbeing Badge

We are delighted to learn that we have been awarded the Diana Award Wellbeing Badge. This is a great achievement for our team and recognises the hard work of our pupils and staff trying to make SVC a safer place for all. We have been awarded the Anti-Bullying Ambassador Wellbeing Badge because we have shown:

- a commitment to building pupils' knowledge of bullying behaviour by celebrating Anti-Bullying Week through a range of fun events;
- our dedication to get the whole school involved with anti-bullying work by writing, creating, and promoting an Anti-Bullying Pledge;
- our creativity by running a successful Feel-Good Friday event during the annual Christmas Market, focusing on positivity and togetherness;
- our commitment to showing support and gratitude to staff members by organising a kindness note campaign;
- our dedication to celebrating positive friendships by running a Valentine's Day themed Feel Good Friday event for the entire school.

NICE TO KNOW: Year 10 Netball Tournament

On Tuesday, we took two teams to the Year 10 District Netball Tournament and battled through all four seasons in one afternoon. Both teams did Sawston Village College proud as they showed true sportsmanship when supporting each other and the other teams too.

Our B team quickly adjusted to the pace and power of their opponents and united quickly as a team. Interceptions of our opponents' passes were made continuously by our POMs Joanna Siddle and Matilda Trigg, which allowed progressions to be made towards the goal third. Well done all, your resilience was powerful.

A huge congratulations to the A team, who were just one GD point away from making the semi-finals. They only lost one out of their six games, which highlighted their true tenacity and grit. Our POM goes to Abigail Pearce for her effortless (and near 100% success rate) shooting and a special mention to Sunny Brown who made impressive runs into space, outwitting her marker.

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Wishing you a joyful weekend,

Jonathan Russell