JRU/KEL

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Sawston Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope everyone is looking forward to the first of two long weekends. We've had a disrupted week due to industrial action and, regretfully, this is set to continue next week; we only hope that the DfE and the unions will settle this dispute so that pupils can enjoy the education they deserve. Fortunately, all Y11 lessons were able to run as normal yesterday and similar provision is set for Tuesday. Congratulations to our Art GCSE pupils who completed their exam this week and good luck to all our senior pupils for the coming weeks – we trust revision is going well but please do contact us if you are concerned that your child is struggling to get started or needs further support. Well done, too, to our Y10s for their behaviour and attitude in their exams.

IMPORTANT Industrial Action, Tuesday 2nd May

As you will know, due to the on-going dispute between the NEU and government, there is further industrial action on Tuesday 2nd May. The College will be open to all Y10 and all Y11 pupils with all exams continuing as scheduled; all are expected to attend. We will also open our vulnerable and critical worker provision for those pre-registered. We will be closed to all other Y7 to Y9 pupils; for these pupils work will be set on-line as we have done on similar days. We apologise for the disruption caused and remain hopeful that a resolution can be found. However, a number of other unions are now considering balloting their members. No further strikes are planned during the Y11 exam series.

NEW Devised Performances

The Drama department is looking forward to welcoming audiences into the Studio Theatre to watch the Y10 actors perform their devised pieces on 9th May (10B1) and 10th May (10A1). Performances will start at 6.30pm (doors open 6.15pm) and will last around 2 hours with an interval. Pupils have been working hard towards the first practical element of the course and so we can promise you an exciting evening of theatre. Tickets are available from: https://sawstonvc.org/events/. Please book your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

NEW 'Capture' Video on internet safety

You may find the video 'Capture', published by the Financial Times featuring Jodie Whittaker, an interesting and arresting watch. It gives an important insight into the impact of social media and may be worth discussing with your child. It is free to watch and lasts minutes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UY2HOpuTlk.

NICE TO KNOW **Filmmaking**

Well done to our Y7 filmmakers who created their Museum of Wonders in the Drama Studio on Sunday and worked hard shooting the scenes in their film. (And thank you to their parents, who contributed a fantastic range of curios for the museum.) The Y7s follow in the footsteps of our older filmmakers, who have also been in school filming over weekends and are now editing their footage. We look forward to seeing all of the finished films when they are premiered at the Cinema Club showcase on 13th July 2023.

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Wishing you a long, warm weekend,

Jonathan Russell