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Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round-Up

Today, we launched our post-16 information programme with Year 11s at our conference inviting in speakers from sixth form providers, apprenticeships and Higher Education. On October 2nd, we host our Y11 parents' information evening when we invite all post-16 providers to share information with pupils and parents about available courses and pathways. Earlier in the week, we welcomed the return of our very successful silver Duke of Edinburgh pupils, who all passed their expedition. Congratulations to them all. Also this week, our Y10 drama pupils enjoyed an excellent Kafka workshop and the first wave of new teacher trainees joined us for their autumn placement. Finally, yesterday staff had the pleasure of sharing how well our new Y7s have settled in at our first Meet the Mentor event of the year. We have high hopes for them all.

NEW Disruption to Phonelines

Much to our frustration, we still do not have operating phone lines for which we can only apologise. There is an external fault, outside the control of the College or Trust, which we continue to work with our provider to have fixed. We will keep you updated and inform you as soon as the lines are operating again. In the meantime, please contact us via office@sawstonvc.org.

NEW Y7 school photographs

The closing date for free delivery to school is **Sunday 1st October**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3). If you do not have the reference code for your child's photograph, please contact the school office.

NEW Residential trips 2023/24

We are pleased to say that our residential trips are now back in full swing after several disrupted years due to Covid. The list of our residential trips for this academic year can be found on our website [here](#). The timings and approximate cost of each trip are provided to help parents/carers with their planning for the year ahead. When each trip is launched, information will be provided about itineraries, financial support available and the payment schedules.



NEW Omani visitors

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, we are hosting a visit from an Omani delegation of senior educational leaders, they will be touring the College and observing in Maths and Science lessons. We look forward to welcoming them.

NEW Anglian Learning Chess Academy

Further to the information on the Chess Academy given last week, we are pleased to let you know that registration is now open. You can register and find out more information here: <https://sawstonvc.org/clubs-and-activities/chess-academy/>

NICE TO KNOW Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition

We are delighted to report that twenty of our Y11 pupils completed the qualifying expedition for their Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award in the Peak District over the period 14-17 September. This was a tough undertaking, consisting of three days of hill-walking over mixed terrain carrying everything required for three nights of camping. The variable weather added an extra layer of challenge, but our participants coped admirably and were ultimately successful in achieving their aims for this section of their award. Well done to all.

COMMUNITY Free multi-sport activity session

The Cambridge United Foundation is offering a free multi-sport activity session to young people aged 11 to 16. For more information and to secure a place, please follow [this](#) link.

COMMUNITY 2023 Future Champions grant

Funding of up to £250 is available for County and Regional athletes living in Cambridge City and South Cambs. Further information, eligibility criteria and an application form can be found on our website: [Future Champions grants - Cambridge City Council](#)

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Wishing you a peaceful weekend,

Jonathan Russell