

10 November 2023



**Sawston**  
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Weekly Round-Up**

Today we marked Remembrance with the laying of wreaths by our Heads of Senate, Aymeric and Abbie, and Chair of Governors, with Reuben playing The Last Post. Pupils honoured the two-minutes silence and reflected on a week of thought-provoking assemblies led by Mr Reed, our History teacher and former army Major. Earlier this week, we held our first Governors' Day of the year, an opportunity for our Local Governing Body to see the College in operation, to meet staff and pupils and to understand how policy is put into practice. It is an important aspect of academy improvement and the lessons that were observed were calm, focused and purposeful. We have also had a safeguarding audit today with contributions from pupils who were helpful and insightful. Thank you to all pupils and especially those involved on the days. Finally, congratulations to our Year 11s who have one more day of mock exams and who have conducted themselves impeccably throughout this stressful fortnight. They, and all other pupils, can enjoy a longer weekend next week as College will be closed on Friday.

### **NEW College Closed on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November- Staff Training Day**

As per the published calendar, the College is closed to pupils on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. This is to enable a Staff Training Day which will focus on exam moderation, marking and health and safety.

### **NEW Remembrance**

History teacher Mr Reed delivered assemblies to the different year groups to mark Remembrance Day this week. His assembly focused on the story of local man and former pupil Jack Dockerill. You can see Mr Reed's assembly slides and our Remembrance Day commemoration in this short film here: <https://vimeo.com/883273116>.

### **NEW Anglian Learning Uniform Provider**

In the coming weeks, all schools in the Anglian Learning Trust will be moving to the same uniform provider, Price and Buckland. As we are in the final stages of changeover, SWI has now closed our page on their website, and we are waiting to hear from Price and Buckland about exactly when the Sawston page will go live on their website. We anticipate this to be before the end of November. Any outstanding orders placed with SWI will be met. We apologise for the brief period of inconvenience for parents/carers who wish to order new uniform at present. We will do all that we can to work with the new provider to get their website up and running as quickly as possible so new orders can be placed. In the meantime, if there is an urgent need for uniform items, please contact the College



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reception; we have lots of good condition second hand items which can be issued in the interim.

### **NEW Anglian Learning Parent and Carer Engagement Survey**

Anglian Learning is launching a parent and carer engagement survey on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023. It is important to us and the Trust that your views and feedback are received. Please look out for the survey link via email. Using a standardised national survey, not written by us, it is completely anonymous and confidential and will take no more than 15 minutes to complete.

### **NEW Children in Need and Non-uniform Day (Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>)**

Next week, the Pupil Senate will be organising fundraising activities for BBC's Children in Need campaign. This is a charity our pupils choose to support every year. On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a staff vs pupils netball match alongside a 'Pennies for Pudsey' collage which we will create from any small change donated. Please do see what you have hiding down the back of the sofa! Pupils may wear non-uniform on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and parents/carers are invited to make a £1 donation on Wisepay for this.

### **REMINDER Y7 Parents' Information Evening**

The Information Evening for parents of Y7 pupils takes place in the Henry Morris Hall on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, starting at 6pm. This event is designed to offer support and guidance in how to access and interpret the progress reports produced by the college for your child. In addition, we will share key messages relating to safeguarding, and provide an overview of our Sawston Pledges which Y7 pupils have begun working towards. If you would like to attend this event and have not already registered, please complete the Google form linked [here](#). The event is open to all Y7 parents and carers but it will help us to gauge numbers by filling in the form.

### **REMINDER Platform 23**

Monday sees the official opening of Platform 23, the annual art exhibition showcasing work from pupils across Anglian Learning's secondaries and sixth forms. Ten Sawston pupils have had their work chosen for the exhibition which takes place in Michaelhouse Cafe in the centre of Cambridge and will run for two weeks. If you are in central Cambridge, please do drop in and see the work.

### **NICE TO KNOW Sawston recognised for outstanding teaching in Music**

Congratulations to our Music teachers as they have been awarded the PTI Mark for 2022/2023– recognition for their success as part of the Subject Leadership Programme.

The PTI Mark celebrates outstanding commitment to increasing teachers' subject knowledge to improve outcomes for all pupils.

To achieve the PTI Mark, departments must demonstrate that they have increased the challenge within their subject curriculum; developed their staff's own specialist subject knowledge; developed subject-based links outside school and enthused their pupils through subject-based activities beyond the curriculum.

### **NICE TO KNOW Progress Data published**

Our results in the summer, with a Progress 8 score of +0.78, the highest the College has

ever achieved, place us as one of the highest performing Cambridgeshire schools. Data is significantly above the national average and is testament to the hard work of our pupils and staff.

### **NICE TO KNOW ESFA Y10 and Y11 Girls Football**

Another successful match for the Y10 and Y11 girls football team who are through to the next round of the ESFA National Cup. A very levelled first half had the girls under plenty of pressure on both sides leading to some testing moments for Amaleigh Feary who made some unbelievable saves. Unphased, the girls persevered for Mia Diaz David to assist the ball to our captain Keely Cole, scoring sensationally to end the first half. Sawston entered the second half with confidence and Mia and Keely once again tag teamed the ball into the back of the net giving Keely her second goal of the game. Shortly after, Alex Shelford dribbled the ball through the lines of defence to score her first goal of the match. A special mention to Molly Smith for stepping up to support the team. A final goal by Libby Unwin left the team in high spirits.

### **NICE TO KNOW National Cross Country Championship**

Congratulations to Torin Jones in Y8 after a fantastic team result coming second in the boys U13 National Cross Country Championships representing Cambridge & Coleridge. Against 64 other teams, his team managed to achieve a silver medal ranking the team as number two across the country. We look forward to tracking his future success.

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Wishing you a peaceful weekend,

Jonathan Russell