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Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round-Up

Congratulations to our Duke of Edinburgh pupils for completing their award at Thetford Forest last weekend, which saw the expedition season draw to a close. Staff have been so complementary about the groups and particularly their resilience last weekend when they awoke to ice on their tents. Today, some of our arts teachers enjoyed the first Anglian Learning Cultural Leaders' Day, a professional development day that explored creativity and included presentations from our own Head of Art and Photography. Good luck to our Y11 pupils for the mock exams after half-term; do reassure them that the most important aspect of this exam series is to practise and to learn from the feedback from teachers in preparation for the exams next year. We hope you all enjoy your half-term break and the pupils come back refreshed and ready for the successes to come.

NEW College Newsletter on the website

Catch up with news from the different departments in school and find out what they've been up to this half-term by reading our latest newsletter, which you can find here: <https://sawstonvc.org/category/newsletter/>

NEW Henry Morris Travel Awards – free trips home and abroad

Every year, the Henry Morris Memorial Trust offers pupils the chance to apply for financial awards. These awards are for pupils aged 13-19 for 'travel with purpose' or for 'home-based projects'. In previous years, pupils have travelled, alone or in groups, to destinations in the UK and abroad like the Norfolk coast, Stratford, Edinburgh, Paris, Rome and Amsterdam. Home based projects have included building a virtual reality drone, restoring a wrecked 'cello and making a Regency style dress.

Pupils apply by using the application form on the website (www.henrymorris.org). The deadline is the 31st January 2024. Successful applicants will be interviewed at Queens' College, Cambridge University on a Saturday in March. After the successful pupils have completed their projects, they are required to write a report and financial prizes are given for the best ones.

NICE TO KNOW Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to the 90 pupils from Year 10 who successfully completed the expedition section of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Thetford Forest last weekend. Qualifying expeditions are never easy, but the freezing temperatures from Saturday night



through to Sunday morning definitely added an extra layer of challenge so congratulations to all for displaying the grit, determination and resilience to succeed. As the expedition section is now complete, we wish them well with their ongoing work towards completion of the volunteering, physical and skills sections of their award.

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Wishing you a fabulous half-term break,

Jonathan Russell