

12 January 2024



**Sawston**  
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Weekly Round-Up**

It's been great this week to see all clubs up and running; Rubik's Cube Club was packed this week and STEM Club members are looking forward to using their new air quality monitoring equipment. In assemblies, we have been resetting expectations for the term and encouraging pupils to develop further the positive character traits that we know will set them up for life: politeness, trustworthiness, honesty, integrity, empathy and many more. These are traits shown every day by the vast majority of our pupils and we could not be more proud of them.

All Y11 post-16 applications have now been submitted and we look forward to hearing of guidance interviews and places being offered in the coming weeks. Thank you to Y11 for making it such a smooth progress this year and working so well with the team to meet all deadlines. We are thrilled that we are now officially closer to sharing the exciting site regeneration plans with you at the public exhibition on 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Please do attend if you can. Finally, good luck to Y9 pupils in their exams next week.

### **NEW Road Closure**

We have been made aware that there will be a road closure of Cambridge Road, Sawston, from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January. The closure is due to work being carried out by UK Power Networks. Further information can be found [here](#).

UK Power Network has confirmed that access will be maintained for pedestrians and cyclists, with the request for cyclists to dismount as they pass the works.

Stagecoach has confirmed that for the Citi7 route, they will be operating via New Road in both directions during the closure of Cambridge Road. A temporary bus stop will be placed on New Road, adjacent to Spicers Sports Field, as an alternative for the police station stop on Cambridge Road.

For the duration of the roadworks there may be a lot of additional traffic on New Road, and you may wish to consider an alternative location in the village to drop off/collect pupils.

### **NEW Y11 Additional exams**

To reduce the marking workload, facilitate better feedback and to ease the pressure on pupils, we will be holding the English Language Paper 2 mock examination on 31<sup>st</sup> January. As per the published calendar the English Literature Paper 2 and Maths Non-Calculator exams will be on 28<sup>th</sup> February. All pupils in English have been given a homework and revision pack for the rest of the year.



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### **NEW Y9 House Ambassadors**

A leadership opportunity was launched in assembly this morning for Y9 pupils. We are seeking to appoint a new group of House Ambassadors who will work closely with the Heads of House to plan and deliver House competitions, celebrations and activities. This is a chance for our KS3 pupils to step up and play a leading role in the College community. Pupils can find more information and access to the application form, via their school email; the deadline is 26th January. We look forward to seeing what this group can achieve.

### **REMINDER Y9 Core Exams**

Y9 core exams in Math and English will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January.

### **REMINDER Nose Studs**

We do not allow nose studs or any other facial or tongue piercings in College. Pupils are allowed two stud earrings in each ear. Pupils will be asked to remove their nose stud. Refusal will lead to further consequences, which we wish to avoid so we ask them not to be worn at all. Pupils may wear clear replacements only. If recent, then pupils will be asked to wear a plaster at all times in College until such time as the piercing has healed and the nose stud can be removed. We are very clear on our uniform policy with all parents and pupils at the start of each academic year.

### **REMINDER Public Exhibition of Site Regeneration Plans**

Earlier this week, we sent a letter explaining that the Department for Education's plans for the regeneration of the site are now ready to share with you. We would therefore like to invite you to a public exhibition. The event will take place in the Henry Morris Hall at the College on Tuesday 23rd January 2024, 5.30-8.30pm, where you can view the detailed plans, meet members of the project team and share your feedback. We will share the plans with pupils in assemblies after the launch event on January 23rd. The plans will not impact our current Y11 pupils. A copy of the letter sent earlier in the week can be found [here](#).

### **REMINDER Y11 photographs**

Y11 individual photographs will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform and that minimal make-up and any piercings are in line with the school uniform policy. Please note that the proofs for these photographs will not be released until the Y11 group photograph has also been taken on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

### **REMINDER Vaccination**

The School Aged Immunisations Service will be visiting on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February to administer Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio and Meningococcal ACWY vaccinations to those Y9 pupils with consent (plus older pupils who previously missed this vaccine). Please see [here](#) to complete the online consent form. They will also visit on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March to administer the HPV vaccine to Y8 pupils. Please see [here](#) to complete the online consent form.

### **REMINDER Children's Commissioner 'Big Ambition' survey**

The Children's Commissioner for England has a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children and therefore has launched The Big Ambition survey. This

provides an opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. Dame De Souza will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard. This survey is for all children aged 0-18. Children or parents can complete the survey here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition). The survey will be closing on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

### **NICE TO KNOW Lamda passes**

Congratulations to our Y8 and Y9 LAMDA pupils who, not only passed, but achieved either a merit or distinction for their recent grade 2 exams.

LAMDA tuition is a recent addition to the Drama department, and we have spaces for pupils who think they would enjoy reciting text or dialogue from a range of texts with a partner or performing monologues. This is an excellent pathway for boosting confidence with reading, presenting, and performing with grades that, eventually, offer UCAS points.

### **COMMUNITY Swimming Pool**

The boiler for the swimming pool has been replaced this week, which will improve the temperature in and around the pool.

### **COMMUNITY Athlete Funding, GLL Sports Foundation**

The GLL Sport Foundation is a support programme providing athletes and sportspeople at county/regional level and above in Cambridgeshire with tangible support to aid their sports performance. Support includes training membership access to over three hundred facilities across the UK, access to physio and injury rehab support and financial awards up to the value of £1,250.

For more information, or to submit an application, please visit <https://www.gllsportfoundation.org/>. Applications are open until 20<sup>th</sup> February.

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Wishing you a relaxing weekend,

Jonathan Russell