

5 January 2024



Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round-Up

It was a pleasure to welcome back pupils yesterday. We hope that they had a good break and look forward to the new term and all the opportunities, activities and events ahead. As always at the start of term, we remind pupils of our standards and expectations to ensure that teaching and learning can happen without disruption and pupils contribute positively to our community. We ask for your support in upholding our code of conduct and making sure pupils arrive to school on time and in the correct uniform.

NEW Attendance Update

We are delighted to report that attendance last term has improved in comparison to the Autumn Term of 2022 and that our attendance remains above both the National and County averages for secondary schools. However, we need to ask for your support with punctuality as the figures for lateness to school are rising and we are regularly speaking to pupils on the gate who are arriving on or after 8:30am (this does not apply to pupils who travel to school by bus). We will be reminding all pupils that they must be on the College site by 8:25am in order that they can be at mentor time by 8:30am.

We will be sharing our new attendance reward system with pupils over the coming days. Rewards will include certificates and prizes for excellent attendance and punctuality each half term. In response to a pupil survey before Christmas, we have decided to enter each pupil's name into a prize draw for each week that they achieve 100% attendance. We will not be issuing paper slips as we have done previously, all names will be entered automatically. At the end of each half term, winners will be chosen at random and they will receive their winner's reward. We will share more information with pupils during mentor time.

NEW Illness in school

Just a quick reminder that if your child feels unwell in school, they should report to reception who will contact home if necessary. Pupils should not be using their mobile phones to contact parents and carers as this not only contravenes our mobile phone policy but, most importantly, means that we are not aware that they are unwell and therefore cannot provide them with appropriate care. We would be grateful if parents and carers would reinforce this at home.

NEW Sawston Cinema

We have some interesting screenings scheduled at our school-run Sawston Cinema in the Marven Centre:

On 25th January we are showing the highly acclaimed *Dear England*, NT Live's recording of the original Olivier Theatre production of the new play by James Graham, which is directed



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by Rupert Goold and stars Joseph Fiennes as Gareth Southgate in a gripping examination of both nation and game.

On 1st February we are teaming up with 2G3S to present *Pure Clean Water*, a film which won best documentary at the most recent Cambridge Film Festival and which explores the impact of Cambridge's growth on the local water supply. The screening will be attended by the film's director, Tony Eva and there will be a discussion following the film.

To find out more about these screenings, to see what else we have in store this term and to book tickets, go to: www.sawstoncinema.org.

REMINDER Dates for the Calendar

16th - 18th January – Year 9 Exams

18th January - Year 8 Parents' Evening

25th January – Year 9 Options Evening

1st February – Year 10 Meet the Mentor

8th February – Year 9 Parents' Evening

16th February – School closed to pupils for Staff Training

Wishing you a peaceful weekend,

Jonathan Russell