

16 February 2024



Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

Today, we spent a hugely valuable Staff Training Day focused on inclusive practices. Joined by colleagues from Linton Village College, staff were engaged in presentations by national speakers on a range of topics from supporting pupils with ASC and ADHD to deepening our understanding of trauma-informed practice and enhancing adaptive practice in classrooms. It was good to have the space to do this and we hope the pupils also enjoyed the extra day of their holidays. Also this week, pupils, past and present, have been treading the boards performing a wonderful production of *Les Misérables* – our congratulations to all involved. Finally, we waved bon voyage to our Berlin trip for Y10 and Y11s yesterday; they will, no doubt, learn a great deal and return with some fun memories. We look forward to everyone returning on Monday 26th February after a well-deserved break. Enjoy.

NEW Newsletter

In our latest newsletter the different departments outline what they have been up to in this very busy half term. Please do give it a read. You can find the newsletter on our website here: <https://sawstonvc.org/category/newsletter/>

NEW Y11 Information Evening: Wednesday 6 March

During their PSHE lesson on the Monday after half-term, Year 11 pupils will have a session led by an external speaker from Elevate Education, an organisation that works with schools across the country, sharing evidence-based strategies for developing study skills and exam techniques.

To build on this, in conjunction with Elevate, we will be running an Exam Information Evening for Y11 parents on Wednesday 6th March. The aim of the event is to:

1. share key messages from the Elevate Education event;
2. suggest strategies to help parents to support pupils through their exams;
3. signpost useful revision resources and materials.

The event will take place in the Henry Morris Hall, starting at 6pm. We aim to be finished by 7.15pm at the latest. To help with the organisation of the event, please can you complete the form [here](#) if you would like to attend. Pupils do not need to attend this event.

NEW Advanced Warning Road Closure

We have been made aware that between Wednesday 28th February and Friday 1st March, there will be a road closure of Mill Lane in Sawston from the New Road junction to the



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Sawston Bypass. This will mean that the College will only be accessible to vehicles from the crossroads of Cambridge Road and New Road. Diversion routes will be sign posted for the duration of the work. Further details can be found [here](#).

COMMUNITY John Huntingdon Charity (JHC) supporting local families

The rising cost of living is creating challenges for more people. If you're struggling to meet household costs, you're not alone. JHC offers peace of mind from the moment you call, ensuring confidentiality and expert support. JHC, provide personalised care, home visits, and advocacy with other agencies. JHC offer advice on benefits, housing, homelessness, and small debts. Their services are free and confidential, primarily serving Sawston and its surrounding villages. Call 01223 492492 for a confidential chat with a skilled adviser.

COMMUNITY Sawston Cinema is showing *Vanya*

We are delighted to be showing *Vanya* (BBFC rating 15) as part of the NT Live programme on 22 February in the Marven Centre. The play was filmed live during its sold-out run in London's West End and stars Andrew Scott, who brings multiple characters to life in Simon Stephens' radical new version of Chekhov's *Uncle Vanya*. For tickets and more information, visit: <https://sawstoncinema.org/cinema-screenings/>

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Wishing you an invigorating half-term break,

Jonathan Russell