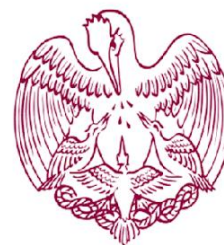


9 February 2024

**Sawston**
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

It has been a relatively quiet week although certainly wetter. Our Y11s were commended by our visiting guests – local business and charity volunteers – who supported our targeted Y11 mock interviews. These helped pupils articulate what they want for the future in preparation for job, post-16 and apprenticeship interviews. Many thanks to Y9 parents for your attendance at last night's on-line parents' evening; we hope it helped your children begin to cement their choices for KS4 and will enable them to make further academic progress. We look forward to discussing this further with Y9 parents at the KS4 guidance meetings taking place immediately after half-term.

IMPORTANT Staff Training Day, Friday February 16th

As per the calendar, the College will be closed to all pupils on Friday 16th February for staff training. Our staff will be focusing on SEND and inclusive practices, adaptive teaching and understanding trauma. Our keynote speaker is a published author and national speaker, whose latest book is *Championing Your Autistic Teen at Secondary School: Getting the Best from Mainstream Settings*. We look forward to welcoming back all pupils on Monday 26th February.

NEW FSM February Half-term Holiday Vouchers

The Local Authority is running a Free School Meal (FSM) holiday voucher scheme for the half-term break. For each eligible pupil, they will be issuing a £15 supermarket voucher via Wonde. Every eligible pupil will receive their voucher by the end of the day on **Saturday 17th February**. Letters have been sent to eligible families. If you think you may now be eligible for free school meals, applications can be made to the Local Authority using this link [here](#).

NEW Catering accounts

Please could you ensure that if your child uses the catering facilities at school, they have sufficient funds on their WisePay account. If you would prefer your child to use their funds in a particular manner (for example only at lunchtime, to a certain limit or on specific items), this can be put in place. Please email the school office in this instance.

Pupils may go overdrawn by £2.60 (the price of the main meal and dessert). Pupils eligible for free school meals receive a daily allowance of £2.60. If your child wishes to purchase food at break, please ensure that additional funds are available on their WisePay account to cover this and still allow them to have funds to purchase lunch.



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NEW Head lice

This week, we have received some parental contact regarding head lice. The NHS advise that children attend school as usual if they have head lice, which can be treated without seeing a GP. Further information, including recommendations for treatment, can be found [here](#).

REMINDER GCSE Exam Statements of Entry for this summer series 2024

Letters and statements of exam entry were distributed to pupils earlier this week during mentor time. Please check the statements of entry carefully, making any amendments if needed. Pupils and parents/carers are required to sign the statement to confirm the exam entries, and these must be returned to the Exams Office via the box in Reception by Tuesday 27th February at the latest.

REMINDER GCSE Dance Taster Session

There will be a GCSE Dance Taster Session, for Y8 and Y9 pupils interested in taking the course, on Monday 12th February, from 1.30-3.05 pm in the Drama Studio. A letter, previously emailed to all Y8 and Y9 parents, can be found [here](#). Please complete the online form [here](#) if you would like your child to participate

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Wishing you a pleasant weekend,
Jonathan Russell