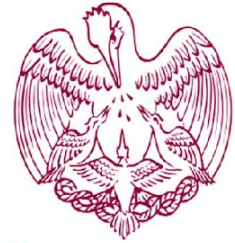


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Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round-Up

During half-term, the Berlin trip returned after a successful visit – our thanks to the staff for giving up their time and to the pupils for their conduct whilst away. GCSE Drama holiday rehearsals went well and we look forward to the upcoming Scripted Performances. This week, Y11s continued their busy preparations for their summer exams with additional mocks in Maths and English Literature; once again, we were impressed with their attitudes and know that this hard work will pay off – they certainly deserve it to. Last night, some of our musicians performed with their usual excellence in the Selwyn College Evensong service, our congratulations to them. Finally, Y9 Options guidance interviews take place over this fortnight. They have been really enjoyable so far and, hopefully, have proved useful for pupils and families as you make important decisions for the future. Y9s have come well prepared and been very mature in the way they have presented themselves and taken the process seriously. Thank you.

NEW World Book Day

In honour of World Book Day on Thursday 7th March, we are celebrating with Sawston's annual World Book Week. During mentor time, pupils will be working together to craft a creative tribute to famous books and characters, and throughout the week our Librarian Miss Allen will be hosting lots of events including a pub quiz, story sessions and a scavenger hunt.

A bake and book sale will be held at the end of the week where we hope to raise funds for our library. If you feel able to make a small cash donation to these sales, we would be very grateful.

We know some parents are keen to help us develop our library stock further, so for those who are interested we have created an Amazon Wishlist where you can purchase a book for us: [Sawston's Amazon Wishlist](#). All donations are gratefully received.

NEW West Road Concert

We look forward to returning to West Road Concert Hall for our annual Music Department concert on Friday 22nd March at 7.00 pm. Ticket letters have been sent out to all performers and tickets go on sale today. Please check your emails. Pupils will be given paper letters in rehearsals next week. We look forward to seeing the fruits of all the hard work pupils have put in this year.



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[NEW Anglian Learning News Update](#)

In [this issue](#), we thank parents and carers of Anglian Learning for their contribution to the recent parent and carer feedback survey. There is an update on the growth of our Trust and the Creativity Collaboratives project, and introductions to two of our new Trustees.

[REMINDER Vaccinations](#)

The School Aged Immunisations Service will be visiting on Tuesday 5th March to administer the HPV vaccine to Y8 pupils with consent. Please see [here](#) to complete the online consent form. Please note that the consent link will close at noon on Monday 4th March.

[NICE TO KNOW Selwyn College Evensong service](#)

On Thursday afternoon, thirty three singers from Y10 and 11 went to Selwyn College in Cambridge to take part in an Evensong service. Pupils were warmly welcomed by both the Director of Music, Sarah MacDonald, and the Cambridge students, and were hugely impressed by the beautiful chapel, the 'Harry Potter' style main hall.

Sarah MacDonald was extremely complimentary at the number of singers as well as the work everyone put in beforehand and put us all through our paces, working on vocal technique and musical expression. It proved something of a challenge fitting all of the singers into the choir stalls, but the sound created was quite astonishing. From a member of the congregation - "a genuine spiritual cleanse". What a stunning chapel and such beautiful choral choices! So proud of our glorious, young pupils

[NICE TO KNOW Y7 and Y8 filmmakers](#)

We would like to wish our Y7 and 8 filmmakers all the best of luck with their film shoot on Sunday when they will be in school playing different characters in different locations for their ambitious film, working title *Nothing Ever Happens*. They are aiming to complete their film project by the end of term so they can enter it into the Into Film Awards. Thank you to the older pupils who are supporting them with this project.

[COMMUNITY Free YMCA Webinar - Parenting children who have neurodivergent traits and sensory sensitivities](#)

The YMCA are offering a free webinar to any parents and carers who are interested in finding out more about parenting children who have neurodivergent traits and sensory sensitivities. Please see the information and joining instructions below if you would like to register.

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0PhQhrJSRhuEVa7z5WGJFA

[COMMUNITY Research: Do you know any young person who has delivered CPR?](#)

Researchers at Kings College, London, are conducting important research into the experiences of young people who have carried out CPR. What they learn will be useful for schools, health services and for CPR training and campaigning organisations in the work they do to make sure young people get the training and support they may need. They would like to speak with young people who have been involved in a resuscitation attempt (cardiopulmonary resuscitation or CPR) about: their experience of this event; the support – formal and informal – they had (or would have liked to have) following the event; and, any

CPR training that they underwent prior to the event. Please find eligibility criteria and further information available [here](#).

COMMUNITY FSM Easter Holiday Activities and Food Programme

The Cambridgeshire HAF Programme is available over the Easter school holidays. Eligible pupils, in receipt of benefit-related FSM, can attend participating holiday schemes for up to 16 hours for free; a daily meal and enriching experiences with peers will be on offer. An eligibility voucher which includes a booking code will be sent by email and text to eligible parents/carers on Friday 1 March. For further information, visit the [HAF Programme webpage](#). Please direct any questions to The Cambridgeshire HAF Team: HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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Here's hoping for a drier weekend,

Jonathan Russell