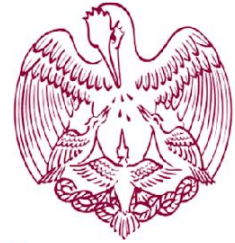


24 May 2024



**Sawston**  
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Weekly Round Up**

We had a delightful Leavers' Day yesterday with our Y11s enjoying an emotional assembly, a funny staff video, barbeque, ice cream van and bouncy assault course, not to forget the obligatory polo shirt signing. They deserved this celebration as they have been working incredibly hard and we wish them all the absolute best with the remaining exams. With lots to look forward to next half-term, we could all now do with a well-earned break. We hope our young people come back refreshed and ready for a sunny end to the year.

### **IMPORTANT Half-term 27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May**

The College is now closed until 3<sup>rd</sup> June for our half-term break. School will resume as normal for Y7 to Y10 on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. It will be week B.

#### *For Year 11s*

Year 11s will be on Study Leave until the end of the exam series. When they come in for exams they are expected to wear normal school uniform. They will be registered in exams and should they arrive on site early should use the kiosk, playground and dining hall area to gather. If they arrive on site for any reason other than exams, they must sign in at the attendance office in reception.

### **NEW Punctuality**

We have been continuing to monitor punctuality closely to ensure that pupils are arriving to school on time and there a significant number who are not on the site by the time mentor time starts. Please can we urge you to check with your child that they are arriving on time to school so that they receive important messages in the mornings through mentor time and assemblies, as well as play a part in the community if the College. If you have any difficulties and would like some support for your child around punctuality or attendance, please contact Mrs Chapman, our Attendance Officer, in the first instance. Thank you for your support.

### **NEW Hoodies are not part of our uniform**

Please be reminded that pupils are not allowed to wear hoodies. These make it difficult to recognise our young people and some choose to wear them as an act of deliberate defiance or to hide earphones. After half-term, these items will be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day.



### **NEW Polo shirts**

Please be aware that following parental consultation in 2022 we took the decision to phase out House logos from our white polo shirts. Our uniform supplier now has some older items with the house embroidery, but newer stock just has the school crest on it. The price of these items is the same.

### **NEW Newsletter now on the website**

Catch up on this half term's news from our different departments with our latest newsletter, which is now available to read on our website here: <https://sawstonvc.org/category/newsletter/>.

### **NEW Taiwanese student visit**

After a successful visit last year, St Neots English Centre is once again liaising with us to bring a group of Taiwanese pupils, aged 13-17 years old to SVC from Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July (in school for the weeks beginning 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July). A letter from St Neots English Centre with details of paid hosting opportunities can be found [here](#). Queries about this should be addressed to them directly.

### **REMINDER FSM May Half-term Vouchers**

The Local Authority will be running a holiday voucher scheme for May Half Term. For each eligible pupil, they will issue a £15 supermarket voucher via Wonde. Every eligible pupil will receive their voucher by the end of the day on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May**.

### **NICE TO KNOW Dance Project**

Good luck to the two Year 8 pupils who will begin teaching dance to Year 3 and 4 pupils at Stapleford Primary immediately after half term. They have prepared choreography which they will teach to the younger pupils who will then perform this routine at the Anglian Learning Dance Festival - Stage 24, scheduled to take place at Bottisham Village College on 11<sup>th</sup> July. The Year 8 pupils are currently completing their Silver Arts Award and have developed this ambitious project as part of the leadership section.

### **COMMUNITY Sawston D-Day 80 Event – Sunday 9 June**

To celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> D-Day Anniversary there will be a 1940's themed afternoon at the Challis Garden on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June, starting at 1.00 pm with the Sawston Youth Group drummers. There will be live music, Lindy Hop dancers, a DJ, stalls and activities, a bar and hot food. The drumhead service, which includes a performance from the Icknield Primary school choir, will take place at 2.45 pm. Please see the flyer [here](#) or contact [info@redgraphic.co.uk](mailto:info@redgraphic.co.uk).

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Wishing you an invigorating half-term,

Jonathan Russell