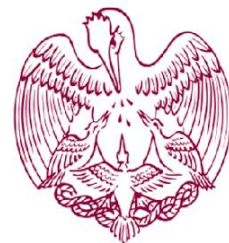


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Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round-Up

Congratulations to our dancers, trampolinists and gymnasts whose flips, twists and twirls delighted the audience last night with an awesome display of creativity, agility and courage. To all involved in the stunning West Road concert last Friday, we would also like to extend our sincerest thanks. It was a showcase of remarkable talent and collective spirit. Our best wishes to Y11 pupils as they start their revision in earnest over the coming holiday. They will hopefully balance this with plenty of down time and enjoying the outside spring air. To those fortunate enough to be travelling to Iceland for the KS4 trip, that air might be a little chillier - we wish you an enjoyable time. Whatever you may be doing, we wish everyone a happy Easter break and look forward to the children's safe return.

IMPORTANT Summer Term starts on Monday 15th April

We have now broken up for the Easter holidays. College re-opens as normal for all pupils on Monday 15th April. This will be Week B of the timetable. Please ensure all pupils return in correct uniform. Please be aware that staff are not expected to reply to emails or phone calls whilst on holiday. However, safeguarding concerns can be directed to safeguarding@anglianlearning.org (see below).

NEW Safeguarding support over the Easter break

If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing or mental health over the holidays, please visit the College website's [wellbeing page](#) for signposting to services that can provide help and support. The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough website [Keep Your Head](#) is very useful and provides advice and signposting for both adults and children. [This page](#) of the IWF website contains a short film (previously shared with you at Christmas) regarding on-line safety with some helpful tips. If your child does have a concern about on-line interactions with others, they can report it on the [CEOP reporting tool](#). This website also contains useful information about keeping safe on-line, both for secondary and primary age pupils.

NEW The Fountain magazine and half-termly newsletter

The Fountain magazine is our termly publication which has a pupil editor, and which is largely written by pupils in the school. This term we have produced a whopping 44-page publication - our longest-ever, we think. If you would like to read about trips and workshops that have taken place this term from the perspective of our pupils, see how pupils are responding to the books they are reading, try your hand at some maths questions, or see if you can answer some of the questions that came up in The Perse Science Quiz, which four of our Year 10 pupils recently won, then you will enjoy this magazine. We think The Fountain is a great read but don't take our word for it, check out the magazine for yourself on our website here: <https://sawstonvc.org/category/the-fountain/>



Then, for an overview of what has been happening in the different departments in school, and to hear from our staff, see our half termly newsletter, which you can also find on our website here: <https://sawstonvc.org/category/newsletter/>

NEW Staffing news

We say goodbye to two English teachers today. Mrs Mason is leaving to pursue her teaching career in Art, her first love. We thank her for all that she has done to support the pupils and wish her every success in her new school. Miss Hughes' temporary contract comes to an end as we welcome back Mrs Tuckwood who has been on maternity leave. Miss Hughes' cheerful positivity has lit up E3 and we are grateful to her for holding the fort whilst Mrs Tuckwood has been away. Miss Dolan, who is relocating from Northern Ireland, joins the English department as a full-time teacher.

NEW Menu for the summer term

Please find the new [menu](#) and [tariff](#) for the summer term.

For pupils who are looking for smaller portions of food, [Power Bites](#) will be launched after Easter. All items are priced at £1.30 with twenty nine options available.

NEW Year 11 Exam Guide Booklet

There are a number of resources to support year 11 pupils and their parents with the upcoming examinations, which can be found on the examinations page of the College website. These can be accessed by going to <https://sawstonvc.org/information/examinations/> and scrolling down to a section called 'Information for Year 11 Exams'. The resources have been embedded in the page below this.

We would particularly like to draw your attention to the Exam Guide Booklet, which contains lots of information to prepare pupils for their exams. This includes advice on exam preparation, guidelines for effective revision, wellbeing activities, dates and syllabus details for each exam, as well as links to useful websites, past papers, mark schemes and examiners reports related to each subject. Pupils will receive a hard copy of this booklet, but the electronic copy is useful for accessing links. This booklet should be used alongside individual exam timetables and guidance from subject teachers to help plan, focus and structure preparations for the final GCSE and BTEC exams.

NEW Sports Forum Fundraising

The pupil Sports Forum has agreed that fundraising of £1500 for a VEO camera will have the most impact on the department as it will allow the facilitation of fixture footage, moderation and sports analysis that can be implemented across the department and wider College. Their goal by the end of the academic year is to raise enough funds to support the purchase of a VEO camera which will allow us to document the talent of our pupils at home and away fixtures. Kick-starting the fundraising, Mr Trent, PE Teacher, will be completing two challenges between now and the end of the year beginning with a 24 hour Run #AMileAnHour. Should you wish to support: <https://gofund.me/8a1d1354>

REMINDER FSM Holiday Voucher Scheme

Cambridgeshire County Council is continuing to run its holiday voucher scheme for the Easter Holiday using the Household Support Fund from the Department for Work and Pensions and the additional funding provided by the Council. It was announced last week that the Household Support Fund will be extended for a further six months and they will

provide an update on the future of the Cambridgeshire Holiday Voucher Scheme in the coming weeks. All eligible families have received a letter confirming a £30 voucher will be sent via email and/or text on Saturday 30th March. You will be able to choose from eleven different supermarkets. All enquiries should be directed to winter.support@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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Happy Easter!

Jonathan Russell