

3 May 2024



Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round-Up

Pupils have been scoring goals and waxing legs to raise money for their prom. Handy footwork and shaky handwork were on display! Congratulations to Y10 on completing their internal exams and to the bumper crop of Senate applications from that year group. We look forward to the selection process to see who will lead our pupil body next year. In assembly, the theme has been exploring ways of reducing plastic with a reminder about bottles below. Our NT Connections cast took their production of the play 'Shout' to Norwich today to perform at the Garage Theatre, no doubt delighting the Norfolk audience. Best wishes to Y10 whose devised performances take place next Tuesday and Wednesday. Good luck also to Y11 whose GCSE and BTEC exams continue next week, with the first exam for everybody, Biology, next Friday. Enjoy the long weekend.

IMPORTANT Bank Holiday Monday

College is closed on Monday 6th May. College resumes as normal on Tuesday 7th May. Please can all pupils be on site by 8.25am for mentor time to start promptly at 8.30am.

NEW Y10 devised performances

Year 10 Drama pupils will be performing their devised pieces Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th May in the Studio Theatre. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

NEW Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

In her Earth Day assemblies this week, Miss Gelder encouraged pupils to consider the small changes they can make as individuals to reduce single-use plastic pollution. One of the ideas was for pupils to bring items into school they no longer use at home as listed on our '[Reduce, Reuse, Recycle](#)' page of the website. Other suggestions included carrying a small bag for life; bringing a re-usable water bottle to school; swapping plastic products such as toothbrushes for biodegradable ones like bamboo. Pupils were also told about free reusable period products they can collect from the College reception if they would like to try these out. We hope all pupils will make one small change to contribute to reducing the impact of this global issue.

NEW Catering Survey

Anglian Learning is interested in hearing pupils' views on catering across all of their schools, including ours. Pupils have been sent a link to their email to complete the survey which asks various questions about the quality of food, service and value for money provided by our external caterers, Innovate. Those completing the survey will be entered in a raffle to win a £15 Amazon voucher. The link can be found [here](#). The deadline is 10th May.



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NEW Y11 Leavers' Ball Car Charity Raffle

We have been offered an opportunity to partner with an Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust fundraising raffle, with the prize of a luxury car for arrival at the Leavers' Ball on Friday 28th June. Raffle tickets are available now - please see the Ticket section of WisePay for full details.

REMINDER Home school communication

We are grateful for the tremendous support and positive relationships we have with parents/carers. Whilst we try our best to respond to emails and parent phone calls in a timely manner, we would like to remind everyone that our policy makes clear that an initial response can be expected within 48 hours. It is not always possible to give immediate call backs, email correspondence and on-the-spot parent meetings. Staff are always happy to deal with matters arising but are also busy with their daily roles and responsibilities supporting nearly 1200 pupils. Whilst we can empathise that some issues may be frustrating, staff do have the right not to experience aggressive or abusive communication. Staff are not expected to respond to matters outside of working hours in the evening or at weekends. For routine matters, please contact your child's mentor (pastoral) or subject teacher (curriculum). For more global pastoral matters please contact your child's Year Lead. Thank you for your understanding.

REMINDER Y11 Group and Individual Photographs

A reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Monday 6th May. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

NICE TO KNOW Y7 Netball tournament

Our Y7 Netball team started their tournament really strong with our attacking play supported brilliantly by our centre court players. This led to a confident 5-0 win against Bottisham VC and another 6-1 win against Sancton Wood in our first two games.

Next, Sawston faced its biggest challenge of the tournament against a well drilled Impington side. Sawston played some excellent netball in this game which helped to narrow the score line, leading to an 8-3 loss.

Our next game was very evenly matched, with nothing between us and Swavesey. For every goal they scored, we equalised within seconds. Swavesey took their final shot of the game putting them into the lead 7-6 and as Sawston took possession of the ball, and stepped into the centre circle, the klaxon signalled the end of the game. An unfortunate loss, which just put us out of the semi final playoffs.

Determined not to let this stop us, Sawston came back fighting hard in the final match against Cottenham, winning 8-1, helping us to finish in 3rd place overall in our pool.

All players were excellent. Victoria George-Grajales played superbly in defence, making multiple turnovers, showing patience on the ball and experienced decision making but our player of the tournament goes to Sophie Christmas. She was dynamic in her movements on court, creating space and attacking options. She also successfully scored 28 of our goals across the tournament!

[NICE TO KNOW](#) National Theatre Live

The National Theatre Live play 'Nye' will be shown on Thursday 9th May at 7pm in the Marven Centre. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

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Wishing you a very enjoyable long weekend.

Jonathan Russell