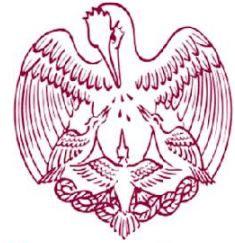


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**Sawston**  
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Weekly Round-Up**

It has been an historic week for the country as we wake to the news of a changed government. Yesterday, in our own school General Election, as has happened in this constituency, Liberal Democrats won the majority of votes. The Senate organised an impressive Polling Station enabling our pupils to experience the democratic process and it is to everyone's credit how seriously the event was taken. With Adult Education's marvellous art exhibition, Induction Evening, Y11s Thank You recital, the Outdoor Gig, SYD's production of Frozen, Hastings Trip briefing and various other evening events, it has been another very busy week. Meeting the new intake on a slightly damp Induction Day was certainly one of the highlights, with the Y6s demonstrating an excellent understanding of our CARE values and embracing the day with confidence, a few nerves and lots of enthusiasm. We look forward to them joining the College in September.

### **IMPORTANT Last day of term**

To enable staff farewells and preparation for the year ahead, College will close to pupils in the afternoon on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Pupils will be dismissed after our inter-house summer quiz and the announcement of the House Cup winners at 12.15pm. Buses will leave the playground at 12.25pm. Those catching the public bus will be escorted to the bus stop on Cambridge Road opposite the police station.

### **NEW Olympics**

Over the next two weeks, the PE department will be running our annual KS3 Olympic day events. This is a great opportunity for pupils to represent their house in a broad range of sporting activities and competitions. This take place in lieu of a traditional sports day, with the aim of offering a diverse range of activities which are more inclusive, getting more pupils active for longer. Pupils will receive house points for their participation and performance in each session. All of these points will be added together to create house totals each day and will decide the overall winning house across the College.

Olympic days are due to take place on the following dates:

Year 7 on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Year 9 on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Year 8 on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Pupils will be based in the PE department all day and should arrive to school wearing their full SVC PE kit. Please ensure that they bring any activity specific kit with them, relevant to



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the activities which they have chosen e.g. Swimming kit or shin pads. They will also need plenty of water for the day.

Please keep an eye on the weather forecast. Whilst we will endeavour to go ahead as planned, please be aware that if the field is too wet, the event may have to be postponed for safety reasons. If this does happen, pupils will need to return to their timetabled lessons. Please could you support your child by ensuring that they have the relevant books and equipment for their lessons on their Olympic day, just in case this. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience that this may cause; thank you for your understanding in the matter. Fingers crossed for dry weather!

### **NEW Summer Safety**

As the summer holiday approaches, and hopefully we are able to enjoy some better weather, it feels like an appropriate time to remind pupils of ways to stay safe during the summer break, therefore we will be holding assemblies next week to help them to think about the coming weeks.

We will be addressing a range of situations that pupils may find themselves in and will share some advice to ensure that they are equipped to make good decisions and enjoy their holiday.

#### *Railway safety*

We will emphasise to pupils that they should not be going near railway lines and if they need to cross the lines that they should only do so in a properly designated place and observe any warning signals or barriers. There are also facts and information which will be shared to enhance understanding.

#### *Water safety*

Pupils will be alerted to the dangers of entering open water, including rivers, canals and lakes. This will include hidden objects, water temperature and currents.

#### *Sun safety*

This section of the assembly will allow us to remind pupils of the dangers of sun exposure and the importance of wearing sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses and keeping hydrated.

#### *On-line safety*

At the end of the assembly, though we are aware that pupils already have a lot of input in relation to keeping themselves safe on-line, they will be given a final reminder for this school year about on-line safety and how to spot dangers.

There are a large number of on-line resources and video clips, some are shared below, that are helpful in highlighting dangers to young people which you may wish to look at with your child. Equally, we urge you to ensure that you know where your child is over the summer break and keep in contact with them to check that they are safe and well.

Finally, we hope that all of our pupils and families enjoy a safe and happy summer when we get there.

<https://switchedonrailsafety.co.uk/resources/harrisons-story/> Water safety (cambfire.gov.uk) <https://www.teenagecancertrust.org/information-about-cancer/how-to->

stay-safe-in-the-sun <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EKUgIDDP1aw>  
<https://talk.iwf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/A-guide-for-parents-and-carers-v7.pdf>

### **NEW FSM Summer Vouchers**

The LA will once again be running a FSM voucher scheme for the summer holidays. For each eligible pupil, they will be issuing two supermarket vouchers for a total value of £75. They are continuing to work with Wonde (E-voucher) as the voucher supplier. Eligibility remains the same in previous rounds including support for those pupils who have now left in Y11. Every eligible pupil will receive two vouchers, each for £37.50, one by the end of the day on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July and the other by the end of the day on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August. We have sent letters home.

### **NICE TO KNOW District Cup Football Final Results:**

Congratulations to our U16 girls football team who were made this year's champions of the Cambridge District Cup against Swavesey Village College. The girls were lucky to play at Newmarket Town Ground Stadium with a crowd of 80 friends and family creating an amazing experience for them. With a final score of 8-3, the team had plenty of goals to celebrate with Keely (5), Libby (2) and Alex (1) contributing to the scoreboard. Some stand out play from Bryony, Mia and Molly kept Swavesey from causing too many issues and allowed for the team to build on some brilliant plays.

The girls have had plenty of success throughout the academic year and this was a super finish to the end of the season. As our year 11's leave the team, we are looking forward to our year 10's moving into the 2024/25 season. Well done girls, your teamwork and paid off.

Additionally, our U13 boys played in the final for the Cambridge District Cup, again, against Swavesey Village College. A strong Swavesey performance kept the boys on their toes, but with an early goal from Sawston putting us in the lead. The game was steady throughout with lots of attacking plays from both teams, with a last minute equaliser by Swavesey to put them into extra time. Resetting into the final 10 minutes of play, Sawston conceded an unlucky goal leaving Swavesey on top. The final whistle blew leaving Sawston as runners up. The boys should hold their heads high with a stronger result than the previous year. In addition to their success in the National Cup, the year 8 boys have had plenty of success throughout the year. You have all represented the school in a professional manner. Good luck for what next year brings.

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Wishing you a brighter weekend,

Jonathan Russell