

11 October 2024



**Sawston**  
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Weekly Round-Up**

On Tuesday, we successfully migrated the biometrics for those pupils with consent in readiness for the new catering tills, which will be in use after the half-term break. Pupils and parents need do nothing more as the catering system will largely look unchanged for users: cards and fingerprints will still be used as they are now to access payment for food. This week, we have also focused on very important messages in assemblies and during mentor time about the need to champion and celebrate each other; that racism has no place in our society whatsoever. We look forward to next Friday when pupils will be able to wear red non-uniform to show their support. Finally, we wish our Year 11s the best of luck with their revision as they begin their final preparations for the mock exams which start after half-term. We know they can do well and will support them through what is a busy time.

### **NEW School Photographs**

Tempest Photography orders of Y7 and Y11 individual photographs have been delivered to school. Pupils may collect these from the reception office at break or lunchtime.

### **NEW Non-uniform day, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October: wear red to 'Show Racism the Red Card'**

Following a highly informative week of assemblies and mentor time activities focusing on Black History Month, we are inviting pupils and staff to show their support to the educational charity 'Show Racism the Red Card' on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October by wearing red to school for a non-uniform day. This charity aims to combat racism through education and enabling role models to present an anti-racist message to young people. Parents and carers are invited to make a donation of £1 via Wisepay if they would like to support the fundraising efforts for this excellent cause.

### **NEW Getting Ready for Change Questionnaire (Year 10)**

Local NHS clinicians have created an online health questionnaire that can be your 'Getting Ready for Change' checklist and help you to understand the health of your child as they move through secondary school. This invitation goes out to parents and carers living in Cambridgeshire or Peterborough who have a child aged 14-15 years who has recently moved from Y9 to Y10. It covers lots of points from hearing and eyesight through to emotional health and behaviour. You can complete it on your mobile device or laptop. After answering just seven questions a summary report will be produced for you with links to



helpful information and support. This is a digital platform that has interactive links to online information and support. A promotional video can be found [here](#), and the questionnaire can be accessed via [this link](#).

### **[NEW Getting Ready for Change Questionnaire \(Year 7\)](#)**

Local NHS clinicians have created an online health questionnaire that can be your 'Getting Ready for Change' checklist and help you to understand the health of your child as they move from primary to secondary school and begin Yr. 7. This invitation goes out to parents or carers living in Cambridgeshire or Peterborough who have a child aged 11-12 years. It covers lots of points from hearing and eyesight through to emotional health and behaviour. You can complete it on your mobile device or laptop. After answering just seven questions a summary report will be produced for you with links to helpful information and support. A promotional video can be found [here](#), and the questionnaire can be accessed via [this link](#).

### **[REMINDER Flu Vaccination for Y7-11](#)**

The School Immunisation Team will be visiting on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th October. Please complete the consent form [here](#) if you wish your child to receive the vaccination before Sunday 13th October, after which time the consent portal will be closed. Further information can be found [here](#) and [here](#). Vaccinations will be organised by house - da Vinci and Earhart on Monday, followed by Mandela and Turing on Tuesday.

### **[NICE TO KNOW Mental Health First Aid Training](#)**

At Sawston Village College, staff are committed to promoting positive mental health and wellbeing in all of our pupils. In order to better support staff and pupils, fifteen members of staff from across the College took part in two days of mental health first aid training last week. All participating staff were trained in responding to the most common mental health conditions and how to support pupils in a mental health crisis. We are extremely proud to have such a high number of staff who have deepened their commitment to promoting positive mental health and wellbeing and are now accredited youth mental health first aiders.

### **[COMMUNITY Future Champions Grant](#)**

The Future Champions Grant provides funding of up to £250 to support young people from Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire who are participating in their sport at county or regional level. Applications for this academic year close at 5.00 pm on Monday 14th October. Further information and application form can be found here: <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/future-champions-grants>

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend,

Jonathan Russell