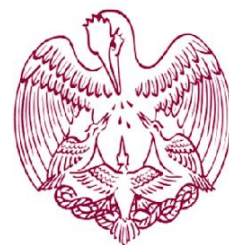


27 September 2024



Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round-Up

The heavens have certainly opened this week. The site is somewhat drenched. However, it has not dampened our spirits. It may well have dampened the fields of the DoE Bronze Award expedition this week, however, and we wish them luck as they slosh through the Bedfordshire fields. Mr Reed has personally driven to check the roads to the site and the weekend is clear to proceed as planned. This week our trainee teachers have started; we are proud to partner with the Faculty of Education and with CTSN to develop and inspire the next generation of teachers. We have also enjoyed our Active Week: morning activities of pilates, a wake up and go dance, field laps and passing the ball have energised us all at the start of each day. Please remember that College will be closed to pupils next Friday for a teacher training day following our Open Evening on Thursday.

IMPORTANT College Closure -Friday 4th October

Please be reminded that the College is closed to all pupils on Friday 4th October. The staff training day will focus on Performance Management. College will open as usual to all pupils on Monday 7th October.

POLITE REQUEST Pupil drop off and pick up on New Road

Please consider dropping off and picking up away from the main entrances of the College to avoid congestion and improve sight lines for pupils as they leave. We especially request that no cars are parked on the yellow marked lines on New Road nor immediately opposite the gates.

NEW Anglian Learning will no longer support X

Anglian Learning will no longer be supporting X to communicate messages due to concerns with their content control. Facebook is the College's preferred social media platform. All parents and carers are encouraged to follow the College's Facebook page for additional updates from the school. This can be accessed on the website. Parents and carers can also follow Anglian Learning's Facebook page @AnglianLearning for regular news and updates from across our Trust.

NEW Grassroots Activity Grant

The Grassroots Activity Grant is funded by the Leys School and is to support children from low-income families in Cambridge City to access after school / community-based sport, dance, physical activity sessions or swimming lessons. The grant provides funding of up to.



£250 per family to pay for joining fees and weekly session fees. Further information and eligibility criteria can be found on the website: [Grassroots Activity Grants - Cambridge City Council](#). The grant is open for applications between the 1st October and the 8th November

NEW Flu Vaccination for Y7-11

The School Immunisation Team will be visiting on the 14th and 15th October. Please complete the consent form [here](#) if you wish your child to receive the vaccination. Further information can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

REMINDER WisePay catering accounts

If your child uses the food outlets in school, we encourage you to check the balance on their WisePay catering account and top up if necessary. Pupils are not able to go overdrawn at the till; if your child does not have sufficient funds on their account, they will be asked to come to reception to call home for a top up. If necessary, reception can issue a note for one day to allow your child to have lunch- this will then be charged onto their WisePay account once it is in credit. If you need help accessing WisePay, or wish to set a daily spend cap, please email finance@sawstonvc.org.

REMINDER Parent Support Group (Neurodivergent children)

The SEND department will be hosting a monthly support group for parents/carers of neurodivergent children who attend the College. The first meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd October from 7pm to 8.30pm. Please contact Mrs Horlock at shorlock@sawstonvc.org to express interest in attending.

COMMUNITY Saffron Screen

Saffron Screen is a local independent cinema based in Saffron Walden. They have recently launched a new Student Membership, which offers 2 complimentary standard tickets annually (1 per screening); a free hot drink at any screening (1 per member); priority bookings for all Arts on Screen events and 10% off all refreshments at every visit. Please see [this flyer](#) for further details, and [this flyer](#) to see what's on.

COMMUNITY John Huntington Charity's vacancy

We work closely with the local John Huntington's Charity who help support the vulnerable in our community. They are looking for an Advice Support Worker to join their small, friendly team. If interested, the advert can be viewed [here](#).

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Wishing you a drier and pleasant weekend,

Jonathan Russell