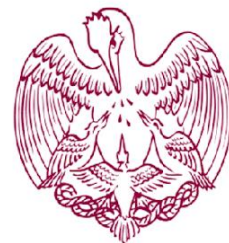


15 November 2024



**Sawston**  
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Weekly Round-Up – November 15<sup>th</sup>**

Congratulations to the nineteen Y8-10 performers who took part in the Shakespeare in Schools Festival at Bury this week. Their stunning production of Romeo and Juliet captivated the audience and their support of other performing schools, including those of primary age, was exemplary. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors should also be praised for their leadership this week, modelling respect in all that they have done. As do the five recipients of the Future Champions award this week. Thank you to everyone who helped raise money following today's Children in Need non-uniform day. We will let you know how much has been raised next week. Finally, well done to our Y11 pupils who have completed a gruelling two weeks of mock exams (only Further Maths and some catch-up planned for Monday). They can look forward to a free weekend and a well deserved rest. And also a shorter week: on Wednesday the College is closed to all pupils.

### **IMPORTANT College Closed on Wednesday 20th November- Staff Training Day**

As per the published calendar, the College is closed to pupils on Wednesday 20th November. This is to enable a Staff Training Day which will focus on exam standardisation, moderation and health and safety.

### **NEW Anti Bullying Week**

This Anti Bullying week, the Sawston Anti Bullying Ambassadors marked the occasion by making a short video and creating and delivering an assembly. Four Y9 pupils explored this year's Anti Bullying Week theme "Choose Respect" by raising awareness of the damaging effects of bullying and exploring how all pupils can contribute to making our community even kinder. The assembly gave information about bullying, its impact and how we can all ensure that we are part of the solution and not part of the problem. We are extremely proud of the work our ambassadors do and the passion they have for putting an end to bullying. The video can be viewed here: <https://vimeo.com/1028761691>.

### **NEW Remembrance – short film**

You can see Mr Reed's assembly slides and our Remembrance Day commemoration in this short film here: <https://vimeo.com/1028851370>

### **NEW Future Champions**

This week five of our pupils were awarded a Future Champion grant. The grants are to help young sportspeople achieve sporting success and reduce the costs often associated with playing sports at county or regional level. Congratulations to Emelia Arnold (Rugby),



Lewis Johnston (Rugby), Marigold Brown (Hockey), Jethro Wong (Tennis) and Annabelle Colman-Denny (Gymnastics).

### **NEW Flu vaccination catch-up**

If your child missed the flu vaccination in school in October, you can make an appointment at one of the catch-up clinics that Vaccination UK is running. The clinics are appointment only, from 10.00 am - 2.00 pm. [Vaccination UK East Anglia Immunisation \(school vaccination.uk\)](https://www.vaccination.uk)

### **NEW Toilet access**

Some concerns have been raised about pupils' access to toilets. Our current system enables all pupils to access toilets when needed throughout the day. However, next week, we will be speaking with pupils in assemblies to ensure they understand the current system and seek their views on changes that could improve it. Pupils will have an opportunity to complete a survey with their parents/carers should they wish. Our key priority is the safeguarding of all pupils.

### **REMINDER Holiday Activities and Food Programme (Christmas)**

Last week we sent out a letter to all eligible families on behalf of the Local Authority regarding the Cambridgeshire HAF Programme, next operating over the Christmas holiday period. Eligible pupils, in receipt of income-related FSM, can attend a participating scheme for up to 16 hours free of charge.

This Christmas, family experiences, as well as a wide range of holiday schemes, are included. An eligibility voucher with a booking code was sent by email/text to eligible parents/carers on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. If you have any questions, please contact The Cambridgeshire HAF Team at [HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).

### **NICE TO KNOW Y8 Faith trip**

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, Y8 pupils had an opportunity to visit a mosque, gurdwara and church in Bedford.

We were really fortunate to be at the gurdwara at the same time as they were preparing for the celebration of Guru Nanak's birthday, pupils were able to see how the community were coming together to prepare the feast and venue for the celebration.

All those who delivered talks and tours were really impressed with the pupils' behaviour, engagement and curiosity with their questions.

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Wishing you a cosy weekend,

Jonathan Russell