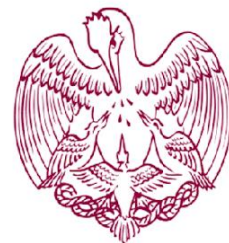


6 December 2024



**Sawston**  
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Weekly Round-Up – December 6th**

Today, we have been named in The Sunday Times Parent Power Guide as the State 11-16 Secondary School of the Year. This is in recognition of the outstanding GCSE results achieved by Year 11 in the summer. It is testament to the hard work and dedication of our pupils and staff and the tremendous support of our parents. We are proud of this achievement but will never be complacent and know that there is much to do to continue to provide excellent comprehensive education in a sector facing mounting challenges. Our pupils, past and present, should also be very proud of their achievement. In seizing every opportunity afforded to them, contributing positively to the College ethos and demonstrating our values daily in and out of lessons, our pupils can look forward to sharing in future successes.

### **NEW Site Regeneration Project - Planning Consultation until December 19th**

The planning application for Sawston Village College (24/04406/FUL) is now available on Greater Cambridge Shared Planning register [here](#). Where you can also find detailed reports relating to the application.

Positive feedback in support of the application may help in realising these ambitious plans. To share your views you must be registered which you can do [here](#). You can then log in to comment. It only takes a few minutes to complete.

For more information about the proposals, please visit the project website [sawstonvillagecollegeplans.co.uk](http://sawstonvillagecollegeplans.co.uk) and if you have questions for the project team please get in touch.

### **NEW Parent Coffee Morning (SEND)**

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, between 9am - 11am the Student Centre team would warmly welcome parents of children and young people who are supported by our SEND Department to our termly coffee morning.

The coffee morning will provide parents with an opportunity to speak with our SENDCos and HLTAs who run many of our interventions. We will provide a short introduction to the support offered at SVC and you will then be provided with an opportunity to speak with one of our team to discuss your child and review the support currently in place.

If you would like to attend our coffee morning please contact Mrs Grigoli on: [mgrigoli@sawstonvc.org](mailto:mgrigoli@sawstonvc.org) or call 01223 712777 and request to speak with the Student Centre.



### **REMINDER Attendance**

We are now at the time of year where illness is usually at its highest and this year is no exception. If your child is too ill to come into school, and you have tried all the usual remedies, then please do ensure that you have informed us each morning either via the form on our website, by emailing [attendance@sawstonvc.org](mailto:attendance@sawstonvc.org), or by calling us on 01223 712777. If you are unsure as to whether your child should come into school, the NHS provides some useful guidance around childhood illnesses and attendance at school [here](#).

If your child needs to be absent from school for a planned reason please also use the relevant form on the website – either the medical form or leave of absence form. Please be reminded that we are not able to authorise family holidays or extended leave for family events and absences of this nature will be unauthorised and may attract a fine.

We know that many of our pupils try their hardest to come in, even when they are feeling under the weather, and we commend them for their positive attitude and commitment to their learning. If you have any attendance related queries, please contact us at [attendance@sawstonvc.org](mailto:attendance@sawstonvc.org).

### **REMINDER FSM Christmas Vouchers**

Cambridgeshire County Council is continuing to run its holiday voucher scheme using the Household Support Fund from the Department for Work and Pensions and the additional funding provided by the Council. It was announced in the Autumn Budget that the Household Support Fund will be extended for a further six months and the Council will provide an update on the future of the Cambridgeshire Holiday Voucher Scheme in due course. For the Christmas holiday each eligible pupil will be issued a supermarket voucher for £30. They are continuing to work with Wonde (E-voucher) as the voucher supplier. Eligibility remains the same and further information was sent out to eligible families last week. Vouchers will be delivered by email or text by 9.00 pm on Saturday 21st December.

Please contact [holidayvoucherscheme@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:holidayvoucherscheme@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) with any questions about the scheme.

### **COMMUNITY Shelford Granary's Winter Fair**

Shelford Granary will be holding their Winter Fair from the 13th to 17th December. Further information, including how to purchase tickets, can be found on their website <https://www.staplefordgranary.org.uk/whats-on/events/winter-fair>

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Wishing you a happy weekend,

Jonathan Russell