

14 March 2025



**Sawston**  
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

It was a privilege to tour the College with our visitors today - delegates from Egyptian schools and their government, and Sir John Benger, Master of St Catherine's and previous Clerk of the House of Commons. Pupils conducted themselves politely and respectfully and asked insightful questions; the food in the GCSE Y11 kitchen was particularly impressive. Geographers gathered data in the cold of Hunstanton yesterday; we hope this will prove very useful in their exams. We are experiencing a spike in staff and pupil absence so would like to remind everybody of good hygiene habits to avoid any further spread of any nasty viruses lurking in the spring air. Finally, good luck to all those involved in 'Uprising'- Jonathan Dove's new community opera - that features our pupils performing alongside other schools, adult choirs and professional performers at Saffron Hall this weekend.

### **NEW Parent Support Group (Neurodivergent children)**

The SEND department will be hosting the next support group for parents and carers of neurodivergent children who attend the College on Wednesday 26th March from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Please contact Mrs Horlock at [shorlock@sawstonvc.org](mailto:shorlock@sawstonvc.org) to express interest in attending.

### **NEW Easter clinics for missed vaccinations**

The school vaccination team for Cambridge and Peterborough are running vaccination sessions during the Easter holiday. Please click [here](#) and [here](#) for further details.

### **REMINDER Parent Governor Election**

We seek a new Parent Governor to join our Local Governing Body. All parents/carers received a letter on Monday outlining the process including how to apply and the process for election.

### **NICE TO KNOW Y11 Geography fieldwork**

Year 11 geographers completed their fieldwork this week for their exams in the summer. The day may have started with a flurry of snow but ended with beautiful blue skies and sunshine in Hunstanton. Back in lessons attention will now turn to presenting and analysing the data they collected about tourism in the town and also the effectiveness of the coastal management.



ANGLIAN LEARNING



FRAMEWORK FOR  
ETHICAL LEADERSHIP  
IN EDUCATION  
PATHFINDER



Artsmark  
Platinum Award  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England



PROUD TO BE A  
MUSIC MARK  
SCHOOL  
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### **NICE TO KNOW Y11 Food GCSE Practical Exams (Wed 5th to Fri 14th)**

Our Y 11 Food GCSE pupils worked diligently and produced stunning dishes during their all-day exam. George commented afterward, 'I feel very good and happy with my performance. The end result of my cooking was really nice. The curry with naan bread and lasagne were very good. Overall, I'm absolutely buzzing with my performance!' Sunny also commented, 'I'm very happy with the food I made as it came out great. We had a few tasters come in, and Mr Russell and others tried my samosas with mint and coriander sauce and said they were spectacular!'

A big thank you to the parents and carers for their support in organising the ingredients and providing invaluable feedback on the dishes.

### **COMMUNITY Host families needed in Sawston**

St Neots English Centre is looking for host families in Sawston for a group of Taiwanese students (11 to 17 years old) from 29th June to the 13th July 2025. Please email [office@stneots-ec.com](mailto:office@stneots-ec.com) for further details.

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Wishing you an uplifting weekend,

Jonathan Russell