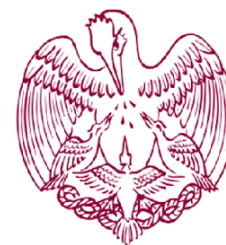


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7 February 2025



Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round-Up – February 7th

We have enjoyed hosting several visits this week. On Monday and Thursday a delegation of senior teachers from Oman observed teaching in Science and Maths. On Wednesday, our feeder Primary Heads met with Y7 alumni pupils and also saw them in action in various DT, Science and Drama classes. All remarked on how much they had grown in confidence, maturity and independence, which was lovely to hear. Also mid-week, visiting Anglian Learning Senior Leaders spent the day in lessons evaluating and reviewing our curriculum and assessment models. They, too, left with a wonderful impression of the pupils they saw in a variety of lessons, commenting on the pupils' focus, positive behaviour and high levels of understanding. One reflection that came from the visit is to better support pupils to be able to articulate and act on the feedback given in key assessments. There's always something we can learn. Our thanks to all Y9 parents for last night's attendance at our annual parents' evening. Best wishes to all those heading to Berlin next Thursday; our Historians will find it a fascinating trip.

NEW Department of Education national study - Growing Up in the 2020s

We have been informed that a number of Y8 pupils have been selected to take part in a national Department of Education study.

Growing Up in the 2020s is a national study following 8,000 Year 8 students, their families, and teachers. The study is commissioned and funded by the Department for Education (DfE), and led by the organisation Anna Freud in partnership with University College London (UCL) and Ipsos.

Parents and Carers of the pupils who have been selected will receive a letter at their home address.

REMINDER Y9 Options Interviews

Parents and carers of Y9 pupils should have received an invitation to an options interview with a senior member of staff. Pupils received the link to the final options submission form last Thursday. They are encouraged not to submit this form until after the options interview. Submitted forms can be edited up to the deadline of 4pm on Monday 10th March.

NICE TO KNOW A Date for the Diary at Sawston Cinema

The Importance of Being Earnest - 20 February, 7.00pm

Come and join us for the highly acclaimed production of The Importance of Being Earnest,



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directed by Max Webster and featuring three-time Olivier Award-winner Sharon D Clarke, joined by Ncuti Gatwa (Doctor Who; Sex Education) in a joyful reimagining of Oscar Wilde's most celebrated comedy.

Tickets (£10.00) are available from: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sawstoncinema?sd=1>

COMMUNITY Boots Sawston opening hours and available services over half term

Boots Sawston can support or help for minor illness consultations, or the NHS Pharmacy First service. The conditions the Pharmacy First can assist with are:

Urinary tract infections - Women aged 16-64 years old

Shingles - 18 years and over

Impetigo - 1 year and over

Infected insect bites - 1 year and over

Sore throat - 5 years and over

Sinusitis - 12 years and over

Acute Otitis media (earache) - 1-17 years

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Wishing you a bright weekend,

Jonathan Russell