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Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

The Gym and Dance was the undoubted highlight of the week. The audience was enraptured by the turns, twists and tumbles of the gymnasts, the energy of the cheerleaders, the beauty of the dances and the daring dynamics of the trampolinists. Congratulations to all 90 performers, who not only delighted us with their talents but in putting on the brilliant show raised much needed funds for equipment renewal. Thanks to all Y7 parents who were able to make appointments for last night's Parents' Evening. This was slightly impacted by the high staff absence, which is largely due to a very nasty illness that continues to be circulating. Hopefully, the Easter break will put an end to that. Today was our non-uniform day with some impressive pyjama outfits on display including Superman. All proceeds will go to Comic Relief. We wish all families the very best for the Easter break and look forward to seeing pupils again on Tuesday 22nd April.

NEW Parent Governor Election

We had a strong field of nominees for the Parent Governor election. Thank you to all parents who put themselves forward and to those who voted. The election has now concluded and the outcome is that Mr Max Kenworthy has duly been elected as Parent Governor. The Local Governing Body looks forward to working with him.

NEW Year 9 - Options Update

Many thanks to Y9 parents and pupils for all of their time and engagement with the options process to date. All pupil option choices are now in and we have spent the past few weeks reviewing staffing, timetabling and recruitment options. As things stand, it looks likely that we will be oversubscribed in the following subject areas: Photography, Engineering, Food and Nutrition and Hairdressing. Mr Wallace will be discussing the implications of this, with pupils, immediately after Easter. In the first instance, we will be looking for volunteers to explore alternative options. Please note that pupils will not be asked to consider reserves in more than one subject area.

NEW Comic Relief

The Senate has raised £354 for Comic Relief via the organisation of a non-uniform day, a bake sale and bucket shaking this morning. Thank you to everyone for their generosity for this good cause.

If you would still like to make a donation for non-uniform day, you can do so via WisePay.



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NEW Newsletter and Fountain Magazine

To find out what the different departments have been up to this half term, please check out our latest newsletter, which you can find on our website here:

<https://sawstonvc.org/category/newsletter/>.

Then, to get an overview of this busy term's activities from the perspective of our pupils, please see The Fountain magazine for this term, which you can find here:

<https://sawstonvc.org/category/the-fountain/>. This latest edition is the final issue to be produced by our current Senate Ambassadors, and we thank them for their commitment and diligence as they have worked on the magazine, producing issues for three terms.

NEW History Staffing

Mrs Jackson-Buckley is on maternity leave from today. We send her our best wishes and look forward to her exciting news. All GCSE History classes will be taught by History specialists after Easter.

NEW Belonging by Design

Anglian Learning recently unveiled its Belonging by Design strategy, which has five strands: Attendance, Communities, Inclusion, Mental Health and Relationships. To find out more about the Mental Health strand of this strategy and to access a flyer from The Foundation for Young People's Mental Health, please see our website here:

<https://sawstonvc.org/belonging-by-design-mental-health/>

NEW Arts News

Please find [here](#) issue three of Arts News, the termly update from Lesley Morgan, Trust Arts Development Manager for Anglian Learning. In this issue, we celebrate two of our schools recently being awarded Artsmark Platinum, an outstanding achievement. GCSE and BTEC dance pupils gathered for a collaborative workshop hosted by dance professionals, and we hear about some inspiring performances from pupils who participated in Young Voices in the O2 arena and Uprising, a new opera.

We hope this newsletter helps showcase some of the fantastic opportunities available to pupils of Anglian Learning to help them express their creativity.

NEW Please give Sawston your vote in NEW T-REX design competition

Six schools from Cambridge have designed a T Rex as part of the Jurassic Arcade in the Grand Arcade in Cambridge, where all the designs are now on display. Our Y7 pupils rose to the challenge in creating their very own T Rex design and now need your votes. To vote, you can visit the Grand Arcade, locate the T Rex and scan the QR code. Alternatively, you can visit www.grandarcade.co.uk/competition/jurassic-arcade-competition-sawston-village-college

REMINDER Y11 group photograph

The closing date for placing orders for free delivery to school is Monday 21st April. Please order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk . If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

NICE TO KNOW Gym and Dance Display

On Wednesday, 90 talented performers and backstage crew took part in the Gym and Dance Display 2025. This year the show incorporated an exciting blend of gymnastics and dance with disciplines ranging from Tap to Trampolining; Contemporary to Cheerleading and Commercial Jazz to Tumbling. All of the pupils worked incredibly hard to ensure a slick and professional routine, their commitment and dedication to the countless hours of rehearsals were a real credit to each and every one of them. The display was highly successful, and we hope that the pupils enjoyed showcasing their talents to their family and friends. We have also raised an incredible £1000 from the event; with the proceeds going directly towards enhancing the Gymnastics and Dance curriculum here at Sawston. Well done to all involved!

COMMUNITY 2025 Sawston Fun Run & Walk

The 2025 [Sawston Fun Run](http://www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk) will be held on Sunday 11th May 2025. It's a great day out for all the family. Further information and to enter, please visit www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk

COMMUNITY Preparing for Adulthood SEND Festival

MY Life: My Future - In-Person Event at Burgess Hall, St. Ives PE27 6WU on 11th of July.

Event Format: Information stands, interactive activities, fun activities and information sessions for young people and parent carers. Young people can visit independently or with parent carers.

The event is for young people (14-25 years) with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families, Cambridgeshire schools and professionals

The range of stallholders and activities include:

- **Employers:** who will be joining us to find out more about being a Disability Confident Employer as well as talking to young people about career opportunities in their industry groups.
- **Further education colleges:** Providing information and guidance on courses, as well as any helpful information to support with becoming college ready.
- **Friendship and community groups:** stall holders and activities to support young people with friendships; mental health, wellbeing
- **Building independence:** Housing options; helpful apps and equipment available to young people
- **Adult services:** Young people with high level of needs will have representatives from health and social care.
- **Information and guidance** from Job Centre, Job Coaches, Career advisers, SENDIASS and others.
- **Fun Activities:** including Bowling alley, Silent Disco, Ping Pong, Indoor Picnic, Photobooth and Red-Carpet entrance.

To register, please click [here](#).

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Wishing you a wonderful Easter break,

Jonathan Russell