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Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing this letter following a successful post-16 conference day, an important opportunity for pupils to begin to think in more detail about their next steps and mock exam preparation. Pupils did themselves and the College proud, impressing our external speakers with their engagement and positivity throughout the day. I hope that they found the event useful.

This letter comes as a follow-up to my letter earlier this term, providing further information about two key areas:

1. Post-16 Evening, Monday 6 October
2. Mock exam preparation

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As mentioned previously, the next element of the post-16 application process is our Post-16 Evening. Parents and pupils are warmly invited to attend this event, which will provide further important information about the application process and the year ahead. This event also includes the post-16 fair, which will be attended by representatives from a wide range of post-16 providers. This is an ideal opportunity for pupils to ask any individual questions they may have to find out more about the courses and providers they are interested in, as well as to talk to current students to find out about the reality of studying at a particular post-16 centre.

To manage numbers throughout the evening, we offer two talks starting at different times, depending on which band pupils are in for their core subject lessons. The timings for the event are:

- **East band** - 5:30-6:00 pm talk in the Henry Morris Hall, followed by post-16 fair in the Dining Hall
- **West band** - 6:15-6:45 pm talk in the Henry Morris Hall, followed by post-16 fair in the Dining Hall

As you may be aware, parking on the College site is currently limited due to the building work taking place. If driving, please enter via the Sports Centre gate. Staff will be on hand to guide you to the appropriate place to park and to signpost you from there to the Henry Morris Hall for the event. If you require accessible parking close to the Henry Morris Hall, please contact me via email (ewagstaff@sawstonvc.org) to arrange this.

Mock exam preparation

Pupils will shortly be receiving their individual mock exam timetables. To support with their exam preparation, pupils attended a session during the post-16 conference day led by external speakers from Elevate Education, an organisation which works with schools and colleges nationwide. The aim of this session was to provide some advice and guidance to help pupils to develop effective study habits, which will be important for their upcoming mock exams and beyond.



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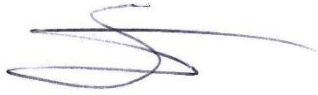


Teachers have also been providing pupils with guidance about what they need to revise for each mock exam, to ensure that they are focusing their efforts on the right elements of the course content. If pupils are unsure of what will be assessed in any of their mocks, they should ask their subject teacher in the first instance.

Heads of Department have also put together a list of 'top tips' for effective mock exam revision for their subject, which are available for parents to view [here](#). The resources listed are intended to be a starting point if pupils are unsure where to go for revision materials, together with a brief overview of how they could be used by pupils. I hope that sharing them with parents and carers will enable you to support your child(ren) with their revision and independent study throughout Year 11.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we enter a crucial time for our Year 11 pupils. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any further questions. I look forward to seeing you at the Post-16 Evening on Monday.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs E Wagstaff
Assistant Principal