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Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

This week we launched our annual Sawston Give campaign. Many thanks to any family that may be able to help with donations as we head towards Christmas - see below. We enjoyed hosting Icknield primary school KS2 as part of the Into Film Festival; the pupils were a credit to their school and the community. Even better, there was hardly any popcorn to sweep up! We surprised Y11 with a small celebration and an extra hour of downtime by way of saying thanks for their behaviour and approach in the mock exams. Mock exam feedback will begin next week. Finally, it was not the best of weeks to have a temporary problem with one of our boilers but this has been fully fixed and the Spicer Wing now resembles more of a sauna than an ice bath.

NEW Belonging by Design: Mental Health

Last month, Anglian Learning launched its first webinar as part of the 'Mental Health: It's Not All In The Mind' series. Thank you to those who have already engaged with part one. We are pleased to present part two, which is a spotlight on the individual factors of stress, how chronic stress and the food we eat are linked to depression and what we can do. Watch the webinar by [clicking here](#).

If you have yet to start the series, you can click the link above to watch the first video. We are asking parents and carers to complete a short survey to help The Young People's Mental Health (YPMH), who recorded the webinars, to measure the effectiveness of this series. You can find a link to the survey within the webpage linked above.

We hope you find these videos a useful tool to enable you to understand and support your child's mental health and wellbeing, and please do make use of the resources on the webpage for further support and guidance.

NEW Y7 information evening slides

Thank you to parents who were able to attend the Y7 information evening this week. The presentation from the evening can now be found on the Information Evenings page of the College website. If you have any questions following the evening, please contact your child's mentor for any general queries, or Mrs Wagstaff (ewagstaff@sawstonvc.org) for questions relating to Assessment, Recording and Reporting.



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NEW Sawston Give initiative

This week, we launched our annual Sawston Give initiative during our house assemblies. This annual tradition brings pupils together in their mentor groups to create shoeboxes filled with thoughtful items for young people aged 16–24 who are living in sheltered accommodation. These boxes ensure they have something special to open on Christmas Day.

Alongside this, we will be holding a Christmas Jumper Day, where instead of the usual monetary donation, we ask pupils to bring in an item to contribute to the Sawston Give.

As a school, we are incredibly proud of the Sawston Give. It's a wonderful way for our community to come together and give back to those in need locally.

NICE TO KNOW Screening for Primary School

We were delighted to welcome over 100 pupils from Icknield Primary School into the Marven Centre yesterday for a screening of Inside Out 2. The pupils were impeccably behaved and enjoyed the film. The screening was organised as part of the Into Film Festival (running 7th-28th November) for which Sawston Cinema is a venue.

COMMUNITY Arthur Rank Hospice Christmas tree recycling scheme

The Arthur Rank Hospice will be running its Christmas tree recycling scheme again this year. Please click [here](#) for further details.

COMMUNITY Hills Road Sixth Form - Frankenstein

Hills Road Sixth Form College is performing Young Frankenstein at the Robinson Theatre, Hills Road Cambridge from Wednesday 10th - Saturday 13th December. The completely barmy Mel Brooks monster horror-movie spoof is reanimated in an all-singing, all-dancing musical guaranteed to leave you in stitches. All tickets are available from:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hillsroadsixthformcollege>

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Wishing you a warmer weekend,

Jonathan Russell