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**Sawston**  
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

## **Weekly Round Up**

Some claim the third or fourth Monday of January is Blue Monday, associating it with gloominess as we trudge through the winter months. It is hard to accept that verdict for this Monday, as we hosted a number of visitors to help with Y11 mock interviews. This was an opportunity for pupils to talk through their future aspirations and have some practice of interview techniques with strangers. Our visitors were impressed and it certainly brightened their day and pupil feedback suggests they found it helpful, too. Similarly, our GCSE RE pupils had a super trip to Walsingham on Monday and we have been told how respectful and curious they were. Well done to all. Thank you to all Y9 parents/carers who were able to attend our launch of the KS4 Options process last night - we do hope you found it useful and have found the guide in your child's bag (it is also on the [website](#)).

### **NEW Stagecoach Citi 7 Users**

The drivers and engineers for Stagecoach East have announced they are planning to take further days of their strike action. These have been scheduled for Monday 26th, Wednesday 28th and Friday 30th January. On their previous strike days this had a large impact on the Citi 7 service, with it being reduced to one service an hour on the main route through Sawston. No service came on to the school site on that day. We would encourage users to check the Stagecoach website or app on Monday for further details.

### **NEW Bag found at Carol Service**

A floral Flying Tiger bag containing some cards and items was found after the Great St Mary's Carol Service. Please contact [office@sawstonvc.org](mailto:office@sawstonvc.org) for more information.

### **NEW Parent Power Talk with Inger Madsen**

This term there are two free online Parent Power Talks, led by Inger Madsen, an experienced practitioner who works with families and secondary schools to support parents navigating the challenges of adolescence. Please follow the links below for more information.

## **Parenting an anxious teenager: Go from stress to strength**

Thursday 5th February 18.30-19.30

<https://ingermadsen.com/strength-masterclass/>



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## **From Conflict to Connection: 3 steps to confident parenting**

Tuesday 10th February 18.30-19.30

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### **NICE TO KNOW Walsingham trip**

On Monday the Religion and Worldviews department took 46 of our GCSE RE pupils to visit Walsingham in Norfolk, which has been a pilgrimage site for nearly 1000 years. We visited an Orthodox Church, a Methodist Church and a Roman Catholic Church, and then the holy shrine. We learnt about the history of Walsingham and the Holy House (a replica of the Virgin Mary's house in Nazareth where the Angel Gabriel had appeared to her that was built in Walsingham following a vision of Mary in 1061 to a lady called Lady Richeldis). Pupils had the opportunity to watch or take part in a 'Sprinkling' ceremony at the holy well, and had a Q&A session with Bishop Robert, where lots of interesting questions were asked by our pupils. Thank you to our fantastic year 10 pupils, who behaved excellently throughout the day. The staff at Walsingham were very impressed, and said, " I really enjoyed Monday's visit with your young people. They were engaged and I loved their questions."

### **COMMUNITY Holiday netball club**

GK fit is running a holiday netball club over the February half term at the Cherry Hinton Leisure Centre. For further details, please see [here](#).

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Wishing you a relaxing weekend,

Jonathan Russell