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Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

Welcome to the summer term. This week Y10s have undertaken their internal exams and we wish them well for the remaining days next week. They have conducted themselves impressively and we are expecting great things from them. In assemblies, we have reflected on the achievements of the Artemis II programme and what astronaut Commander Reid Wiseman said on his return: 'it's a special thing to be human'. During the holidays, our geographers enjoyed a tremendous trip to Iceland and were singled out for praise by their tour guide for their confidence, humour, timekeeping and mature interactions with all the adults involved. They had the chance to marvel at the northern lights just as the moon mission was orbiting above.

NEW Safeguarding: Managing children's digital lives

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, has published a guide to help parents and carers navigate the challenge of managing children's everyday online habits - "[What I wish my parents or carers knew...](#)". Written with direct input from children and young people, including teenagers consulted in schools and the Commissioner's Youth Ambassadors, the guide is designed to make difficult conversations easier and more regular.

The guide covers setting boundaries around phone use, talking about harmful content, and building ongoing communication that goes beyond a one-off conversation. The voice of young people runs through it, including this from one teenager: "Don't be afraid to be firm... If you are worried your child is seeing harmful content and you don't know what they're watching and it's affecting their behaviour, just take it that you know best, they don't."

COMMUNITY Cyber crime webinars

Police Officers and Staff from the Cyber Crime team in the Eastern Region Specialist Operations Unit, are presenting a series of webinars over the coming months intended for parents and carers of young people. There are two different webinars although you may find both are relevant and useful for understanding how cyber crime can impact on families and young people. Further details, including how to book can be found [here](#).

COMMUNITY New skate park on Lynton Way

Sawston Parish Council is delighted to announce that the new skate park on Lynton Way is now officially open. They hope this fantastic new facility will be well used and become a valuable asset for the community, providing a fun and inclusive space for people of all ages and abilities.



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The next phase will involve installing a new footpath from the skate park to the corner by Icknield Primary School. This area will be temporarily fenced off while the work is carried out. The skate park will remain open and available for use throughout this period.

[NICE TO KNOW](#) Cinema Club Film Shortlisted

Congratulations to the members of the Y7 & 8 Cinema Club on having their film, 'Fairy Fails', shortlisted for the prestigious Into Film awards. Their film, which is an innovative take on some traditional fairy tales, combines live action with puppetry and green screen work. The film has been shortlisted in the Best Film 12-15 category. Winners will be announced at the Awards ceremony which will take place in London on 16th June.

[COMMUNITY](#) Project 11 - Girls Rugby

Project 11, is a fantastic opportunity for young girls aged 10 to 12 to discover rugby!

The sessions will introduce girls to the sport, fundamental skills , its rules, and fitness requirements, preparing them for match readiness by September if they choose to continue with Shelford Rugby Club. For further details, please click [here](#).

[COMMUNITY](#) Couch to 5K with South Cambridge Striders

South Cambridge Striders are offering a free Couch to 5k programme at Trumpington Meadows Primary School. For more information, please click [here](#).

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Wishing you a pleasant weekend,

Jonathan Russell