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Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

Well done to pupils whose attendance has remained high this week. We can look forward to cooler temperatures and the return of our Y10s from work experience next week. The Epping Forest trips this week have been very enjoyable with lots of activities taking place under the shady canopy. Due to the weather, we had to cancel our Lower School Concert but have rescheduled this for Monday 13th July. Congratulations to our Speak Out finalists and musicians for their performance at the Mumford. Tonight is our annual Y11 Prom where our senior pupils take their official leave of secondary school and celebrate five years together. The HMH looks stunning and we hope that the pupils have a wonderful time in spite of the heat.

NEW My Child At School (MCAS) App

Further to the letter sent out on Monday, we have now launched the MCAS app for parents of pupils in Years 7-10. You should have received a link earlier in the week inviting you to set up your account for this. New links have been sent out today for any parents who were unable to activate their accounts before the original invitation link expired. Once you have created your account, you should be able to see the relevant information relating to your child including attendance and punctuality. We would encourage you to make use of this information including discussing any lateness with your child to remind them of the importance of arriving to school and lessons promptly.

Please note that, unlike Go4Schools which only allows you to see your child's AM/PM registration marks, MCAS shows attendance information for each lesson throughout the day. There may therefore be some differences, for example in the number of lates, if your child arrives late to a lesson which does not affect their AM/PM mark. Some parents have contacted us regarding their child's attendance marks for individual lessons. We are aware that there are some occasions where a pupil may receive an absent mark from their teacher while they were participating in another activity, for example a music lesson, and we have put systems in place to try and ensure that these are recorded accurately. Please do contact us if you have significant concerns regarding your child's attendance information, but please be aware that it is unfortunately not possible at this stage for us to go back and change historic lesson marks where these do not affect a pupil's overall attendance figures.



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NEW Change to homework-setting

From Monday 29th June, teachers will begin to set homework using Bromcom rather than Satchel:one. Homework will be visible to parents via the MCAS app. Pupils will access their homework by logging into Bromcom Student Portal, either on the website at www.bromcomvle.com or by downloading the app. They can access this from any device and need to select the "log in with Google" option to log in using their SVC Google account. We will be continuing to remind pupils of this and checking that they have been able to login. We would also appreciate your support in helping them with this at home. If you or they have any questions, please encourage pupils to speak to their mentors or contact Mrs Wagstaff.

NICE TO KNOW Speak Out Challenge Final – Celebrating Our Inspiring Young People

We would like to congratulate Sia Nair and Tom-Lui Child on their outstanding performances in the Speak Out Challenge Final at the Mumford Theatre last night. Their speeches were both thought-provoking and inspiring, demonstrating confidence, maturity and a clear passion for the important messages they wanted to share. They represented the school exceptionally well at such a prestigious event and should be incredibly proud of their achievements.

We would also like to extend our congratulations to Elena Stephenson and Seb Smyth, who performed music during the evening. Their performances were outstanding and showcased not only their talent and dedication, but also the power of music as a means of expression. They are clearly gifted musicians with bright futures ahead of them.

The evening was a wonderful celebration of our inspiring young people and the important messages they have to share, whether through the power of speech or the expression of music. We are immensely proud of all four pupils and grateful for the way they represented our school community. Well done to everyone involved.

NICE TO KNOW Arts Award Success

We are delighted that 220 Y7 pupils have achieved their Bronze Arts Award qualification. The Bronze Arts Award is accredited through Trinity College London in association with Arts Council England and is a level 1 qualification. Young people have to complete four parts to achieve the award, and pupils worked on these over this academic year in a mix of classwork and homework tasks. We are also delighted that four pupils (from Y9 and 10) achieved their Silver Award, having completed Bronze in Y7. Well done to all!

We now look forward to the certificates coming into school and our being able to celebrate this success.

NICE TO KNOW Bronze Duke of Edinburgh

131 Y9 pupils have enrolled to the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award this year. The programme, which is celebrating its seventieth anniversary this year, is designed to develop self-confidence, build resilience and guide participants through a journey of self-fulfilment and discovery. Participants will be completing their volunteering, physical and skills sections over the next year, as well as testing their resolve through two camping weekends. We wish them all the best.

COMMUNITY Friday Singers

After 27 years of tremendous service to the community, Valerie Catton has stepped down as the lead of Friday Singers. In an uplifting summer concert, tributes were paid today to Valerie for the joy that she has brought to so many who have sung and laughed together at the weekly choir. The group will continue at the College with a new tutor but Valerie's contribution will never be forgotten and she retires with all our best wishes.

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Wishing you a cooler weekend,

Jonathan Russell