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Sawston Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

We are sorry for the disruption to Y7 Meet the Mentor on-line sessions yesterday. This was due to a server issue with the national company that runs the software. For those who missed appointments, mentors will be in touch or please contact mentors directly who will then be happy to rearrange a phone or on-line meeting. Best wishes to our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards expedition this weekend; it will be a lot cooler in the tents than on the practice trip but they are hardy souls. Next week, we are very much looking forward to Y7 Last Choir Standing on Thursday evening, in which almost all pupils compete in a fun sing-off to see which form wins. We hope Y10 parents will be able to join for our information event on Tuesday where we can explain in some more detail how to navigate and support KS4.

NEW Y10 information evening

Our information evening for Y10 parents is on Tuesday 13th October, in the Henry Morris Hall starting at 6pm. Please refer to the letter sent earlier this week for more details.

NEW Y11 "top revision resources" for each subject

As mentioned at our Y11 information evening last week, Heads of Department have put together a list of "top revision resources" to help pupils as they prepare for their mock exams. This list is designed to be a starting point for pupils and should be used alongside any specific guidance and/or revision homework tasks they have been set by their subject teachers. Please visit *https://sawstonvc.org/information-evenings/ and scroll to the downloads section at the bottom of the page.*

NEW Citi 7 Users

Please can pupils who use the Citi 7 service be aware that there are major roadworks for the next few weeks on Hills Road in Cambridge which may have a knock-on effect for the timetable of the Citi 7 service especially in the morning. We would recommend that families use the Stagecoach app which gives up current service times to make sure they are able to get a service that will get them to the College in time.

NEW **Call for volunteers -support our Careers Programme - Y10 Careers Carousel, Tuesday 1st December**

Throughout the academic year, pupils across all year groups take part in careers-related activities and events intended to raise aspirations, introduce them to a wide range of different possible future pathways, and to help them to make informed choices about their next steps. This programme is delivered in partnership with Form the Future, a Cambridge-based social enterprise working to support careers education in schools. We have a number of upcoming careers activities and would be delighted to involve any members of our wider school community who would like to contribute.

The first of these is a Careers Carousel for our Y10 pupils, which is scheduled for Tuesday 1st December (10:45-13:10). In this activity, participants will share their career journey with pupils through the use of personal stories, questions to the class and the use of props and/or other explanatory materials as appropriate. Pupils have the opportunity to ask questions around career choices, career pathways, working conditions, job roles and responsibilities. Volunteers would speak to multiple groups of pupils, with each session lasting approximately 15-20 minutes. If this is something you feel you would like to be involved in, please see this flyer for more information.

If you have any questions about our careers programme or would like to receive details about other events taking place later in the academic year, please contact Erika Wagstaff.

REMINDER **Nasal Flu Vaccination Y7-11**

The school Immunisation team will be visiting the college on Wednesday 21st October to administer the Nasal Flu Vaccination to Y10 and 11 pupils and Wednesday 4th November for Y7-9 pupils. Parents/Carers will receive an email from the NHS two weeks prior regarding consent for the vaccination.

Please contact the School Immunisation Team on 01480 275 422 or at cambsandpeterborough@v-uk.co.uk if you have any questions.

REMINDER **Parent Survey**

Our parent survey letter was sent last week inviting all parents/carers to complete. The deadline for sharing your views via the survey is October 23rd. The letter and link can also be found here. Thank you.

COMMUNITY **Sawston United FC Girls U13**

Sawston United FC Girls U13 team are looking for new players who are currently in Y7 or 8. Beginners are welcome. Matches kick off at 10.00 am on a Saturday. Training is at 6.00 pm every Thursday. Please contact youthsecretary@sawstonunitedfc.co.uk.

COMMUNITY **University of Cambridge School Attendance Study**

The University of Cambridge are inviting parents/carers to take part in a study about Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance (EBSNA). Participants can contribute valuable information about why school attendance difficulties are increasing, what support is available/missing, and what could help young people to re-engage with education.

The five-year project will develop a whole school approach to improving school attendance.

To learn more please visit the Attend Well website: https://attendwell.org.uk/ or email attendwell@medschl.cam.ac.uk.

COMMUNITY **In Conversation Series with Baron Simon Woolly of Woodford**

The In Conversation Series' next guest is Baron Woolley of Woodford. The evening will start at 7pm and will take place at All Saints' Church in Harston. Please see here for further details.

COMMUNITY **Sawston Heritage Plaque Scheme**

Sawston Parish Council, Sawston Village History Society and The AM Challis Trust Ltd, are inaugurating a new Sawston Heritage Plaque Scheme, which honours some of the important people who have made a significant contribution to Sawston village life.

Jennifer Crompton, Patron of the AM Challis Trust Ltd, will officially launch the scheme on Saturday 10th October 2026 at Challis House, 68 High Street Sawston.

A booklet providing details of those honoured in the scheme can be found here.

COMMUNITY **Cambridge South East Transport - public enquiry dates**

The Department for Transport (DfT) has announced a public inquiry into a new busway, travel hub and path for walkers, wheelers and cyclists to the southeast of Cambridge which is taking place from Tuesday 8th December 2026.

More details on the public inquiry and how to attend or view online, will be published on the independent public inquiry website.

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Wishing you a happy weekend,

Jonathan Russell