



NEWSLETTER

Autumn 1 - October 2022

The new academic year has been full of exciting activities and learning opportunities. Pupils have settled in well and we look forward to another action packed term after the October break.

TERM DATES:

We will be closing for half term on **Friday 21st October** at 2.50pm and will re-open on **Monday 31st October 2022**.

INSET DAYS:

The remaining inset day for this academic year is: **Thursday 22nd December 2022**.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:

We close for the Christmas holidays on **Wednesday 21st December @ 1.30pm** and reopen on **Monday 9th January**.

CAREERS:

This half-term pupils in Key Stage 4 have started one-to-one Careers guidance with Jacques Palmer from the Derbyshire Education Business Partnership. Jacques is supporting our pupils in identifying what they would like to do in the future and the options available to them in terms of post-16. After each guidance meeting an action plan is produced and posted home to give parents/careers a greater insight to important next steps for our pupils beyond SSSC.

KS3 TENNIS:

This half-term some KS3 pupils have had the opportunity to take part in tennis lessons at Ripley Tennis Club. Each week pupils have

mastered forehand, backhand, serving and volleying. On Friday 21st October pupils are taking part in a tennis tournament with pupils from Alfreton Park School.

LIFE SKILLS:

This half term has been full of real life opportunities for all our young people. Year 9 have been learning about First Aid. Year 8 and 11 have been swimming and other pupils have been focusing on the following strands taken from our Life Skills Curriculum: Personal Skills, Time and Money, Interpersonal Friendships and Home Management.

INTERHOUSE:

On Friday the 14th October all pupils in the school took part in the Team-building Interhouse competition. All 6 houses took part in activities such as "Minefield, obstacle course, cross the river, and waste disposal." A great time was had by all!



SITE IMPROVEMENTS:

SSSC has been working hard to improve the facilities for the young people. We have recently opened our new Nurture block and staff are excited to start working and teaching in these new facilities.

STAFF ROOM:

On Thursday 12th October we finally managed to secure a new staff room for our hardworking, dedicated staff who gave theirs up in January 2021 to reduce the transmission of Covid.

ePraise:

At SSSC we use an online system called ePraise to reward our pupils by awarding them points. Pupils may then exchange these points for prizes in our online store or by entering reward trip competitions.

REWARD TRIPS:

As part of the SSSC Behaviour Policy young people have the opportunity to enter the Reward Trip draw using our ePraise system. The trips recognise outstanding work and Behaviour.

PREFECTS:

14 brave young KS4 pupils applied this year to be School Prefects. The applications were completed online to encourage and promote real-life experiences. The new School Prefects will be announced at the end of term Celebration Assembly. We are so proud of the pupils who applied and demonstrated our Learning Hero attributes of "Bravery, Resilience, Independence, Communication, Knowledge, Perseverance, Teamwork and Responsibility".

MOBILE APP:

Over the summer holiday we have had a new and improved school mobile application developed to help keep you up to date with everything going on at Swanwick School and Sports College.

Our new mobile application will provide you with the latest school news, access to letters / newsletters and send you live notifications informing you of key information.

In order to download our new Mobile Application please follow the guidance on the school website. It can be downloaded to both Smart Phone and Tablet devices.

You will require the following code in order to gain access: **2198**

SPONSORED WALK:

A huge thank you for all your support in raising funds for SSSC in the summer term through our sponsored walk. In total we raised an incredible £420.



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