# SSSC NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 12024

Welcome back to a new academic year at Swanwick School & Sports College. As always we have tried to make school as enjoyable as possible and some of the highlights are shown below.

# **TERM DATES**

#### Autumn 1 2024

We break up Friday 25th October and return Monday 4th November 2024 **Autumn 2 2024** We break up for Christmas holidays on Friday 20th December 2024 at 1pm and return Monday 6th January 2025

2025 **INSET Days** Friday 6th December 2024





## **INTERHOUSE COMPETITION**

This half term has seen the start of our 2024-2025 Interhouse competitions. On Wednesday 25th September we started with a Teambuilding event which consisted of three different activities on a carousel. Pupils had to work together using excellent communication skills to win the game and of course, the points! Pupils worked collaboratively in their teams and supported each other throughout. It was a brilliant example of how we work together at SSSC and we are so very proud of all the pupils for their brilliant efforts!

#### KS4 YORKSHIRE SCULPTURE PARK

The Fine Art GCSE class enjoyed a sunny trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park. We got to see the artwork of Elisabeth Frink, an artist we have been studying this half term. The pupils loved drawing and interacting with the sculptures, it has given us lots of inspiration moving forward.

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#### **ONLINE SAFETY**

Thank you to all parents who completed the Online Safety questionnaire at the Parent Consultation Evening and who attended the Online Safety Coffee Morning. This half term's Online Safety Newsletters are focused on Discord for our Secondary age pupils and App recommendations for our Primary age pupils.

#### DERBYSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Year 9 Yellow had a visit from Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service. The pupils learnt about a wide range of topics including what vehicles are used and for what purpose, what skills are required for a career in the fire service and what the role and responsibilities are of a firefighter. The pupils even had a go at getting dressed in all of the kit, as fast as possible!

#### KS4 NURTURE VISIT TO BOLSOVER CASTLE



Nurture 4 pupils enjoyed visiting Bolsover castle as part of their 'Caves to Castles' topic. They explored different parts of the castle and their purposes, identifying a range of features inside the building and outside in the castle grounds. The pupils also looked at sections of the building from different perspectives, taking photographs to develop their creativity skills.





**BERT AWARD** 

SSSC are pleased to announce that in October 2024 we were awarded the Bronze BERT Award (Building Effective Relationships Together) from working with the Derbyshire Relationships and Sex Education Award Programme. The BERT Award is about supporting everyone in the school community to build effective relationships.

We will continue to develop this area of the school curriculum and support available for pupils, parents and carers.

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# **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

At SSSC pupil voice is essential part of our curriculum. Each half term, formal School Council meetings are held with a group of pupils from across the school. Each tutor group has a representative at the School Council. The School Council representatives are elected by their peers at the beginning of the academic year to represent the pupil voice, views and opinions.

The first meeting was held on Friday 20th September. Mrs England was very impressed with the contributions and maturity shown by all pupils representing their forms.



On Thursday 10th October pupils took part in the wear something yellow for our Mental Health Awareness Day. The whole school looked fantastic and pupils enjoyed learning about how to look after our Mental health within the Tutor Time plus sessions.

We raised £50.95 which we will use to buy resources to support our pupil's mental health within school.

If you would like to explore how to we can take care of our Mental health take a look at the Young Minds website.



# SCARECROW COMPETITION

On Friday 18th October SSSC held their first Scarecrow Competition. A massive thank you

to everybody who entered the competition.

The scarecrows were amazing!!! £25.00 was raised for the school. Thank you for your support.



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