

6 October 2023



Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

Last night's Open Evening was a tremendous success thanks to the pupils participating in the event. Many prospective parents commented on how polite, informative and passionate the pupils were as they showed them the College. We are very grateful to all of the pupils who volunteered their time; they can be very proud of themselves as we are of them. In other news, last weekend all 88 pupils passed their Bronze training expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh Award and can now look forward to the real thing in a couple of weeks' time. On Tuesday, 85 GCSE Drama pupils went to see Frankenstein at the Arts Theatre and were praised by staff for their good behaviour. Anglian Learning Chess Academy, which continues tonight, had a great start with 28 young people taking part at the first session last Friday. And, on Monday, our Post-16 event was very well attended and hopefully has set our Y11s on the right track for success as they knuckle down to the hard work which will get them there. We hope the pupils enjoy their long weekend.

NEW Free School Meals

Please find [here](#) a letter from Cambridgeshire County Council regarding the October half term holiday voucher scheme, along with [this](#) FAQ sheet. If your family is eligible for free school meals please consider completing the survey <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CHVS23/> regarding your experience of the holiday voucher scheme.

NEW Catering

There have been a number of updates added the [Catering](#) section of our website, including posters and information on topics such as food donations and meal deals.

NEW Second-hand uniform

We have a good stock of second-hand uniform. Items can be requested using the Google form on <https://sawstonvc.org/parents/uniform/>. Due to technical issues, requests made via this form since the beginning of the school year have not been recorded; please complete the form again and the reception team will respond.

Donations of good-condition school sweatshirts and polo shirts and PE kit are welcomed and can be delivered to the school office.

NEW Hansel and Gretel

We are pleased to announce the Drama department trip to Cambridge Junction for the Christmas production of Hansel and Gretel. This trip is open to pupils from all years and their families, to a maximum of four tickets per family. A letter with details of the performance was sent by email earlier today. Tickets can be purchased on WisePay now



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under the Tickets heading, however, please also complete the Google form [here](#) to confirm your ticket request. **Both** these steps must be completed for your ticket purchase to be confirmed. We hope that you are able to join us for this enchanting performance.

NEW Sawston Cinema in the Marven Centre

Cinema screenings have restarted in the Marven Centre, and the National Theatre Live programme is scheduled to be announced shortly. In the meantime, we are delighted to announce that we will be screening the 'Exhibition on Screen' title: VERMEER - THE GREATEST EXHIBITION on 30th November at 7.00pm. This is the film of the blockbuster exhibition which was at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam earlier in the year. Described as a once-in-a-lifetime-show, the exhibition was the largest Vermeer exhibition in history, bringing together 28 of his 35 known works. Tickets cost £10.00 and are now on sale here: <https://sawstonvc.org/events/>

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Wishing you a sunny weekend,

Jonathan Russell