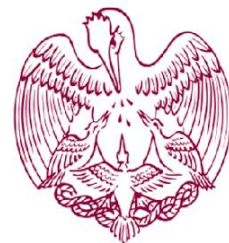


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20 September 2024



**Sawston
Village College**

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round-Up

There are few schools where entire cohorts complete the Arts Award so we were delighted to learn that 221 of our current Y8 pupils achieved their Bronze Arts Award. The Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition last weekend was also very successful with all pupils passing and people commenting on their politeness and conduct. This week, we were also pleased to be awarded the PTI Mark for Music for the second year in a row, recognising with royal approval, our commitment to excellence and continued professional development in this area. Most of our clubs are now up and running which has been lovely to see and next week we welcome the return of our Adult Education classes. We look forward to showcasing all of our work at our Open Evening on Thursday 3rd October.

NEW Open Evening

We will be holding our annual Open Evening for prospective pupils moving into Y7 next year. This will be taking place on Thursday 3rd October from 5pm until 8:30pm. If parents of pupils in Y6 would like to attend, please follow the below link to book a time slot for your visit

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sawston-village-college-open-evening-2024-tickets-1019226723567>

NEW Reporting Absences

You can now report pupil absences via the homepage of our website. Go to the grey attendance tab under the main picture (image of the location can be found [here](#)) and follow the instructions.

REMINDER Y7 and 11 school photographs

The closing date for free delivery to school is Sunday 29th September. You can order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. If you need assistance placing an order, please contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

NICE TO KNOW Arts Award

Pupils in Y7 complete the Bronze Arts Award over the course of the year through a mixture of class and homework tasks, and so we were delighted to learn that 221 of our now-Y8 pupils had achieved the award, while ten pupils now in Y9 achieved the Silver Arts Award, a level 2 qualification (the same standard as a GCSE grade 4-9). Certificates are awarded by Trinity College London and issued digitally to a pupil's parent's email address so, if relevant, please do look out for this in your inbox.



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[NICE TO KNOW Duke of Edinburgh](#)

We are delighted to report that twenty six of our Y11 pupils completed the qualifying expedition for their Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award in the Peak District last week. This was a tough undertaking, consisting of three days of hill walking over mixed terrain carrying everything required for three nights of camping. A cold night on Thursday and torrential rain on Sunday added a layer of challenge, but our participants showed great resilience and were ultimately successful in achieving their aims for this section of their award. Well done to all.

[COMMUNITY South Cambs Youth Survey](#)

The Youth Survey is a statutory duty for all local authorities. It is seen as a 'Big Conversation Starter' to help services who support youth projects and community facilities to better understand what it is like to be 11-19 years old living in South Cambs. All data gathered will be used to identify what youth provision and targeted youth support are needed for each community. The survey is currently live and open until 25th October. Young people can enter a prize draw for completing the survey. It can be accessed [here](#).

[COMMUNITY Cambridgeshire Public Bus Service Consultation](#)

The Combined Authority says they recognise just how important buses are, which is why they believe the way the region's buses are run needs to change. They wish to address the current challenges, including the performance of local bus services. They are currently holding a formal consultation which will inform a decision by the Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough on how to reform buses across the area. The consultation is taking place over 14 weeks between Wednesday 14th August and Wednesday 20th November 2024. You can take part using [this link](#).

[COMMUNITY \(ALUMNI\) Fundraising in support of an ex-pupil](#)

You may well be an ex-pupil who left in 2005. If so, you may remember Robert Moss – from the class of 2005 - who has given his blessing to share his story. Robert was left paralysed in an accident last year and his family and friends have been fundraising to support him. Last weekend, they completed the 24 Peaks Challenge, covering over 30 miles and 90,000 steps. If you wish to read more or support, please go [here](#).

[COMMUNITY Boots Pharmacy Sawston](#)

Boots Sawston is able to support the community with minor illness consultations and the NHS Pharmacy First service. Please see [this](#) poster for further details.

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Wishing you a sunny and warm last weekend of the summer,

Jonathan Russell