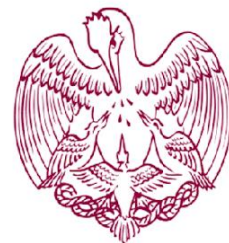


4 October 2024



**Sawston**  
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Weekly Round-Up**

Last night's Open Evening was a wonderful showcase for the talents of our pupils. Staff are immensely proud of all of those who helped as ambassadors for their school whether as guides or passionate advocates of subjects they represented. The Year 6s were able to engage in many activities thanks to the support of pupils, who conducted themselves impressively, exuding confidence and pride. We would like to thank all who took part. Congratulations to all our Maths Challengers this week for their intense focus and to those who braved the soggy conditions in the Bedfordshire fields last weekend for a very successful training expedition. Finally, well done to the sports teams who have been very busy this week.

### **NEW Punctuality**

Now that pupils have settled into the new school year, we want to ensure that they are meeting our expectations in terms of arriving at school, and lessons, on time. Next week, we will be launching a new approach to punctuality to ensure that pupils are not missing out on valuable learning time.

If pupils are late to **mentor time** on more than one occasion within a week, we contact parents/carers to make you aware of this. If pupils are late on three occasions they will receive a lunchtime sanction.

If pupils are over 15 minutes late to their **lessons** across the course of a week they will also receive a lunchtime detention for this. Of course, we will take into account any mitigating circumstances such as late buses or genuine reasons for lateness.

We are grateful to the vast majority of our pupils who arrive on time and ready to learn.

### **NEW The Oakes College Open Evening**

The Oakes College Cambridge is holding its Autumn Open Evening on Tuesday 8th October from 6pm to 8pm. Please see [here](#) for further details.

### **NEW Anglian Learning Chess Academy**

We are pleased to confirm Anglian Learning Chess Academy will continue to run for the 2024-25 academic year. Anglian Learning Chess Academy is a chess club for local pupils in Y6 and above. The club meets in S1 and S2, from 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm every Friday in term time. There is no charge for attendance. The Academy aims to support players (not



beginners) to develop their potential through coaching and play against increasingly strong opposition. For further details, including how to register, please follow [this](#) link.

### **REMINDER Y11 information and Post-16 Evening: Monday 7th October**

A reminder about this important event for Y11 pupils and their parents, which takes place on Monday. The evening provides an opportunity to hear key messages about the post-16 process, as well as to meet with representatives from a range of post-16 centres. The timings for the evening are as follows:

- East Band: 5:30-6:00pm presentation in the HMH, followed by 6:00-6:45pm post-16 fair in the Sports Hall
- West Band: 6:15-6:45pm presentation in the HMH, followed by 6:45-7:30pm post-16 fair in the Sports Hall

In a previous letter, we asked if you could complete [this google form](#) to let us know if you and your child will be attending. If you have not yet done so, we would be grateful for its completion. If you have any questions, please contact Erika Wagstaff (Assistant Principal) by emailing [ewagstaff@sawstonvc.org](mailto:ewagstaff@sawstonvc.org).

### **NICE TO KNOW Senior Maths Challenge**

On Tuesday the 1st of October and despite the inclement weather, 37 eager pupils made their way into the Marven centre for the UKMT senior maths challenge. The challenge is a 90-minute paper which is designed to stretch even the most able mathematicians. It was great to see the pupils enjoying themselves as they worked their way through the paper. One of the best moments of the challenge was a small fist bump into the air by a pupil as they finally came to a solution to a question! We eagerly await the results which should be emailed to the school in the next few weeks

### **NICE TO KNOW Y10 Duke of Edinburgh Award**

Congratulations to the 94 pupils from Y10 who successfully completed their training last weekend in Bedfordshire for the expedition section of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The weather leading up to and following the weekend may have been far wetter than average for September, but the brief respite in conditions meant that our year 10s remained dry throughout. Having completed their expedition training our participants are now ready to tackle the qualifying expedition, which they will undertake in Thetford Forest over the weekend of 12th to 13th October 2024. We wish them all well for this assessed venture.

### **NICE TO KNOW See the Van Gogh Exhibition in the Marven Centre**

200 years after its opening and a century after acquiring its first Van Gogh works, the National Gallery, London is hosting the UK's biggest ever Van Gogh exhibition, and Sawston Cinema at the Marven Centre is delighted to be able to show the film of this exhibition on Thursday 7th November. Made in close collaboration with the National Gallery, it is a wonderful chance to reexamine and better understand this iconic artist. Join us to explore one of art history's most pivotal periods in this once-in-a-century show.

More information and tickets from: <https://sawstoncinema.org/cinema-screenings/>

### **NICE TO KNOW U16 Rugby 7's Fixture**

A great effort from our U16 boys rugby squad who had their first triangular fixture of the 2024/25 season. The overall results were not reflective of the team's ability; a 5-5 draw against Bottisham and a narrow 20-15 loss to St Bedes.

Sawston demonstrated great passing and handling skills, developing strong attacking plays, which led to multiple team tries, with Jack Blake (2) and Barney Freshwater (2) both contributing to the scoreboard. Our Player Of the Match goes to Ned Gott, whose superb physicality and speed broke through the opposition's built up defence, time and time again.

A special shout out to Edu, Lewis, Ned, Senan and Thoma who were selected to play up an age category, joining the Y11 team. They played brilliantly, not only holding their own in their debut matches, but adding skill and strength to the team. It gives us great confidence for the season ahead. Great job all round.

### **NICE TO KNOW Under 14 Girls ESFA National Cup - Round 1**

Congratulations to our Under 14 girls who won their first match of the English Schools National Cup against Henlow CofE Academy. We had an amazing result with a 7-1 win taking us through to the next round.

The first half had plenty of possession from Sawston leading to the first goal from Jasmine Green (3). As the girls settled into the game Henlow returned with an equaliser bringing them back to an even score. Ramping it up a gear, the girls built in confidence with Zara Berry (3) assisting Evie Park (1) with a second. Plenty of through balls down the wing led to many chances from Sawston leading to Jasmine sending it across the goal into the back of the net. Sofia Zarate was fantastic at moving the ball into the box for the girls to have plenty of attempts on goal.

In the opening minutes of the second half, Zara smashed the ball past the keeper, with Jasmine quickly following up with a third to complete her hat-trick. Both girls worked exceptionally with Jasmine assisting Zara for a second. To finish off the match with a 7-1 win, we had another hat-trick from the team with Zara scoring from the edge of the box. All of the girls were impressive throughout, some star performances came from Stala Finch and Natalia Smith who had plenty of excellent plays to support. We look forward to the next round!

### **NICE TO KNOW Y9 ESFA National Cup - Round 1**

Well done to our Y9 Boys who won their first game of the English Schools National Cup against St Ivo school. The teams first home game of the year saw a win for the boys with some great plays across the match.

There were plenty of attacking and defending plays across the first half of the match with the score finishing on 0-0. Some fantastic plays from Rohan Everson and Oliver Prior, kept the team's possession at important moments.

Moving into the second half and after a pep talk from the squad, there was a positive switch in attitude which led to plenty of attacking opportunities. Taddy Fouda took advantage of a brilliant assist by Rohan leading to a 1-0 lead.

The boys continued their strong performance with lots of dominating play with Keanan Burns and Oscar Karpuk blocking a St Ivo opportunity. Harry Haynes had a stand out performance in his appearance. Well done to all involved and good luck in the next round!

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Wishing you a marvellous weekend,

Jonathan Russell