

14 February 2025



Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round-Up – February 14th

Congratulations to all who took part in SYD's production of 'Fame' this week; in an entertaining performance, full of dance and retro 80s styling, the cast's energy certainly 'lit up the sky like a flame'. We hosted a student voice conference on Wednesday and organisers were impressed by the participation of all the young people who took part from different schools. Congratulations also to our KS3 Chess winners, members of the Friday night Anglian Learning Chess Academy. We wish everyone an enjoyable break and a safe return for our Y11 Berlin trip next week.

NEW This half term's Newsletter

Find out what the different departments have been up to during this busy half term by checking out our latest newsletter, which you can find [here](#).

NICE TO KNOW Anglian Learning Chess Academy Juniors in tournament success

The Anglian Learning Chess Academy's second annual tournament was held at the College on Saturday 8 February.

Three tournaments were held: one for Y3-5 pupils, one for Y6-7 pupils and one for Y8-10 pupils. SVC pupils Neel Mishra and Yiqian Zhao came second in the Y8-10 group and won the Y7 trophy respectively. AL Chess Academy won the five youngest year group trophies.

The Chess Club meets during term time at the College on Friday evenings between 6-8pm for a mixture of competitive chess and coaching. For further details, please follow this [link](#).

NICE TO KNOW Unlock conference

We were proud to host Unlock, a multi-award-winning organisation, delivering a conference designed to empower young people to become changemakers. Pupils from seven schools and colleges were selected to participate, with our own pupils from Y7-10 engaging in this inspiring and dynamic day. The event featured powerful talks from motivational speakers, including Cllr Anna Smith, Deputy Mayor for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, who encouraged pupils to take initiative and drive positive change in their communities. The day was a huge success, fostering enthusiasm, ambition, and leadership among the young attendees. We were also delighted by the numerous compliments on our school setting and the exemplary behaviour of our pupils, making the event not only impactful but also a testament to our own school's values and commitment to excellence.



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COMMUNITY School Careers Forum at The Leys in Cambridge on Saturday 8 March

The Leys is hosting a Careers Forum on Saturday 8 March 2025 from 9.00am – 12.30pm in Great Hall at The Leys.

The event is free and open to all Y10, Y11, Y12 and Y13 pupils. All under 16s must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Small groups accompanied by a teacher are welcome.

Pupils will have an opportunity to meet face to face with a range of people as they contemplate what options might be available for their future study, employment, apprenticeship or gap year. The Forum will involve up to 40 companies, organisations, charities and individuals representing industries, professions and businesses. It promises to be a fascinating morning and a very useful insight into a wide range of careers.

For further details, please see [this](#) flyer. Pupils should please register to attend in advance - <https://forms.office.com/e/QQ9CQ3HZxh>

COMMUNITY Maths Circles at Pembroke College (University of Cambridge)

The registered charity "We Solve Problems" invites pupils in Y7-10 to attend in-person weekly [Maths Circles](#) at Pembroke College (University of Cambridge).

Maths Circles are maths-loving sessions designed to promote the art of problem-solving and structured thinking. They are completely free of charge, and all pupils who enjoy solving puzzles will benefit from taking part.

This activity not only helps pupils develop their skills but also gives them the opportunity to visit and study at the University premises. Maths Circles are run by maths students from the University of Cambridge and professional mathematicians.

To register for Maths Circles, please fill in the following form: <https://forms.gle/ffNJcPCY78BSNsMA6>

To find out more about Maths Circles, please follow [this](#) link.

COMMUNITY Funded Online Programme for Parents/Carers of Neurodiverse Children and Young People Struggling to Attend School

NESSie is running a 12-week programme for parents and carers of neurodiverse children and young people who are struggling to attend school. During the session, parents will have the opportunity to find ways, with tools and resources to support their child.

For further details, including how to sign up, please see [this](#) flyer.

COMMUNITY Girls Rugby - Project 11 at Shelford Rugby Club

Project 11 is a free training programme run by Shelford Rugby Club every Wednesday evening (6-7pm) from the 7th May to the end of July.

The training sessions will be delivered by senior Women's player Verena Zyka, along with experienced coaches David Whalley and Davis Lamacraft.

For more information, please contact Charlie Whalley, U12 Girls Team Manager, at charlenefloate@hotmail.com.

[COMMUNITY](#) Guided Busway Proposals

A Community Group is holding a meeting about their concerns with the Guided Busway proposal on February 18th in Great Shelford. If you are interested in attending, please see [this](#) flyer. This information is offered in good faith and without endorsement from the school.

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Wishing you a wonderful week,

Jonathan Russell