

2 May 2025



Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round-Up – May 2nd

This afternoon saw our KS3 pupils who have taken part in the week-long Firebreak programme perform impressively at their pass-out parade. Showcasing the skills learnt working with Sawston's Fire crew, pupils climbed ladder towers, demonstrated a range of hosing skills, carried out CPR and marched in perfect unison. It is one of the many intervention programmes we run and the pupils can be really proud of themselves, especially wearing the full fire crew kit in this heat! Also today, we were able to put on an afternoon treat for our Y10s in recognition of their endeavours in the exams. Pupils conducted themselves appropriately throughout the exams so it was nice to be able to reward them with ice lollies, sporting activities and relaxation time. College opens again after the Bank Holiday weekend on Tuesday to a week that also marks the 80th anniversary of VE Day, Sawston Fun Run (open to all) and the start of the formal GCSE/BTEC exams in the halls. We wish our Y11s continuing success with their revision and preparation.

NEW Activities Week - Y9

A letter has been sent home regarding Activities Week plans for Y9 pupils who are not attending the PE department's Ardeche or non-residential trips. Please complete the Google form link within the letter if your child would like to attend the day trips that have been arranged. The deadline for responses is Friday 9th May.

NEW Year 11 group photographs

Year 11 photographs can now be collected from school reception. Parents/carers may prefer to collect framed/large prints themselves to avoid damage.

NEW Y7 and Y8 - Type 1 diabetes screening research

NHS Researchers at the University of Birmingham are conducting the ELSA study. The ELSA study is screening children, aged 3-13 years, to identify if they could be at risk of getting type 1 diabetes. This is a simple finger stick blood test carried out by qualified professionals at school on Wednesday 25th June. This is important national research involving over 32,000 children but will only be carried out with those for whom parental consent is given.

A letter was sent to parents of Y7 and Y8 pupils earlier this week. The letter provides further details, including how to register your child.



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REMINDER Artsmark - your feedback please

We are about to begin work towards renewing our Artsmark accreditation and would be very grateful for your feedback on our arts provision: music, drama, art, photography. It can make such a difference. Please complete our short questionnaire [here](#).

NICE TO KNOW Shortlisted for Best Film

We are delighted to have been shortlisted for the Into Film Awards 2025 in the Best Film Age 12-15 category for the film, Daydreaming, which was made by Y7 & Y8 Cinema Club members. You can find out more about the awards here: <https://www.intofilm.org/news-and-views/articles/into-film-awards-2025-nominees> and also see all the shortlisted films. The Awards ceremony will take place on 24th June 2025 at the Odeon Luxe in Leicester Square, London and we hope some club members will be able to attend this prestigious event.

NICE TO KNOW Pupil Leadership

Y10 pupils who applied for Pupil Senate positions have been put through their paces today as Miss Gelder and Mrs Riondino conducted group interview tasks. Further interviews for some will take place next week with Mr Russell before our final Pupil Senate for 2025-26 is appointed.

Additionally, next week, Y9 pupils will be given the opportunity to apply to be a House Ambassador. More information will be shared with the pupils in assembly on Wednesday. Good luck and well done to all involved.

COMMUNITY 2025 Sawston Fun Run & Walk

The 2025 [Sawston Fun Run](http://www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk) will be held on Sunday 11th May 2025. It's a great day out for all the family. Further information and to enter, please visit www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk

COMMUNITY County Lines and Criminal Exploitation seminars

The Ivison Trust (formerly known as Parents Against Child Exploitation (PACE)) are holding two evening seminars specifically for parents and carers in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough with a focus on County Lines and Criminal Exploitation. These seminars will be delivered with a parent whose child has been a victim of exploitation, sharing their experiences and advice on responding to risks.

The sessions will share what criminal exploitation is, with a focus on county lines and explore how to spot signs that it may be happening to your child or a child you know. They will also cover trends in the local area and where to get advice and support if you are concerned.

For more information and to register a place visit [Parent webinars - county lines and criminal exploitation - Ivison Trust](#)

What parents will learn

- Learn what county lines is
- Understand what is happening in your local area
- Learn how exploiters groom children
- Understand the signs that your child might be at risk
- Know where to access support and advice if you have concerns

Upcoming webinars

- Cambridgeshire 17th June 2025 7:00pm – 8:30pm – [Book your place](#)
- Peterborough 18th June 2025 7:00 – 8:30pm – [Book your place](#)

COMMUNITY Local Tii Hubs - Pinpoint Cambridgeshire

Pinpoint is a charity run by Parent Carers for Parent Carers. They offer help and information to parent carers of children and young people aged 0-25 with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) and/or additional needs, as well as giving parent carers opportunities to have a say and get involved in improving local services.

Pinpoint are holding three Tii Hubs, one a month at Sawston Free Church starting 29th April, 10am-12pm. There will be time to chat and meet other parents in similar situations and then either hear from a guest speaker from a local service or focus on a topic such as sensory needs.

To book your space please go to: [In Person Tii Hub Sawston Tickets, Tue 29 Apr 2025 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

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Wishing you a blissful long weekend,

Jonathan Russell