

11th July 2025

Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

Our Y7s have enjoyed their field work in Epping Forest this week, carrying out river investigations and exploring the woods. The GCSE London Art trip gave our talented pupils the opportunity to try out some street art and graffiti for fun. Next week is the turn of the Photographers to visit London. Some Y9s have been on a visit to CRC to give them some inspiration for their future and further motivation to hit the ground running in KS4. Assemblies have reminded pupils of the importance of water safety and other considerations for the summer holidays. With weekend temperatures set to soar, this is another timely reminder of the dangers of entering open water. We have also held our two annual Prize-Giving evenings, which are such a wonderful celebration of Y7-11 positive attitudes towards school, their peers and their studies. As ever the musical performances were stunning, as was the art and DT coursework on display. Those who may have just missed out on a prize this year have a chance to be celebrated in house assemblies next week. Today, we said goodbye to our Taiwanese visitors; thanks to all of the buddies who have made them feel so welcome and, hopefully, made new international friends along the way. Finally, this afternoon we have held our Outdoor Gig, an informal more relaxed event that takes place on Fountain Court each summer with picnic rugs aplenty. Well done to all involved.

NEW Olympic Days

Next week, the PE department will be running our annual KS3 Olympic day events. This is a great opportunity for pupils to represent their house in a broad range of sporting activities and competitions. This takes place in lieu of a traditional sports day, with the aim of offering a diverse range of activities which are more inclusive, getting more pupils active for longer. Pupils will receive house points for their participation and performance in each session. All of these points will be added together to create house totals each day and will decide the overall winning house across the College!

Olympic days are due to take place on the following dates:

Year 7 on Monday 14th July
Year 8 on Tuesday 15th July
Year 9 on Friday 18th July

Pupils will be based in the PE department all day and should arrive at school wearing their full SVC PE kit. Please ensure that they bring any activity specific kit with them too e.g. Swimming kit or shin pads if relevant to the activities which they have chosen.



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As we look forward to our upcoming Olympic Day, we are mindful of the hot weather forecast. Staff will be closely monitoring the conditions and will make necessary adjustments to ensure pupils' safety and wellbeing. These may include providing shaded areas, shortening activity durations, scheduling regular rest breaks, ensuring access to water refill stations, and possibly even ending the event earlier to avoid the hottest part of the day. We kindly ask for your support in preparing your child by ensuring they bring a high factor sun cream, a sun hat, and plenty of water or a refillable water bottle. Thank you for your cooperation. May the best house win!

NEW Training Day February 13th 2026

In an amendment to next year's calendar, we have included a Training Day on 13th February 2026. Term Dates can be found on our [website](#).

NEW Arts News Letter

Issue 4 of Arts News, the termly update from Lesley Morgan, Trust Arts Development Manager can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

In the final issue for this academic year, we celebrate the success of our Stage 25 dance festival, bringing together pupils from across our Trust to showcase their creative performances based on the theme of [Belonging by Design](#). We also hear about collaborative working with Michael Rosen, inspiring work being done on Gold Arts Awards, our young musicians going 'on tour' within their local communities and much more.

We hope this newsletter helps showcase some of the fantastic opportunities available to pupils of Anglian Learning to help them express their creativity.

NEW Cinema Club Showcase

Cinema Club members have been busy over the last few weeks, finishing their final film projects for the annual showcase which takes place on Thursday 17th July at 7.00pm in the Marven Centre. This will be our last film event of this academic year, and it promises to be a great evening. Do come and join us if you would like to see what we've been up to - the event is free to attend. For more information, please contact: lmorgan@sawstonvc.org.

REMINDER Summer Free School Meal Vouchers

Cambridgeshire County Council is continuing to run its holiday voucher scheme for the Summer holiday using the Household Support Fund from the Department for Work and Pensions and the additional funding provided by the Council. They are continuing to work with Wonde (E-voucher) as the voucher supplier. Each eligible pupil will be issued a supermarket voucher for £75 and further information was sent out earlier this week. Vouchers will be delivered by email or text by the end of the day on Saturday 19th July. All vouchers must be claimed by midday on Friday 10th October 2025. Unclaimed vouchers cannot be reinstated after this date.

Please contact holidayvoucherscheme@cambridgeshire.gov.uk with any questions about the scheme.

Details of how to apply for income related Free School Meals can be found [here](#) – there is a simple application form which only requires a few details for an instant eligibility check.

REMINDER Last Day of Term

College will close at 12.20pm on Wednesday 23rd July. Lessons will be as normal until after break when pupils will join their mentor group to take part in the annual Summer Quiz. Buses will leave from the playground at 12.30pm.

NICE TO KNOW Duke of Edinburgh's Award Silver Practice Expedition

We are pleased to report that twenty seven of our Year 10 pupils successfully completed the practice expedition for their Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award in the Cannock Chase area of Staffordshire over the period 4-6 July. This was a tough undertaking as the expedition criteria at the silver award level is a step-up in challenge compared to the bronze award. Thankfully, the temperature at the weekend was slightly lower than we have become accustomed to, making the hilly terrain a little easier to navigate, but the heavy rain on Sunday morning added an extra layer of challenge. Having completed the practice expedition our silver award participants are now preparing for their qualifying expedition in the Peak District over the period 12-14 September. We wish them well for their continuing adventures.

NICE TO KNOW Assemblies

Our assemblies this week focused on safety and opportunities in the Summer holidays. We reminded pupils of the Wellbeing pages of the school website for those pupils who may find the Summer Holidays a challenging time. There is a link to these pages [here](#).

We also highlighted the opportunities that are available in Cambridge this Summer with the Cambridge City Councils 'Hello Summer 2025' initiative that provides many free activities around the arts and music. Information about the events can be found [here](#).

Finally, we looked at water safety and the dangers of swimming in Open Water coupled with the effects of cold water shock. There is further information around this area available [here](#).

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Wishing you an enjoyable weekend,

Jonathan Russell