

13th June 2025

Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

The sun always shines on Activities Week and Friday marked a glorious end to a week packed full of action and activity. Well done to our intrepid Year 7s for braving bugs in school and bushcraft off site; to our Year 8s for their performance of Macbeth and to our Year 9s who baked, built, explored and experimented their way through the week. We are all looking forward to hearing about the exploits and adventures of our overseas residents when they return.

NICE TO KNOW Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

This has been another successful year for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme (DofE) at SVC with 40 participants completing their Bronze Award since April last year and a further 16 just one section away from completion. In addition, 13 of our participants who progressed to the Silver Award have now completed this higher level award. The DofE scheme continues to be one of the most popular extracurricular activities we provide at the College with a record 132 pupils from year 9 applying to join this year's Bronze cohort and a further 28, from year 10, progressing to Silver. We wish them all well as they work towards completion of the volunteering, physical, skills and expedition sections of their respective awards.

We are also pleased to report that over the past year our current participants on the DofE scheme from years 10 and 11 contributed 754 hours of volunteering activity, assessed as a social value to the local community of £4825. This has included work for local charities, libraries, care homes, sports clubs, scouting and guide associations, riding stables, after-school clubs, Parkrun, and support with everyday tasks for elderly neighbours. Through volunteering our DofE participants build confidence, develop work-related skills and use their time for the benefit of others. We continue to be immensely proud of the contribution of our young people to the local community.

COMMUNITY Cityfest 18th-22nd June

Cambridge City FC is hosting a series of events and community focused activities at the FWD-IP Stadium, Sawston from the 18th-22nd June. For further details please see [here](#) and [here](#).

COMMUNITY Girls football development trials

This summer, Norwich City Football Club will be hosting a series of Girls' Football Development Trials across the region. These trials are designed for girls of all abilities who are passionate about football and eager to learn in a safe, fun, and supportive environment.



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Delivered by our UEFA-qualified coaching team of high quality coaching, the sessions have a specially designed syllabus which caters for all playing positions on the pitch and have opportunities for players to progress within the clubs pathway.

Whether a player is new to the game or already showing strong potential, our goal is to help every participant grow. We focus on developing core skills, building confidence, and encouraging creativity, while also providing a clear progression pathway for players who show the desire and ability to push on further.

Dates: Various dates across Summer 2025

Locations: Multiple venues near you!

Ages: 7-16 years old – with all abilities

Registration & Info:

Parents and guardians can find more details and book a place with us here: [Norwich City Girls Football Development Trials 2025/2026](#)

If successful, there is a small fee to take part in our pathway, but you receive a FREE Training Kit and there are opportunities to represent us in games/fixtures, residential and training trips across the season.

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Wishing you all the best for a restful and relaxing weekend,

Pieter Wallace