

20th June 2025

Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

Congratulations to our Jubilee Cup team who competed in the inter-school athletics competition in yesterday's searing heat. There were some great individual performances and an excellent team spirit. Whilst it is not expected to be as hot next week, we will monitor temperatures and make reasonable adjustments as necessary. To support us, please make sure pupils wear sun cream, have refillable water bottles and keep themselves hydrated. Worrying statistics and tragic stories about the dangers of swimming in rivers, lakes and reservoirs show that talking with your children about water safety is also very important.

At the end of next week, work begins on constructing a compound at the front of the school (next to the car park in front of the Arts block), preparing the ground for the new bus bays. Parents may want to avoid dropping off pupils in this area and are politely asked to drop off further away from the site. Access to the site will not change during this phase but we can reduce congestion and improve safety if fewer cars are around. We look forward to our Y10s returning from work experience on Monday and hearing about their placements; it's been a real privilege for staff to visit them and see them thriving in different environments. Finally, we are all very excited about the Y11 Prom which takes place on Friday 27th at 6.30pm. Exam season has finished and our Y11 pupils can enjoy themselves. Deservedly so.

NEW Water safety and Drowning Prevention

With the current hot weather, children, particularly older children, may look to go swimming in open water to cool down and have fun. There is an increasing risk of young people coming to harm around inland bodies of water. This week we have informed pupils about the risk of entering open water and will do so again when the Y10s return next week.

Accidental drowning fatalities among children have risen by 46% compared to the five-year average and tragically, 41 children have lost their lives in the last year. 46% of drownings occur in June, July and August.

It is essential that young people can assess and manage risks around water, in order to make informed decisions.

NEW Coffee Morning - An Introduction to the Student Centre - Friday 18th July **9:00am to 10:30am**

The Student Centre team would like to warmly welcome parents and carers of year 6 children who will be supported by our SEND Department when starting at SVC.



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The coffee morning will provide parents and carers with an opportunity to speak with our SENDCo Mrs Morris and Deputy SENDCos Mrs Page and Mrs Judges and some of the SEND Department, who run many of our interventions. The morning will provide an introduction to what support is offered at SVC and an opportunity to speak with one of our team to discuss your child and what support you feel they could need.

If you would like to attend our coffee morning, please contact Mrs Page at apage@sawstonvc.org, so we can cater for how many people who will be attending.

NICE TO KNOW Jubilee Cup Athletics

On Thursday over 50 of our pupils were selected to take part in the Jubilee Cup Athletics event at the University Athletics track in Cambridge which brings together the top 10 schools in athletics who are members of the Cambridge and District schools association. On a very hot afternoon our pupils performed extremely well, with some very impressive individual performances across the 4 year groups taking part. Particularly impressive were those who not only won their events but also achieved new Jubilee Cup records: Bea Horton Year 7 Girls 200m, Alice McClaren Year 7 Girls Long Jump, Will Sweeting in Year 9 Boys 300m and Caitlin Bullock in Year 10 Girls 800m

The event was won by The Stephen Perse with Sawston finishing in 6th place overall. A special mention to the Year 10 Girls team who came back from Work Experience to amass 103 points from their events to finish in 3rd place.

NICE TO KNOW Inter Forum Summer Term Project: Taiwanese visit Monday 30th June to Friday 11th July

This summer we once again welcome a group of 18 students from Blessed Imelda's school in Taipei, Taiwan. For two weeks, the Taiwanese students will immerse themselves in life at SVC in order to improve their English language skills and increase their understanding of schools and young people's lives in the UK. The new team of Inter Forum leaders has matched the 31 SVC pupils who wanted to participate with their Taiwanese peers so that they can act as buddies, bringing their partners to lessons and being with them for some social time in school. As in previous years, buddies will welcome the group during mentor time on their first day in school and there will be a celebration and farewell event during Period 5 of their last day.

COMMUNITY School Immunisation Team - Vaccination walk-in clinic

The School Immunisation Team will be running a number of vaccination walk-in clinics over the summer for MMR, HPV, DTP, Meningitis and teenage boosters. Please see this leaflet for further details.

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Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Jonathan Russell