

4th July 2025

Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

This week we held our Induction Day and Evening, welcoming 240 new Y7s and their families to the College. It was a pleasure to meet everyone and to observe how nerves melted away as the day progressed and even to see new friendships emerge. On Monday, the Y7 trip to Denny Abbey was successful - even in the sweltering heat - and pupils hopefully were able to explain a little bit of local history when they came home. Today, some Y8 have started an Oral History project which we hope will inspire and help them be even more curious about the past. Well done to all pupils involved in the Singers Concert and to those treading the boards tonight and tomorrow in SYD Juniors' Little Mermaid. Good luck to our Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditionists this weekend. Next week is our annual Prizegiving, Y7 trip to the rivers of Epping Forest, Art and Photography trip and Outdoor Gig on Fountain Court. As ever a busy end to the term as we enter the final two and a half weeks.

NEW 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.

NEW 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.



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COMMUNITY Pampisford Relief In Need Charity

Parents of children who live in Pampisford can apply for a grant from the Pampisford Relief In Need Charity. The grant is available to all eligible residents of Pampisford and is not means tested. The amount is a fixed £350 per year for secondary school children and, until further notice, grants may be claimed for each academic year. In addition, should any children from Pampisford be prevented from attending extra-curricular activities or school trips because of financial constraints, the charity would be pleased to consider requests for support. Applications for grants, which are treated confidentially, may be emailed to PRIN@axiom-e.co.uk.

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Wishing you a peaceful weekend,

Jonathan Russell