

5 September 2025



Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

It has been a pleasure to welcome back pupils after the summer break and to meet our wonderful new Y7s. They have returned to a site which now looks quite different and this week, as well as settling everyone in, we have been helping them understand the changes and giving them safety messages. We ask for everyone's patience and understanding as we make adjustments to the site to accommodate this exciting new project. Over the summer, we were delighted to see pupils rewarded for their hard work on receiving their exam results. We wish them every success as they begin their next steps whether in apprenticeships, jobs with training or at post-16 schools or Colleges. Next week, we look forward to a full timetable of normal lessons and the chance to embed some of the new routines and routes around school. We also hold our Freshers' Fair on Thursday, giving our new Y7 pupils the chance to sign up to a wide range of clubs and encouraging those in other year groups to try something new, too.

NEW Site update

The main compound is now in place and the bus bays are soon to be finished. Once the bus bays are fully operational we will be able to use the new front pathway to access the main gate near reception. Pupils are not allowed to enter or leave school using the Sports Centre gates (next to the Arts Block –Music and Drama rooms). We also ask parents not to drop off in the bus bay area. All pupils have been shown the emergency routes and further work on signage and pedestrian crossings will further enhance safe routes.

NEW Cycle safety

With the evenings turning darker, we would like to remind parents/carers to encourage cyclists to wear helmets, be visible and use bike lights. It is also a good time of year to check breaks, tyres and general maintenance. Please also remind your child of the need to stay vigilant, follow the Highway Code and be courteous to all other road, cycleway users and pedestrians. We will be encouraging them next week to be especially careful when leaving any of the school exits at the end of the day.

NEW Anglian Learning Chess Academy

We are pleased to confirm Anglian Learning Chess Academy will continue to run for the 2025-26 academic year. Anglian Learning Chess Academy is a chess club for pupils in Y6 and above. The club meets from 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm every Friday in term time. There is no charge for attendance. The Academy aims to support players (not beginners) to develop their



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potential through coaching and play against increasingly strong opposition.

For further details, including how to register, please follow [this](#) link.

COMMUNITY Bridge the Gap - Sunday 14th September

This year Arthur Rank Hospice is celebrating their 25th Bridge the Gap walk, which is a specially designed route, approximately 4 miles long, which will take in some fabulous views of the City and the beautifully manicured gardens of seven University Colleges.

All money raised from the event will be shared equally between Arthur Rank Hospice Charity and Romsey Mill, both of whom offer essential support and care to people throughout Cambridgeshire.

Adults can sign up for £20 and with every paying adult three under 16's go free!

To find out more and to sign up online please visit [Bridge the Gap - Arthur Rank Hospice Charity](#)

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Wishing you a relaxing weekend,

Jonathan Russell