

26th September 2025



Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

Y11 Geographers enjoyed a sunny Hunstanton yesterday on their annual field study trip to the coast. Thank you to the staff for enabling the trip to take place. We look forward to our Open Evening next Thursday and are thrilled with the number of pupil volunteers willing to share their school with prospective families. Pupils will be able to enjoy an extended weekend next week as we are closed for training on Friday 3rd October.

NEW Site update

The soakaway on the field - which currently resembles a large chalk pit - is now being levelled and laid with gravel before the next layers are added. Once finished, this area will be regrassed and returned for use as a sports field. The temporary PE changing rooms have been installed and will be in use in early October. The bus bays are now fully operational with markings but some further landscaping to be completed. Cars will not be allowed to park on the bus bay area between 7.30am- 9am and 2.30-3.30pm, signage will be added to make this clear. Pupils should not enter this area on foot or by bike and cannot use the gate entrance by the Music rooms. This gate is used by staff cars, Sports Centre users and all construction traffic.

NEW September Safeguarding Tip - E-Safety

Group Chats are one of the most popular ways that young people connect online. They allow messages, images and videos to be shared in one place and can help friendships to flourish; however, they also come with a number of risks. Please see this helpful guide from the National College: [What parents and educators need to know about group chats](#), which offers information and advice about how to help children engage in online communication with their peers in a safe way.

A reminder that the age limit for most popular social media apps (including Snapchat, TikTok, WhatsApp and Instagram) is 13 years of age.

REMINDER Open Evening and College Closure

We are holding our Open Evening on Thursday 2nd October for our prospective Y7 pupils. If you have a child currently in Y6 and would like to attend the Open Evening, please follow [this](#) link to reserve a space. We look forward to sharing the College with prospective families. As always, it is often the pupil helpers who make such a difference on the night and we are grateful to lots of volunteers signing up to help. The following day, Friday 3rd October, is a teacher training day with the College closed to all pupils.



ANGLIAN LEARNING



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REMINDER Year 7 and 11 individual photographs

The closing date for free delivery of photographs back to school is Monday 6th October 2025. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

REMINDER Flu vaccinations

The School Immunisation Team will be visiting twice in the autumn term to carry out Flu vaccinations, on Monday 6th October and Monday 20th October.

Please complete the consent form linked in [this](#) document if you have not done so previously.

Any questions can be directed to the School Immunisation Team on 01480 275 422 or at cambsandpeterborough@v-uk.co.uk.

NICE TO KNOW Y11 Geography trip

On Thursday, our Y11 GCSE Geography pupils went to Hunstanton to complete the data collection for their Paper 3 exam. Pupils completed data collection for two enquiries - one focussing on the impacts of tourism and the other looking at the effectiveness of coastal management. We were fortunate with the weather and pupils enjoyed fish and chips for lunch. Over the next couple of weeks pupils will be analysing and evaluating their data in their Geography lessons. Our pupils represented the college brilliantly.

COMMUNITY Histon Hornets U14 Football Club

The coach of the Histon Hornets is looking for female pupils in Y9 who are interested in playing football. The team trains on Tuesday nights and plays their matches on Saturdays. They already have a player in their team from Sawston Village College and would love to have some more. If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity, please speak to Mrs Harvey.

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Wishing you a peaceful weekend,

Jonathan Russell