

3rd October 2025

Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

Thanks to all pupils who helped out at Open Evening last night. Visitors commented on what wonderful ambassadors they were for the College, their politeness and their enthusiasm. We are so proud of them. Last weekend, 128 Y10 pupils took part in the practice expedition for Bronze Duke of Edinburgh - congratulations to all for keeping spirits up in the rain. On Monday evening, we have our post-16 evening for parents and Y11 pupils; an opportunity to understand the application process, different pathways and meet all Cambridge post-16 providers. Staff have been busy today with appraisals and mandatory training in safeguarding and health and safety. We trust that pupils have enjoyed their day off.

NEW Site update

The soakaway on the field no longer resembles a chalk pit as it is filled with soakaway crates. Over the next three weeks, all this will then be backfilled and grassed with any surplus material removed from site. The temporary PE changing rooms, which are really quite spacious, should be in action for pupils later next week. This will then, longer term, pave the way for the closure of the Sports Hall and Gymnasium and demolition of the old outdoor changing facilities. The main building will start soon, including excavation work to enable the installation of drainage and foundations. The reinforced concrete foundations will then be formed in readiness for the structural steel frame.

NEW Debate Club

As part of our school-wide push for oracy, we are thrilled to announce that we have launched a new Debate Club that meets every Monday after school in the Henry Morris Hall. The club - which is open to all year groups - has already enjoyed two successful sessions, sparking lively discussions and quite a lot of excitement. It is a wonderful opportunity for our young people to build confidence and develop their public speaking skills in a safe and collaborative environment. We encourage all pupils interested in developing their voice and critical thinking to join.

REMINDER Post-16 evening, Monday 6th October

We are looking forward to welcoming Y11 pupils and parents to our post-16 evening on Monday. A reminder of the timing for the event:

East band - 5:30-6:00pm talk in the Henry Morris Hall, followed by post-16 fair in the Dining Hall



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West band - 6:15-6:45pm talk in the Henry Morris Hall, followed by post-16 fair in the Dining Hall

If you have any questions, please contact Erika Wagstaff (ewagstaff@sawstonvc.org).

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 Duke of Edinburgh

128 pupils from Y10 descended on Bedfordshire last weekend to learn how to erect tents, cook on camp stoves and navigate using compasses, maps and triangulation. Pupils woke up to a glorious sunrise on Sunday morning before the weather shifted. Pupils tested their resilience as they marched 16km through muddy tracks and rain, carrying all their equipment in big backpacks. All pupils now have the necessary skills to complete their qualifying expedition in Thetford Forest in two weeks' time. We wish them all the luck with this endeavour.

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Wishing you an invigorating weekend,

Jonathan Russell