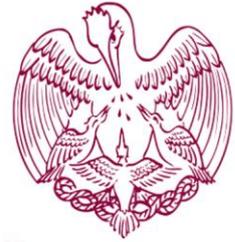


28 November 2025



**Sawston**  
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

## **Weekly Round Up**

Congratulations to our poets whose responses to the stimulus 'I have a Dream' will be published in an anthology. Poetry Club is one of many clubs available to pupils at lunchtime. This week we held a groundbreaking ceremony inviting Anglian Learning, DFE and B+K, the constructors, to take part. Pupils were represented by our Heads of Senate who were able to visit the compound, ask questions and make the PPE look more fashionable than any of the adults managed. As the project develops, we are looking forward to involving pupils more and taking groups to view the works. Staff training this week was led by our link Educational Psychologist with the focus on neurodiversity and strategies to support inclusion.

### **NEW End of term arrangements**

We will be closing early at 12.20 pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December to enable staff to prepare for next term and celebrate Christmas together. Pupils will have lessons as normal at mentor time, period 1 and period 2. During an extended period 3, pupils will be in mentor bases to enjoy and compete in the Inter-house Christmas Quiz 2024. Break will be as normal with all catering facilities open but we will not be providing lunch for pupils. School buses will leave at 12.35 pm. School uniform as normal.

There is no After-School Study Support Club on the last day of term and all school transport will have left at 12.35 pm. All pupils are expected to leave the site, which remains closed at all times to pupils during the holidays.

### **NEW Pupil Christmas lunch**

Our Pupil [Christmas Lunch](#) will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets for this popular event are, unfortunately, limited due to the size of the Dining Hall. Tickets, costing £3.00, will be available on WisePay in the Tickets and Events area at **5.00 pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. We reserve some tickets for pupils eligible for Free School Meals; please email [office@sawstonvc.org](mailto:office@sawstonvc.org) **from 5.00 pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December** to request a ticket for your child. Other food outlets will remain open as usual on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, therefore, pupils will still be able to purchase food if they do not have a ticket for the Christmas Lunch.

### **NEW Year 10 WEX information evening**

Year 10 pupils, parents and carers are invited to attend the Work Experience (WEX) information evening, which will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 6pm in the Henry Morris Hall. This will be an opportunity to understand the WEX process in more detail, as



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well as to ask any questions that you may have. Please refer to the letter sent by Mrs Wombwell for further information.

### **NEW Form the Future: Monthly Career Insight Webinars**

Form the Future continues to run a series of monthly webinars designed to support students, parents, guardians and teachers with up-to-date career information. Recent topics have included Apprenticeships, Insights into Your Child's Future, Post-16 Options and Post-18 Options, with recordings available to watch back.

The next session, Insight into the Workplace – The Skills Employers Look For, will take place on 13 January 2026. This is a great opportunity to gain practical guidance on the key skills young people need to thrive in today's job market.

To register for this event or access recordings of previous events, please click on this link or find out more, please contact [info@formthefuture.org.uk](mailto:info@formthefuture.org.uk).

### **REMINDER Year 9 individual photographs**

The closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique photo code at [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk) . If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, please contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 5).

### **NICE TO KNOW Sawston Pac-Man Competition**

Next week marks the start of our week-long interhouse competition during mentor time. Mentor groups will go head-to-head in an all-out battle to be crowned SVC Pac-Man Champions!

Fast-paced matches will take place in a group-stage format, leading to quarter-finals and semi-finals as we approach Christmas.

Who will clear the most dots, dodge the ghosts, and score their way to victory? Let the games begin!

### **NICE TO KNOW Poetry Club - Young Writers competition**

The Poetry Club is delighted to announce that eight of our poets have successfully taken part in a Young Writer's poetry competition responding to the title 'I have a Dream'. Their poems will be published in the Young Writer's Anthology later this year. We will receive a free copy which will be available in the school library, and we understand that there will be an opportunity to purchase additional copies - details to follow. Miss Dolan and Mrs Woods are looking forward to seeing how club members get on in the Poetry By Heart competition later in the year.

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Wishing you a joyful end to November,

Jonathan Russell