

13 March 2026



Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

We are all looking forward to our annual music concert at West Road tonight and seeing the pupils' weeks of rehearsals being rewarded with a wonderful performance. Well done to everyone who is taking part and many thanks for your support. Congratulations to Ellie and Elin who competed in the Shakespeare competition; thanks to their excellence, Sawston will be represented in the next round. Mid-week, we hosted a parents' information evening run by Elevate looking at various revision techniques that can be used to support pupils with home study. Throughout last weekend, the primary art exhibition, Platform 26, was very well attended at the Marven Centre and we are very grateful to our Arts Development Manager, Lesley Morgan, who organised the event. Thanks for supporting this and all of the arts at the College. Next Friday is a non-uniform day in aid of Comic Relief.

NEW Viewing attendance information in Go4Schools

Since the change to our Management Information System from Sims to Bromcom, we have become aware of an issue in the way attendance information is being shared with third party software, including Go4Schools. This has meant that lesson attendance information from the period after Thursday 26th February is not currently visible to parents in Go4Schools. We are working closely with the relevant third parties to rectify this issue as efficiently as possible.

Please note that this issue only relates to lesson attendance information (viewed via pupils' timetables). It does not affect your child's overall attendance figures or attendance summary which can be found in the attendance section of your child's page in Go4Schools. These figures are accurate and continue to offer parents an accurate overview of your child's attendance at school. Once the issue has been resolved, we will communicate with you to confirm that this is the case. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding your child's attendance to lessons during the school day, please contact their Year Lead who will be able to provide you with more detailed information.

NEW Non-uniform Day on Friday 20th March for Comic Relief

The Ethos Forum has chosen to raise money next week for Comic Relief by promoting a non-uniform day on Friday 20th March; parents are invited to make a £1 donation on Wisepay for this excellent cause.



ANGLIAN LEARNING



FRAMEWORK FOR
ETHICAL LEADERSHIP
IN EDUCATION
PATHFINDER



Quality
Mark for
History
Gold
Award
2024



THE SUNDAY TIMES
SCHOOL & GUIDE
2025
STATE IN-16
SECONDARY SCHOOL
OF THE YEAR



Artsmark
Platinum Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England

TRINITY
COLLEGE LONDON
★ Trinity Champion Centre



PROUD TO BE A
MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL
2024 - 2025

NEW Easter Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers

Cambridgeshire County Council is continuing to run a holiday voucher scheme for the Easter holiday. Due to the withdrawal of the Household Support Fund on 31st March 2026, the Council are funding a revised scheme, but are continuing to work with Wonde (E-voucher) as the voucher supplier. Each eligible pupil will be issued a supermarket voucher for £20 and further information was sent out today. Vouchers will be delivered by email or text by the end of the day on Saturday 28th March. All vouchers must be claimed by 4.00 pm on Friday 4th May. 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.

NEW Year 11 exams information evening: follow-up resources

Thank you to all the Year 11 parents who were able to attend this week's exams information evening. We hope you found the event useful and informative. Please find [here](#) the Parent Guidebook from Elevate Education, which was mentioned during the session. If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs Riondino, Head of Year 11 (criondino@sawstonvc.org) or Mrs Wagstaff, Assistant Principal (ewagstaff@sawstonvc.org).

NEW Cyber Security Webinars

Police Officers and Staff from the Cyber Crime team in the Eastern Region Specialist Operations Unit, are presenting a series of webinars over the coming months intended for parents and carers of young people. There are two different webinars although you may find both are relevant and useful for understanding how cyber crime can impact on families and young people. Details of how to book can be found [here](#).

COMMUNITY Youth Rowing Course 2026

The City of Cambridge Rowing Club is excited to announce a Youth Rowing Course, designed specifically for pupils aged 13 to 18. The course offers a unique opportunity to meet new people, learn the exciting sport of rowing, and enjoy the picturesque beauty of the River Cam.

Running throughout the holidays, this programme is not only a fun and engaging activity but also a valuable addition to college and university applications. Rowing fosters teamwork, discipline, and perseverance, making it an impressive highlight on any application. Please click [here](#) for further details.

COMMUNITY Easter holiday netball

GK fit is running netball fun days in April at Swavesey VC and Netherhall. Please click [here](#) for further details.

NICE TO KNOW Unloc conference day

Last Friday, a group of Y10 pupils represented our school at the Unloc Conference Day, held at Comberton Village College. During the day, pupils explored how young people's voices can create real change and positively impact their local communities.

Our pupils engaged thoughtfully with the activities and discussions throughout the day and were a real credit to the school. We look forward to seeing how they use the skills and ideas they developed to bring positive change within our own community.

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Wishing you a relaxing weekend,

Jonathan Russell