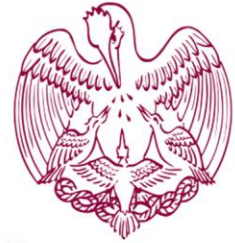


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15 May 2026



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Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

Our GCSE History trip left for Hastings this morning, spending their first day at the Tower of London before heading to the coast. We wish them all the best for the weekend. Y11 Historians sat their first paper at the end of a busy week of exams; we hope all has gone well and look forward to celebrating Leavers' day next Friday with them. Congratulations to Y10 on their devised performances this week.

NEW Oliver!

Tickets for Oliver! are selling well, with Friday, 10th July now almost sold out. However, you can still find a good choice of tickets for 8th and 9th July so don't miss out. Go to <https://sawstonvc.org/events/> and choose the school events option to see what is available.

NEW Cinema Club Showcase

The Cinema Club Showcase will take place on 16th July at 7.00pm. This is the premiere event when club members present the films they have made over this academic year. Particular highlights of this year's showcase will be the Magic of Cinema film made with professional filmmakers in the autumn term and the club films, Other Sides and Fairy Fails made in the Senior and Junior Clubs respectively. We are asking family and friends to book (free) tickets through Ticketsource. Please go to <https://sawstonvc.org/events/> and choose the cinema events option. (Club members do not need tickets for this event.)

NEW Frida Kahlo at Sawston Cinema in the Marven Centre

On 21st May at 7pm, we are delighted to be presenting Frida Kahlo, Exhibition on Screen's award-winning film.

First released during covid to a restricted audience – the film is back by popular demand with an exciting new addition from the blockbuster transatlantic exhibition from Tate Britain and MFA Houston 'Frida Kahlo: the Making of an Icon'. It is in cinemas in May 2026, one month before the Tate exhibition opens, allowing audiences to watch both the film and see the show. Making use of the latest technology to deliver previously unimaginable quality, the makers take an in-depth look at key works throughout her career. Using letters Kahlo wrote as a guide, this definitive film reveals her deepest emotions and unlocks the secrets and symbolism contained within her art. For tickets, or to find out more, please go to <https://sawstonvc.org/events/> and choose the cinema events option.



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REMINDER Mobile phones clarification

Mobile phones are not allowed to be seen or heard at any point during the school day from 8am to 3.30pm. They must be turned off and placed in a pupil's school bag and not in any pockets. Phones that are seen or heard will be confiscated and returned either to the pupil the following day or to a parent if a recurring problem. Last week's message was incorrect in stating that it is always returned at the end of the day to the pupil. If a parent needs to contact a pupil during school hours, please phone reception. With government policy changing and due to some pupils abusing the current approach, we will explore all options available to create a phone-free environment, free of distraction and conflict arising from misuse.

REMINDER Summer Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

The Local Authority is operating the summer Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme from 21st to 28th August. Eligible pupils can attend a participating local holiday scheme for up to 64 hours, fully funded. A daily meal and engagement in enriching experiences is offered. On 8th June, parents will receive a voucher by email or text from hello@holidayactivities.com including a 16-digit booking code for each eligible child.

Further details: HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf

NICE TO KNOW GCSE Drama Devised Performances

This week saw our GCSE Drama students take to the stage to perform their devised pieces as part of the OCR GCSE Drama coursework. The performances took place on Monday and Tuesday evenings and marked the culmination of a great deal of creative planning, rehearsal and refinement.

Pupils demonstrated commitment, imagination and teamwork throughout, bringing a wide range of original ideas to life with confidence and energy. It was clear to see how much progress they have made in developing their performance skills and their ability to work collaboratively under exam conditions.

Thank you to all staff who supported the process, as well as to parents and carers who attended the performances over both evenings.

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Wishing you a pleasant weekend,

Jonathan Russell