

SGE/SRC

19 March 2026



Sawston  
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parent/Carer

### Year 9 Activities Week Monday 15 – Friday 19 June 2026

This letter details the arrangements for Year 9 pupils not attending the PE residential or non-residential trips during the week beginning 15 June 2026.

In place of timetabled lessons, Year 9 pupils will be participating in a STEM learning week, exploring different practical activities in Science and Technology. This will include science and design challenges.

#### Colchester Zoo

On Tuesday 16 June there is a trip to Colchester Zoo, during which pupils will have a chance to see the amazing animals and find out how the zoo is working to protect wildlife and habitats globally. Pupils should arrive at school at the usual time. Coaches will leave at **8.50 am** and return at approximately **4.00 pm**.

#### Thorpe Park

On Friday 19 June, we will be visiting Thorpe Park theme park. Pupils should arrive at school earlier than usual. Coaches will leave at **8.20 am** and will return at approximately **5.00 pm**.

During both visits, pupils can dress in weather appropriate non-uniform and should bring a packed lunch.

To cover travel costs and entry tickets we require payment of £65 per pupil to cover both trips to via the Trips and Visits area of WisePay. We would encourage as many pupils as possible to take advantage of the opportunity to go on both trips. However, for a small number of pupils who would like to go on just one of the trips, the cost for Colchester only is £25 and for Thorpe Park only is £40. For those pupils unable to attend the days out, alternative activities will be arranged in school.

Some financial support may be available for pupils who qualify now, or have qualified in the past six years, for free school meals. Please contact [pupilpremium@sawstonvc.org](mailto:pupilpremium@sawstonvc.org) for further details.

Please complete the Google consent form [here](#) by **Friday 1 May**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [office@sawstonvc.org](mailto:office@sawstonvc.org).

Yours sincerely

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