JRU/KEL

16 October 2026

Sawston Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

Yesterday, we held our annual Last Choir Standing competition in which all Y7 teaching groups sing to be crowned the champions, with almost all of the year group taking part. It was a joyful event with songs from Annie, Queen, The Greatest Showman, Beauty and the Beast, Moana and more. 7B2 were victorious with their super rendition of This is Me! Well done to all involved. We are also delighted to report that all who took part on the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition weekend last week passed. Please do complete the parent survey if you have not already done so.

NEW Online safety

Please can we remind parents that pupils under the age of 13 should not be accessing Snapchat or WhatsApp unless this is through a parent-controlled account. We are seeing an increase in group chats being created which can contain unkind messages and content.

We encourage pupils to remove themselves from large group chats and not accept invitations to join chats if they do not know everyone in the group. We also encourage parents to regularly check their child's phone and online activity to help keep them safe.

NEW T Level Week 19th to 23rd October 2026

Year 11 pupils will be receiving information through the bulletin this week to improve their knowledge about these relatively new courses ahead of their Post 16 applications. Please click on the link to view the parent/carer information guide here.

NEW School Photographs

Y7 and Y11 photographs ordered from Tempest Photography have been delivered to school and will be available for collection from Monday 19th October. Photographs can still be ordered for delivery to a home address- please email office@sawstonvc.org if you require the reference for your child's photograph. Tempest will be back in school on Monday 23rd November to photograph Y9 pupils and any Y7 and 11 pupils previously missed.

REMINDER Parent Survey

Our parent survey remains open and we welcome your views. The survey will close on October 23rd. The letter and link can also be found here. Thank you.

COMMUNITY **Youth Rowing Course for 2026**

Cambridge Rowing is running a Youth Rowing Course for 2026 and has launched new dates for 2027, designed specifically for pupils aged 14 to 18. This course offers a unique opportunity for pupils to meet new people, learn the exciting sport of rowing, and enjoy the picturesque beauty of the River Cam. Please see here for further details.

COMMUNITY **Funding for athletes in Cambridge City**

The Future champions grant is to support local athletes in Cambridge City and South Cambs who complete at Regional or County level. The grant opens on Monday 19th October and closes on the 20th November. Please see here for further details.

COMMUNITY **Cambridge South Hockey Club**

Cambridge South Hockey Club are recruiting for junior players, particularly for U12 and U14 girls. U12 (Y6 & 7) and U14 (Y8 & 9) train on Tuesdays, 6:15-7:30 pm Girls - Long Road Sixth Form College, Boys - St Mary's school pitch on Long Road. Beginners are welcome and you can have three free taster sessions to meet the friendly players and coaches. Sticks can be provided - please bring shin pads and mouth guard if you have them. (Mouthguards are essential - one can be provided if needed.) See https://cambridgesouthhockeyclub.co.uk/juniors/ for more information.

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Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Jonathan Russell