

25 September 2026



Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

Our GCSE Geographers enjoyed a field trip to sunny Hunstanton on Thursday and were commended on their politeness and respectful attitudes as they surveyed residents and tourists. We hosted ten delegates from Oman, including Ministry of Education trainers and teachers, who were impressed with the Maths lessons they saw and the pupils' calm focus on Wednesday. Congratulations to those in Y10 who were selected as House Ambassadors today; they play an important part in supporting our ethos and values and ensuring a sense of belonging for all. Best wishes to our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh pupils on their expedition practice weekend. Thank you to all pupils who have volunteered for Open Evening next week; year on year, guests comment on their enthusiasm, manners and helpfulness. We had hoped that we would be able to show our new PE block but, unfortunately, its opening has been delayed for a couple of weeks. Please be reminded that the College will be closed next Friday.

IMPORTANT Training Day - school closed Friday 2nd October

As calendared next Friday, the College is closed to pupils for a Training Day. Staff will be carrying out annual appraisals and completing mandatory health and safety, cybersecurity and safeguarding training.

NEW Open Evening

We have our annual Open Evening on Thursday 1st October. This is a chance for any Year 6 pupils to come and see the College and meet our teachers and pupils in action in their Departments. The evening runs from 5pm until 8:30pm. If you would like to join us for the evening, please book a ticket on the Ticketsource website in the link below.

<https://www.ticketsource.com/sawstonvc/open-evening-2027/2026-10-01/17:00/t-mjrpley>

NEW An update on our school governance

I am writing to let you know about an important and positive development in the way our school will be supported and governed as part of Anglian Learning. Please see [here](#) for details.

NEW Free online parent course with Inger Madsen

This term there are two free online courses, led by Inger Madsen, an experienced practitioner who works with families and secondary schools to support parents navigating the challenges of adolescence. Please click [here](#) for more information.



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REMINDER Y11 Post-16 information evening, Monday 28th September 2026

All parents/carers and pupils are strongly encouraged to attend this event, which will include an opportunity to hear key messages from College staff about the post-16 process and the year ahead as well as to meet with representatives from the post-16 centres at the post-16 fair. The timings for this event are as follows:

- East band - 5:45-6:15pm talk in the Henry Morris Hall, followed by post-16 fair in the Dining Hall
- West band - 6:30-7:00pm talk in the Henry Morris Hall, followed by post-16 fair in the Dining Hall

Please complete [this short form](#) to confirm your attendance, so that we have an idea of the number of parents and pupils to expect.

REMINDER School photographs

For free delivery to school on your child's photographs, order by Wednesday 30th September 2026. Order via the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. Call 01736 751555 for assistance.

REMINDER Data Protection

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that they can view our Trust data protection policies via the policies page on the college website. Please click [here](#) to view the data protection policies. Our Data Protection Officer (DPO) is Judicium Education Ltd and they can be contacted at dataservices@judicium.com.

COMMUNITY Healthy Relationships Courses

Cambridgeshire County Council is offering four courses this Autumn to support positive relationships for parents, families and communities. Please see [here](#) for further details.

COMMUNITY Workshops for pupils aged 11-18

During December the University of Cambridge and CB Mentoring will be running workshops for pupils aged 11-18 where they can design and collect creative research, exploring questions such as: Where do you feel welcome, included, visible or overlooked in Cambridge? Please click [here](#) for further details.

COMMUNITY Netball for pupil in Year 6-11

GK fit is running netball sessions in October at Netherhall and Cherry Hinton Leisure Centre. For further details, please see [here](#).

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Wishing you an uplifting weekend,

Jonathan Russell