

4 September 2026



Sawston
Village College

Principal: Mr J P Russell

Dear Parents/Carers

Weekly Round Up

What a delight to welcome back our pupils and to get to know our new intake. Y7 gave a very good first impression and, hopefully, the short week has set them up well for next week, alleviated some nerves and made them realise they won't get lost! The summer brought success for our outgoing Y11 cohort with a very good set of GCSE and BTEC results and, crucially, enabling them to progress. We wish them well as they start their post-16 studies or apprenticeships. Building work has continued apace through the rain-free months and the new brickwork has lifted the character of the building. It's still on track to be opened in January. Next week, we look forward to a full timetable of normal lessons and the chance to fully embed our expectations and routines. We also hold our Freshers' Fair on Thursday, giving our new Y7 pupils the chance to sign up to a vast range of clubs and encouraging those in other year groups to try something new, too.

NEW Site update

Following a short delay, we should be taking possession of the refurbished Sports Hall and Gym as well as the brand new changing rooms, PE office space and new internal corridor on September 14th. After which, the temporary changing rooms will be dismantled and the Sports Centre car park reinstated with a new one way system. Work will then begin on the swimming pool which will be closed for a year. The MPH will be closed later this term for refurbishment. The new brickwork is near completion on the new build, landscaping has begun on the new quads and there is a great deal of activity internally to prepare teaching and office spaces. Work has also begun on a new power substation in the bus bay. There is no change to the routes in and out of school, the vehicle one way system remains in place and pupils are asked to enter on foot or bicycle via the main entrance only. All visitors should report to reception as normal.

NEW Safeguarding Team

As part of our commitment to pupil welfare, we would like to introduce our safeguarding team. Clare Greaney, Assistant Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead; Vicky Linzell, Safeguarding Manager and Deputy Safeguarding Lead. We welcome Anna Garner onto the team who joined us this September as Assistant Principal, SENDCo and Inclusion; Sue Gelder, Deputy Principal; Alan Sutton, Assistant Principal and Jodie Fink, Year 11 lead.



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ETHICAL LEADERSHIP
IN EDUCATION
PATHFINDER



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NEW Mobile Phones

The DfE requires all school environments to be mobile phone-free by default. This means that mobile phones and similar smart technology (like smartwatches) are banned throughout the entire school day, including lessons, breaktimes, lunchtimes, and transitions between classes. We allow pupils to bring mobile phones to school but they must be turned off and in the pupil's bag at all times on site. Phones must be turned off on arrival at school before entering the gates and only be turned on again or used once pupils have left the school gates. Phones that are seen or heard will be confiscated. Please ensure that your child understands and abides by our rules to ensure pupils are safeguarded from the growing evidence of risks that mobile phones pose for young people.

NEW Cycle safety

With the evenings turning darker, we would like to remind parents/carers to encourage cyclists to wear helmets, be visible and use bike lights. It is also a good time of year to check breaks, tyres and general maintenance. Please also remind your child of the need to stay vigilant, follow the Highway Code and be courteous to all other road, cycleway users and pedestrians. We will be encouraging them next week to be especially careful when leaving any of the school exits at the end of the day.

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Wishing you an enjoyable weekend,

Jonathan Russell