



Sawtry Village
Academy

Sixth Form

2027 Entry



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Simon Parsons

*Principal of
Sawtry Village Academy*

Welcome from the Principal

Sawtry Village Academy has high expectations of all its students and delivers a high-quality education in the heart of our community. Our academic results over the past five years have been excellent in terms of attainment and progress. We value our students and develop them into successful, confident,

responsible, and employable citizens. We expect students to work hard, develop resilience and work closely with staff to ensure the highest possible achievement and progress. If you're looking to join us, this prospectus gives a great flavour of what's on offer. We look forward to welcoming you to our sixth form.

Welcome from the Sixth Form Team



Louisa Hay

Head of Sixth Form

As the Sixth Form leadership team, we are delighted to welcome you to our prospectus and thank you for considering SVA as the next step in your educational journey. As part of Oak House, we firmly believe that 'mighty oaks from little acorns grow' and nowhere is this philosophy more evident than within our Sixth Form community. Every student arrives with their own ambitions, talents and aspirations. Our role is to nurture those qualities, provide exceptional opportunities and support, and help every young person reach their full potential. As a Sixth Form we are the perfect size to offer a broad and diverse range of academic and vocational courses whilst maintaining the personal approach that ensures every student is known as an individual.

students achieved progress placing them within the top 10% of schools nationally and secured our highest-ever proportion of A*, A and B grades. In BTEC qualifications, more than 70% of students achieved Distinction* or Distinction grades. These successes enabled 57% of our students to progress to university, including nearly 20% securing places at Russell Group institutions, with one student earning a place at the University of Cambridge.

However, whilst we take enormous pride in these achievements, we believe our greatest strength lies in the culture of support, encouragement and ambition that exists throughout our Sixth Form. This was recognised in our last full Ofsted report (January 2018):

"The sixth form provides an outstanding education. Achievement overall has been significantly above average for the previous two years. Strong teaching and a very supportive pastoral system are enabling students to follow ambitious career pathways."

We hope this prospectus gives you an insight into the opportunities, support and experiences that await you at SVA Sixth Form.



Thomas McCleary

Deputy Head of Sixth Form

Above all, we are guided by our passion for the Pursuit of Excellence. Whether your ambitions lie in university, apprenticeships, employment or other exciting pathways, we are committed to equipping you with the skills, knowledge and confidence needed to achieve your goals.

Our commitment to excellence is reflected in the exceptional outcomes achieved by our students. In 2025, SVA Sixth Form celebrated its strongest results in over a decade. Our A Level

Pathway programme

Our Pathway Programme is designed to provide a good range of choices for students but also to make sure all pupils study routes appropriate to them. We have used school and national data to build our programme, which focuses on three colour bands. Each band is tailored to students' GCSE performance.

Courses are run subject to sufficient numbers of students and may have their own specific requirements that must be met.

How to select your pathway

You can calculate your likely Average Point Score (APS) based on your predicted GCSE grades. Calculate the mean average of your best 8 GCSE grades by adding them up and dividing by 8. This determines which colour subject bands you can access below. Students then choose 3 subjects from the available bands.



APS 3.7+

Blue subjects require a grade 4 in Maths or English Language.

BLUE Profile

- BTEC Creative Digital Media Production
- BTEC Health & Social Care
- BTEC ICT / V Level Digital (TBC)
- BTEC Medical Science
- Diploma in Food Science & Nutrition
- Extended Certificate in Sport & Physical Activity
- GCE 3D Design
- GCE Art
- GCE Photography
- GCE Textiles

APS 4.5+

Green subjects require a grade 4 in both Maths and English Language.

GREEN Profile

- GCE Business
- GCE Economics
- GCE English Literature
- GCE Geography
- GCE History
- GCE Psychology
- GCE Sociology

Once you know your final grades you may need to change your choices in line with your score and pathway, plus any subject specific entry requirements. This process will be finalised during the first two days of term in September.

APS 5.5+

Yellow subjects require a grade 4 in Maths and English. You must have a 6 in the subject chosen to study (or 6-6 if you studied Combined Science) and also a 6 in Maths if you are studying Physics or Chemistry.

YELLOW Profile

- GCE Biology
- GCE Chemistry
- GCE Maths
- GCE Physics



Laura

Laura left the sixth form in 2025 to study Land Economy at the University of Cambridge.

Sixth form was a very supportive environment, with teachers always willing to provide extra help when needed. I found the transition from GCSEs to A Levels challenging at first, but I enjoyed the increased freedom and flexibility in how I could learn. I found sixth form to be well rounded with time for enjoyment, lessons and learning life skills. Learning alongside classmates who were genuinely interested in the subjects and being taught by teachers who were committed to our success made my time in sixth form especially rewarding.



Why choose SVA Sixth Form?

Your next chapter starts at Sawtry Sixth Form. Here's what makes it a great place to learn, grow and prepare for your future.

Expert teaching

Learn from experienced, dedicated teachers who will challenge you, support your progress and help you achieve your potential.

Time to succeed

Dedicated study periods give you time to consolidate your learning, complete assignments and work independently or with others.

Guidance for your next step

Your personal tutor will support you throughout Sixth Form, helping you explore your options and prepare applications for university, apprenticeships or employment.

Support when you need it

Our Sixth Form team and tutors are here to listen, offer advice and support your wellbeing. Our tutor programme helps you stay informed, motivated and prepared for the future.

A community where you belong

Join a friendly, supportive Sixth Form where your voice matters. Take on leadership roles, represent your peers and help shape Sixth Form life.

A space to call your own

Our Sixth Form Centre offers spaces to study, relax and meet friends, including a silent study room and café. Computers, laptops and Wi-Fi help you make the most of your independent study.

Opportunities beyond the classroom

Develop new interests and valuable skills through enrichment, additional qualifications and volunteering - building your confidence and strengthening future applications.



Student support

Alongside the Head and Deputy Head of Sixth Form, our dedicated Post-16 Advisor, Hayley, offers guidance and support with academic and personal concerns. Hayley also owns Bramble, our much-loved wellbeing dog, who is always delighted to welcome new friends to Sixth Form each September!

Your future starts here

You don't need to have your future mapped out when you join us. Throughout Sixth Form, we'll help you discover your strengths, explore your options and prepare for a pathway that's right for you.

Discover Your Direction

From the start of Year 12, you'll use Unifrog to explore your interests and potential careers. Alongside support from your tutor and the Sixth Form team, Unifrog and Pathways CTM will help you research university courses and apprenticeships.

Explore the Possibilities

University visits, including a trip to Warwick, give you a taste of student life, while UCAS Discovery events let you speak directly to university and apprenticeship providers. A student finance session helps you understand the financial side of university.

Meet People Who Inspire You

During Careers Week, visiting employers share their experiences and explain routes into their professions. We also welcome outside speakers, drawing on our work with Inspire to Ignite and welcoming Pathways CTM to broaden your awareness of future opportunities.

Experience Working Life

Year 12 work experience gives you the opportunity to explore a workplace, develop practical skills and discover whether a career interests you.

Take Your Next Steps with Confidence

Dedicated form time supports you with UCAS registration, personal statements and CVs. We encourage you to keep your options open and provide individual guidance as your plans develop.



Dexter

At Sixth Form there is a wide range of enrichment opportunities - there really is something for everyone! I chose DoFE with my best friend because it sounded like a great experience. It has given us the chance to learn new skills, give back to the community and look after our physical and mental wellbeing, while having fun.

Sixth Form is also good at giving you the best opportunities to begin your future career. Year 12 work experience gave us a taste of working life. UCAS events have given me an insight into universities. These experiences have made Sixth Form an enjoyable place to study and prepare for what comes next.



Our enrichment programme

Our enrichment programme gives you opportunities to explore new interests, develop valuable skills and grow in confidence. Throughout Years 12 and 13, you will choose at least one option from a wide range of activities. These experiences help you stand out to universities and employers while preparing you for life beyond Sixth Form.

Core Maths:

A level 3 qualification that develops practical skills in data analysis, finance, probability and statistics, enabling students to apply mathematics confidently to real-world situations.

Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award:

A nationally recognised programme that develops leadership, resilience and independence through volunteering, physical activity, skills development and expedition.

Award in Oracy:

A Level 3 qualification that develops essential speaking, listening and communication skills, preparing students for success in higher education, employment and public life.

Volunteering:

Gives students the opportunity to make a positive contribution to their local community while developing valuable skills in teamwork, leadership, communication and social responsibility.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ):

A level 3 qualification that develops independent research, critical thinking and project management skills, enabling students to investigate a topic of personal interest and prepare for higher education.

Online Courses (MOOCs):

Provide students with the opportunity to explore subjects beyond the curriculum, developing independent learning skills and gaining valuable knowledge from leading universities and organisations worldwide.

Science laboratory technician:

Students work alongside our science technicians, preparing practical resources and gaining valuable experience of a laboratory environment.

Sports Leadership Award :

A level 3 nationally recognised qualification that develops leadership, teamwork and communication skills through the planning and delivery of sports activities.

Class & Student Support:

Enables students to support younger learners in lessons and enrichment activities, developing mentoring, communication and leadership skills while exploring careers in education.

Life Skills:

Develops practical skills such as cooking, meal planning and budgeting, helping students build confidence and independence for adult life.

Lyla

I decided to carry on my education at Sawtry Sixth Form due to my amazing teachers who helped me during my GCSEs. Because of their encouragement and support, I am now studying three A-levels that I love. With their help, I'm able to excel in my subjects and be the best I can be. Sixth Form has been nothing but welcoming, supportive and a great environment to learn in.

Your space to study & socialise

Our Sixth Form Centre gives you a space to call your own, with comfortable areas to study, catch up with friends and take a break between lessons.

Whether you prefer working alongside others or concentrating in the silent study room, there's a space to help you make the most of your independent study time. You can use the 40 computers located throughout the Sixth Form building, as well as laptops available for student use and printing facilities. Academy Wi-Fi also allows you to

work on your own laptop or tablet, with lockers providing secure storage. Students can also take advantage of membership opportunities at our on-site gym, helping them maintain a healthy balance between academic achievement and physical wellbeing.

The Sixth Form café is a popular spot to grab a drink, meet friends or settle down with some work. Together, these spaces give you the independence of Sixth Form life within a welcoming, supportive environment.





Where could Sixth Form take you?

Your future is individual to you. Whether you're aiming for university, an apprenticeship or employment, we'll help you explore your options and take your next steps with confidence.

Our students have progressed to universities including Cambridge, Bristol, York and Reading, studying subjects ranging from physics and marine biology to fashion, law and journalism. Others have secured apprenticeships and employment in accountancy, business, ICT and beyond, including opportunities with PwC and Deloitte.

Throughout Sixth Form, you'll have opportunities to discover different pathways through work experience, university visits, UCAS events and personalised guidance. Visiting speakers bring fresh perspectives and help you explore possibilities you may not have considered. We have worked with Inspire to Ignite and are welcoming Pathways CTM to further broaden these opportunities.

Whatever your ambitions, we'll encourage you to build on your strengths, explore your interests and find a route that's right for you.



Scarlett

Starting Sixth Form is a big step, especially with the jump from GCSEs to A-levels, but the welcoming atmosphere and support make the transition much easier. The Sixth Form staff and pastoral team are always there to help, while also encouraging you to become more independent and confident in your learning. It's an enjoyable environment where everyone feels supported.

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