



# Success @ Swavesey

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## Welcome

Welcome to the Spring edition of Success@Swavesey, and we have had much to celebrate this term with our students, staff and parents having been extremely productive here at SVC. We welcomed students and staff from Graf-Eberhard-Gymnasium, Bad Urach for our German exchange programme. Thank you to all our host parents, without whom the exchange could not happen.

Our students have achieved a wide range of accomplishments this term including success at the Maths Feast, a Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition, a sports tour to Manchester, an outward bounds event in Wales and of course our annual school production.

I am hugely impressed by the talent we have so far seen from the huge production cast of Footloose, showing our students skills in not only the performing arts, but costumes, lighting, sound and front of house duties. I can't wait to see the final shows!

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of Success@Swavesey and I would like to wish you all a peaceful and relaxing Easter break.

Very best wishes

Jim Stavrou  
Headteacher



## Visual Arts

The spring term has been a busy one for the Visual Arts Department. Year 11 students have been working incredibly hard on their exam projects, spending hours after school in the department, developing their ideas and skills.

Meanwhile, Year 10 photographers participated in an excellent photography workshop led by professional photographer Jeremy Webb. They thoroughly enjoyed photographing each other's hands using a wide range of lighting techniques.

After a long wait, we are excited that from 21<sup>st</sup> March, Cambridge will be playing host to the gentle giants of the African plains, with 31 beautifully decorated giraffe sculptures galloping onto the city's streets. Alongside them there will be over 60 Mini Gs, one of which belongs to Swavesey Village College! Our Mini G is number 78 and is called Gauguin. In the autumn term students spent hours designing and decorating his spots. He is now located in Anglia Ruskin University on East Road. He may be feeling a bit lonely, so we'd like as many of you as possible to track him down to say hello. For lots more information about the trail, we suggest checking out the following website [Cambridge Standing Tall - Break \(break-charity.org\)](http://Cambridge Standing Tall - Break (break-charity.org))



## Diamond Award Winners

Congratulations to Jocelyn and Holly in Years 7 and 8 who have already achieved their Diamond Award for getting over 100 Curriculum Credits so far this year. It is unusual to achieve so many CCs by the beginning of March, so proves how committed to their studies they have been.

In the summer term there will be a celebration for all Diamond Award winners, involving an exciting activity and an ice cream afterwards.

Well done Jocelyn and Holly!



## Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Careers Expo

Year 10 Health and Social Care students visited the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough careers expo, where they learnt about some of the 350 careers across the Integrated Care System. They also learnt about career pathway options including college, apprenticeships and university application processes.

At the venue there were a range of areas that the students were able to visit and take part in activities related to the Health and Social Care sector which included:

Exploring the marketplace stands by profession. This is where students were able to talk to staff that work in health and care about their roles, development, entry criteria and see equipment used daily.

Students then visited the five activity rooms and took part in a variety of activities including smoothie bikes, clinical skills stations, CPR simulation, wound cleaning, sensory impairment experiences and virtual reality headsets.

*At the event there was representation from;*

*Occupational therapy, Physiotherapy, Nursing, Dentistry, Psychology, Psychiatry, Paramedics, Dieticians, Social Workers and Pharmacy to name a few.*



## Duke of Edinburgh's Award: Silver Practice Expedition

The Duke of Edinburgh team took 45 Yr.10 students to Huntingdonshire to complete their Silver practice expedition from 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> March.

The students were a credit to themselves and demonstrated great teamwork and resilience in battling through the wind and the rain on Sunday and successfully complete their training.

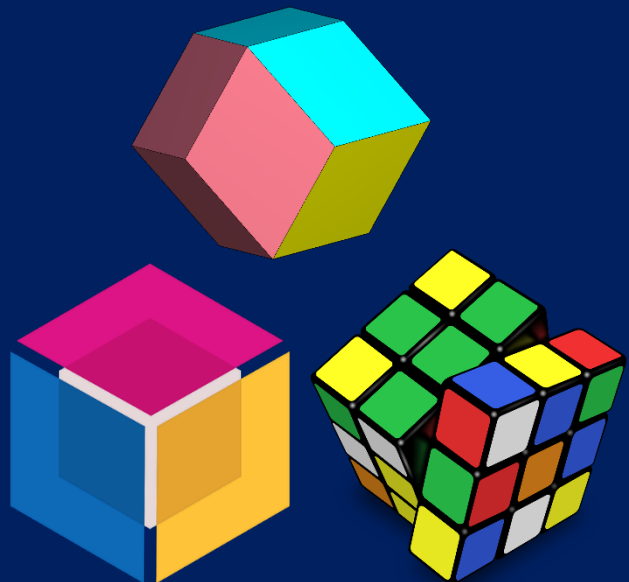
We are all looking forward to the assessed expedition in the Peak District next month!



### Maths Feast

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, two teams of year 10 students competed in the Maths Feast event at Linton Village College. Both teams did an excellent job with one team achieving full marks in one round and the other team were one of the highest scoring in another. There were rounds based on TV quizzes, cross numbers, logic problems and both teams had to build cubes and rhombic dodecahedra.

Well done to William, Solomon, Adjoa, Sahasra, Arthur, Sashily, Tom and Ethel.



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## Electro/acoustic Music Trip

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March the Music Department took the Year 10 GCSE musicians to West Road Concert Hall in Cambridge for a workshop with a team from the Faculty of Music, to experience the sound-visual installation and watch a concert featuring electronic music and Girton and St. Catharines's College Choirs.

The students came away from the day with lots of new approaches to try with their compositions and innovative ways to create soundscapes.



## MFL Department

We have had many other successes in the department last term. Our students worked extremely hard in the Language Nut global competition and collectively managed to secure 1<sup>st</sup> place. We were especially proud of Armelle L who finished 2nd, Elliot U who finished 4th, Sahasra B who finished 5th, Elena S who finished 16th and Alaire L who finished 43rd! They showed incredible resilience and determination and received Amazon vouchers and a certificate to recognise their achievement.

20 year 9 students participated in the National Language competition run by GCHQ. Swavesey competed outstandingly, with all of our teams finishing in the top 10 nationally. Our 'Cute Brainy Sharks' team made up of Toby, Kelson, Jonty, and Addison, won the overall national competition and the "Nice Laughing Moorhens" made-up of Armelle, Pearl, Mayumee and Vidushi came first in the South-East of England. All of the teams competed fiercely throughout and should be super proud of such an achievement!

It was incredible to watch our students so engaged in such an intellectually difficult challenge. Winning the NLC is a huge achievement and is testament to the amazing commitment to and passion for languages that the students have in Swavesey. We infiltrated the GCHQ Headquarters in Cheltenham and we met the Director Anne Keast-Butler.

In October, two Yr8 French and four Year 10 French and Spanish students took part in the MFL 'Reading Out Loud' competition held at King's Ely. Congratulations to Carmella and Ellie who competed in the Spanish competition! They really enjoyed the evening. Well done to Skylark, Eleanor, Christopher and Eden for participating in the French competition. Huge congratulations to Eden who won the Gold Award for reading a poem called "C'est quoi la vie?" by Aldebert, a contemporary French singer. The jury and the audience were stunned by his performance!

Just before Christmas, 40 very excited Year 7s came to The Y7 Winter Wonderland Party run by our SVC Language Leaders! Lots of fun was had creating Christmas stars, with a lucky dip game, raffle and Christmas quiz. A definite highlight was the taste test of a variety of Christmas foods from around the world! The favourite was the French Bûche de Noël (Yule Log).

Many thanks to our Language Leaders for their hard work and organisation.

Yr7 will be rewarded as attending the party forms part of their Bronze Diversity pledge, as it gave them an insight into how Christmas is celebrated around the world.

Quotes from Y7 students:

- *It was great fun to get together with our friends and try new things! I really liked the German biscuits (Lebkuchen).*
- *I liked learning how to make the stars! My favourite food was the French Yule Log.*
- *It was cool and very fun! I really enjoyed making the Christmas snowflakes and trying the food.*
- *I enjoyed making the snowflakes and doing the raffle. The French Yule log was yummy!*

Finally, in the last week of term we quizzed our year 10s and 11s on their advent calendar verbs; 24 complex chunks of language that French, Spanish, and German students had to learn which could be used to impress in their GCSE writing and speaking assessments. Congratulations to the following students for winning the prize draw; enjoy your Amazon vouchers!

French: Beth W, Ethel C

Spanish: Sophia C, Archie H-C

German: George J, Tim E

## Food Glorious Food

The Year 11 Hospitality and Catering students worked incredibly hard this term to complete their NEA projects culminating in a 3.5 hour practical cooking exam. During the exam the students prepared, cooked and presented 2 dishes for their identified customers. The students applied all the skills we have practiced over the past 3 years and really challenged themselves to produce top quality dishes - everything from fresh filled pasta, Quiche, Jamaican patties, Curry and naan, Fish, chips and tartare sauce, hand shaped bread, tarts, ice cream, brownies with caramel sauce and moulded chocolate domes!

Unfortunately we cannot share the photos with you as they are part of a 'live assessment' but I can assure you every dish was delicious

Year 10s this term have been making high skilled pastry dishes from scratch: creating laminated puff pastry which was turned into sausage rolls and choux pastry for profiteroles and eclairs.

Year 9 have been researching foods from other cultures and practicing crumb coating fish, cheese and chicken.

Miss Stone's year 8 class had a biscuit bake off with some wonderful creative designs produced.

The year 7 food classes designed and made wonderful Crudite Creatures practicing their safe and precise knife skills.

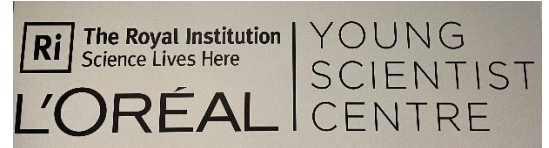


## L'Oreal's cosmetic chemistry workshop

In January our year 9 Hair and Beauty students attended the Royal Institute of Science to take part in L'Oreal's cosmetic chemistry workshop.

This was an amazing experience for the students to see how specific ingredients work and react together and how the hair and beauty industry has strong links within the world of science and to learn about different career paths within the hair and beauty industry like cosmetology.

The students then made their own bath bombs and lip balms.



## Lego League Competition

Also in January, SVC Robotics Club had an amazing day competing in the First Lego League Competition at the University of Cambridge Engineering department.

