



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 not only students and staff from Graf-Eberhard-Gymnasium (GEG) 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 a Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition, a skiing trip to Italy, an outward bounds event in Aberdovey, Wales and of course our annual school production.

I am hugely impressed by the talent we have seen from the huge production cast of Chicago! This year over 250 students were involved, showcasing their skills in not only the performing arts, but set tech, costumes, lighting, sound and front of house duties.

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



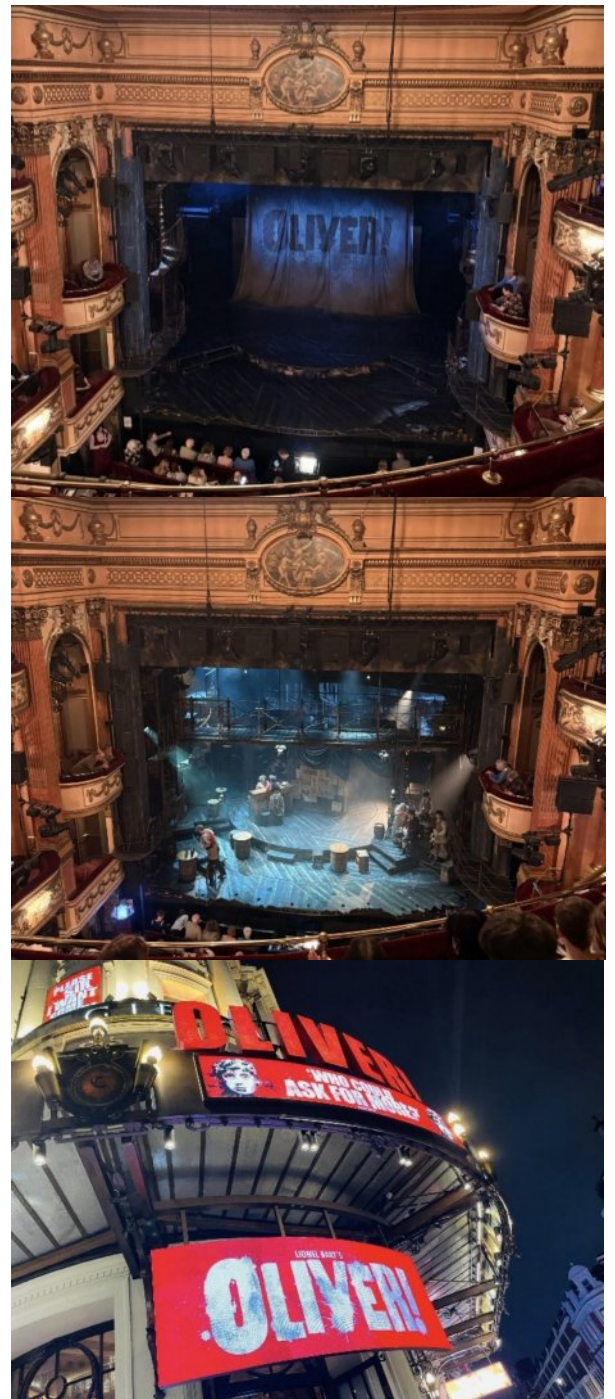
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Shout out for German 2026

This week for #shoutoutforGerman, our Year 8 students at Swavesey VC had a fantastic live Teams chat with Alice, our link student from Cambridge University who's currently on her year abroad in Berlin. It was wonderful to connect with her in person after receiving so many postcards from her German travels! Students also loved completing the brilliant #GoetheInstitutUK booklets.



Performing Arts Trip - Oliver! Production, London

On Wednesday 21st January, the Performing Arts Team took 60 students to see an evening performance of the iconic musical Oliver! at the Gielgud Theatre in London.

The students had a fantastic time watching the vibrant and exciting new production which featured the classic songs I'd Do Anything, Reviewing the Situation, Oom-Pah-Pah, You've Got to Pick a Pocket or Two and Food, Glorious Food to name just a few!

The students have been inspired to replicate some of the skills they experienced in their own involvement in Swavesey's Chicago production in March.



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Meridian Trust Geography Challenge!

We are absolutely delighted to announce that Swavesey Village College are the winners of this year's Meridian Trust Geography Challenge!

On Thursday 22nd January 2026, four of our Year 9 and 10 geography teams travelled to Ely College to take part in an exciting afternoon of high-level geographical competition. The event brought together students from across the Trust to test their knowledge, teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills.

Our students represented SVC with exceptional maturity, commitment and enthusiasm. Their performance across the rounds was outstanding, and we are incredibly proud of the way they supported one another and showcased the very best of what our school community stands for. Their hard work paid off, earning SVC the overall highest score and the title of Meridian Trust Champions—a remarkable achievement, especially given that Ely College had held the trophy for the past two years.

This event offered a fantastic opportunity for students to extend their geographical understanding while developing interpersonal and higher-order thinking skills in a competitive but friendly environment. We are thrilled to see their efforts recognised with such a well-deserved victory.



Convoy4Ukraine

In February Convoy4Ukraine visited us and collected over 1000 of our old library books. They will be taken to Ukraine and distributed to schools in need.



Charity Cake Sale

This term Cavendish students hosted a cake sale to raise money for their house charity ACT, Addenbrookes Charitable Trust. Cavendish student leaders planned and organised the cake sale which was warmly received and raised over £143. A great way to end what has been a busy half term.

Thank you to all the students and parents and staff that have supported this event.



Year 10 photography workshop highlights

During a photography workshop led by professional photographer Jeremy Webb, Year 10 students explored numerous possibilities of using light. Here are just a few images that showcase their successful experimentation with colour, composition and both natural and artificial lighting. Well done, Year 10!



Team Maths Challenge

On Wednesday 11th March, we were delighted to take a team of four students to The Leys School to compete in the annual Team Maths Challenge. The event consisted of four challenging rounds that tested problem-solving, logical reasoning, and mathematical fluency under time pressure.

Our students approached every task with determination, excellent teamwork, and impressive resilience. They collaborated effectively, supported one another, and demonstrated strong mathematical knowledge throughout the competition.

We finished 8th out of 19 participating schools, a fantastic achievement given the high standard of the event.

A huge well done to all four students for representing the school so brilliantly!



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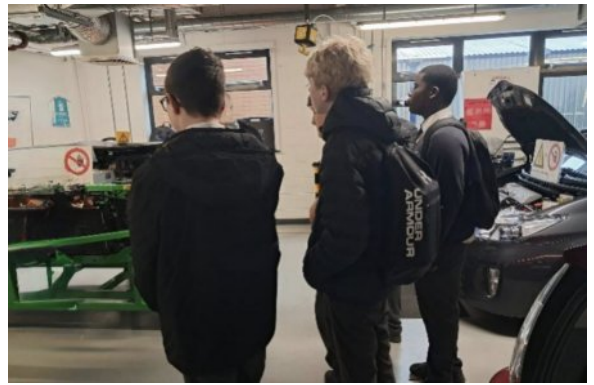


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Building Positive Community Relationships

This term we had PCSO John Coppard visit the school. He was around for all year groups lunch times, having a walk around and chatting to students.

This is a routine practice that takes place in many schools. The purpose is simply to increase his visibility with young people and continue building positive relationships with our school community. John will be back again for further visits after the Easter holidays.



Year 9 visit to CRC

26 of our Year 9 students participated in a tour of Cambridge Regional College as part of our careers programme to explore all the opportunities available to study in the future. It was great to see them excited thinking about what career they might like to train for when they leave Swavesey Village College. Thank you CRC for having us.

Swavesey Village College Achieves National Recognition for Outstanding Performance

SVC is proud to announce that it has been recognised by SSAT (The Schools, Students and Teachers Network) in this year's *Educational Outcomes Awards*. This national award places the school among the highest-performing secondary schools in the country, based on the latest performance data.

Swavesey Village College was recognised for being in the top 20% of non-selective schools nationally for student attainment in the 2025 end of KS4 exams.

The awards are based on analysis from SSAT's *Educational Outcomes Database*, which combines data from DfE and Ofsted to compare performance across all state-funded schools in the country.

Receiving a SSAT *Educational Outcomes Award* is a significant achievement and reflects the dedication, expertise and commitment of the entire school community.





Performing Arts

Swavesey Village College 's Dance Company had a brilliant day as part of Sadler's Wells ' #makingmoves2026 at DanceEast

Months of workshops, rehearsals and creativity led to their powerful performance today.

We are so proud of them all.



Silver Duke of Edinburg

Our DofE Central England Silver Award students were fantastic over their camping weekend, developing their orienteering skills, showing great teamwork and showing character in the chilly and damp March weather!

Bravo to all who took part we hope they all dried out and caught up with some rest.



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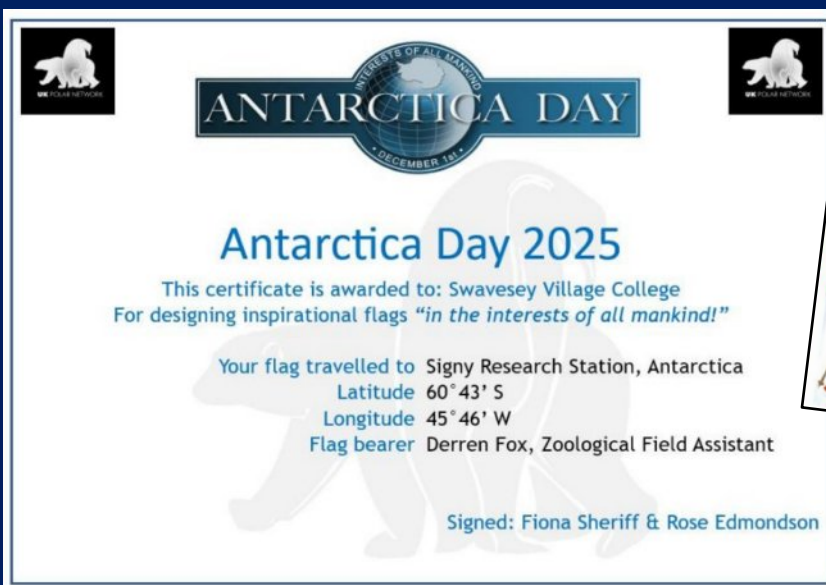
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Our Year 7 students participated in this year's Antarctica Flag Competition. Their creativity, effort, and enthusiasm were brilliant, and we are incredibly proud of the designs they produced.

We're excited to announce that the winning flags have now safely arrived in Antarctica. The photograph is from Signy Research Station, Antarctica, where they are being proudly displayed by Derren Fox who is a zoological field assistant. In the photos you will be able to see some elephant seals on the beach, these are some of the largest seals on the planet.

This is a truly special achievement for our students and a memorable way to celebrate their hard work. The winning entries were produced by Ella , Alex , Tessa , Alais , Christiana , Aidan , Oliver , George , Buddy and Emily .



What an adventure!

14 Meridian Trust secondary and special schools. 132 students. One unforgettable experience.

Students from across Meridian Trust took on an epic residential challenge with Outward Bound UK at the Aberdovey Outward Bound Centre, and it delivered in every way.

With brilliant, experienced staff from our schools working alongside the incredible Aberdovey team, students pushed boundaries, built confidence, supported one another and created memories that will last a lifetime.

An incredible experience all round.



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Ski Trip 2026

A fab week for skiing together on the 2026 Ski Trip.



Swavesey Village College is designated as a Parent Friendly School at Silver Level. This award is designated through Parentkind which works with hundreds of schools across the country. Swavesey is one of only 10 schools nationwide who have reached this award.

[Parentkind](#), promotes parent involvement in education. Their "Parent-Friendly Schools" initiative is a framework and accreditation for schools to boost parent engagement through better communication, support, and shared decision-making, leading to better student outcomes. Schools can use the Parentkind audit tool to assess their parent participation, access training, and work towards Parentkind's awards (Standard, Silver, Gold) to build stronger home-school links.



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