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Welcome from the Headteacher

Welcome to Sawtry Village Academy Sixth Form.

Sawtry Village Academy has high expectations of all its students and delivers a 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. The progress of our students continued to be in the top 25% in England over a three-year period. 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.



Simon Parsons - Headteacher of Sawtry Village Academy

A word from our Head of Sixth Form

Sawtry Village Academy has a friendly and welcoming sixth form and we pride ourselves on strong student support and tutoring. Our students tell us that they like the new level of independence they gain in sixth form, and value the continuous support offered by teachers, tutors and colleagues. We believe passionately in achievement for all and are very proud of everything that our students progress to. This is recognised in our latest Ofsted inspection 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".

Come and visit us - we believe you'll like what you see.

Alan Carpenter - Head of Sixth Form

PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

We continue to be extremely proud of our yr13 results. In 2020 they were outstanding, as our students showed immense resilience, maturity and above all a positive attitude. Our sixth form also received praise in Ofsted's 2018 report stating

"The leaders of the sixth form, well supported by the senior leadership of the school, have high expectations of what they provide for their students. Students are overwhelmingly positive about the support they receive from the sixth-form team and teachers. The regular feedback they receive is helping students to improve the quality of their work, both for coursework and examination questions".



Pathway programme

Our Pathway Programme is designed to provide a good range of choices for students. We have used school and national data to build the programme, which focuses on three pathways. Each pathway is tailored to students with particular point scores, based on their GCSE performance.

Students must also satisfy the entry requirements for individual subjects. Courses run are subject to sufficient number of students.

Please be aware that there may also be subject specific requirements that you must meet in order to study your chosen subject.

How to select your pathway

Calculate your likely average points score based on your predicted grades. Use the guide opposite to convert your grades to points, using your 8 best GCSE grades. Add them up and work out the average.

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| GCSE grade 9 | 9 |
| GCSE grade 8 | 8 |
| GCSE grade 7 | 7 |
| GCSE grade 6 | 6 |
| GCSE grade 5 | 5 |
| GCSE grade 4 | 4 |
| GCSE grade 3 | 3 |
| GCSE grade 2 | 2 |
| GCSE grade 1 | 1 |

3.7+ points

and at least grade 4 in GCSE English Language and/or Maths

3 subjects - A Levels and/or BTEC

BLUE Profile

- BTEC Health and Social Care (single and double award)
- BTEC Creative Digital Media Production (single award)
- BTEC Science (single award)
- BTEC ICT (single award)
- GCE Textiles
- GCE Photography
- Level 3 Diploma in Financial Studies

4.5+ points

and at least grade 4 in GCSE English Language **and** Maths

3 or 4 subjects - A Levels and/or BTEC any combination of four blue subjects and/or green subjects

GREEN Profile

- GCE English Literature
- GCE Geography
- GCE History
- GCE PE
- GCE 3D Design
- GCE Art
- GCE Government & Politics
- GCE Business
- GCE Psychology

If your average points are 3.7 or more, you should look at the **BLUE** pathway.
If you reach 4.5 points look at the **GREEN**, and if you're at 5.5 or over, the **YELLOW**.

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.

5.5+ points

a grade 6 or above in the subject chosen (or 6/6 in Combined Science) and at least grade 4 in GCSE English Language **and** Maths

3 or 4 GCE A Level subjects

any combination of subjects but only **one** can be chosen from the blue list

a grade 6 or better is also required in Maths to study Physics and/or Chemistry

YELLOW Profile

- GCE Maths (Stats)
- GCE Physics
- GCE Chemistry
- GCE Biology



Morgan

I'm studying Biology, Psychology, Health and Social Care, plus Core Maths. Studying from home during lockdown would have been tremendously difficult but thankfully because of the support I had from teachers, tutors, Hayley and Mr Carpenter I adapted well. Coming back to Sixth Form as a year 13 was so exciting, especially as I would be returning as joint Head Girl with Erin. I love being back in the sixth form centre because you can see that people really want to do well; with the resources and support given this sixth form really enables people to excel.



Barnaby

Having considered a few options, I decided to continue studying at Sawtry after year 11. I've now started my second year studying Politics, History and Finance. I did so based on the subjects offered, but also the range of enrichment options, such as Core Maths, which I study alongside my three other subjects. This will help me stand out to universities or apprenticeships in the future. The consistent and effective support from the sixth form team, which proved particularly strong during lockdown, is invaluable with regular communication and adaptive teaching.

Why choose Sawtry Village Academy?

There are a lot of great reasons to choose our sixth form. Here are just a few:

Credentials

Our teaching staff are highly experienced and the quality of our sixth form teaching has been highlighted in our Ofsted reports. Our staff are expected to continuously develop their skills and embrace new technologies to aid learning.

Time to study

You will find that your timetable in the sixth form contains a number of private study lessons. These provide you with time for independent work on your assignments, for research or discussion of course topics with your peers.

Tutors

All students have a personal tutor to support them throughout year 12 and 13. Your tutor will help you make choices about your future career path and work with you on your applications to UCAS, apprenticeships, other courses or jobs and will write your reference.

Pastoral support

Every week you will have regular assemblies and sixth form tutorial sessions based on five themes; wellbeing, life skills, work skills, teambuilding and advice/guidance. We also have a dedicated sixth form support adviser who is there to help you with anything you need.

Enhancing your personal profile

The Academy gives you a wide range of enrichment opportunities including additional qualifications, vocational experiences and specialist skills so that you appeal to employers and higher education.

Building a community

Our sixth form is a friendly, supportive group and we encourage you to get involved and take on responsibilities. You can join the sixth form committee, raise funds for local and national charities or be a part of social events.

Preparing for your next step

Higher Education support

More than 70 per cent of our students move on to Higher Education and we have a programme of support for this important transition.

We offer university visits throughout year 12. Outside speakers from the HE sector are invited in to give advice on the application process, student finance and personal statements.

Careers support

Students are supported with regular visits from speakers representing a range of industries, e.g. the NHS, banking & finance, the army

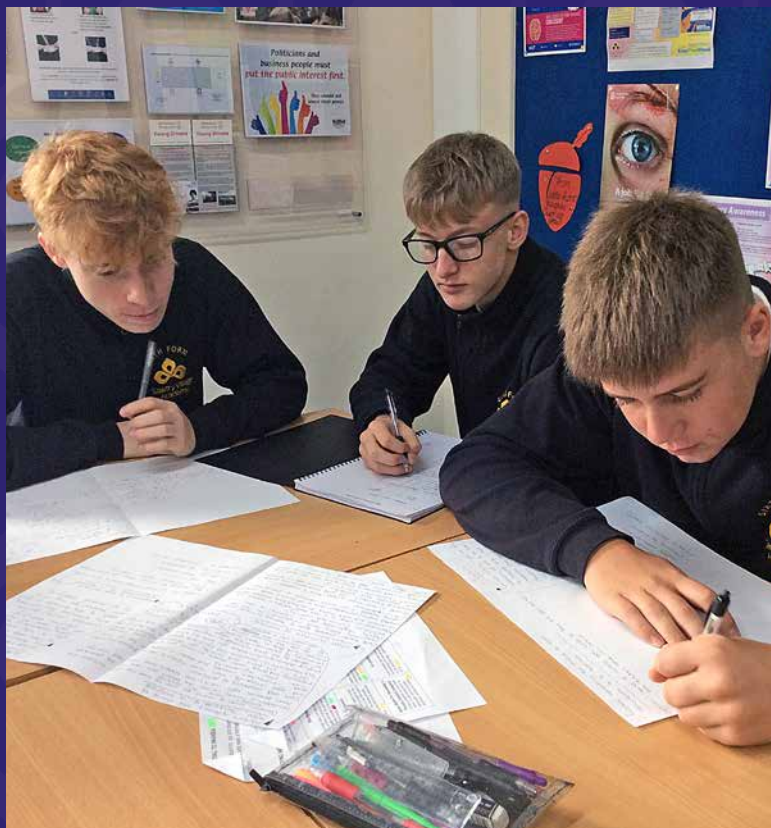
Work experience

All year 12 students are encouraged to participate in work experience in July, and have the opportunity for work shadowing throughout the year.

We support our students in their ambitions, but give honest views on the suitability of their course choices. As deadlines approach, each personal statement is reviewed by an experienced member of staff and submissions are co-ordinated with input from across the sixth form team.

"Students benefit from high-quality and impartial careers advice for both higher education and employment pathways. There is a range of activities provided, such as university and industry visits as well as visiting speakers. The sixth-form team supports students in gaining work experience, which has included placements with local and national employers. Students stated that they feel strongly supported in all their choices".

Ofsted report January 2018



Lawrence

I can confidently say that choosing Sawtry sixth form was, by far, the best decision that I could have made. Over the last year I have received excellent quality teaching and support from my teachers, with a personalised feel. I am applying to St. Andrews and Oxford for a degree in physics. Throughout this last year I have received amazing support on the application process, receiving a range of information and one-to-one support on personal statement writing, as well as how to prepare for interviews and admissions tests – I doubt I would have got this level of support anywhere else.



Felicity

I am studying: Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Having been at Sawtry since year 7, for me carrying on into sixth form and year 12 was the perfect choice. I knew that going forward I would have the best possible help, from teachers and the sixth form team, to carry on my journey through school with confidence. I believe that the sixth form programme, consisting of various enrichment opportunities, allows you to become more independent, develop new skills and also to become more mature as a young person. There isn't anywhere that I feel I would be more comfortable than at Sawtry, as it provides a friendly environment for you to not only concentrate on your studies, but also to have fun with the help of old and new friends.

Enriching your studies

Our Enrichment programme is all about making you more appealing to universities and employers, by developing you as an individual. Taking place during the week throughout year 12 and 13, there are a wide variety of options on offer. These include:

Community voluntary work: highly rewarding and great for an application form, you could undertake to work with charities supporting the aged, disabled, disadvantaged or homeless.

Core Maths:

- Supports the mathematical requirements of other A level and BTEC courses.
- Leading universities have endorsed the qualification as it equips students with the mathematics skills required for many degree courses from humanities to health sciences.
- Post 16 study of mathematics is favoured by employers.
- It is worth the same number of UCAS points as an AS level.

Science laboratory technician: work alongside the Science Technician team to prepare materials for lessons. Ideal for someone interested in a career that involves lab work.

GCSE re-sits: a one year course for those who have not achieved grade 4 or higher in GCSE English Language or Maths; vital qualifications for career success.

Professional work shadowing: get valuable experience of a career you're interested in by taking a regular placement every week.

Duke of Edinburgh Award: Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award; an adventure involving volunteering, physical skills, expedition activities and a residential course. Great for building confidence, skills and life experiences.

Extended Project Qualification: a course that stretches high performing A level students by demonstrating their independent learning skills. EPQ students plan, deliver and present a project that extends their studies, with a 5,000 word report or film/ portfolio/model with commentary.

Sport: build your teamwork and motivation skills by playing regular sport, including football, cricket, basketball, dodgeball, handball, badminton, volleyball, netball and tennis.

In-class student support: all sixth formers have the opportunity to support younger students in a teaching assistant role, and potentially assist individual students that need extra help. Great experience for someone interested in a career in education.

Your learning environment

Our students enjoy a Sixth Form Centre in a recently redeveloped area of the Academy, close to the coffee shop. It has a range of breakout areas to give students a comfortable environment for their studies

We continue to invest to give students the environment they need to succeed. The IT suite now has 40 computers with printing facilities

Students can also use Academy wifi if they choose to bring in their own laptops, tablets and mobile phones. Lockers have been installed so that students can safely store tablets and laptops when they're not in use.

Sixth formers can also use the school's new coffee shop for study or socialising. It accepts payment by card and even your finger, with a pre-payment system.

The sixth form centre is accessible throughout the day and students have the freedom to leave school over the lunch break.



Erin

I'm studying English Literature, Psychology and History. I knew sixth form would be a challenge and I was quite nervous but I settled in quickly. There is lots of support available from the staff and this made the transition from GCSE to A level easier. The sixth form centre provides you with a quiet space to complete your work which I have found very useful.

Success stories

We are immensely proud of our students' achievements after leaving Sawtry Village Academy.

The sheer breadth of career paths shows that we encourage each student to play to their individual strengths and interests.

The majority of our leavers head to university to continue their education, to study subjects as diverse as fashion, journalism, media production, physics, midwifery & marine biology.

Some, however, prefer to enter the world of work. For example, we have supported students in securing roles in accountancy practices including PWC and Deloitte. Our year 13 leavers in 2020 moved on to a similarly broad set of destinations. Universities included Leeds, York, Loughborough, Sheffield, Exeter, Lincoln and Newcastle. Courses ranged from veterinary medicine, fine art, nursing, business management, nursing, optometry, law, politics, and economics.

"Students are confident learners and demonstrate high levels of personal, social and employability skills as a result of the personalised programme of activities available during their studies. These activities include the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Extended Project Qualification, charity work, art and music projects and the young technician course. There are also leadership opportunities, for example refereeing sports fixtures, chairing the sixth-form council and being a subject ambassador".

Ofsted report January 2018



Haran

I completed my studies at SVA sixth form in 2019. As difficult as it was, I must admit that sixth form was definitely worth the stress. Studying Accounting and Finance at University has certainly been eased after learning Business, Maths & Finance at SVA. However, I started year 12 studying Biology but soon realised that my interests were with Finance I was able to make a switch which proved the best decision I made. A year later, now entering my second year at university and I am extremely grateful for my sixth form experience and to my subject teachers who gave me great guidance throughout the journey.





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