

Welcome

Parents' Induction
Information Evening
2025





Instagram @weareswchs
Facebook @saffronwaldencountyhigh

Mrs Amy Kennedy

Director of Sixth Form





**How do we
judge success
and impact?**



Our daughter has only been at the school for Sixth Form, but we have been so impressed during her time there, by the excellent teaching, the level of organisation, and the way they have been guided through the uni application process. She has been so happy and is very sad to leave!



What have the students experienced this week?

- Welcome Assembly
- Tutor Time
- A variety of lessons
- The Study Café



What do our current students say about our ethos?

As a year 12 student

I believe that SWCHS sixth form represents:

- Hard work (It pushes me)
- Friendly environment (enjoyable)
- Helps me plan my future

The values here at the 6th form are very well set-out and value key qualities such as hard work, character and commitment which are invaluable in life beyond 6th form.

Ethos of sixth form

Hard work is valued, but it's all ~~to~~ to set you up for your own future not for the school's gain

It's competitive and hard-working but still friendly and fun.

Why here?

Academic excellence (voted amongst the very best state schools in SE England by the *Times*)

Fully comprehensive

A broad and rich curriculum (academic and pastoral)

Respect, equality and a firm sense of community

Development of the individual

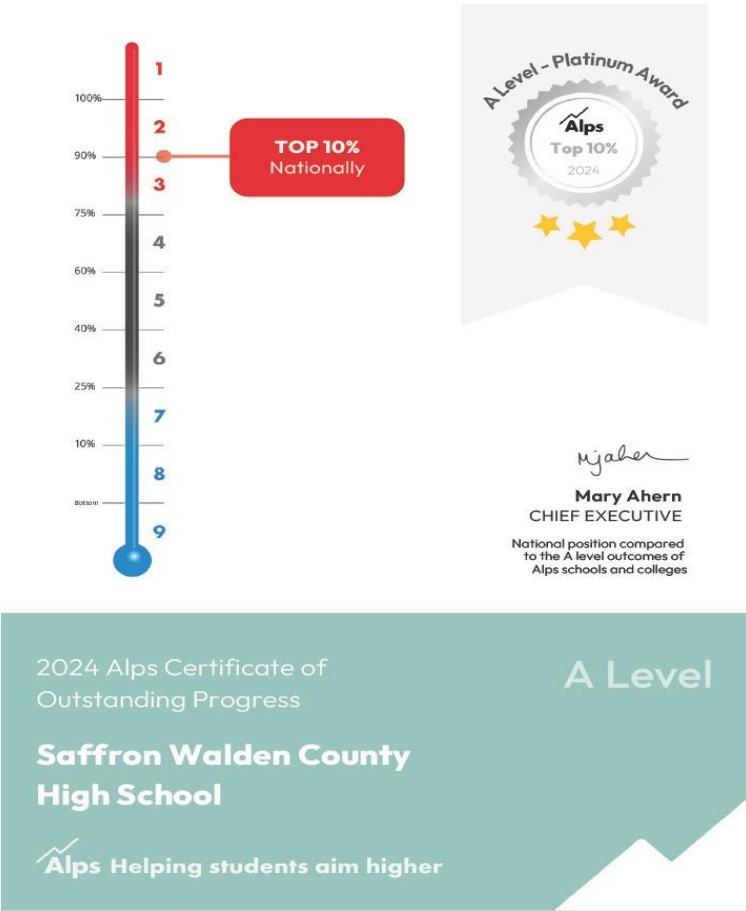
PSHE 'Life Lessons' and 'Life Lectures'

Electives & the Student Bodies

Ofsted Comments: March 2024

Students in the sixth form are supported exceptionally well. Teachers have a clear understanding of what each individual student needs to do well, including those with SEND. They plan challenging activities to expertly build and develop students' knowledge and understanding. Students flourish under their teachers' expert care. They highly value their 'Life Lessons', which prepare them well for the future. The school ensures that students take on responsibilities and set up their own clubs, such as debating. Students achieve very highly.

A Level Results:



	National	SWCHS
A*	9%	11%
A - A*	28%	34%
A*-B	54%	64%
A*-C	76%	87%
A*-E	97%	100%

Level 3 Results

Double	
D*D*	8%
D*D	24%
DD	32%
DM	52%
MM	76%
MP	88%
PP	100%

Single	
D*	9%
D	44%
M	79%
P	100%

Class of 2025: Where are they going?

6*



2

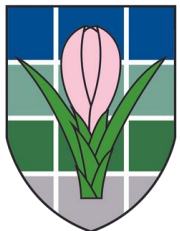
**Music
Conservatoire
Offers**

6*



*43% success rate

Total of
224 confirmed
University offers



& Apprentices to:



National Power



amazon



Who's who in the Sixth Form?

Mr Mark Hansard – Deputy Director of Sixth Form

- Pastoral Lead for Y12

- Lead the Y12 Tutor Team
- Monitor 'GO4SCHOOLS' the in-house reporting system for behaviour and attendance
- Safeguarding

- Year Achievement Co-Ordinator

- Monitor academic progress for all Y12 students
- Progress Checks data analysis and interventions

mhansard@swchs.net

Mrs Kirsty Jenkins – SENCO

Does your child require additional support in their learning?

- ✓ SEND
- ✓ Vulnerable
- ✓ LAC /PLAC
- ✓ Access Arrangements

- ☐ EHCP
- ☐ Assessment paperwork
- ☐ Diagnosis reports
- ☐ Form 8 or 9

kjenkins@swchs.net



A collage featuring a stack of books on the left and a circular image of the Louvre Museum on the right, surrounded by various school supplies like pens, pencils, and paper clips.

A collage featuring a stack of books on the left and a circular image of the Louvre Museum on the right, surrounded by various school supplies like pens, pencils, and paper clips.

A collage featuring a stack of books on the left and a circular image of the Louvre Museum on the right, surrounded by various school supplies like pens, pencils, and paper clips.

Dr Eleanor Wood
EPQ Co-ordinator

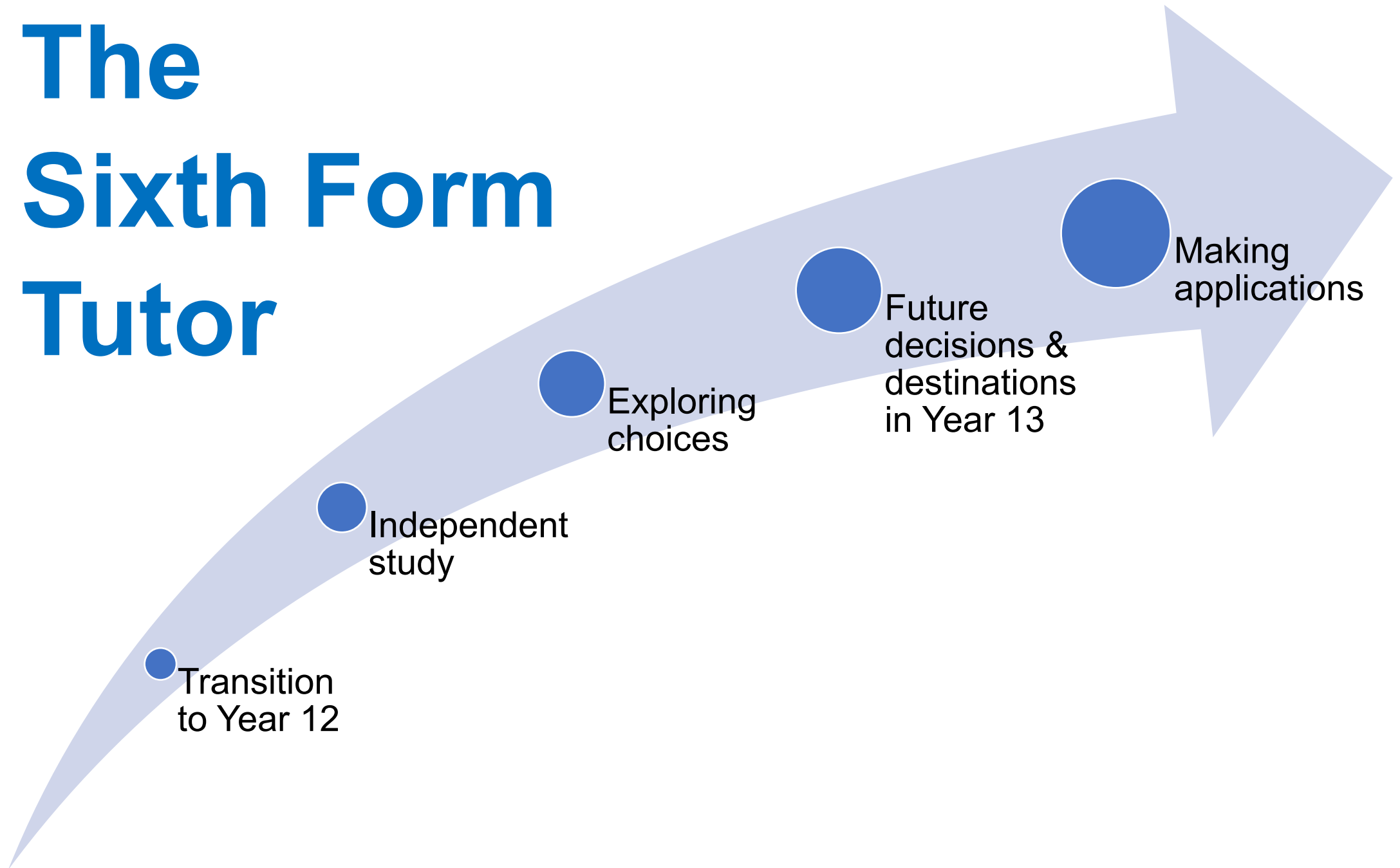
- What is the EPQ?
- Should my child be doing the EPQ?

ewood@swchs.net



A Level	AS Level	EPQ
A* = 56	-	A* = 28
A = 48	A = 20	A = 24
B = 40	B = 16	B = 20
C = 32	C = 12	C = 16
D = 24	D = 10	D = 12
E = 16	E = 6	E = 8

The Sixth Form Tutor



Future Planning: making informed choices

- Employability fairs
- CV feedback
- Rotary Interviews
- Work experience
- Alumni visits and talks
- Links with local providers
- Careers coaching
- Form the Future guidance meetings
- UCAS discovery Exhibition: Bedford University
- Nottingham Trent OR Nottingham University trips
- Oxford University
- UEA
- University Lincoln
- Royal Holloway University
- Taster workshops



Student Life

Week 1 and 2 model

9 hours per subject

Study
time 50% independent

Electives

Life lessons and
lectures

ALL on site
until Autumn half
term



Earned autonomy

For the first half of the Autumn Term students will remain on site for the entire day.

However, for students who receive a positive Progress Check in early October (called a Settling in Check) they will be given more freedom.

This could mean arriving late or leaving early, or going out for lunch (depending on their timetable).

Life Lessons and Lectures

- Year 12 life lessons are once a week (with their form tutor)
- Lessons are designed to enrich student knowledge beyond their academic studies looking at topics from driving, to careers, digital resilience, fertility, first aid and safety, and economic wellbeing.
- Year 12 life lectures are once a fortnight (guest speakers)
- Lectures are designed for students to be exposed to a variety of guest speakers, in a lecture style setting in preparation for University and the working world.



Caythorpe Court: Transition Trip

FRIDAY OCTOBER 3RD
SUNDAY OCTOBER 5TH

- Approximate cost: £230
- Sign up on results day





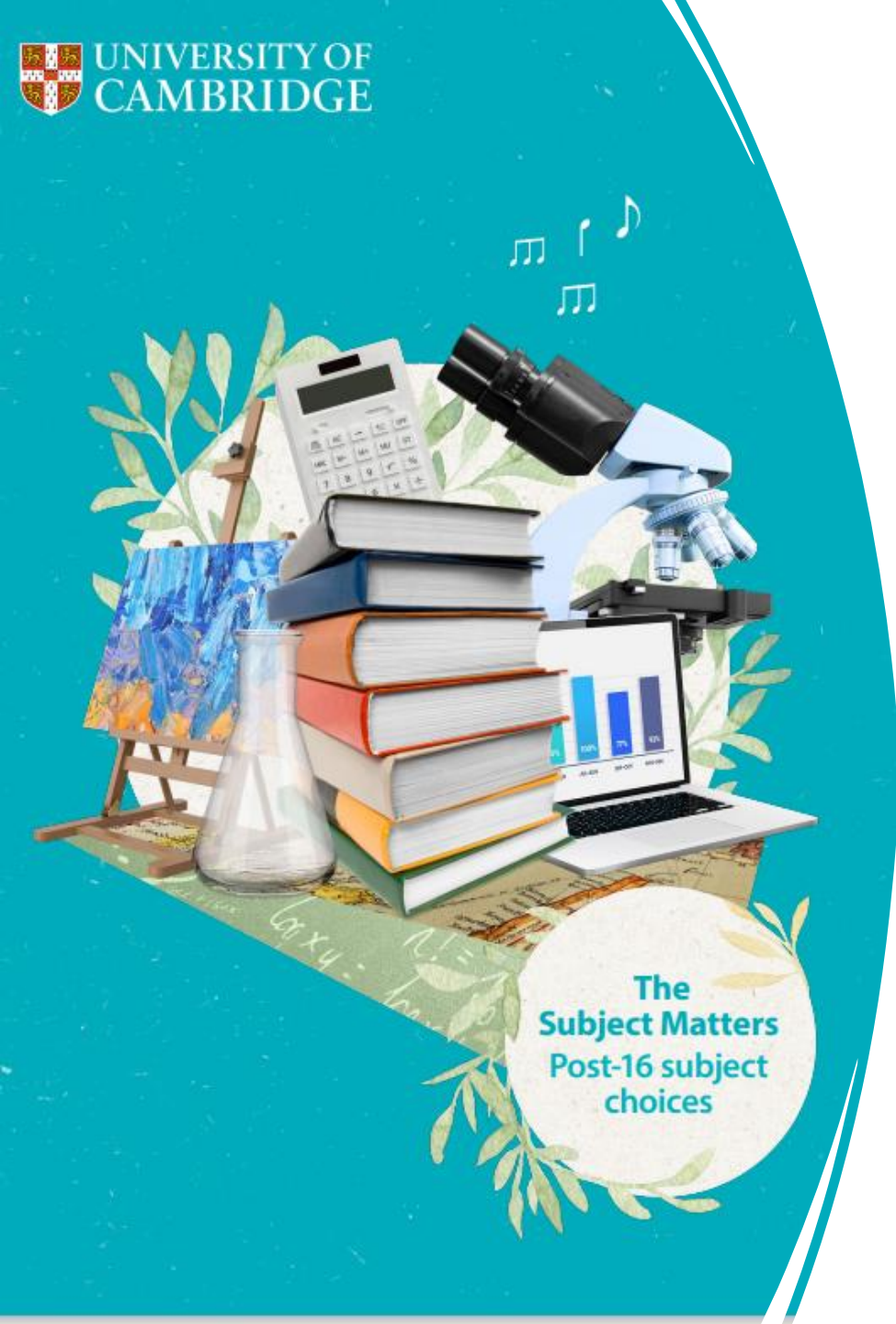
Extra-Curricular Trips

- Nepal
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Sports tours
- Sixth Form Ski Trips
- Geneva: United Nations
- Model United Nations

Super-Curricular Trips



- Tenerife (Geography/Geology)
- Field trips (Environmental Science/Spanish)
- Lecture Days - Economics
- Debating competitions
- The Old Bailey - Criminology
- Parliament – Politics
- Theatres – Drama
- Warner Bros. Studios – Film & Media
- University of Buckingham - Film
- Tower of London – History

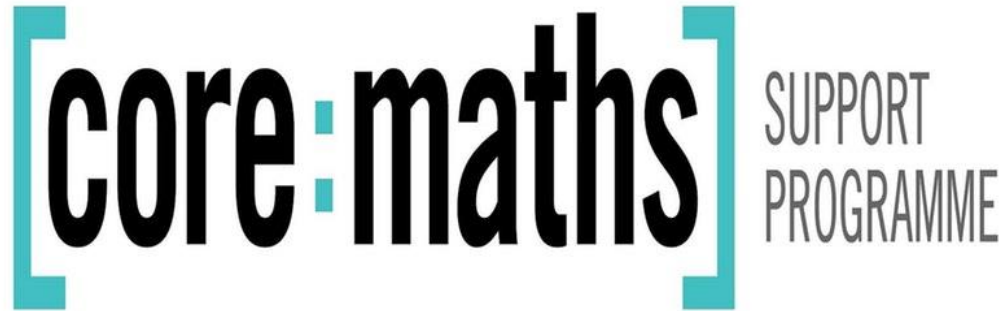


Subjects Matter....



Subjectchange@swchs.net

Subject to eligibility and
class size availability

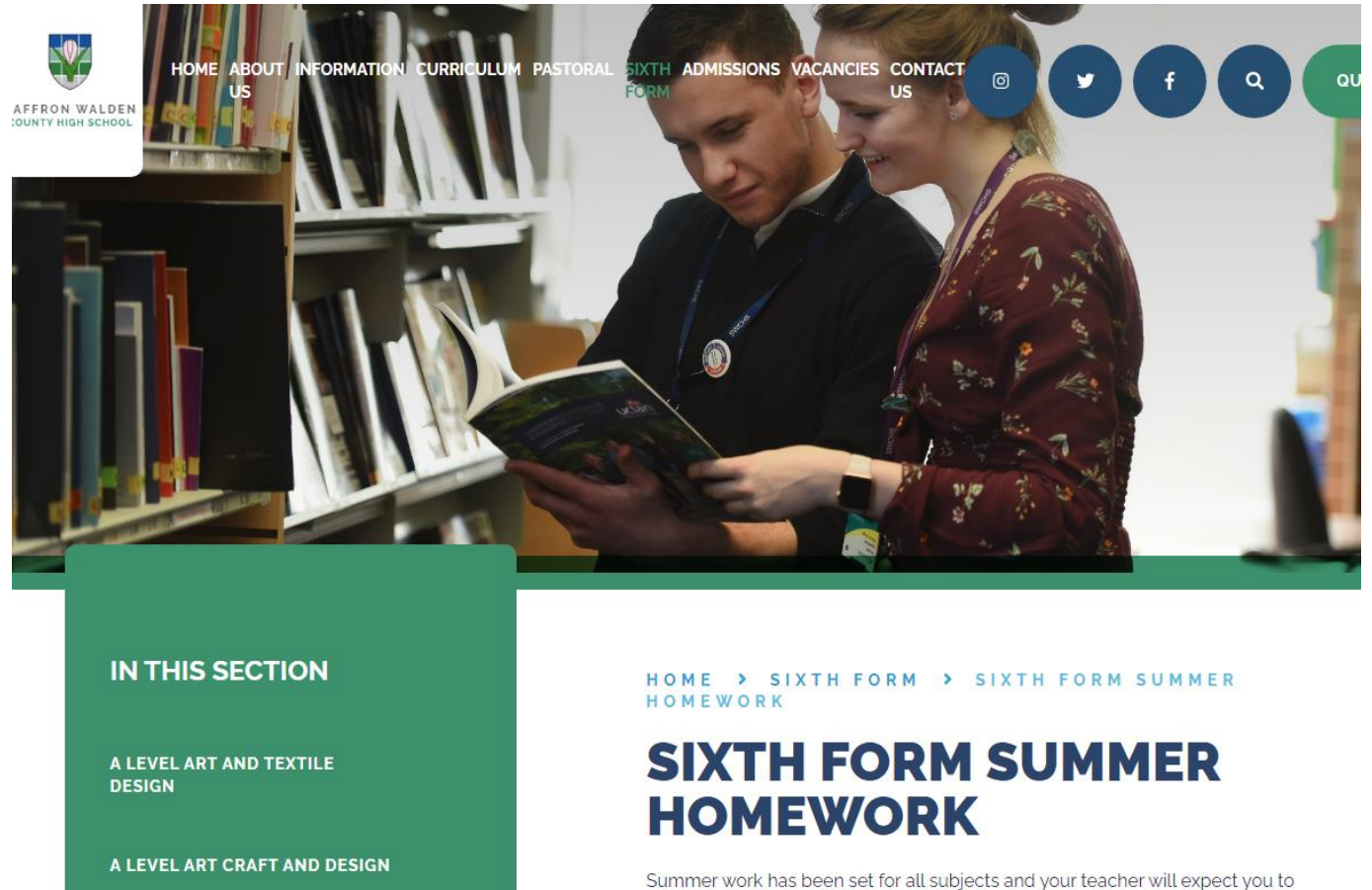


A NEW QUALIFICATION FOR WORK, STUDY & LIFE

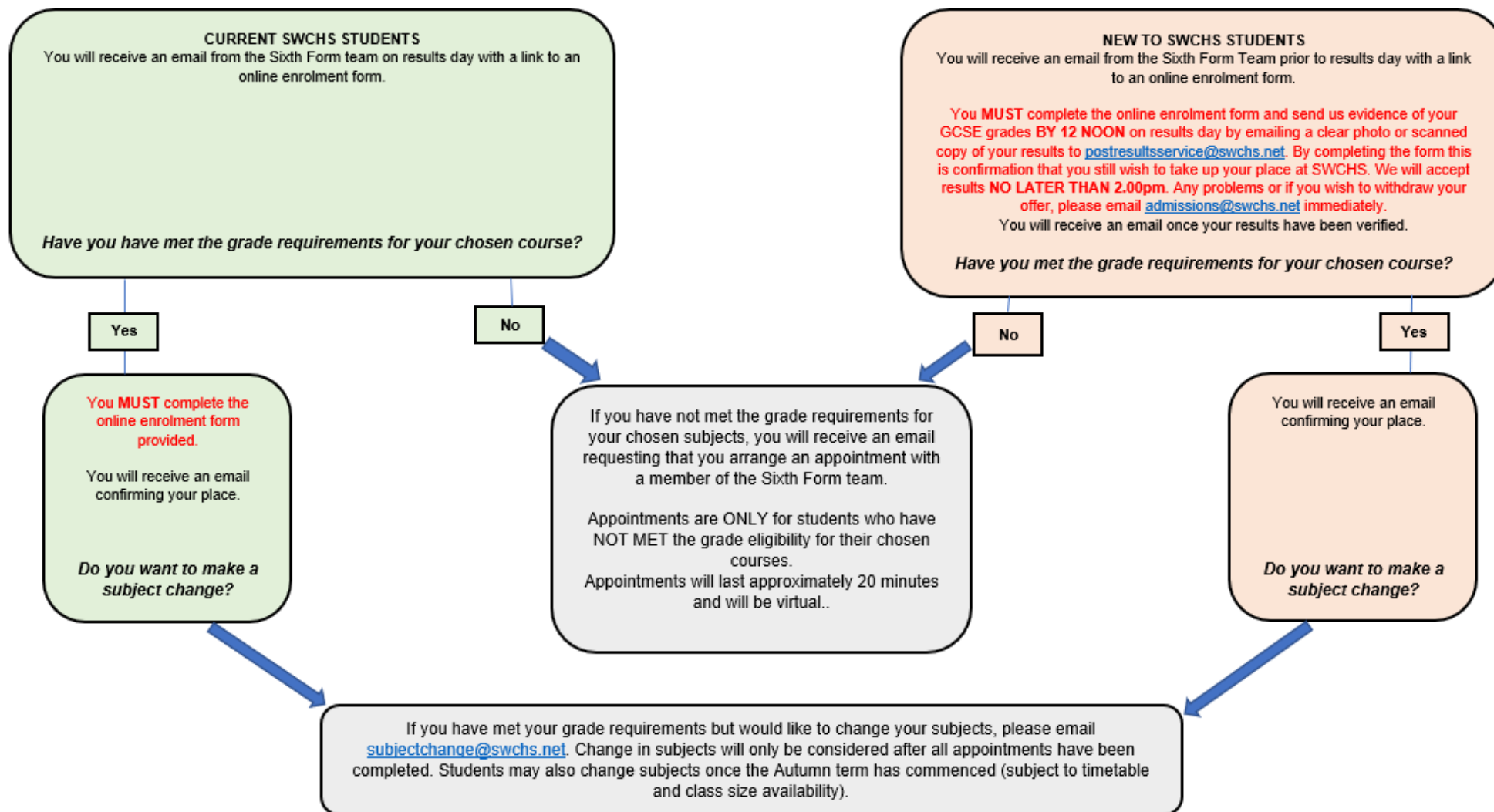
- Level 3 qualification
- Same as an EPQ
 - 2 years/4 hours a week
 - Real-life maths
 - Valued by employers
 - Reduced Uni Offers

Summer Work

- Check out the 'Getting Ready For...' guides
- Look at the curriculum maps
- Complete the Summer work



SWCHS SIXTH FORM ENROLMENT DAY - THURSDAY 21st AUGUST 2025



PLEASE NOTE: Failure to complete the online enrolment form on Results Day will result in your offer being withdrawn.

If you wish to withdraw your place or have any queries regarding the above – please contact Lauren Edwards, Admissions at admissions@swchs.net



SWCHS Sixth Form – KEY INFORMATION



Lanyards **MUST** be worn every day!



A Wisepay link will be emailed to you after Results Day.



You will be invited by email to join the new SIMS-Parent system on the 1st September.

Y7-12	
08:40-09:40	P1
09:45-10:45	P2
10:45-11:00	BREAK
11:05-12:05	P3
12:10-13:10	P4
13:10-13:55	LUNCH
14:00-14:15	Tutor
14:20-15:20	P5

This is what your timetable will look like.

- **KEY DATES:**

- **GCSE RESULTS DAY - 6F ENROLMENT:**

- Thursday 21st August (VIRTUAL)

- **NEW TO SWCHS - FIRST DAY:**

- Wednesday 3rd September at 8.40am – STUDY CAFÉ

- **ALL STUDENTS:**

- Thursday 4th September at 8.40am – SAFFRON HALL

- **Save the date - Transition Trip -**

- **Caythorpe Court:**

- Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th October



- **KEY CONTACTS:**

- Mark Hansard – Head of Year 12

- mhansard@swchs.net

- Absence – **MUST** be reported each morning to:

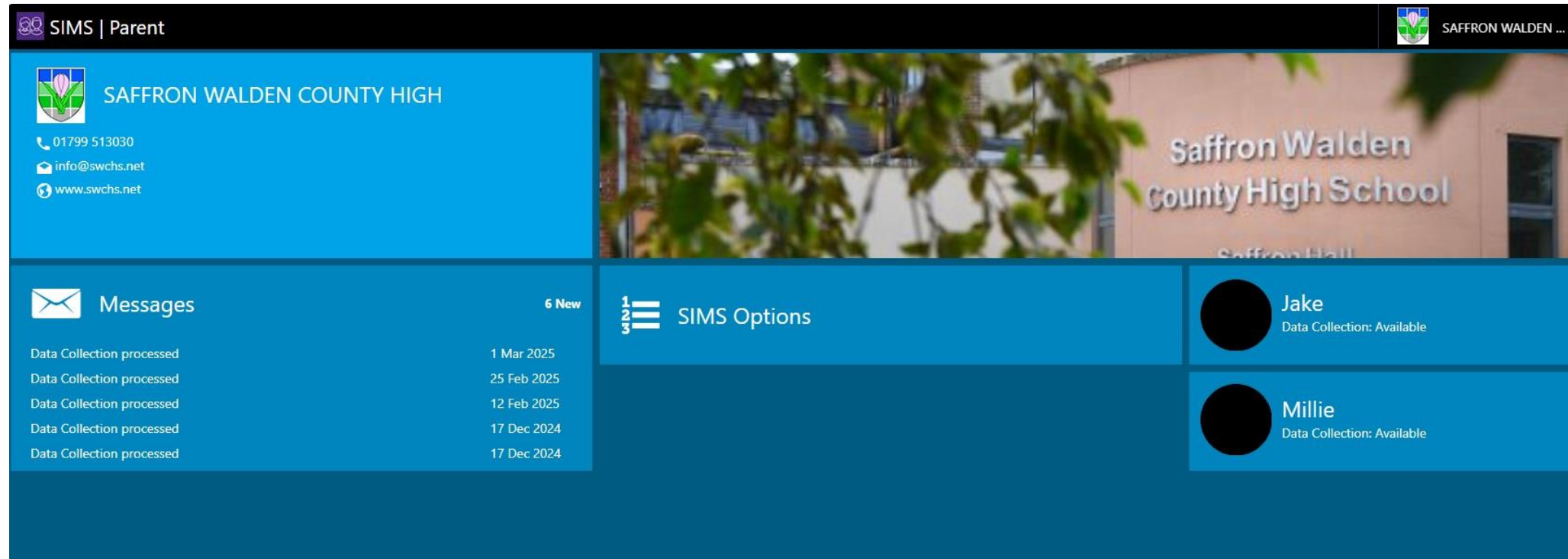
- 6formabsence@swchs.net



SIMS PARENT APP

From 1st September, parents and carers will be invited to register for our new SIMS Parent system.

Once registered, your child will appear on the home screen of the app, example below.



















SIMS PARENT APP

The SIMS Parent platform allows you to update key details about your child - such as contact information, medical conditions, consents, and dietary requirements - which will be synced directly with our school records.

Keeping this information up to date ensures that we can support every student effectively.

<div><div> Student Information No changes</div><div> Addresses No changes</div><div> Telephones & Emails No changes</div><div> Medical Details No changes</div><div> Cultural Information No changes</div><div> Dietary Needs No changes</div><div> Travel No changes</div><div> Parental Consent No changes</div><div>Contacts</div><div>  </div></div>	<div><div> Medical Practices No changes</div><div> Medical Conditions No changes</div><div> Disabilities No changes</div></div>	<div><div>Medical Conditions</div><div><div>Allergy - please specify type in box below</div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div></div><div><div>Allergy - require an EpiPen</div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div></div><div><div>Asthma</div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div></div><div><div>Asthma - carries an inhaler</div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div></div><div><div>Cystic Fibrosis</div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div></div><div><div>Diabetes - please specify type in the box below</div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div></div><div><div>Eating issues - please specify in the box below</div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div></div><div><div>Eczema</div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div></div><div><div>Epilepsy</div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div></div><div><div>Hayfever</div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div></div><div><div>Mental Health - please specify in the box below</div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div></div><div><div>Mobility Issues - please specify in the box below</div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div></div><div><div>NO paracetamol to be administered</div><div><input type="checkbox"/></div></div><div><div>Other Medical Conditions</div><div><div></div></div></div></div> <div><div>Save</div></div>
<div><div>✓ Confirm No Changes</div><div>↺ Revert</div></div>		

SEPTEMBER 2025

- **Students new to SWCHS:** Wednesday 3 September (8:40am). Please come to the Centre. You will be given a school log in and you will have your school photograph taken on the day.
- **All students:** Thursday 4 September (8.40am). Please go straight to Saffron Walden.
- Timetables available on the Go4Schools on Wednesday evening

NEWSLETTER

Keep in touch!



swchs_sixth_form

Follow

Message

640 posts

1,391 followers

46 following

SWCHS Sixth Form

High School

Follow for regular updates, news and opportunities. www.swchs.net

www.sixthformsupport.com