



**Saffron Walden
County High School**

SIXTH FORM

Open Evening for 2025 Entry

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Saffron Hall

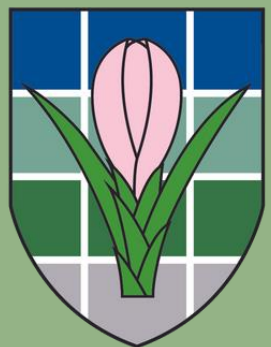


Welcome to SWCHS

***A local school of
exceptional quality***



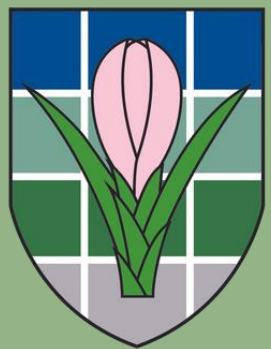
Mrs Polly Lankester
Headteacher



Our Sixth Form



- 638 students in total
- 419 from SWCHS
- 219 from over 30 different schools



Not an Ordinary School

SAFFRON
SCREEN



A-Level Results 2024

A–D: 97%*

A–C: 87%*

A–B: 64%*

A–A: 34%*

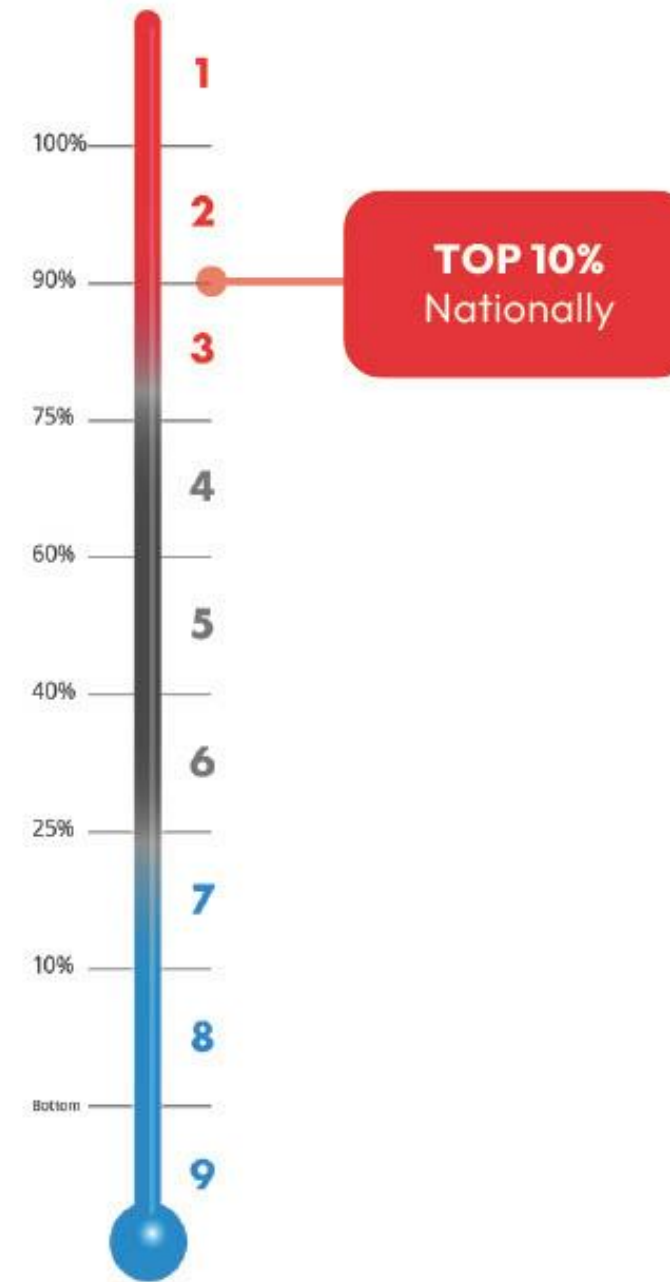
A: 11%*

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



Achievement at SWCHS

Our 2024 results
places us in the top
10% nationally for
progress



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Mary Ahern
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

National position compared
to the A level outcomes of
Alps schools and colleges

2024 Alps Certificate of
Outstanding Progress

A Level

**Saffron Walden County
High School**

 **Alps** Helping students aim higher

Awesome Celebrations



Class of 2024: Where are they now?

91 **RUSSELL
GROUP**

3  **UNIVERSITY OF
CAMBRIDGE**

2  **UNIVERSITY OF
OXFORD**



Total of
221 confirmed
University offers

12  **UNIVERSITY
of York**

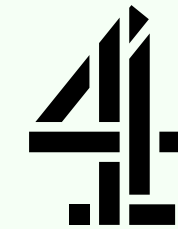
9  **UNIVERSITY OF
BATH**

8  **University of
East Anglia**

8  **University
of Exeter**

8  **University of
Sheffield**

& Apprentices to:




BIDWELLS



The *WALT DISNEY* Studios



**Ministry
of Defence**

Student Leadership Team



Amy Kennedy
Director of Sixth Form



Sixth Form Tutor System

Pastoral Focus Year 12

- Registration
- Tutorials
- Seminars
- Academic Enrichment Lessons
- Study Support

Academic Focus Year 13

- Registration
- Tutorials
- University Applications
- Guidance for Apprenticeship / Employment applications



How to Choose your Courses

PATHWAY

1

4 x A-Level subjects

WHAT YOU NEED

Five or more GCSE grades at 5-9, and aiming for a minimum of 5 in English Language **AND** Maths

PATHWAY

2

4 x subjects (can be a mix of A-Levels and Level 3 diplomas)

OR

3 x subjects (can be a mix of A-Levels and Level 3 diplomas)

PLUS

AS Level Core Maths

WHAT YOU NEED

Five or more GCSE grades at 5-9, and aiming for a minimum of 5 in English Language **AND** Maths

PATHWAY

3

2 x A-Level subjects

PLUS

2 x Level 3 diplomas

OR

1 x A-Level subject

PLUS

3 x Level 3 diplomas

WHAT YOU NEED

Five or more GCSE grades at 4-9, and aiming for a minimum of 5 in English Language **AND** Maths

PATHWAY

4

1 x A-Level subject

PLUS

2 x Level 3 diplomas

OR

3 x Level 3 diplomas

WHAT YOU NEED

Five or more GCSE grades at 4-9, and aiming for a minimum of 5 in English Language **AND** Maths

You will re-sit Maths **OR** English Language (if required)

PATHWAY

5

Level 2 C&G/CTEC Diplomas

This is a one-year course. Students will apply to restart Year 12 on Pathways 2-4 once their Level 2 course is completed

WHAT YOU NEED

Five or more GCSE grades at 3-9

You will resit GCSE Maths **AND/OR** English Language, as required

Please note that pathways and courses are subject to government funding, which is currently under review

Please check individual subjects for grade entry criteria



Why Four Subjects?

- Choice! You *can* afford to make a mistake with your top three!
- Universities /employers base decisions on grades, so getting it right is really important!
- Study habits
- Independence
- Opportunity



Familiar Subjects

Art & Design	English Literature	Further Maths
Art & Textile Design	French	Music
Biology	Geography	PE
Business Studies	German	Physics
Chemistry	History	Product Design (Graphics or Resistive)
Drama	Latin	Religious Studies
English Language	Maths	Spanish



Wider Subject Choice

Animal Management

Film Studies

Music Technology

Business Studies

Geology

Philosophy

Classical Civilisation

Government and Politics

Photography

Computer Science

IT

Psychology

Criminology Diploma

Health & Social Care

Sociology

Economics

**Maths - Quantitive
Reasoning**

**Sports Performance &
Coaching**

Environmental Science

**Media Studies & Digital
Media**

Tourism



BTEC/CTEC/DIPLOMA Courses



- Coursework based subjects such as BTEC or CTECs, and Diplomas
- More vocational in content
- Emphasis on assessment by assignments throughout the course
- All have an element of examination
- Equivalent to A-level in terms of grades and university points



*please note that some of these courses are still awaiting confirmation regarding government funding.

Coursework Based Subjects

Equivalent to two A-levels	Equivalent to one A-level
Animal Management Diploma	Business
Art & Design Diploma	Health & Social Care
Business Diploma	Applied Science
Sport BTEC Diploma	IT BTEC
	Sport BTEC
	Criminology Diploma
	Digital Media



Choosing Your Subjects

- Go for subjects you *enjoy!*
- Think about your strengths
- Think about your aims after Sixth Form
- Do some research
- Think about subjects that support each other

Make an informed, appropriate choice



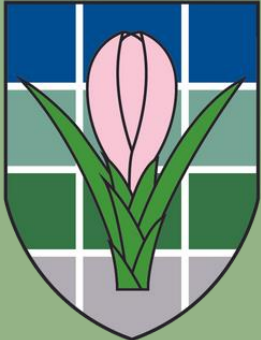
How to Make an Informed Choice



- Prospectus
- Online subject videos
- Alternative Prospectus Student Videos
- Getting Ready For... guides
- Guidance Discussions
- Induction Week
- www.swchs.net



How to Apply

Course Choice	Open Evening	Apply	Guidance Discussions	Conditional Offers	Induction Week	GCSE Results / Enrolment Day
<p>Read the prospectus and research the subjects you are interested in. Check your forecast grades against each subject and select a suitable pathway</p> 	<p>Wednesday 23rd October 2024</p> <p>www.swchs.net</p> <p>Online Prospectus</p>	<p>Complete the online application form at www.swchs.net</p> <p>Deadline: 30th November 2024</p> <p>Newcomers to SCWHS will need to provide their most recent forecast grades</p>	<p>In February 2025 you will be invited to meet the team to discuss your application.</p>	<p>Conditional offers will be sent out by Easter 2025.</p>	<p>Week Commencing Monday 30th June.</p> <p>Induction is an important opportunity to experience Sixth Form life, attend lessons in your chosen subjects and try out other courses</p>	<p>August 2025</p> <p>This is a virtual event. All applicants will need to enrol and accept their offers. detailed guidance will be given nearer the time</p>



Induction

Mon 30th June to Wed 2nd July



Trip Opportunities

Caythorpe Court: October 2025



Geneva: July 2026

Ski Trip: Dec 2026



Nepal: Easter 2026



Nepal: Parents & Students presentation 11 November, 6.30pm

Internal students: complete form
sent in email

External students: please write
your email address on the sign-
up sheet in the Sixth Form Study
Café



Thank you for coming!

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Thank you

