

Thank you for your interest in Cinema Club.

About Cinema Club

Cinema Club is scheduled to start from Thursday, 18 September 2025. This year there will continue to be two Cinema Clubs:

- Years 9-11: 3.05-4.20pm
- Year 7 and 8: 4.30-5.30pm (Pupils in Year 7 and 8 are advised to go to Study Club in the library before this club starts and may want to bring a snack to eat before the club since it will be a long day.)

Cinema Club runs on a Thursday during term time, with approximately 11 sessions per term. There are also sometimes occasional filming dates at weekends, in half-terms and holiday periods. However, any such filming dates will be agreed with parents and arranged in advance.

Since pupils will be working with expensive equipment and a professional filmmaker, there is a charge for the club. The charge is £40/pupil per term. (Year 11s pay for the autumn term only.) This payment can be made via WisePay. You will find Cinema Club in the Shop. (If there is likely to be any difficulty with this fee, please contact Arts Development Manager, Lesley Morgan: lmorgan@sawstonvc.org.)

Places in each of the clubs are limited. We have to restrict numbers to ensure that pupils can access equipment and get support. If you are not given a place, you will be put on a waiting list. Priority for places will be given to past members.

To complete registration, you must also fill in a form. You can find the form on the Sawston Cinema website here: <https://sawstoncinema.org/cinema-club/2025-26/>. You may also be interested in looking at the films which past members have made. You can see these in the 'Our Films' section of the Cinema Club page on this same website.

At the end of the academic year, in July, there will be a special red-carpeted showcase event where pupils will present their films to family and friends.

The Club meets in the Marven Centre. (There may be occasional days when we have to hold the club in another venue in school because of an event taking place in the Marven Centre but this is rare and will be communicated in plenty of time to pupils and parents.)

The Marven Centre was built as a cinema in 1932, and films were screened there until the early 1960s. In 2008 the school started screening films in the building again and now operates a community cinema, Sawston Cinema. Screening nights are usually on Thursday after the Cinema Clubs have finished. Cinema Club members are welcome to attend screenings free of charge and to help at screenings – learning about projection, running the box office, serving refreshments, etc. Doors open for screenings at 6.30pm and screenings usually start at 7.00pm. Members are welcome to remain in the Marven Centre until any screening they wish to attend starts. However, any films members want to stay for must be age-appropriate.

The proposed dates for the Club this year are given in the table below together with screenings which have been booked in at the time of writing this:

Cinema Club Dates for 2025-2026				SAWSTON CINEMA SCREENINGS (start 7.00pm)
	Cinema Club	Years 9, 10, 11 3.05 - 4.20pm	Years 7 & 8 4.30 - 5.30pm	NT Live: National Theatre SS: Standard Screening
AUTUMN TERM		Each club £40/term per person		
	Thurs 11 Sep			
1	Thurs 18 Sep			SS: Mr Burton 12A 124 mins - BOOKED
2	Thurs 25 Sep			NT Live: Inter Alia - BOOKED
	Thurs 02 Oct	OPEN EVENING – NO CLUB		

3	Thurs 09 Oct			
4	Thurs 16 Oct			SS: The Amateur 12A 127 mins - BOOKED
5	Thurs 23 Oct			NT Live: Mrs Warren's Profession - BOOKED
	HALF-TERM	NO CLUB - HALF-TERM – NO CLUB (27-31 Oct)		
6	Thurs 06 Nov			
7	Thurs 13 Nov			Exhib on Screen: Caravaggio - BOOKED
8	Thurs 20 Nov			The Penguin Lessons 12 111 mins - BOOKED
9	Thurs 27 Nov			NT Live: The Fifth Step - BOOKED
10	Thurs 04 Dec			
11	Thurs 11 Dec			Snow White PG 110 mins - BOOKED
	Thurs 18 Dec			
	SPRING TERM	Each club £40/term per person		
1	Thurs 08 Jan			
2	Thurs 15 Jan			
3	Thurs 22 Jan			NT Live: Hamlet - BOOKED
4	Thurs 29 Jan			
5	Thurs 05 Feb			
6	Thurs 12 Feb			
	Thurs 19 Feb	During half term		NT Live hold date
	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM – NO CLUB (16 Feb -20 Feb)		
7	Thurs 26 Feb			
8	Thurs 05 Mar			
9	Thurs 12 Mar			Exhib on Screen: Turner and Constable - BOOKED
10	Thurs 19 Mar			
11	Thurs 26 Mar			NT Live hold date
	SUMMER TERM	Each club £40/term per person		
1	Thurs 16 Apr			
2	Thurs 23 Apr			NT Live hold date
3	Thurs 30 Apr			
4	Thurs 07 May			
5	Thurs 14 May			
6	Thurs 21 May			Exhib on Screen: Frida Kahlo - BOOKED
	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM – NO CLUB (25 May – 29 May)		
	Thurs 28 May	During half term		NT Live hold date
7	Thurs 04 Jun			
8	Thurs 11 Jun			
9	Thurs 18 Jun			
10	Thurs 25 Jun			NT Live hold date
11	Thurs 02 Jul			
12	Thurs 09 Jul			(Will need to move as school musical is on.)
	Thurs 16 Jul			CINEMA CLUB SHOWCASE
	Thurs 23 July			NT Live hold date