



# news@springwood

## GCE 24 NORFOLK SCHOLARS

Congratulations to Springwood's 24 Norfolk Scholars. Executive Head Mr Johnson said " This award is given in the county with A-Level grades of at least ABB, a particular achievement this year in view of the changes to the examination. Previously students could sit modules several times to get their best grades. Now they sit AS levels at the end of Year 12 and A2 at the end".



Overall at A-Level 71% of entries were at A\*-C grade which enabled the vast majority of students to gain their first-choice university place



GCE STUDENTS

## SPRINGWOOD IS STILL TOP PERFORMER AT GCSE

Springwood remains one of the top performers of West Norfolk Schools for GCSE. The results were 60 percent of students achieving 5 A\* to C grades including English and Maths. Mr Johnson said "The students have performed well this year. It is difficult to make year on year comparisons as the examination system is very different this year to previous years but we still expect to be well above national averages".



GCSE STUDENTS

# parent info@springwood

## PUBLICATION OF PUPILS'

### PHOTOGRAPHS AND NAMES

Our school regularly publishes pupils' names and photographs in the Newsletter and sometimes also to the press, and this is always in connection with some notable achievement on the pupils' part. We would not, however, publish such information against parents' wishes. No parent has ever objected at Springwood, but if a parent does have concerns about their son/daughter's name and photograph being published, if they let us know we will ensure that this does not happen.



## SCHOOL CLOSURES

There are occasions, fortunately very rare, when the school has to be closed at extremely short notice. This could happen because of severe weather conditions which make transport dangerous or because of a breakdown in the heating system.

Any emergency will be broadcast on local radio at regular intervals from about 7 am onwards. This is our only way to notify all of our pupils, parents and staff in time to prevent them coming into school, so we therefore advise everyone to listen to the early morning programmes on KL:FM (96.7) or BBC Radio Norfolk (95.1 or 104.1 FM and 873 or 855 MW) particularly if weather conditions are severe.

## DATA PROTECTION ACT

The School is required to provide pupils and parents with details of the information it retains, concerning the purpose for which is used, and of any third parties to whom the information may be passed.

**SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL DATA TEAM**  
Queensway, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE30 4AW  
01553 773393—Option 3



**Mrs C Knights**  
Data Manager

- Having problems getting into Parent Gateway to view pupil reports?
- Forgotten your password?
- Want advice on understanding the results displayed?
- Need to update your contact details?
- Would you be interested in attending a drop-in session where friendly help is available?

For any of the above contact the Springwood High School data team at:

[data@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:data@springwoodhighschool.co.uk)

## Is your son or daughter leaving Springwood this term?

If so then please advise their Head of House in writing, letting them know the following:

- the name and address of their new school.
- the last day they will be at Springwood.

We have to forward this information on to County so that their records can follow them on to their new school.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2014-15

**Autumn Term 2014**—Thurs 4 Sept—Fri 19 Dec

**Autumn Half Term Holiday** —Thurs 23 Oct—Fri 31 Oct

**Spring Term 2015**—Tues 6 Jan—Fri 27 Mar

**Spring Half Term Holiday 2015**— Mon 16 Feb—Fri 20 Feb

**Summer Term 2015**- Mon 13 April—Tues 21 July

**Summer Half Term Holiday 2015** -Mon 25 May—29 May

### Training Days/Bank Holidays

23-24 Oct 2014

5 Jan 2015

## Messages to pupils during the school day

We are aware that, occasionally, it is necessary for parents to telephone school during the working day to alter the usual arrangement for pupils leaving school at 3.25pm. Any such message can be left with the House Support Officer. Sometimes pupils also need to be informed of last minute doctor or dentist appointments. Messages are passed to pupils as promptly as possible, but as this is often excessively time consuming we do ask that these be kept to a minimum. Time constraints on administrative staff can make message delivery very difficult, particularly at the end of the day. We know from experience that many calls to school could easily be avoided if arrangements were made at home before pupils leave in the morning. Please contact school only in cases of emergency and be assured that urgent messages are forwarded as promptly as possible.

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## House Managers



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Mrs N Willett  
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## LOST PROPERTY

Please name all school uniform and equipment. The photograph taken on the right was of lost property from Christmas to the March term. Only four items were actually labelled and returned to their owners.



## LRC COLLECTION CORNER

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# shop@springwood

## SCHOOL SHOP



The Springwood High School Shop is open for business! Whether you need uniform, revision guides or stationery, our new Shop Manager, Miss Coleridge will be happy to serve you.

Second hand uniform is also available for sale, but stock is limited. If you have any uniform that no longer fits, or has been replaced, please bring your used items to the shop so that we can re-cycle it.

Students will be notified when uniform orders are ready for collection via flag notes on SIMS.

### EXCHANGE AND RETURNS POLICY FOR SPRINGWOOD

#### EXCHANGE

Items purchased in the last three months may be exchanged for a larger or smaller size without a receipt, with labels attached.

#### RETURNS

Items returned within three months with a valid receipt and labels attached will be given a full money refund.

#### FAULTY ITEMS

If an item is faulty and is returned within three months then an exchange will be given if a receipt is produced.



The shop opening hours are:

**Monday-Friday**

08:30am-09:00am

11:15am-11:35am

12:35pm-13:25pm

15:25pm-16:00pm (Monday-Thursday only)

# achievement@springwood

## HOLKHAM CAKE AND SHAKE

Congratulations to Holkham Harlequins for achieving ATL 1's for the month of July:

Year 10 Maya Engledow, Harry Goldsmith, William Hillier, Olivia McKenzie and Georgie Richards.

Also to Year 9 – Mickie Appleton, Luke Bryan, Lauren Carson, Penny Carter, Jennifer Curry, Paris Fodden, Bethany Shaw, Lauren Smith, Melissa Symonds and Jyothis Tom.



## ATL 1'S FOR JACOB



Well done to Jacob Isle SD-06 now a Year 8 student, before the end of last term he had cake with Mr Johnson. He has had a brilliant first year at Springwood achieving ATL1's in all of his subjects.

He is very busy after school as he has just represented Norfolk in a swimming competition at Basildon in July. He spends five evenings a week swimming/training and he also plays tennis for the school.

Well done Jacob, keep up the good work.

## IT SCRATCH COMPETITION

The 2014 scratch-off competition took place at the UEA, Norwich. It started in the morning and lasted the whole equivalent of a normal school day. There were a lot of people there ranging from Year 5's up to the maximum age groups of Year 9 (which I was part of).

Firstly, we had to continue making adjustments to the games we had finished or nearly finished programming. (If these adjustments are not made the game may crash).

Secondly, after an hour or so of extra programming, the judges came in and started judging our games. And the score was based on things like sportsmanship, use of gravity and good graphics in your game....etc.

We were then set an extra task which was to make a documentary about Morse Code (on Scratch) which I did.

Finally, we all were taken upstairs to a little room where we had lunch (a lot of pizzas and fizzy drinks) and later the winners from round 1 were presented (I was the only one from SHS who went to the finals) and had to represent their games in order to win Amazon vouchers and Windows Tablet.

By Sebastian Njingo Jnr

# music@springwood

## COMBINED PRIMARY SCHOOL CONCERT



With St Nicholas Chapel closed for restoration, the annual Combined Primary Schools concert, sponsored by Springwood High School, moved to a new venue this year and on June 12th, over five hundred parents packed into Lynn Minster to hear a wonderful evening of music.

Whilst this mainly involved schools from the Springwood cluster, pupils from 11 different schools were involved in what has become a festival of primary music in West Norfolk.

The concert started with a short performance from Ivan McCready's cello ensemble. For the past two years, Springwood has provided a small number of pupils, mainly from Fairstead, with scholarships to encourage new players, and the success of this was plain to see with some high quality playing.

Following on from this was the String Orchestra with over 60 players. Under the guidance of Elaine Sargent and Matthew Lee, it was clear that the young players were well rehearsed and enjoying themselves, producing a vibrant sound that filled the Minster.



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## COMBINED PRIMARY SCHOOL CONCERT



Next came the Wind Band, with, once again some 60 players. Much of the band rehearse every Monday after school at Springwood, with Year 7 pupils also playing in the band. This provides students with a sense of continuity when moving up from Year 6. This is run by Richard Hall and Deborah Cooper, and the enthusiastic playing was a joy to witness. The concert had a World War I theme running through it, and the band included performances of three WWI songs in their selection.

We are always keen to show the young players what they could achieve if they keep playing, and were delighted that Springwood's Big Band came along and performed two numbers under the direction of Eddie Seales.

The final group of the evening, the 170 strong Combined Primaries Choir, consisting mainly of year 5 & 6 pupils, provided a rousing finale with some wonderful singing. They started off in a slightly sombre mood with a performance of Benjamin Britten's 'Old Abram Brown' as part of the 'Britten and Beyond' festival to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the composer's birth. This was followed by renditions of two WWI songs – 'Pack Up Your Troubles' and 'It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary' which involved full audience participation. Finally, the choir sent the audience home in an upbeat mood with performances of 'Love, Shine a Light' and 'Happy'.

It was a fantastic concert, the culmination of much work behind the scenes in the primaries and two days hard rehearsal at the Minster, which was a wonderful showcase for the development of music in West Norfolk.



# internationalism@springwood



Dear parent/guardian/carer,

We are delighted to inform you that Springwood High School has been awarded the British Council International School Award, which recognises schools which have excelled in the area of international learning. We wanted to share the school's success with you and explain what it means for pupils, teachers and the school as a whole.

### What is the British Council International School Award?

The Award is an internationally recognised accreditation, awarded to schools which forge links with partners overseas and add an international dimension to the curriculum. Through working on joint projects and adding international elements to lessons, pupils (and teachers) are given a fresh perspective on the world and their place in it.

Taking part in the Award:

- links schools with others around the world
- teaches pupils about other countries and cultures
- prepares pupils for living and working in the global economy
- enhances teaching standards through sharing best practice and teaching methods
- leads to a new outwardly facing perspective and ethos for the school as a whole

If you would like to know more about the Award, and hear about inspirational stories from around the world, then go to [www.schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org](http://www.schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org) and visit the International School Award pages.

We hope you will join us in congratulating the school on this award and encourage pupils and the school to further develop and enhance their international learning and skills.

Yours sincerely,

The British Council International School Award Team



On hearing the news that Springwood High School had received the Award, Mrs Karen Williams, International Co-ordinator, said "This is excellent news for the school, and is recognition of all the hard work that we have undertaken in the past few years to achieve this award".





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## YEAR 7 FRENCH VISIT

As soon as we arrived at the chateau the staff were very welcoming and polite, this carried on through the trip. The rooms were homely and welcoming; also the rooms were very clean and spacious. There was a range of activities for example, kayaking, abseiling, rafting, zip wiring and loads more, the staff made the activities enjoyable because they involved games and a bit of a laugh.

Disney Land had to be one of the most popular days of the trip, with thrilling rides and super souvenir shops. The most popular rides were Space Mountain and Indiana Jones. Even though it rained people enjoyed it. At the chateau there was a variety of food and they catered for allergies. Also at the chateau they offered us some French food. For example croissants, frogs legs and snails.

On our days out went to places such as a Bakery, Sea Life Centre and the Market. At the Bakery we were shown how to make croissants and bread we also had a chance to buy food from the baker. At the Sea Life Centre we were put in groups and had the chance to walk around and buy something from the gift shop. There were sharks, sea lions and other beautiful creatures. The Market gave us a chance to explore



and use our French to ask for items we would like to buy. The trip was good fun and we recommend it to next year's year 7s.

By Darcey Wood and Kayleigh Rye SD-06

## BON VOYAGE—FRENCH PLAY



### Review

I really enjoyed the French play it was about two friends going on a trip to France and they stopped off on the way to have some fun! Although I couldn't understand parts, there was enough action going on to see what was happening. My favourite part of the play was the comedy. One thing I think they could have improved on was; the sound level. They had microphones, but they were a bit loud!

by Tom Leeson

Congratulations to our students who successfully completed the beginners course in Chinese this year. Students attended the classes each week after school and learnt basic Chinese Mandarin as well as studying the culture. They worked really hard and enjoyed it too.



# history@springwood

## WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATION



On the 15 July, the WW 1 Centenary Commemoration event began with a short ceremony in the area outside Blickling and Oxburgh. This began at 0900 with representatives of the Royal British Legion, the Army, the RAF, Bridge for Heroes, the ACF, the ATC, the Brownies and Guides marching from the school gates to form up around the flagpole, this marching was accompanied by "Barnard Castle" played by members of the school concert band. This was followed by a short poem from Mr. Calow, called "Im fernen Polenlande". After this came a speech from Mr. Evans about the costs of the War and other interesting information and personal touches. The Last Post was then sounded by David Maddison,

followed by a 2 minutes silence and then the sounding of Reveille. Then came a prayer of remembrance and the Lord's Prayer, said by Rev. Zoe Ferguson from St. Faith's Church. Wreaths were then laid by Mr Ballman and representatives from the RBL, the Army, the RAF, Bridge for Heroes, the ACF, the ATC and Brownies, this process was accompanied by "Hymn to the Fallen" from the film "Saving Private Ryan", performed by members of the school concert band and the school choir. This was followed by a performance of "In Flanders Fields" by the school choir and the National Anthem, performed by members of the school brass groups. Finally, the parade marched away, back to the school gates, to the tune of "1914" which is a collection of songs from the World War 1 era. Stalls were then erected in the Sixth Form Social Area by the RBL, the ACF, the ATC, Bridge for Heroes, the Army and the RAF.

My thanks go to Flt Lt Petch and Sqn Ldr Jupe for helping me to organize the event, members of the school grounds staff for helping with the marshalling of traffic, Mr. Ballman for allowing us to hold the event and members of the Sixth Form team for allowing us to use the Sixth Form Social Area. I would also like to thank Derek Oldfield, Fiona Marshall and David Butterworth for their help in arranging the music and musicians and Mrs. Frost for documenting the entire event. Finally, to the outside organisations for taking time out of their busy schedules to come and commemorate this event with us.

I would like to say on my own behalf that it has been an honour to organize such a poignant event and feel that it was a fitting culmination of both my career at Springwood and within the ACF, both of which I officially leave this year. I could not have done all of this without the help of so many people and believe that organizing this event has been a very eye-opening experience but one that I have enjoyed wholeheartedly.

Iain Fraser-Barker



# history@springwood

## WORLD WAR I

The History department set year 8 a challenge, to produce a piece of work answering the question 'How should the First World War be remembered'. The amazing prize on offer was a free 4 day trip to the Battlefields in France and Belgium to Commemorate The First World War.

Mr Whitlam was overwhelmed at the response and the quality of their work and Ideas. After much deliberation from Mr Whitlam and his History department two winners were found. Areej Khatri BG06 and Alvin Jaison OX08. Areej created a fantastic piece of art work explaining how everybody's lives were touched by the First World War and the impact it had on the different countries involved. Alvin created a unique piece of work by interviewing his neighbour whose father fought in the Great War.

Thankyou to all of the year 8's who participated there will be a prize shortly for the runners up. Their work will be on display in the LRC for everyone to look at.



## YEAR 8 HISTORY MUSEUM

The last week of the summer term saw Year 8 build their History Museum covering topics such as changing warfare, WW I, WWII, Nuclear, and the Spanish Armada, this work had been done over the past two years.



# awards@springwood

## PE AWARDS CEREMONY



Monday 14 July saw the PE department Annual Award ceremony to individual students and teams

The Jessika-Mae Prior Award was presented to Lucy Barnes SD-02 who showed consistent dedication and commitment to her PE lessons and especially her extra-curricular sports. Her attendance at practice shows her selfless attitude towards her teams, always demonstrating 100% effort in everything she does. Last academic year she represented the school in athletics, basketball, football, hockey, netball, rounders, rugby and tennis. Clearly, she is a role model to all girls. Well done Lucy and keep it up!



# year7@springwood

## YEAR 7 ACHIEVEMENT AFTERNOON



On Thursday 17th July year 7 had an activity afternoon, which was all based around team work. We had seven activities and an ice cream. The teachers randomly put us into teams with people who we may not have chosen. "My favourite activity was the tower building because it was a really fun game" (Charlotte Howard) "My favourite was the ice-cream because it was refreshing (Ellie-Rose) "My favourite was also the ice-cream because it tasted really nice and it was fun" (Joshua Gallagher). Overall we all thought it was fun and gave us a chance to try new things. Year 7 in BG-04



# art@springwood

## ART NEWS



Year 8 students worked hard during the July Super learning day on the completion of several projects to improve the learning environment of the school.

Using the designs made by year 9 GCSE Art students, these students painted the word "construction" with fonts made out of tools and equipment on the construction building in the Ox-burgh playground.

The finalised results gives the building identity and purpose and the result has



received a lot of positive messages and comments.

Thanks and well done to all the students and staff involved in the realisation of this mural! If you would like to become involved in the realisation of future projects – please see Ms van Wouw in the art department for more information.



## Message from the Art Department

# The Big Draw

The 2014 Big Draw will run from **1 October to 2 November** across the UK and in twenty other countries, with 280,000 people expected to join in over 1000+ events. The Big Draw offers thousands of enjoyable, and mainly free, drawing activities which connect people of all ages with museums, outdoor spaces, artists, designers, illustrators - and each other. These events are for those who love to draw, as well as for those who think they can't!

Within Art students will be participating in "the big draw" during their lessons, but have a look at the website for more information of events you can get stuck into! <http://www.thebigdraw.org/>

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## ART NEWS



On request of the P.E. department, year 8 students painted the designs on during the last super learning day.

The design shows the different stages of a person going from a ready position to a full run. This will help students with their positioning as they are using the running track next to the designs. The backgrounds have been designed with the House colours.



Many thanks and well done to all the students and staff involved to realise this design. Especially Ms O'Connell and Ms Simons and the caretaking staff who helped put this piece of art up!



If you are interested in finding out more about how you could get involved in the realisation of pieces of art around the school in the future, see Ms Van Wouw in the art department for more information.



# arts@springwood

## YEAR 9 ART

These are masks made by Year 9 Art students last year who completed a design brief to create new Lion King Masks for the Broadway show. It is important to look at how Art can be used in Industry and theatre design including sets, costumes, puppets, masks and make-up is a huge creative opportunity for budding designers. Year 9 from Miss O'Connell's and Miss Simons Art groups create different designs and these fantastic artistic results are from Miss O'Connell's group.



Keep an eye out as this year it is the turn of Year 8 Art students to design the new Lion Kings masks.

## GCSE ART AND DESIGN



As part of the GCSE Art and Design coursework in producing a final piece; Robbie Kingshott in BG10 has used his skills learnt outside of school in his developing business ventures to produce a final sculptured made of metal and welded by himself. The work is a credit to Robbie who has showed independent skill and motivation to complete this in his own time. His work is testament to the creative and practical skills that art can offer and the possibilities of future design work not only in school but in the workplace



# springfest@springwood

## YEAR 8



Endeavour is one of the most fun things that you do at Springwood. It is a series of nine challenges that really put you outside your comfort zone. It might sound hard, but that's the point, it's a really good experience and gets you up and trying new fun things. I think that's the best thing about endeavour, and you push yourself to your limits, and makes the prize(if you win)and Springfest mean more as you know you've achieved something you didn't think you would. Springfest is an afternoon worth completing the endeavour programme for. There are a range of really fun activities to do there, including, spider mountain and bungee thing which is really fun! Not only the activities, but there is also awesome live music and free burgers and ice cream!

Overall it is a really fun experience that lets you try all new things and if you do, it is worth it!

Saffron Kirkpatrick BG-04



*Francis Wain*

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## YEAR 8 CELEBRATE ENDEAVOUR



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## SERV



Thank you to everyone who supported the plant sales from May to July this summer. The total amount raised was £107.24 for SERV which is a local charity that provides a free out of hours courier service for urgent blood supplies to NHS hospitals. Mr Parish a volunteer motorcyclist for SERV also kindly judged the entries for our World Cup plant design challenge, which was open to all forms. This charity receives no government funding and relies on donations and sponsorship to operate a 7pm until 7am service, 365 nights a year! For further information the website [www.servnorfolk.org.uk](http://www.servnorfolk.org.uk)

Mrs Cusdin (Technology T/A)



Winning Form Ox-06

## FUND RAISING FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS



Congratulation to Shelby Powell FB-09 pictured left: over the last three weeks of the summer term, Shelby set out to raise funds for Cystic Fybrois. A former student and family friend of Shelby's Family was the inspiration. In the past Shelby has raised funds for the Rudham Ward at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, so she is no stranger to raising money for charity. The first week was a 100 raffle squares to buy and she managed to sell all of them within a few days, the winning ticket went to Miss Archdale who won £20. (£80.00 + £2.00 donation)

Having spoken to Mrs Olive from the Canteen who runs the staff coffee at break Shelby, Mrs Olive and Mr Thompson (Catering Manager) put together an impressive cake sale. There were donations of homemade cakes from the Canteen Ladies and other members of staff.—This raised £93.19. Mr Thompson kindly donated coffee and biscuits. A big thank you for their time,

The last week saw a big pink bag in the 0-5 raffle to be sought after, this raised £77.90. The prizes had been donated by staff, so a big thank you to all who contributed and bought many, many tickets. A grand total of £253.09. A cheque has been presented to the Cystic Fibrosis. There are other fund raising event in the pipeline for Cystic Fibrosis later on in the Autumn Term— watch this space.

# headteacher@springwood



Welcome back to everyone, staff and students old and new.

We have a new year to look forward to and are able to reflect on outstanding results for our students who took examinations last summer.

The Open Days and Evenings for Year 6 pupils have already been held and these were well attended over the two days. We have already had some of our Year 7 pupils acting as transition leaders and helping to show the prospective students around and giving their experiences of moving to Springwood. I would like to thank the staff and students for two excellent days and a very successful evening. Visitors have commented on the good behaviour and manners of the pupils on the site and also on how smart our students are looking, keep it up everyone.

Trips are being planned for all years to many places around the UK, Europe and beyond; exciting times lay ahead for our students but of course the hard work begins for pupils to enable them to achieve the best results possible in their examinations at the end of this academic year.

We will be celebrating the success of last year's students in November and December with our Prize giving Evenings, the details of which will be forwarded to the individuals involved.

Welcome back, we look forward to a busy and productive year.

*A M Johnson*