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## DO WE HAVE NEWS FOR YOU

### 4<sup>TH</sup>.... IN THE WORLD!

Yes you read that right, as that is exactly what happened when the SHS Mock Trials team of 9 travelled to the USA before Christmas to take part in the world championships of the Mock trial competition.



Hayley Roberts, project coordinator said: "It has taken them 4 years to progress to this stage and no other UK school has ever come within the top ten".

The students began their journey 4 years ago by taking part in the Magistrates Mock trial for two years in a row. After such success, they progressed to the Bar Mock Trial competition and reached the national final at the Old Bailey.

After doing so well, they made a one-week trip to New York to experience the US judiciary system and to prosecute and defend a terrorism case.

They raised £20,000 in three months to cover the costs and have sponsors and supporters from all over the country:

### What the students had to say:

Our Empire journey has finally come to an end, but we all agree that all the hours of hard work and stress, was completely worth it.

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We arrived in NYC ecstatic, but exhausted. However, there wasn't much time for sleep, as it was election night. We went out into Times Square and could immediately tell that we were going to be witnessing an iconic moment in history; the atmosphere was simply unforgettable.

We felt so very lucky to be invited to the office of one of our sponsors; *Squire Patton Boggs*. To visit them in their incredible New York office at the top of Rockefeller Plaza was incredible (see photos below). This was such a valuable experience as it enabled us to speak face to face with real American criminal attorneys who gave us great advice, which we carried forward with us to the trials.

## The Competition:

To say it was hard is an understatement, however our confidence grew after each round. As soon as the round was finished, Miss Roberts would rush down to the tab room to find out if we had won or lost our trial and to see our scores. Only teachers were allowed in the tab room and it was kept secure with competition judges and referees monitoring it at all times. It was at this point that we realised just what we had achieved; we were in the WORLD championships and it was more hardcore than anything we had ever experienced in our local, regional and national heats!

We could not believe it when after each round, Miss Roberts kept coming back to us to say that we had won our trials! Consequently, after round 1 we were 10<sup>th</sup> in our division (there were two divisions) After round two we were 8<sup>th</sup>, after round three we were 4<sup>th</sup> and after round four we were 3<sup>rd</sup>!

After each round we really started to believe in ourselves and became more and more confident each time we got up there. We were power-matched after the first round, so for the following rounds we were against schools of similar ability.

There were times when we doubted ourselves; for example all of the schools we were against had prepared physical demonstrations and were introducing many of the 90 exhibits. We had decided not to plan too much and do what felt right at the time. We realised that the key to success was listening to what the other side were saying all of the time, then making notes to bring up conflicting evidence when it was our turn. We even got so brave during a closing speech that we decided to borrow one of the other side's demonstratives! It was a balaclava, which we put on one of our own attorneys to prove that you can't identify someone when all you can see is their eyes! The judges loved this and so did we; we were thriving from our newly found confidence and enjoying every minute.

We knew we had come 3<sup>rd</sup> in our division, but had no idea how much gap there would be between our division and the other division. We knew that after the competition finished, we would have a two-hour wait until we would find out the results at the closing ceremony.

We genuinely expected an easy night; just sitting back and applauding the other teams. The first awards that were given out were for the most outstanding witnesses. We knew our witnesses had done extremely well, but one of our witnesses Samuel Mount came in the top 10 and was presented with an outstanding witness award. We were all reeling with pride, and over the moon that Sam's hard work had paid off.



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Finally came the placing of the teams. Out of 44 teams, only the top 15 were announced. We had no expectation at all to be placed in the top 15. When we got to the top 10, we all agreed that we hadn't been placed, so we sat back and listened as the rest of the schools were announced. It had all been American schools, until we got to 5th place, which was won by the Australian team.



As they announced the next team all we heard were the words **"and all the way from Norfolk in the UK"**, and we all looked at each other straight away! The feeling was really like no other. We were all overcome with emotion. There were tears, laughter; it was simply unbelievable. In that moment, we felt the real reward. Firstly, the pride to be representing our country at an international final, but secondly the sense of achievement. **It was in this moment that all the hours, all the after schools, Sunday rehearsals, coming in all through the holidays; it was all worth it - every single second.**

For the next two days, we were just overcome with shock, and pride. We couldn't believe how well we'd done and I don't think any of us stopped smiling for the rest of the trip. On one of our last days, we went to Central Park. It was really magical to see all the autumnal colours that surrounded us as we made our way through probably the most iconic park in the world. As you can see, we didn't forget the important banner!

*As you can tell from the photo, emotions were still running high. It was midnight by the time the results we were called out and we were drained, but now ecstatic too!*



It's incredibly difficult to convey with words, how grateful we are for this experience that all of our sponsors and the school, have given us.

This trip was like no other. It has given every member of our team so much. We have come back almost different people; more mature, more confident, more determined - the list could go on. This really has been the trip of a lifetime, and one that we will never ever forget.



Springwood High School Mock Trials Team

# stemm@springwood

## STEMM MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

On 26<sup>th</sup> January we attended a mid-year conference as part of our STEMM project in the Johns Innes Centre, Norwich. We have been inspired and gained further knowledge about the science based around Botany and Zoology.

Once we arrived at the venue there were many other schools participating in this STEMM event. There were a variety of several exhibitions on the study of fauna and flora such as carnivorous plants e.g. the Venus fly traps and how they adapt to the environment. The most interesting exhibition was about how logic gates can be used to represent the growth of bacteria and how bacteria are able to reproduce and spread across a plant specimen.

While we were visiting the various exhibitions, we were fascinated by the different studies based on plants, animals and bacteria. For example, there was an exhibition regarding how petals take their specific shape and why individual flower petals and leaves have different shapes. They conducted research on the petals shape and discovered that a gene called Jagged controls the growth of petals

Furthermore, we are more inspired to pursue a career in science due to the main part of the event which was a conference where three guest speakers spoke about how they have achieved their career in science and what inspired them to take it on as well as the qualifications and requirements needed to reach their career. From this event, we have learnt that motivation, determination and hard work are the only factors required to achieve your personal goals.

By Sara Kadhm, Roshin Roy & Jenisa Jose



1: Roshin experimenting how bacteria spreads through plant leaves by injecting fluids.



2: Sara Observing the bacteria found on plants through a light telescope

## LRC COLLECTS



Sainsbury Vouchers for  
Food Technology and PE

Used Stamps for  
Tapping House





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Well done to all the year 9 who were invited to attend the achievement assembly on Wednesday 8 February 2017. Bronze and Silver badges were awarded to these very successful students for a wide range of achievements ranging from a fantastic 100% attendance, excellent contributions in sport, much appreciated help in form to a super average of a 1 in ATL grades. It was a proud moment to see so many year 9 gain a badge. A big thank you to Mr Austin who stepped in to hand out the badges. Mrs Williams



## POETRY BY HEART COMPETITION AT SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL.

Talented students have been taking part in an inspiring competition designed to encourage students in England to learn and to recite poems by heart. After four years of successful competitions, we know Poetry By Heart helps students and teachers to engage with poetry in wonderful new ways.

This year, 8 students recited poems from the 200+ available in the online anthology which supports this competition.

**The winner was Abigail Peters (12-09)** with an inspiring and moving performance of a poem Boy Breaking Glass by G.Brooks.

**The runner-up was Edina Avey (10-01)** who surprised and delighted the judges and the audience by the quality of her performance when she recited a poem A Verandah Ceremony by E.A. Markham.



### BOY BREAKING GLASS (1987) GWENDOLYN BROOKS

*To Marc Crawford*

*Whose broken window is a cry of art  
(success, that winks aware  
as elegance, as a treasonable faith)  
is raw: is sonic: is old-eyed première.  
Our beautiful flaw and terrible ornament.  
Our barbarous and metal little man.  
'I shall create! If not a note, a hole.  
If not an overture, a desecration.'  
Full of pepper and light  
and Salt and night and cargoes.  
'Don't go down the plank  
if you see there's no extension.  
Each to his grief, each to  
his loneliness and fidgety revenge.  
Nobody knew where I was and now I am no longer there.'  
The only sanity is a cup of tea.  
The music is in minors.  
Each one other  
is having different weather.  
'It was you, it was you who threw away my name!  
And this is everything I have for me.'  
Who has not Congress, lobster, love, luau,  
the Regency Room, the Statue of Liberty,  
runs. A sloppy amalgamation.  
A mistake.  
A cliff.  
A hymn, a snare, and an exceeding sun.*

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### 48 YEARS AT SPRINGWOOD

Christmas 2016 saw the departure of our longest serving member of staff, Keith Broadwater. Keith retired as groundskeeper following 48 years of loyal service to Springwood. A former pupil, Keith left school aged 15 as a student on a Friday and started on the Monday as an employee and has been here ever since. He tirelessly kept the school grounds immaculate, maintaining tennis courts, flowerbeds, hedges, grass, marking football pitches etc and will be a hard act to follow. He will be very sorely missed.

Keith was presented with a card and vouchers reflecting his loyalty to the school by Mr Johnson along with a special commemorative gardeners plaque by Trust Facilities Manager, Keith Lewington.

We wish him all the best in his retirement.



### GUIDE DOGS SUSAN AND TAMZIN VISIT



Left to right: Mrs Southgate and Tamzin with Mrs Henshaw and Susan with Year 8 students

Guide Dogs Tamzin and Susan visit Year 7 and 8 assemblies with their owners Mrs Southgate and Mrs Henshaw, who spoke to the students about how best to support them on the cycle paths and foot paths. Mrs Southgate on her way to work at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital has to cross 17 roads, she has a lot of trust in Tamzin.



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## YEAR 11 ROCKSCHOOL EXTERNAL PERFORMANCE

Year 11 Rockscool students performed as part of their external examination. All students showed excellent ability and kept the 100+ crowd entertained. The next event coming up is the Trust Battle of the Bands on Thursday 30th March. Anyone wanting to take part will need to contact the Music department.

Year 11 students performing were:

Zoe AKRED  
Ema BERNARDINO  
Alex BOUGHEN  
Harvey BUNTON  
Morgan COLLISON  
Jodie CRUMPLIN  
Molly CURTIS  
Eden DANIELL

Mailey FIANDER  
Katelan GORDON  
Lucie HART  
Charlotte HAYWARD  
Brandon JONES  
Rea MCKENZIE  
Tyler-James MCNULTY  
Robert MULLER

Ryan PACE  
Emmi PLUME  
HarveyRAE  
Daniel ROWBOTHAM  
George ROWBOTHAM  
Charlie SAINTY  
Mary SIMMS  
Jimmy TILLOTT



## FOOD STUDENTS



### Fantastic Performance by Springwood Food Students

Lucie Fenn and Casey Hunsdon did a fantastic job of representing Springwood's food students when they took part in the Area Finals of the Rotary Club Young Chef Competition at the College of West Anglia on 22nd January.

The Year 9 students were competing against catering students from the College for a chance to attend the Regional Finals this month. Despite producing amazing dishes the judges, chefs from the Market Bistro and Rathskeller restaurants in King's

Lynn, picked an outstanding student from the College to compete in the next round.

John Thorpe from the Rotary Club was hugely impressed with the dishes produced by Lucie and Casey and the professional judges were amazed by the skills shown by our students. A huge congratulations to Casey and Lucie for taking part and making the school proud. **N Thompson Food Teacher**

# awards@springwood

## SPECIAL AWARDS TO MEMBERS OF THE SIXTH FORM 2014-2016

PRIZE AWARDED

AT SANDRINGHAM HOUSE BY  
HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

*Tobias Hoare*

HENRY SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

*Dominic Ely*

ROTARY CITIZEN AWARD

Presented by the Rotary Club of King's Lynn

*Regina Legarte*

MICHAEL GRIFFITHS PRIZE FOR ENDEAVOUR

*Luke Miller*

HANOVER PRIZE FOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARTS

*Ben Holford*

## NORFOLK COUNTY SCHOLARS

Jordan Baines	Lauren Belcher	Edward Brown	Alice Brundle
James Calvert	Sarah Carpio	Zoe Chen	Zoe Colley
Brett Cossey	Carolina D'Agostino	Elizabeth Dale	Elizabeth Edwards
Abdel El-Sadawi	Dominic Ely	Lauren High	Tobias Hoare
Thomas Howard	Michelle Huang	Emily Hutton	Regina Legarte
Jack Massingham	Lucy McEvoy	Erin McNeil	Alexx Mitchell
Jade Morton	Matylda Petryk	Paul Richardson	Wil Rolfe
Cristal Sarjeant	Anjaly Simon	Samuel Smith	Archie Sweeney
Joseph Tembo	James Wadlow	Ashley Ward	Nathan Wells
Mia Wilkinson	Rebecca Williams	James Williamson	Charlotte Wilson



Award winners with Guest of Honour Mr M Hawes, Mr R Livesey and Mr Johnson



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## MUSIC (THE MUSIC CUP)

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## PSYCHOLOGY

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*Jordan Baines*

*Jack Massingham*

*Paul Richardson*

*Mollie Beasant*

*Anjaly Simon*

*Hannah Walker*

*Cameron Webb*

*Victoria Butterfill*

*Alec Hodgkinson*

*Alice Bliss*

*Carolina D'Agostino*

*Regina Legarte*

*Wil Rolfe*

*Jonathan Playford*

*Lilly Milsome*

*Charlotte Wilson*

*Lucy McEvoy*

*Zoe Colley*

*Chloe Taylor*

*Thomas Howard*

*Ieva Scepnyte*

*Edward Brown*

*Jasmine Sunley*

*Cameron Webb*

*Abdel El-Sadawi*

*Erin McNeil*

*Charlotte Crane*

*Regina Legarte*

*Otto Hussain*

*Elizabeth Dale*

*Sophie Matthews*

*Lucy Reed*

*Tobias Hoare*

*Jade Morton*

*Rebecca Baker*

*Amelia Hicks*

*Sophie Cole*

*Emily Hutton*



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## TOBY MEETS THE QUEEN



Toby Hoare met the Queen on Sunday 8th January at Sandringham House to collect his prize for being Springwood High School's best performing A Level student in the summer of 2016. Toby achieved 2 A\*'s and an A grade in his A Levels. Toby is currently on a gap year working with the younger students at Springwood as a Learning Mentor, and is taking up a scholarship in Engineering at Leeds University.

The school's Assistant Director of Sixth Form, Mrs Jessica Cuss, commented - 'Toby's results are due to his hard work and the dedication that he showed throughout his A Level studies.'

"We are extremely proud to have Toby as an alumnus for our Sixth Form and hope that his achievements will inspire our current students to aspire to score the highest grades.' Mr George Pettitt - Director of Sixth Form.

Toby attended Sandringham House with the school's Executive Headteacher Mr Andrew Johnson and his parents.

Toby's achievements were celebrated as part of the school's Sixth Form presentation evening on 5th January, where the Queen's prize and many other school awards were presented to returning students by guest speaker and Springwood alumnus Marcus Hawes.



Toby pictured with his parents and Mr Johnson



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## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 2016

Sixth Formers celebrated the final day of term with the annual Christmas Jumper day. Students tolerated the itches to wear a woolly for a day. The awards ceremony took place at break time to choose the best jumper this year.

Toby Millward in year 13 took his place in Springwood history when he was crowned this year's champion.

Toby is pictured with Mr Pettitt.



## CHRISTMAS BAKE-OFF



As part of their fundraising the Sixth Form Social committee organised a Christmas themed Bake Off on 15<sup>th</sup> December. Entrants were provided with a Christmassy brief and over 30 students and teachers entered the competition. Over lunch the cakes were judged by Poppy Lee – waitress at the Rathskeller Wine Bar and Bistro, Kings Lynn and ex-Springwood student - and Miss Bradley – who recently had baked a cake for HRH The Duchess of Cambridge! The judges considered taste and flavorings, presentation and how fitting their cakes were to the designated brief. The proud winner of a voucher to dine at the Rathskeller was Sophie Williamson with her creatively designed snowman shaped cake. Overall the Social Committee raised around £80 by their Bake Off Sale, Sweet Stand and Hot chocolate sale, these funds will be going to the Year 13 Prom fund.

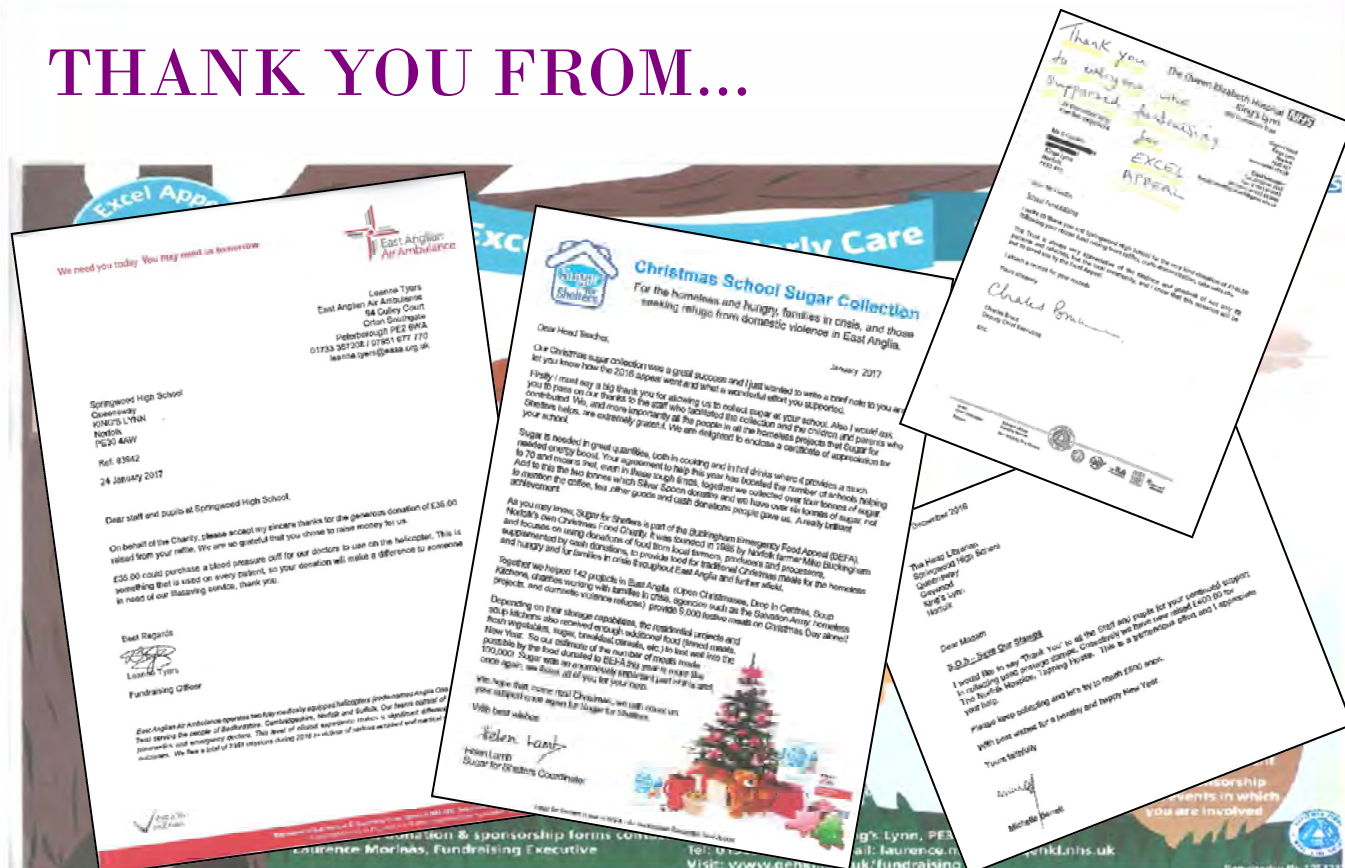


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## TOP SCIENTISTS



**A\* Science Club** - We have the largest ever cohort completing Triple Science this year. The students performed very well in their Pre-Public exams in December and we are confident they will produce excellent results in their public examinations this summer. We are keen to secure a record number of A & A\* grades so launched the A\* Science Club early January to boost students and support them in achieving the highest possible grades. These sessions will be delivered during form time predominantly by experienced A Level teachers using customised resources aimed at the higher grade content. All Triple students will complete another set of Pre-Public examinations in April. Well done to all of these students.

Mr R Thompson

## EUROPEAN COMPUTER DRIVING LICENCE



Throughout this academic year over 120 year 11 pupils have already achieved a level two qualification, equivalent to a GCSE, in ECDL. Through hard work and determination these pupils have completed an intensive week long course to top up their existing knowledge and gain grades ranging from C to A\*. We are extremely proud of each and every one of you. Remember hard work does pay off. Mr Hobbs

# atl@springwood

## FELBRIGG YEAR 9 ATL



Well done to Year 9. An achievement assembly was held on Wednesday 14th December to congratulate students on their success in a variety of fields. Excellent reports and ATL grades, tutor time help, Year Council members and general all round excellence. All students received their Year 9 Bronze badge.

The next achievement assembly will reward sporting and other extra curricular achievements too.

Mrs K Williams

## ATTENDANCE

The link between attendance and attainment has always been clear. It is much harder to learn when you are not in school than when you are, and that is one of the reasons why, as a school, Springwood has always placed a high priority on all children attending school regularly. Poor attendance not only affects attainment (students with less than 90% attendance are likely to achieve one grade less than students of similar ability who have attended regularly) but can also affect social relationships and development.

We encourage all of our students to attend school 100% of the time, with termly prizes of certificates, bonus achievement points and also the new form group reward. Brook Street Foods have kindly sponsored our winners for January, and they are 7S1, 8B1, 9F1, 10F1 and in year 11 joint winners were 11O2 and 11S2. They will enjoy a treat during form time on one day.

If your child is too ill to send to school it is important that you telephone your child's House Manager on each day of absence, preferably before 9am. For students whose attendance is less than 90% (known as Persistent Absentees, PAs), or who are absent for more than two days, we will require medical evidence for the absence.

Mrs Aviss or I, along with Mrs Starling who is the in-school attendance officer, meet each Wednesday with students whose attendance is around 90% or lower. The purpose of the chat is to establish any underlying causes for the absence and if we can do anything to help improve the school attendance.

For students who continue to have poor attendance, and without any medical diagnosis, we may use a Fixed Penalty Notice, or begin Fast Tracking the student back into full-time education. The Fast Track process involves a meeting between the school, parents, student and Norfolk's Attendance Support and Enforcement Officer. Most Fast Track meetings result in improved student attendance, although some can lead to court proceedings and fines.

It is in your child's best interest to attend school regularly.

Further information is available on the school website, or from myself or Mrs Starling.

N Wills



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### 100% ATTENDANCE



Rea McKenzie 11B1 Jasmine Brodrick 11B2 Henry Todd-Kiddman 11B2 Cody Weatherley 11H1 Robert Muller 11H1 Wesley Lake 11S1

I met with some fantastic students to celebrate 100% attendance. A monthly draw was performed for those students who had attended every day and the winner awarded some chocolate. We then celebrated six students who have 100% attendance for the whole of the Autumn term and each of these students was given a prize. Employers always ask about the attendance of any applicant we provide a reference for. These students are demonstrating the commitment and determination to do well. Well done to you all! Mr Scoles

### BISCUITS FOR YEAR 11 ATL STUDENTS



In January Mr Johnson and Mr Scoles were delighted to celebrate with our best performing students in Year 11. These great students all have different abilities but are, on average, at least a grade above their target in most of their subjects! Well done to you all.

### ATL 1 FOR YEAR 7 AND 8 STUDENTS



Massive congratulations to all of our students who achieved top ATL's in the Autumn term.

# sixthform@springwood

## SENIORS CHRISTMAS



On 14th December, Springwood Sixth Form held a Christmas Party for older citizens. The Sixth Form social area was decked out with Christmas decorations and members of the sixth form transformed the area into tables laden with Christmas Fayre.

Seniors from Lisbon Court and Amberley Hall came along and members of West Norfolk Befriending Group also attended. In addition to these many elderly grandmas/grandads related to school members joined us. In all we had around 70 people. The afternoon began with the school choir and Christmas carols while tea and coffee were handed out to go with the sweets, mince pies, crisps, crackers etc, etc.

After a singalong there were a few games of bingo and some great prizes were won. To complete the afternoon a Christmas sleigh was brought in by Santa's elves and a present was given out to everyone by Santa. Rounding off the afternoon some more songs were sung by some very talented students.

Thanks must go to all who helped and also to Booker's Cash and Carry and our own canteen for supplying the wonderful Christmas refreshments. Thank you also to all who gave presents to be wrapped for Santa.

Kings Lynn Rotary also ensured that the Purple for Polio programme was kept going with a gift of purple crocuses for each visitor as well as supplying some extra gifts for the Santa sack.

After the event students and staff stayed behind to clear the area and due to the exceptional number of donated presents, a box full was taken to the West Newton Ward in Kings Lynn to be given out to the dementia patients.



Photographs taken by Ben Coxford

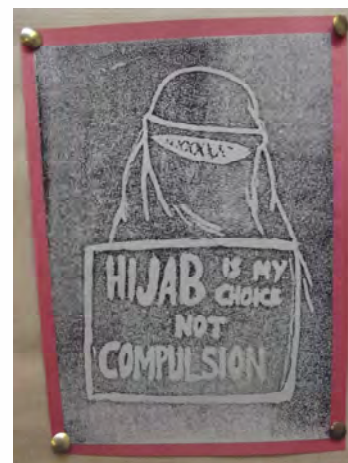




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## YEAR 10 ART

This is a display of work currently in BA2 from pupils in Y10 who are working on their GCSE course work. They have worked in a range of media and used different techniques to create work from mono-printing, poly printing, mark making, painting and digital work using Photoshop to create pieces. Work has been inspired by the Street artist Banksy, Human Rights and images of the conflict in Syria.





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## YEAR 8 ART



In the last term the Year 8 art project has explored different careers and enterprises within the design and visual art. This project is designed to further assist their subject option choices, hopefully inspiring some to continue to study art. Through this project students have created outcomes based on particular briefs from within industry based on established and well known performance art and current trends, notably the Harry Potter franchise.

This is a selection of work in BA2 across three classes on display.





# felbrigg@springwood

## WINTER FAIR



For Felbrigg's end of term Assembly we held a Winter Fair where each Tutor Group organised a stall or two. Students enjoyed taking part in the chopstick challenge, guessing the number of sweets in the tub, the treasure hunt and many other activities. Winners & runner up prizes ranged from selection boxes to bags of sweets/chocolates. The queue for the tombola was the longest and many thanks goes to everyone who sent in a donation for the stall. The money raised was sent to Cancer Research Ltd which totalled £208.70.



## PARLIAMENT VISIT



On the 21st January, Sixth Form Students currently studying Government and Politics and Economics along with students from Years 10 and 11 visited the Houses of Parliament. Students were treated to a guided tour through the corridors of power on the day the UK Supreme Court made an important decision on Britain leaving the UK. Students visited the House of Commons, House of Lords, and the Queen's dressing room. Students watched Prime Minister Theresa May, Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn and Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson discuss and debate how Britain should be governed.

Finally, students were given the opportunity to question our local Minister of Parliament (MP), Sir Henry Bellingham about life as a politician and grilled him on issues such as Brexit, politicians expenses and Donald Trump. Sir Henry Bellingham also spoke about the day to day life of being an MP and the responsibilities within this job.

Overall, the trip was highly informative and was enjoyed by all students. It was a memorable day. By Josh Lowe 12-04



# headteacher@springwood

## Message from Mr Johnson



As ever, time goes by very quickly at Springwood! We have had a very productive first of half of the spring term with both academic study and extra-curricular pursuits.

It was fantastic to see the Year 13 students of 2016 at their presentation evening. The school is rightly proud of the hard work and dedication of this year group. I am sure they will all make their mark on the world! Many thanks to our speaker Marcus Hawes who gave an inspirational presentation concerning the route to success with a higher level apprenticeship with Rolls Royce following excellent A' level results at Springwood. Following this event, it was a privilege and honour to accompany Toby Hoare and his parents to Sandringham House to receive the Queen's Prize from Her Majesty. He is wholly deserving of this award.

Springwood is always a place to celebrate hard work in the classroom and this was the case with numerous year 7 and 8 students who met with me to celebrate their excellent reports. Similarly, I met with year 11 students who had made the most progress since year 7. We enjoyed a traditional party tea together. I look forward to celebrating with even more students next term.

This term the West Norfolk Academies Trust held their first Primary Dance evening for all the Trust Primary schools. The standard of dance and the commitment of the youngsters was fabulous. Our own year 7 students provided an excellent performance and I am sure that they thoroughly enjoyed the experience as much as I did.

Just before half term we had the pleasure of assemblies for Year 7 and Year 8 from Mrs Southgate and Mrs Henshaw who are local residents with guide dogs for the blind. They were accompanied by their guide dogs and explained to our students how we can best support people who have guide dogs on footpaths and cycle paths.

As I write this report, I am preparing to fly out to Singapore on a Government funded trip to look at best practice in Mathematics and Science in the United Kingdom and Singapore. It was great that Springwood was selected to take part in this opportunity due to its strong performance in these subjects. I hope to find even more new ideas to ensure that every student achieves well in these important core subjects.

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