

SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



Introduction

From the Headteacher, Andy Johnson

“Pupils learn within a calm, orderly environment and enjoy positive relationships with their teachers and with each other” Ofsted 2017

It is my privilege to introduce Springwood High School’s prospectus. I trust that it gives you a flavour of our vibrant school community and the opportunities and successes that our students enjoy.

The school has a long and proud history of serving the young people of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk. We feel that the school has a unique ethos that provides a calm and caring learning environment that is focused on student achievement and engagement.

Springwood now works within The West Norfolk academies Trust. This small local trust works across four secondary and seven primary/junior and infant schools to ensure the best education for our young people.

The School has a clear strategic vision for the future based around four key areas;

- * Maximising Student Achievement
- * Ensuring that every student is engaged with the school
- * Ensuring our students have access to world class resources
- * Delivering outstanding teaching and learning



Student Achievement

“Leaders and teachers emphasise the importance of academic achievement; pupils respond to these high expectations by working diligently—often with evident enthusiasm”

Ofsted 2017

Springwood High school is dedicated to ensuring that every student gains the best qualifications possible. We believe that excellent academic qualifications provide each student with the best life chances and opportunities to ensure a successful and fulfilled future.

We have a high expectation of both our teachers and our students. We set challenging targets for all and support each other to achieve them. We work hard to monitor accurately the progress of students, celebrate academic success and intervene where necessary.

This year 66% gained a grade 4 or better in both English and Mathematics.



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Student Achievement

“Pupils think deeply in class because teachers ask them questions that encourage them to extend their thinking, make connections, unravel misconceptions and consider the perspective of others” Ofsted 2017



A positive attitude to learning is an essential aspect of academic success. Our teachers regularly assess how engaged each learner is in their studies using an “attitude to learning” score. We celebrate students who have a good attitude to their studies and actively encourage those who need to improve in this area.



Student Engagement

“The students speak articulately and with confidence wear their uniform with pride, and treat the school site with respect”

Ofsted 2017

Although academic success is the essential core part of a successful education, it is also vital that every student is engaged in other areas of school life. Springwood expects every student to take part in other aspects of our offer to them including;

- Competitive Sport
- Dance Performances
- Debating Competitions
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Drama Performances
- House Competitions
- Music Performances
- Lunchtime clubs
- Mock Trial competitions
- Numerous foreign visits and exchanges

This Year over 10 students will gain their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.



The Pastoral System

“The overwhelming majority of parents believe that their children are safe and well looked after”

Ofsted 2017



The school has a well established House System. Each child is allocated to a House to engage in inter-school competitions

To ensure that every student receives academic tutoring, care and guidance the school has a year based Tutor System. Each year is led by an assistant Headteacher and a Year manager.

The Year Pastoral Manager provides first point of contact for each student



Sport

Springwood High School has a strong sporting tradition winning many local and regional competitions. As part of the strategic improvement of this area, we have already;

- Improved resources
- Increased extra-curricular elite coaching
- Increased the number of competitive fixtures

Students are encouraged to participate in many sporting activities and as a result have a strong sense of team spirit and take pride in representing the school. This has led to some significant sporting achievements.

In recent years Springwood has continued with its rich vein of success in the sporting locality. The school were represented in no less than 10 county cup football finals with the Under16 Boys (2015), Under 16 Girls (2014) and Under 12 Boys (2015) all winning the trophy. Our Under 12 (current Under 14) and Under 14 (current Under 16) boys also made it through several rounds nationally in the ESFA competition which is a massive accomplishment given their commitments to secondary school life in the broader context.



Sport



Our Rugby teams also continue to grow and we are very fortunate to have secured RFU funding as part of the 'all schools' programme which will allow us access to many benefits. It is however not just in team sport that our sports stars have excelled; many of our students were also successful in cross country, badminton, swimming and tennis which indicates the school's commitment to engaging all participants in an environment that celebrates all sporting interests and abilities.



The school plans to invest heavily in those students who continually raise the bar in their commitment to the school's sporting programme. There are exciting partnerships with local clubs whereby the school's elite sportsmen and women will gain access to advanced level coaching from tennis coaches and RFU coaches. In KS4 students are invited to utilise their PE time at Lynnsport where they can join the gym and it is hoped this will promote healthy sporting habits beyond secondary school.



Springwood High School strives to encourage student participation in Sport across the whole school. We run numerous sporting clubs before school, at lunchtimes and after school. All clubs are free of charge and have a strong emphasis on inclusion. This complements the school's house sport programme which is embedded into curriculum time PE lessons and is incredibly well supported by the students and tutors alike.

The Performing Arts

“Students’ achievement in the performing arts is outstanding”

Ofsted

Springwood High School has an excellent reputation as a Specialist Performing Arts School. All students are taught by highly qualified, experienced staff, dedicated to achieving the very highest standards. Springwood enjoys excellent facilities in all areas.

A dedicated Drama studio, with an integrated lighting grid and sound system, provides a wonderful performance space for our Drama students. The students perform in challenging work as part of a varied extra-curricular offer, including fresh and exciting work that is often toured overseas. Springwood students can take part in Drama events from the moment they arrive in Year 7 and can build upon their experiences, with the most talented enjoying the opportunity to perform in Australia!



The Performing Arts

The Music Department produces musicians in all fields of the very highest calibre. Ensembles such as the Concert Band and the Orchestra provide regular opportunities for performance and the school employs a talented team of teachers who can cater for the needs of pupils intending to learn to play a musical instrument. Students can enjoy traditional music courses alongside innovative approaches such as “Rock School”. Many of our students take advantage of wonderful resources including high quality recording and editing equipment alongside a dedicated Apple Mac computer suite

Springwood students have always enjoyed Dance. In recent years, Dance has been introduced as a subject in its own right and we have established our own Dance studio. Dance is taught as part of an Arts programme that stretches and inspires our young students. Our older students study Dance at GCSE and as part of the BTEC in Performing Arts. Many choose to develop their Dance skills by choreographing dances in our shows and by becoming Dance leaders.

Springwood is a vibrant, exciting place for students interested in the Arts. The Staff are determined to offer the very best when it comes to taking qualifications at all levels. The School will maintain a world-class level of equipment so that the next generation of students will benefit from the very best facilities. Allied to a rich mixture of extra-curricular activities offered to our students, Springwood Arts Faculty is an exciting place at the heart of an exciting School.



World Class Resources

“Pupils participate readily in a wide range of activities that promote their personal development and help to create a vibrant community that they are proud to be a part of”

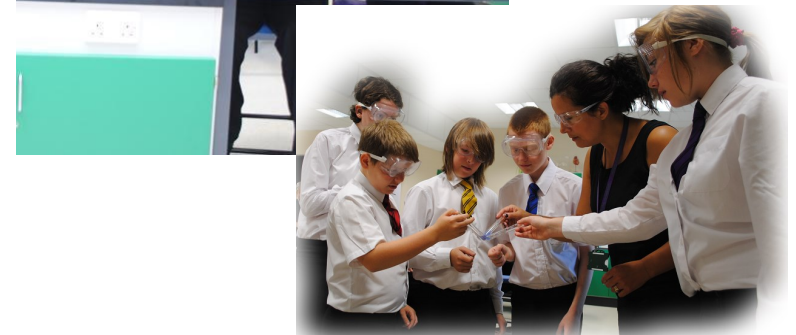
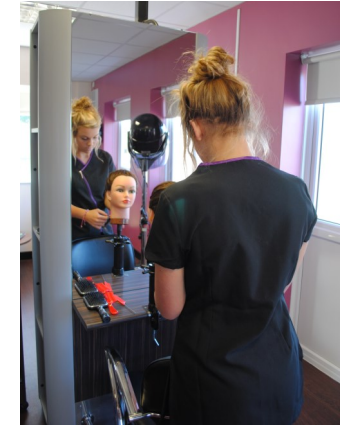
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The school has a large and well maintained site. We are privileged to have many excellent resources. As a Specialist Arts school we have two professional quality theatre areas with state of the art sound and lighting. We have recently refurbished various Sports areas including an outside multi-surface area.

Recent new additions include;

- Two new Science Laboratories
- An Apple Mac based Music Technology Area
- An Apple Mac based Media Suite
- A professional quality Hair and Beauty Salon
- A Construction Area
- An enlarged Sixth Form Study Area
- A Music Room
- A new Photographic Study and Dark Room.

The investment in quality resources assists our teachers in delivering an interesting, engaging and achievement focussed curriculum.





Outstanding Teaching and Learning

“Teaching is largely good with some that is outstanding”

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Springwood High School has a talented and committed staff. Both teachers and support staff are focused on ensuring that every student succeeds. We have an excellent reputation for teacher training. Many of our teachers were trainees at the school and liked it so much they decided to stay!



Internationalism

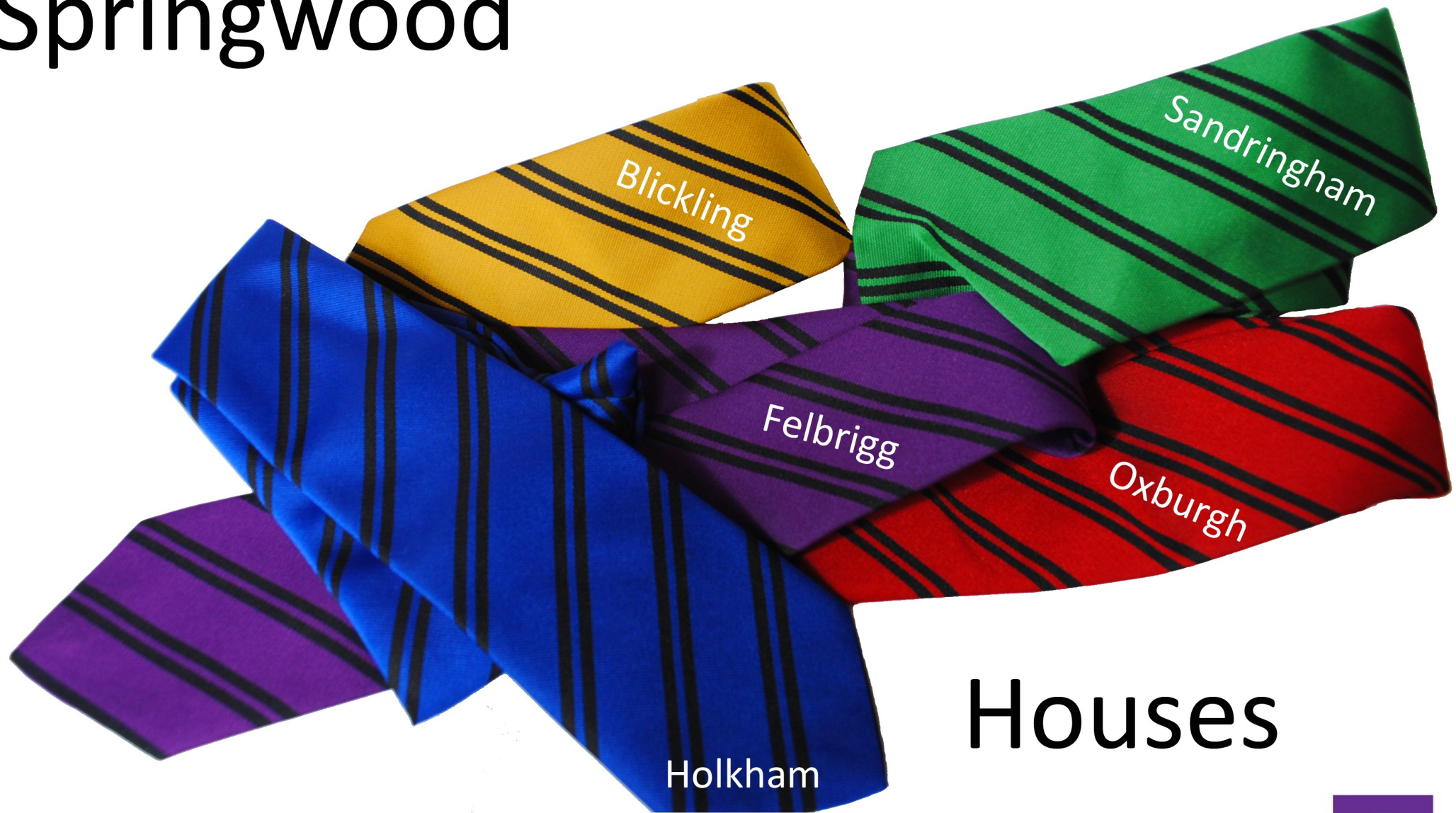
The School holds the coveted International School Award granted by the British Council in 2014. This award recognises our achievements in introducing an International programme for all students. During their time at Springwood everyone is expected to take part in foreign visits, exchanges and to be involved with our twinned schools, including the one in Accra, Ghana.

There are annual exchanges and work experience placements with schools in France and Germany as well as a joint History and German trip to Berlin and a day at the Christmas markets in Aachen.

Ski trips to Austria, the successful Drama tour to Australia, a visit to Italy for our Geography and Classics students and a sports tour to Barcelona are recent highlights of our International programme. However, Internationalism at Springwood is not simply about trips and exchanges. We try to broaden our students' horizons by incorporating an element of Internationalism throughout the curriculum. This summer, students achieved GCSE or A level passes in an astonishing 10 languages. Through activities such as Super Learning days, Spelling Bee competitions and Chinese clubs, every student has the opportunity to develop an understanding that they are Citizens of the World.



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