



## *Year 9 Newsletter - May 2023*

### **Message from Mr Johnson**

As our Year 11s and Year 13s start their exams, I would like to say thank you to all the families who are supporting their children through this time, be it through bringing them in for extra sessions, helping them focus at home, or just the extra bar of chocolate when the need arises! Everyone at Springwood wishes all our students a positive exam season and we are all confident that their hard work will result in success for their next steps.

We have also had the privilege this term of meeting the incoming Year 7 children who will be looking forward to their new experiences at Springwood from September.

#### **Springwood Young Enterprise Team**

Earlier in the term our Young Enterprise team competed at the UEA showcase final against schools across the UK. 'SAWARE' is a business raising awareness around the taboo topic of sexual assault and the rising epidemic of drink spiking. The students felt strongly about this topic and wanted to create a product that prevented it and raised awareness within their age groups; with 5,000 reports of spiking in the UK yearly. Their idea was innovative and their presentation was excellent. The four students that represented the school did so with pride and professionalism. I have already received two positive emails regarding our well-mannered and polite group of students. Our students came away winning two prizes for marketing and best logo. Their trophy and certificates are proudly displayed in our foyer.

#### **House Dance**

I had the great pleasure of having a front row seat at this year's House Dance competition where I saw Prison Break performed by Blickling House, Star Wars by Felbrigg House, Alice in Wonderland by Holkham House, Camp Rock by Oxburgh House and Toy Story by Sandringham House. There were some fabulously choreographed stories, but as there has to be a winner, Holkham House were awarded the crown. During the evening there were several other fantastic performances with the evening Finale including all the dancers performing High School Musical. What a fabulous evening!

#### **Ongoing**

Demonstrating how much talent we have amongst our student body, I would like to share with you some other fantastic dance news: Olivia King has been offered a place at Stella Mann College. She received a DADA and has also been offered a place at Performers College. Phoebe Campbell has been offered a place into the Northern Contemporary Dance School. A student who left us last year, Hannah Futter, has now got a place at London Studio Centre, for a BA Hons degree. Lily Stewart has already been mentioned in the local press for her world street championships. A Year 9 student, Eiyra Doherty, will be taking part in a 5-day summer school scholarship with Doreen Bird College through performing in a regional competition with Studio 19.

#### **Summer Term Events**

**WNAT Community Music Festival** - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July at Springwood, 6.30pm

**KS3 Presentation Evening (Yr9)** - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July at St Nicholas Chapel, King's Lynn, 6.30pm

**Fashion Show** - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at Springwood, 7pm - To purchase fashion show tickets please visit - <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=164>

**Sports Presentation Evening** – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July at Springwood, 6pm

I wish you all a good half term break.

## *Message from Mrs Mann – Head of Year 9*

This half term has truly flown by with our year group making important decisions about their options for next year. While we await the outcome of their selections we have had lots to keep us busy.

Our students have made an excellent start on their ACHIEVE folders and are well on their way to securing a place on rewards day. The details of which have been included as a reminder at the end of this newsletter.

There have been yet more fantastic performances from our dancers, musicians and actors. And our athletes are back on the pitches and courts playing rounders, cricket and tennis. We also have some chess champions in the making. Star baker has again been a success and I look forward to hearing about the adventures of those who have recently taken on their DofE expedition.

Next half term we have an exciting Super Learning day to look forward to. And I hope to finally meet many of the parents I have yet had the pleasure of speaking to, when we celebrate the successes of our students over the whole of KS3.

And finally...

As we continue to prepare our students for their GCSE's both attendance and equipment are becoming ever more important. To help make sure pupils have the correct equipment you are now able to purchase a pencil case through parent pay. This will come with everything they will need during the school day and may be purchased with or without a calculator. It is vital we get our Year 9s into good habits now, so they are used to having everything they need in their bag. I know tutors have been calling home where this is not the case. We are grateful for your support when it comes to making sure students come to school with the required equipment and hope you will find it easier to ensure this using the online system.

We are also supporting pride month as part of our diversity pledge. Therefore, you will also notice that rainbow wristbands can also be purchased via parent pay for students to include as part of their normal school uniform. It is always a pleasure to see our students celebrating each other and I have no doubt that these will have a good uptake again this year.

**Have a wonderful half term!**

## *Dates for your diary*

29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Half Term  
30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – HPV Catch up immunisations  
4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Super Learning Day  
5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Sports Day  
10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – KS3 Presentation Evening  
11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – HPV Catch up immunisations  
19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Rewards Day

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## *Attendance Information*

### **What should I do if my child is unwell?**

If your child is unwell, please call the Year 9 Office on 01553 779408 or email [classof2025@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:classof2025@springwoodhighschool.co.uk) before 8.00am and give specific reasons and symptoms of the illness. You will need to contact the office EVERY DAY that your child is off. The information you give will be recorded on our official register.

### **Leave of Absence**

There may be exceptional circumstances where you need to request a leave of absence for your child. You will need to submit a 'Leave of Absence Form'. These can be found on the school website or we have a paper copy in the office. This form needs handing in to the Year 9 Office. You will then receive a phone call, email or SIMS message stating if your request has been granted or denied.

# Year 9 News and Events

The Star Bakers after-school cookery club is for Year 9 students who want to develop advanced cooking and baking skills. Many of the students taking part this year have now opted to do the GCSE in Food Preparation and Nutrition. This means they will be ahead of the game because they've already tackled some of the complex dishes which will score well in GCSE practical exams, for example making chicken nuggets and flatbreads from scratch and cake decorating. Here is a selection of the latest dishes completed by Year 9 Star Bakers.

**Miss Thompson**  
**Food Teacher**

## Making meringue for Easter Meringue Nests



## Decorating Chocolate Marble Cakes

## Making home-made chicken nuggets and flatbreads for Crispy Chicken Wraps





## *Fire Cadets – Danny Prime 9H2*



On the 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2022, I commenced training within the fire cadet unit in Hunstanton. Since then, I have proudly been recognised as a hardworking cadet due to my achievements during a charity event that took place in January 2023 for the firefighter charity, and my ongoing work to get more recruits from Springwood High School.

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023, I was notified of my nomination to be the Mayor's cadet 2023-2024 by my crew manager of the cadet unit and that there was a ceremony happening at King's Lynn Town Hall that started at 4:30pm.

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023, I was invited to the ceremony known as the "Mayors Making Ceremony" along with my family where we got to see both the former Mayor of 2022, Lesley Bambridge and the new Mayor of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, Cllr Margaret Wilkinson sworn into office.

At some point of the ceremony, myself and other cadets from the Police, Navy, RAF and Army were called up by Mayor Wilkinson to receive our Mayor's cadet badges and we are all looking forward to taking part in future events for 2023-2024.

## *Visit to Long Road, Sixth Form College*



This half term we were able to support a selection of students in participating in a trip to Long Road Sixth Form College in Cambridge. Giving pupils the opportunity to explore some of the possibilities open to them post GCSE's. While we hope, of course, that many students choose to enjoy our own wonderful Sixth form, we will continue to support students over the next few years in finding out more about their options.

Of the trip Miss Thompson said:

'I just wanted to say a big thank you for coming to Long Road yesterday and being absolute superstars. You joined in with all the tasks, asked great questions and behaved beautifully throughout the day! Thank you again and I hoped you enjoyed the visit and learnt a lot about the benefits of A levels and studying at Sixth Form'



## *Dance Show*



### **Year 9ab—Popcorn/Almost There**

Finn Turner, Lexi Parkin, Lily Stewart, Keira Donger, Sophie Martyn, Ava Mendham, Freya Curson, Lacey Goodburn, Hollie Sayer, Ruby Suiter, Rute Neves, Emily Dobson



### **Year 9CD—Lion King/Step in Time**

Chloe Barrell, Zoe Cowper, Iris Da Silva, Eiyła Docherty, Ellise Eggleton, Olivia Ewing, Lacey Forshaw, Gracie Hunter, Chloe Medianero, Kalea Melville-King, Patrycja Patykowska, Joanna Proenca, Lucy Roberts, Isla Smolen, Faith Thrower, Paula Tiltniece, Chantelle Verdad, Charlotte Whitmore



# Spring concert

Please enjoy a summary of this year's Spring Concert from one of its wonderful performers Lewis Meehan.

*The May Concert 2023 kicked off with a brilliant performance by Sinfonia with Handel's 'Music for the Royal Fireworks'. This linked in with the King's Coronation a few days later.*

*We then heard a contrasting set from the Guitar Ensemble with some music ranging from the 1960's to the 2010's, finishing with 'Hey Jude' by The Beatles.*

*Next, a vocal trio (Iamryl Falculan, Charlize Mana-ay, Chantelle Verdad) performed 'Somewhere' from the musical 'West Side Story'. This was a great performance.*

*Junior Band performed next led by Mr Quinn with 'Adagio in G Minor' by Albinoni with budding musicians; some who have only been playing for a few terms.*

*Rory Warner-Lynn performed a solo on guitar called 'Windy and Warm' by J.D. Loudermilk which was very impressive.*

*Brass Ensemble played 'Rigaudon' by Purcell with a contrasting piece from the Lion King, 'Can You Feel The Love Tonight'. Another very good performance.*

*To finish of the first half with a burst of energy, Musical Theatre Club performed a medley from 'Bugsy Malone'.*

*Kicking off the second half was the Year 7 rock band who gave a fantastic performance of some Green Day, Michael Jackson and finished off with 'Seven Nation Army' by the White Stripes.*

*Next was a great performance from Junior Cantabene with 'Sing a Song That's Full of Beauty' by Mr Quinn followed by 'Lean on Me' by Bill Withers.*

*After this Georgie Kingshott performed an amazing vocal solo of 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow' which brought tears to some people's eyes.*

*Next on was the saxophone groups with a variety of music from rock to swing. A very energetic performance.*

*Another solo followed by Lewis Meehan on marimba playing a calming piece called 'Sea Refractions' by Mitchell Peters.*

*To finish the concert off, Big Band played a set with some classic big band style music and finishing with something completely different: 'Megolavania' from the video game Undertale.*

*Overall an amazing concert with a massive range of brilliant performances!*

Lewis





## *100 % Attendance*

*Lily 9H1*

*Akhil 9F2*

*Lois 9F1*

*Harry 9O1*

*James 9B2*

*Lawson 9O2*

*Zakk 9S2*

*Joshua 9F1*

*Charlie 9B2*

*Ethan 9H1*

## *Top Conduct Points*

*Alona 331*

*Danny 253*

*Jake 291*

*James 253*

*Tomin 277*

*Josef 247*

*Kristian 270*

*Agnete 246*

*Finn 270*

*Liza 245*

*Declan 269*

*Chloe 244*

*Poppy 267*

*Ty 242*

*Lily 265*

*Imogen 238*

*Lois 263*

*James 237*

*Pijus 263*

*Ethan 233*

*Mia 263*

*Shannen 233*

## *Rewards Day – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023*

When your child has been allocated a place, this will be added to your Parent Pay account. To secure your child's place on their chosen trip this needs to be paid for and the medical consent form completed by Wednesday 28th June.

The school reserves the right to withdraw students from a trip at any point if behaviour is an issue in and around school. If the school makes the decision to remove a student from a trip, prior to departure, then a full refund will be made

Please clearly indicate your child's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices and return the reply slip to the **TRIP BOX** in reception, by Wednesday 7th June 2023.

Students will only be eligible to take their place on the trip if they have a good record of school attendance, conduct and have completed a third of their ACHIEVE challenge over the course of the year.

Trip	Cost	Please indicate		
Norwich Tenpin bowling, sightseeing or shopping	£19.00	1st	2nd	3rd
UK Paintball, Thetford	£39.00	1st	2nd	3rd
Rutland Aqua Park, Oakham	£36.00	1st	2nd	3rd
Pleasurewood Hills, Lowestoft	£24.00	1st	2nd	3rd
Train to Cambridge, punting, sightseeing or shopping	£14.00	1st	2nd	3rd
Inflatation, Peterborough	£20.00	1st	2nd	3rd

