





Message from Mr Johnson

As we approach the end of the first half term of 2024 we have lots to celebrate. Firstly, though I wanted to take a moment to address a recent issue with our local community.

Parking in Queensway and surrounding roads

It has been drawn to our attention by local residents that it is not always possible for them to gain access to or leave their driveways due to parked cars blocking them. We are therefore politely reminding you, on behalf of the residents and local council, that where access to a property is being blocked or there is a dropped kerb, a PCN (penalty charge notice) may be issued to the obstructing vehicle. Please can you continue to park responsibly when collecting your child from school.

The Queen Elizabeth Prize for Academic Excellence

I had the great pleasure of meeting Kings Charles III at Sandringham House on Sunday 7th January. Two of our students were presented with The Queen Elizabeth Prize for Academic Excellence.

These were: -

Fatima Massawi - 2023 Winner

She achieved Biology A*, Mathematics A*, Chemistry A* and EPQ A* in her Advanced Level Examinations. Fatima is now studying Medicine at the University of Manchester.

Simona Pilmane - 2022 Winner

She achieved Chemistry A*, EPQ A*, Further Mathematics A*, Mathematics A*, Physics A* in her Advanced Level Examinations. Simona then went on to Imperial College London to study Mechanical Engineering.





Zara Bek – 2022 Winner

Unfortunately, Zara Bek was unable to attend but I met with her at a later date here at Springwood. She was one of our 2022 winners and achieved Economics A*, EPQ A*, History A*, Mathematics A*, Politics A*in her Advanced Level Examinations. Zara then went on to study Classics at Trinity College, Cambridge.









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We would love to see you there.



I am very proud to be able to inform you that Springwood High School has been awarded the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom.

The International School Award celebrates the achievements of schools that do exceptional work in international education. Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council's work with schools, so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need for life work in today's world.

Springwood's international work includes a project on sustainable fashion with a partner school in Nepal, two Erasmus projects involving collaborative work with partner schools in France, Italy, Macedonia and Croatia, and opportunities for students to complete voluntary work in Thailand and Cambodia

All the staff at Springwood recognise what an accomplishment this is and I thank them all for the hard work in delivering internationalism to our students.



Best wishes for the half term break.











Message from Head of Year

I am pleased to say our Year 10 have made a great start to 2024. They continue to make the most of the opportunities afforded to them. I am delighted to include in this newsletter a few examples of what they are doing to make us so proud. Please enjoy samples of their short stories, images from their option subjects and news from our school council members. It has certainly allowed me to reflect on all the positive contributions Year 10 bring to our Springwood community.

Again, I am very glad to be able to praise those that have actively participated in performance, as part of the cast for Live Like Pigs and represented us in Sports teams, as well as those preparing for Beauty and the Beast. I can only encourage more of this as we continue on the road to GCSE's and extracurricular activities will offer relief to the stresses of examinations. With this in mind, please do share with us what your children are getting up to outside the school gates, we would love to celebrate their successes with them.

We have had another good half term looking at careers and apprenticeships. We will be reviewing aspirations with students after half term and are also looking forward to more employer workshops before Easter.

Ahead of us we have the first set of PPE's of our cohort, and we hope you have found the information sent out useful in helping you plan with your child their preparations for this. Please note that it is vitally important that students have the correct equipment prior to their assessments. Examination pencil cases can be purchased online from the school. Students must also have a bag to store items in outside the exam hall with equipment that does not enter the room.

Finally, we would like to wish you and your child a lovely half term.

Mrs Mann







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Attendance Information

What should I do if my child is unwell? – If your child is unwell, please call the Year 10 Office on 01553 779408 or email classof2025@springwoodhighschool.co.uk before 8.00am and give the 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 into the Year 10 office. You will then receive a phone call, email or SIMS message sating if your request has been granted or denied.

Year Group Key Dates

Date	Event	
Beauty and the Beast performance	27 th -29 th February 6.30pm PHH	
Spring Concert	1 st March 6.30pm PHH	
World Book Day	7 th March	
Belgium/France Trip	7 th March	
W/C 18 th March and W/C 15 th April	Year 10 PPE's and Initial Assessments	







Music Events Calendar 2023-2024

Spring Term

Date	Event	Venue	Ticket Prices	Time(s)
Tuesday 27 th Feb '24	Beauty and the Beast (School Musical)	PHH, Springwood High School.	Adults £8 Under 18s £4 Under 5 years free*	6.30pm
Wednesday 28 th Feb '24	Beauty and the Beast (School Musical)	PHH, Springwood High School.	Adults £8 Under 18s £4 Under 5 years free*	6.30pm
Thursday 29 th Feb '24	Beauty and the Beast (School Musical)	PHH, Springwood High School.	Adults £8 Under 18s £4 Under 5 years free*	6.30pm
Friday 1 st Mar '24	Spring Concert (MFY Groups)	PHH, Springwood High School.	£3.00 Under 18's Free	7.00pm
Sunday 3 Mar '24	Music For Youth Regional Festival	PHH, Springwood High School.	Free	8.30am- 5.30pm
Tuesday 12 th Mar '24	Schools Make Music Concert	Corn Exchange	Corn Exchange Box Office	6.00pm

* Under 5s Free of Charge - if they do not require their own seat
(i.e. if they are able to sit on their parents' lap)
For Ticket Sales nearer the event date please visit
https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/springwood-high-school-music-department







Achievement Badges



Silver – 250 points awarded to

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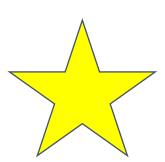


Mike B Emilijus B Marika C Lin H Ralph N



Gold – 400 points awarded to

Hayley RC



Aiden A Harry M Kornelia K
Chloe B Nathan M



Chloe B Abhay B Gabija P Paige BH Joanna P Iris DS Deimante P Dovydas R Eiyla D George R Eliana E Tyler F Kai T Lacey F Joe W Joseph F Alex W Sophie F Sarah W Alex G Emilija K Ilia I Maxwell M









Platinum – 600 points awarded to

Well done to:



Nigel, Ramin, Jaxon, Clarabelle, Rachel, Chloe-Zean, Gracie, Patryk and Charlie.



Tom, Dominik, Tino, Jaycen, Harry, Pijus, Ty, Sophie and Yassin.

And well done to Lacie G, Jake, Ruby S, Summer and Katie T who were absent or camera shy on the day.







100% Attendance

A big well done to all the students that continue to make it to school every day. We know this will translate to gains when it comes to GCSE results, so keep up the good work.



Iris DS	Tino M		
Kristian D	Lewis M		
Ilia F	Ava M		
Lacie G	Daniel M		
Lin H	Tobile M		
Akhil J	Рорру Р		
Pijus J	Alona R		
Sarah K	Ramin S		
Ellyza L	Ethan S		
Tomin L	Ella SC		
Nicholas LT	Thomas S		
Thomas L	Emily U		



Year 10 - Year Council



Benas, Alex, Alfie, Thomas, Tino, Lukesh, Agnete, Gracie, Rory and Hayley.

Here's what they are getting up to:

Embracing School Life – Fraser and Annabel

Working on: Food Technology and Computing. Looking at weekly competitions in class.

Teaching and Learning – Chloe B, Lukesh, Megan and Agnete Working on: Learning Objectives and how they effect the lesson.

Environmental – Lois, Shannen and Joanna

Working on: School litter picks and planting daffodil bulbs around school.

Equality and Diversity – Oscar

Working on: Updating the information boards around school. Student Wellbeing – Emily, Chloe-Zean, Sara and Wiki

Working on: Feel good February - see next slide for more information.







Wellbeing Updates

As we continue to trial our wellbeing sessions with some of our Year 10 students we hope that as a year group students will take the opportunity to feedback and add their own ideas to our wellbeing council.

Wellbeing Wednesdays

at lunchtime in the LRC

This is a place that student can come with ideas for what the council can do to support wellbeing, or if they would like to chat!

Feel good February









Rotary Young Writer Competition entries

We had some fantastic entries for the Rotary Young writer competition and are delighted to share some with you in this newsletter. We continue to offer opportunities to Year 10 to put pen to paper and hope to see some similarly fantastic entries to the Young Reporter and Young Science writer of the year competitions.



Resurrecting bonds

A ray of moonlight cautiously was seeking its place through the windows, stained by rains and showers not less than tears. Strikingly terrifying, a vast silhouette appeared, disrupting the lunar monotone cover. An extinguished cigar fumed at a well-aged man's face. Gleefully rubbing his hands, as if he was nervously getting ready for a charge, he quickly dragged the fog behind himself, pacing along a weathered sidewalk. This peaceful neighbourhood didn't seem to recognise his face. Neither did the woman, shockingly chasing his movements, as the coal-dark smog layered over the roofs of red brick houses.

She had seen a lot in life and nothing seemed to scare her, but her eyes fixed and her heart sank from the shine of moonlight in stranger's eyes, as he abruptly came to a standstill, stopping his glance at an inconspicuous house. No one seemed to care about its possessor and the story behind her teary eyes, since she saw her husband off to war. Her name was Katherine. Recalling the moments of forced separation, the void left by his absence could calm his wife only in one way: remembering. Remembering his green eyes, how in the heart of this killing storm, they fought against the merciless demands of war.

Suddenly, her memories were disrupted by a resounding knock. Three slow, confident hits struck the wooden door. No one was expected in this forgotten house after the fall of night. A barely-heard, pitched key jiggling was followed by the blanket of air rapidly moved by a draft of autumnal breeze. A metal creek followed the door handle to lower, and let the strange pass into the house.

Katherine's eyes were terrifyingly glowing candles in the search of salvation, as her legs took her to a safe place. Her beating heart was warming dozens of dresses and suits forgotten for years in the closet. Exposing woman's presence, a







white dress slightly stuck out. A dress she wore a few good decades ago, at a wedding ceremony, when she delightfully exclaimed "Yes!", rushing in her husband's hands.

Man's low, wheezing voice got her back to reality, as he cleared his throat. His vaguely remembered voice was hiding a funny moustache. As he stepped in the room, a strong smell of oriental dusty air filled the four walls. As the footsteps became closer and closer, Kate was silently drowning in her tears.

With a friendly smile, the stranger was quickly searching the room. His green eyes were nervously scanning the surroundings. As a shutter of memories came down Kate's mind, she excitedly ran and threw herself in her husband's hugs. Years spent in the fire of devastating conflict changed his appearance. So many things may have changed in him as he endured this journey, but one thing can never change – love...

By Ilia F 1001

Rebuilding

As I walked through the incomplete yet bustling town, I could not help but let the edges of my lips reach to the ends of my cheek. The teeming village full of gleeful faces was finally coming together. The amber sun stretching over the horizon painted a beautiful portrait of the small town, generating an ethereal glow across whatever my brown eyes could see.

"Hey! Chief!" said a warm face, accompanied by luscious black hair and a smile as wide as a crescent moon. It was Albert, the man in charge of every single building project in our community. "Hello Albert!" I exclaimed, followed by an enthusiastic wave.

"Listen, chief." Albert solemnly said, while looking around at the breath taking sight of the town working together, in harmony. Cheerful faces, tranquil faces, thrilled faces. It was a perfect sight.

"We could not have done all of this without you." His words touched the very fibre of my soul, causing my eyes to moisten.

"Thank you, Albert." I thanked him, and then I went back to my humble home. It smelt like a fresh, blissful forest, just like the one I grew up in. As the soft, silky smooth sheets from my bed flowed through my hands, I pondered how safe I felt. I then staggered into bed, and dozed off into a deep slumber. I woke up to the sound of hell. Screaming, crying, yelling. What was going on? Why was this happening? I swiftly sprinted out into the street. The sight was abominable. Fire streaked through every corner of what I could see, throwing ash around like flowers on a wedding day. As I rushed through the street straight from a nightmare, some ash wandered into my gasping jaw. It felt like pain. Suffering. Sadness. This better not be HIS doing again, I thought. It cannot be.

Suddenly, I spotted a man, slouching on the ground, utterly defeated. The outgoing, optimistic man once known as Albert is now a stranger to me. His face was gleaming from the plethora of tears on his face, and his giant smile seemed to have washed away.

"Albert! What happened!" I shouted, trying to make myself heard over the bellowing sound of screams. "It was...." Albert paused. "The BEAR" The BEAR. Tears started welling in my eyes. "T-The BEAR?" I could not stop them. My tears were like a raging waterfall pouring out of my eyes. Teardrops streaming down my face, I screamed: "Oh! This is unBEARable!"

The End.

By Dominik Z 10H2







ACT OF AMBITIOUS

This year we are asking staff to identify acts which match our AMBITIOUS ethos and award students a ballot ticket, circle the relevant letter.

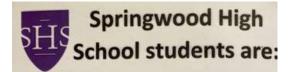
The cards are handed to the Year Office where they will be chosen at random in a weekly prize draw during assembly time. Prizes will normally consist of chocolate delights.

Well done to our winners so far:

Dominik Z
Alyssa MM
Benas T X2
Lily-Rose T
Joseph W
Alew W
Ilia F
Alfie McN
Chantelle Louise V







ARTICULATE: able to communicate confidently with peers

and adults alike in a range of settings

MOTIVATED: determined and enthusiastic to achieve

BRAVE: unafraid to challenge themselves

NDEPENDENT: responsible for their own success

THOUGHTFUL: kind, considerate and respectful to others

NQUISITIVE: curious to learn

ORGANISED: good managers of their own time

UNSTOPPABLE: resilient to the challenges they encounter

SERIOUS: about fulfilling their potential

AMBITIOUS





Alfie, Jacob, Tom and Finn were absolutely exceptional in front of the whole of Year 9 and tutors during their assembly. Talking with complete calm and composure.

They discussed their options and why they chose them. Mr Hobbs was so extremely impressed by their presentation, he asked his year group for a second round of applause. They have shown the best of GCSE Sociology and I am very very proud.



Chloe Webb – Sociology Teacher







Space to Learn Masterclass

On Tuesday 6th February 2024, Meg Ling from the National Space Academy visited Springwood High School to give a masterclass on space science to sixty year 10 students.

During the two hour masterclass students learned about infrared radiation by using a thermal imaging camera and built their own telescopes using lenses.

Maxwell in year 10 described the masterclass as "a very informative experience" and that he "enjoyed learning about space" adding "my favourite part was touching a piece of the Moon".

Students also got to see images from the James Webb Space Telescope and a sample of moon rock, as well as a space suit worn by a cosmonaut on the International Space Station.



National Apprenticeship Week

During National Apprenticeship week students interested in apprenticeships attended an event to talk to local employers about future job opportunities.

The event was organised by the Jobcentre as part of National Apprenticeship Week and students discovered that you can start careers in healthcare, engineering, travel and even law through an apprenticeship route.

Miss Thompson, Careers Lead at Springwood, said, "It was useful for students to start networking with employers to learn more about careers they may not have considered before. They also found out what employers are looking for as an ideal candidate for apprenticeships and this could give students a competitive edge when they apply for an apprenticeship next year."

Apprenticeships are real jobs with real employers, allowing young people to work, earn a salary and gain valuable qualifications and experience. You can find out more information about apprenticeships and the application process

here: https://amazingapprenticeships.com/apprenticeships/





Miss N Thompson







Environmental Careers Visit



On 25 January, SHS hosted an external speaker, RSPB area manager Steve Rowland, giving the whole Year 10 cohort a talk about careers in the environment and nature conservation sector.

Steve Rowland, who is area manager for the Norfolk and Lincolnshire RSPB, gave a personal and inspirational talk to our Year 10 students. With the beautiful and unique Norfolk coastline so close, his task was not as difficult, as it might have seemed. Springwood students were encouraged to consider working for nature and wildlife conservation.

He told us childhood stories of how he had once wanted to be a zoo keeper. Although he did not achieve this, his ambition played an important part in Steve's choices he has made in his professional career along the way to becoming area manager for several RSPB reserves over two neighbouring counties.

Mr Rowland insightfully highlighted the important skills and the shortages that exist in the nature conservation sector and encouraged the students who might be passionate about their future to get involved and contribute. He suggested they might start to take part in nature-based school and community projects, volunteer their time at local wildlife centres, and apply for work experience – all to gain the necessary variety of skills and experiences that would help enable interested individuals secure an employment in this sector.

Quotes from Year 10

Ilja – "he made me think more about the environment"

Josh said "what got to me, when he said that if you put the effort in, you will achieve what you want"

Kornelia said "that he ended up in the job, he didn't picture himself in and he did not plan, but it worked out in the end"

What Hayley remembers is when he said "to pick and do things you enjoy in future and not those that give you none".

A Munns – Environmental Council Lead







GCSE Options – Photo update

Please enjoy a few images of our students at their best, enjoying their option subjects.





GCSE Drama





GCSE Music











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https://www.alivewestnorfolk.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/1181-106-29-Alive-Half-Term-Holiday-Activities-Feb-2024-A5-programme-WEB.pdf







School Term Dates

First Day of Term	Last Day of Term	
Thursday 4 th January 2024	Friday 16 th February 2024	
Monday 26 th February 2024	Thursday 28 th March 2024	
Monday 15 th April 2024	Friday 24 th May 2024	
Monday 3 rd June 2024	Friday 19 th July 2024	

Training Days & Bank Holidays

Training Day - Wednesday 3 rd January 2024	
Good Friday - 29 th March 2024	
Bank Holiday – Monday 6 th May 2024	

Useful Email Addresses



Parent App: enables you to access achievement, progress, attendance and assessment information.

For enquiries please email: data@springwoodhighschool.co.uk



Parent Pay: allows you to make payments to the school via a secure online account.

For enquiries please email:

finance@westnorfolkacademiestrust.co.uk

Latest News



For all the very latest Springwood School news please follow @SHSKingsLynn

For all the latest Sport & PE news please follow @SHSS PE







School Uniform & Sports Kit Checklist

*Blazer

White, stiff collar school shirt

*House colour school tie

**Plain black tailored trousers

*School skirt

*School shorts

*School jumper

Plain black tights or plain black socks that must at least cover the whole ankle (Trainer socks, and footless tights or leggings are not allowed)

Plain black (leather or leather-like) shoes

(no boots, black trainers, stilettos, ballet pumps, sling backs or toeless)

Plain coat (no logos or other markings) long enough to cover blazer properly

PE KIT

Compulsory:

*Springwood PE shirt Black Shorts Black Socks

Trainers (non-marking sole with grip)

Football Boots

Optional:

*Springwood sweatshirt Black Track Suit Bottoms Plain Black leggings

Plain Black 'skin' can be worn under PE shirt

Shin pads and gumshields

Items marked * can only be bought through the school website from Price & Buckland

**Trousers deemed appropriate by Springwood High School are available for purchase via our website. School trousers can be purchased from other suppliers. However, if the trousers worn by a student are considered unsuitable or inappropriate and a suitable alternative cannot be sourced from elsewhere, parents/carers will be directed to buy the trousers we have available through our website. The school reserves the right to make the final decision on the suitability and/or appropriateness of the school trousers worn by Springwood students.







To view your online shop visit:

https://www.pbuniformonline.co.uk/springwoodhigh











Equipment Checklist

All students should have the following with them every day – School bag, Knowledge Organiser, Pencil Case (Pens x 2, Red pen, Pencil x 2, Ruler, Calculator, Rubber)

Failure to have the correct equipment after being reminded once will result in a 2-week EQUIPMENT REPORT.

All students need to be prepared daily.

THANK YOU











Parent, Teacher & Friends Association

The Springwood Parent, Teacher, Friends Association or PTFA has recently been reformed as we feel it is an excellent way to bring together parents, teachers and the local community, to raise money and help support the school.

It provides an opportunity for everyone to work together to:

- Raise funds to help the school provide resources and extra for the pupils.
- Provide support for school trips and outings and other special events.

All parents, teachers and school staff can get involved even if they only have a small amount of time available. You may wish to join the committee and be involved in the organisation, or just be available to serve teas and coffees at PTFA events - you may even just like to provide the odd cake here and there!

Whatever you preferred commitment, large or small, the Springwood PTFA would be very grateful for your help.

Please email to ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk for further information or to express an interest or ask for an expression of interest form.

You can keep up-to-date with all the latest news from Springwood High School on the School's Website or on X

www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk







February Newsletter

JOBAND CAREERS Hunstanton Town Council FAIR WED 13 2-6 PM

Smithdon High School in association with Hunstanton Town Council and Job Centre Plus

Invites you to an afternoon of opportunity At Hunstanton Town Hall (Parking available at Hunstanton Community Centre, PE36 5BW.)

Meet local businesses, learn about careers, further education and apprenticeships for all ages, and find out about current job openings

GET INSPIRED, GET HIRED



For further details email s.fairweather@smithdonhigh.org.uk