



Year 8 Newsletter July 2023

Message from Mr Johnson,

Welcome

What a busy half term this has been, I do hope that you've managed to come and join us at one of our fabulous events. I have mentioned a few of them below, but there have just been so many that I don't have space to mention everything. What I can say is that we have had a fantastic term and I would like to thank you all for your help and support during this academic year.

Athletics Team

Our athletics team have achieved incredible results at the Norfolk Schools Athletics Championships. Eight schools attended from West Norfolk with each of our year groups winning, so we were the overall winners. Fantastic results, well done everyone.

Environment

Our students now have the opportunity to be awarded Green achievement points. These points are given out when students use the recycling bins diligently, help out with litter picking, pick up rubbish, use refillable bottles, and make a conscious effort to being kind and courteous to the environment or any other green initiative that the student is involved in within the wider community. I have been out every lunchtime with my bin bag and litter picker doing my bit to keep the school environment clean and tidy and it's fantastic to see so many of the students doing their bit as well.

Insight Explore – Year 10

Some of our fabulous Year 10 students have had the opportunity one Saturday to take part in an Insight Explore event. They worked to develop the students' communication skills through a number of different activities. As part of the day, students took part in a "dragon's den" activity where they designed a product idea to help improve student life. They worked in small groups to conduct "market research" with current undergraduate students, then design and develop a product idea and finally pitch it to current students. We were really impressed with their work and commitment to the event. I met up with them during Tutor Time to discuss the activity and have a celebration breakfast.

Year 6

This term we've been meeting and greeting our new students with their parents/guardians. It's been lovely to talk to them, hear their stories and see how enthusiastic they are about September. We are all looking forward to them starting their Springwood journey.

Year 11 BBQ/Final Assembly/Prom

Year 11 enjoyed a great BBQ and their final assembly, they did so much, enjoy seeing the pictures from the last five years and getting their shirts signed is always a highlight. We then had an amazing Prom and the slight drizzle did not dampen spirits. We all enjoyed seeing the students arrive by different means, then taking part in the disco and the buffet. I wish them all a wonderful Summer and look forward to seeing them on GSCE Results Day - Thursday 24th August.

Trust Art Exhibition

It was a great pleasure at the beginning of July to witness the fabulous art exhibition that was on display in St Nicholas' Chapel. This was an opportunity to celebrate the wealth of talent that we have across the Trust. It shows us that our students have great imagination, terrific skills which they wonderfully express in their art work. Fabulous.

WNAT Community Music Festival

What a treat! We had four evenings of music with performances from across the Trust. It ranged from the traditional ensembles to rock bands, from the primary choirs to the senior Cantabene. I am so very proud of each and every student that took part, it was a joyous delight and the staff band enjoyed playing "Mustang Sally" for you. The finale was a spectacular triumph despite the weather.



WNAT Chess Tournament

We hosted the Springwood round of the WNAT chess tournament recently and I wanted to say how very talented these students are. I have played myself but not to competitor level, very well done to them all. The top ten players in this round will be competing against our other secondary schools in the Autumn term.

KS3 Presentation Evening at St Nicholas' Chapel

What a wonderful evening of celebration was had at St Nicholas' Chapel with our year 9 students celebrating their KS3 successes. This included students being recognised for their outstanding progress within subjects, outstanding attendance and the transition leaders. It was lovely to see so many of you there and I enjoyed talking with you.

Fashion Show

What a fantastic evening I had at the Fashion Show. So much effort had been put in to the outfits on the catwalk. Fabulous show. We would like to say a very big thank you to Paula, the Manager of Veterans at Ease, a charity shop based in Norfolk Street (opposite Waterstones the bookshop), for collaborating with the School, as they donated clothes for the staff fashion collection. Veterans at Ease are always looking for donations so if you get a chance please pop in and offer your support.



Miss Ashfield

Following many years of excellent service as a mathematics teacher, second in maths, Head of Maths, Assistant Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher, Miss Ashfield is taking a secondment to Marshland High School next year. We all wish her well in her new endeavour.

September 2023 - Year 6

Looking forward to September, if you have a child going into Year 6 this coming September and would like to come for a tour and/or attend the open evening please follow the link below or use the QR code to book your place(s).

Daytime Tours

Monday 18th to Friday 29th September 2023

Daily tours available at 9.25am, 11.45am & 2.30pm

To book a place(s) please use the link

<https://shsopendaytour.eventbrite.com/>



Open Evening

Wednesday 27th September 2023

Presentations at 6.00pm, 6.45pm & 7.30pm

To book a place(s) please use the link

<https://shsyear6openevening.eventbrite.com/>



I wish you all a fantastic summer holiday and I am very much looking forward to September.

Best wishes.

Mr Johnson





Mr Hobbs & Miss Craig
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Here we are again!

Another end of term newsletter. This time it signifies the end of year 8!

Ms Craig and I continue to be super proud of all of our cohort. The kindness and honesty that we demand as a base level is absolutely apparent throughout the form groups.

Recently I was lucky enough to attend the Springwood sports awards evening and what I witnessed epitomised our year group. Year 8 were the most represented year group with many pupils not only trying new things, which is so important, but actually progressing to excel in them. This mindset is what will lead our year group to great future achievements.

We have encouraged the year group to step out of their comfort zone this year, to try new things, be it sports, academic or new interests.

School isn't a theme park. We obviously want the pupils to enjoy the experience but it really is up to them to make the most of what is on offer and this starts with adopting the right attitude. A quote I have used in assembly recently is **'If your ship doesn't come in... swim out to it'**. I would encourage our students to keep swimming. If they are not enjoying school they need to find out why that is and, with our help, do something about it. The vast majority of our year group are swimming. Some are representing the school in bands, productions, maths challenges, magistrate conferences and sports events among many other activities. Please encourage your child to make the most of the time they spend at Springwood.

At the time of writing this we are counting down to Springfest! The reward for a successful year and completion of the ENDEAVOUR programme. If you could all pray for sunshine, or at least no rain then that would be greatly appreciated.

Next year will be another big year. Again, we want our year group to push to be the best version of themselves whether that is their character, extracurricular or indeed academically, ideally on all three levels.

Have a lovely summer.

Mr Hobbs



Boost wellbeing with our brand-new Green Tree Schools Award challenge.

It's World Wellbeing Week and as the end of the school year approaches, it's never been more important to find moments of calm in hectic timetables. To help, we're excited to announce a new challenge to promote wellness!

Woods and trees are known to have stress-busting, mood-boosting superpowers, so we've pulled together some fun, simple activities to help you harness the power of nature and enhance your pupils' wellbeing. From scavenger hunts to forest bathing and gratitude trees to outdoor yoga, these activities will have a positive impact on wellbeing and help you earn two points on the [Green Tree Schools Award](#).

[**Explore our wellbeing activities**](#)

Have you considered planting trees to improve student and teacher wellbeing? 99% of teachers recommend our free tree packs*. They're a fantastic way to green your school grounds and give back to the planet, while creating a natural space which will benefit the whole school.

[**Order your tree pack today**](#)

Our free tree packs have been generously funded by lead partners Sainsbury's, Lloyds Bank, OVO Energy, Bank of Scotland and Sofology.



YEAR 8 PLAYERS

Fletcher M

Amaru C

Isaac T

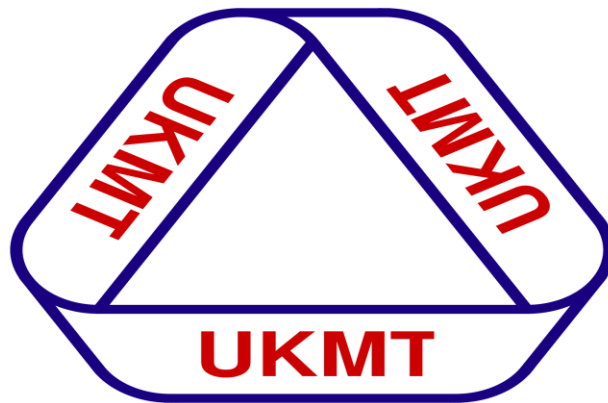
Rory T

Senooshika S

Elizabeth W B

Eryn M

Miley R W



<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE QUALIFICATION</u>
ERIN F	62	QUALIFICATION
ANTONI O	101	MERIT
AMOGH R	41	QUALIFICATION
HUI Y	99	MERIT

The Results are in....

Year 8 students who have taken part in this years
UK MATHS CHALLENGE

WELL DONE!



ENDEAVOUR

**A MASSIVE thank you to ALL of our
YEAR 8 FUNDRAISERS
WITHOUT YOUR EFFORTS
WE COULD NOT HAVE MADE
SPRINGFEST HAPPEN.**

What an amazing bunch you all are!

**WE WILL CELEBRATE THIS EVENT
ON 19TH July 2023**

**PHOTO'S WILL APPEAR IN OUR NEXT
NEWSLETTER!**



**ELLA G
GYMNASTICS STAR!
GOING THE EXTRA
MILE!**

Town sports 2023

AGAIN Springwood take the winning trophy for West NORFOLK!

Pic Below

***Springwood students going the Extra Mile and securing another win for
SPRINGWOOD!***

MASSIVE Well Done!





Name	Reg	% Attend
A, Ava	8F1	100
A, Roberts	8F2	100
A, Millie	8O1	100
B, Estela	8H1	100
B, Shiloh	8O2	100
B, Maisie	8F2	100
B, Kateryn	8O1	100
B, Riley	8H2	100
B, Alfie	8O2	100
B, Callum	8H1	100
B, Hector	8S1	100
B, Lucia	8H2	100
B, Kayleigh	8H2	100
B, Laeila	8H1	100
C, Adrijanas	8O2	100
C, Sophia	8S2	100
C, Emily	8B1	100
C, Daisy	8O2	100
C, Jasmine	8F2	100
C, Lily	8O1	100
C, Tegan	8H2	100
D, Daisy	8O1	100
D, Grace	8S2	100
E, Thea	8H1	100
E, Olivia	8F1	100
F, Macey-Jo	8S1	100
F, Erin	8O2	100
F, Lucas	8H1	100
F, Sandra	8O1	100
F, Lacey	8O1	100
G, Faith	8S1	100
G, Lola	8S1	100
G, Charlie	8S1	100
G, Jayden	8H1	100
G, Faith	8H2	100
H, Kian	8F2	100
H, Alfie	8B2	100
H, Jack	8F1	100
I, Isabelle	8H1	100
J, Esther	8F2	100
J, Daniel	8S2	100
J, Libby	8B1	100
K, Emilija	8O1	100
K, Oliver	8F2	100
K, Sofiia	8S2	100
K, Methumlee	8F1	100
L, Ruby	8B2	100
L, Ella-Louise	8O2	100
L, Traian	8F2	100

M, Livija	8S2	100
M, Finley	8S2	100
M, Jshaun	8H2	100
M, Mikayla-Jane	8F1	100
M, Ronnie	8H2	100
M, Ben	8F1	100
M, Ben	8F2	100
M, Lexi	8F1	100
M, Kamile	8B1	100
M, Bafana	8O1	100
M, Bryony	8O2	100
M, Edward	8S2	100
M, Felicity	8F1	100
N, Alfie	8B1	100
O, Leah	8S2	100
O, Oreoluwa	8H2	100
O, Antoni	8B2	100
O, William	8H2	100
P, Riley	8O2	100
P, Gregory	8S2	100
P, Jessica	8H1	100
P, Nathan	8F1	100
P, Tamzin	8F2	100
P, Aidas	8H1	100
P, Amelia	8F2	100
R, Martim	8H2	100
R, Ella	8B2	100
R, Belle	8F2	100
R, Jewel	8O2	100
R, Isabella	8B2	100
S, Nickolas	8H1	100
S, Fletcher	8F1	100
S, Alfie	8O1	100
S, Rayane	8H1	100
S, Rihana	8H2	100
S, Hendrix	8F1	100
S, Connor	8H2	100
S, Alfie	8H1	100
S, Ryan	8H2	100
S, Ashley	8B1	100
S, Aaron	8B2	100
T, Daisy	8S1	100
T, Lacie	8B2	100
T, Rory	8H1	100
T, Sebastian	8H2	100
T, Maisie	8B2	100
T, Eoghen	8B1	100
U, Kaden	8O2	100
W, Caitlin	8B2	100
W, Mileyroose	8H1	100
W, Roxanne	8O2	100
W, Sophie	8H1	100
Y, Cherry	8F2	100

100 PERCENT ATTENDANCE EXCELLENT



Appendix 4: Attendance Policy Quick Guide for Parents

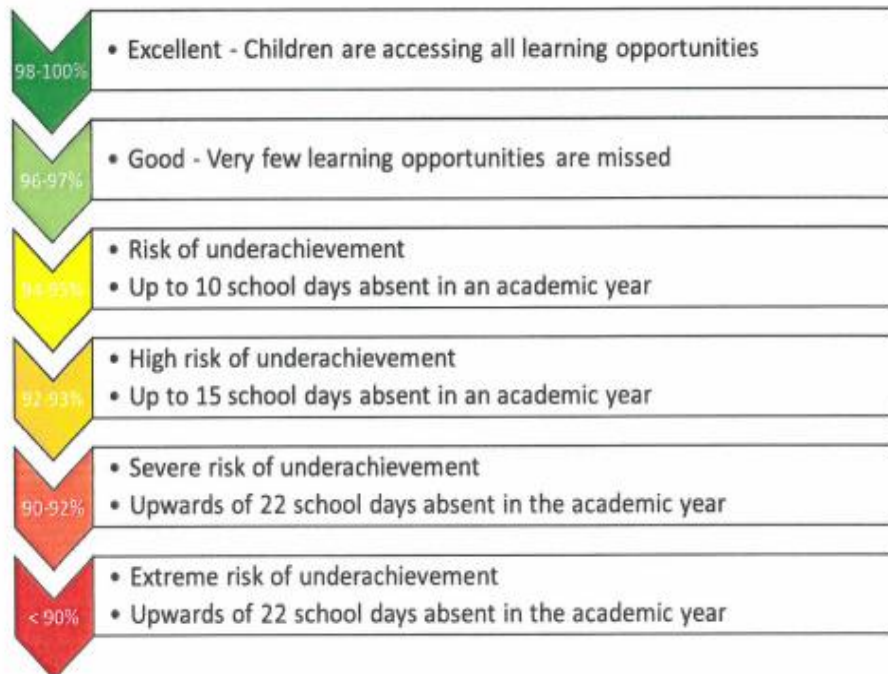
Attendance Policy Quick Guide for Parents

We expect pupils to attend school for 100% of the academic year.

You can support your child to have excellent attendance by taking these steps:

- Ensure your child arrives on time for school every day and is ready to learn. Arriving after registration is recorded as an unauthorised absence. Pupils must be in school by **8:45 am**.
- Avoid taking holidays during term time.
- If your child appears to be only slightly ill, send them in to school. We have staff who will contact you if their condition deteriorates.
- Book any medical appointments outside of school hours. If this is unavoidable, please book for as late in the afternoon as possible and inform the school of appointments in advance.
- Supply a copy of the appointment card or hospital letter if your child has an appointment during school hours.

If your child becomes reluctant to go to school or you need help, please contact the school immediately; we are more likely to be able to work together to solve any problems if we act early.





Year 8 Parent Evening

29th June 2023

Online

Message from Mr Hobbs

*Thank you to all our parents who attended the
Year 8 Parent Evening.*

Lots of positive conversations between parents & teachers.

90% attended!



ACHIEVEMENT POINTS

56,213

What a fantastic achievement

You have done yourselves proud.

And are a wonderful year group.

*We are so proud of all of your achievements throughout
the year!*

A VERY WELL DONE TO ALL OF YOU!

Mr Hobbs & Miss Craig



YEAR 9
EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

	LUNCH TIME	AFTER SCHOOL
Monday	Kingsmen (Male Voices) – 12:50pm to 1:20pm – MU1 Flute Ensemble – 12:50pm to 1:20pm – MU2 Music Theory – 12:50pm to 1:20pm – MU3	Junior Cantabene – 3:30pm to 4:30pm – MU1 Springing Strings – 4:00pm to 5:00pm – DR1 Master Blasters – 4:00pm to 5:00pm – DR2
Tuesday	Computing Club – 12:40pm to 1:20pm – F12 Kingsmen (Male Voices) – 12:40pm to 1:20pm – MU1 Sax Choir – 12:40pm to 1:20pm – MU2 Senior Guitar Group – 12:40 to 1:20pm – MU3	Maths – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – B2 Maths & Art Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – B1 Fashion Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – T4 Design and Technology Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – T2 KS3 Girls Football – 3:25pm to 4:30pm Concert Band – 3:30pm to 4:30pm – Sixth Form Hub Rock Club – 3:30pm to 4:30pm – MU1/MU2
Wednesday	Music Theatre Club – 12:40pm to 1:20pm – MU1 Junior Guitar Group - 12:40pm to 1:20pm – MU3	Maths – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – B2 Dance Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – West Gym Boys Rugby – 3:25pm to 4:30pm Netball – 3:25pm to 4:30pm History Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – S8 KS3 STEM Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – JL11
Thursday	Bella Voices (Female Voices) – 12:40pm to 1:20pm – MU1 Soul Band – 12:40pm to 1:20pm – MU2	Maths – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – B2 Origami Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – B1 All Years Girls Rugby – 3:25pm to 4:30pm House Sports TBA – Weekly Competition Boys Football – 3:25pm to 4:30pm Drumline Percussion Ensemble – 3:30pm to 4:30pm – MU1 German Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – F9
Friday	Bella Voices (Female Voices) – 12:40pm to 1:20pm – MU1 Sax Quartet – 12:40pm to 1:20pm – MU2 Keyboard Club – 12:40pm to 1:20pm – MU3	Fitness Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – Sandringham Field Junior Band – 3:30pm to 4:30pm – Sixth Form Hub Big Band – 3:30pm to 5:00pm – MU1



Attendance Information

Expected attendance at Springwood High School is 100% and regular attendance is a minimum of 96%; this is equivalent to students attending for 182 of the 190 days possible in a school year.

Attendance can be summarised as shown in the table below

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE	DAYS OF SCHOOLS MISSED	OFSTED SCHOOL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE GRADING
98% and above	4 days or less	Outstanding
96% and above	8 days or less	Good
94% and above	12 days or less	Requires improvement
Below 94%	More than 12 days	Inadequate



Appendix 1

SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**UNIFORM & SPORTS KIT CHECKLIST**

*Blazer

White, stiff collar school shirt

*House colour school tie

**Plain black tailored trousers

or

*School skirt

*School jumper

Plain black tights or plain black knee length socks (when worn with a skirt)

Plain black socks that must cover the whole ankle (when worn with trousers)

Over the knee socks, short socks such as ankle or 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:

Black Track Suit

Plain Black leggings

Plain Black 'skin' can be worn under PE shirt

Shin pads and gumshields

Items marked * can only be bought from the school

**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.



Lost & Found

Please put your child's name in all of their clothing, on their tie, their PE kit, each shoe/trainer/football boot and all other belongings. We have seen numerous students lose bits and pieces over the last 6 weeks. Most have been returned as they have names on them.

Please label everything!

If your child has lost anything, we have a lost property basket in the canteen next to Mr Cuss' office and one in the LRC next to the books. Please encourage them to check these places first.

Anything that comes to the Year Office with a name in, we will return to students ASAP.



The Springwood Parent, Teacher, Friend Association, PTFA, is an excellent way to bring people together to raise money and help support the school and the pupils of Springwood.

It provides an opportunity for everyone to work together to:

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

We have a new chair of the PTFA, , and we would like to encourage all parents, teachers and school staff to get involved even if you 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 your preferred commitment, large or small, the Springwood PTFA would be very grateful for your help.

If you are interested in joining us, please email ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk



Equipment Checklist

All students should have the following with them every day –

School bag
Timetable Card
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

Note: Filled pencil cases will shortly be available to purchase via ParentPay

<https://www.parentpay.com/>



HAPPY SUMMER HOLIDAYS

See you on 7th September 2023

Year 9!

Have fun and stay
safe!