

Year 9 Newsletter December



2022



Message from Mr Johnson

Music Mark Accreditation

I am very pleased to tell you that Springwood High School has received the 'Music Mark Accreditation'. This is "In recognition of a commitment to providing a high-quality music education for all children and young people". We are very proud of this outstanding achievement.

National Music & Drama Education Awards 2023

I am also absolutely delighted and thrilled to announce that we have been shortlisted as a finalist in the National Music & Drama Education Awards 2023 as an Outstanding School, Music Department of the Year.

For all the very latest Springwood School news please visit Twitter @SHSKingsLynn

OFSTED

At the beginning of November, we had our two-day OFSTED Inspection. The result was that Springwood High School continues to be a 'Good' school.

OFSTED highlighted in their report that "Pupils are happy and safe", "Pupils have good relationships with their peers and staff", "Pupils are positive about their education", "Pupils appreciate the high-quality care and support they receive from staff".

They continued by saying that "Pupils engage well in the wider curriculum offer. Pupils, and Sixth Form students, benefit from the diverse choice of activities available. They talk passionately about the benefits of participating in different sports teams, as well as the wide range of music clubs. Singing is particularly popular. In addition, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) club and the school pantomime provide pupils with opportunities to develop particular skills and interests. Enrichment opportunities are inclusive and pupils from different backgrounds are well represented."

Thank you to everybody involved in the inspection.

The Big Dig

Mrs Munns and the Environment School Council organised a 'BIG DIG' on Saturday 26th November. This was to plant 420 saplings with the help of some students from Year 7, their parents and guardians and Springwood staff. I spent a wonderful autumn morning outside enhancing the school's natural environment and I personally enjoyed getting outside.

Sport & PE

Our Year 9 and Year 11 Netball teams both took part in the Norfolk County finals during November. They rose to the challenge and we are very proud of them for getting to the finals.

Our Year 11 table tennis team also attended the West Norfolk Championships. Tom gained 1st place and Camillo was 3rd overall. It was a great team effort from all the table tennis team.

For all the latest Sport & PE news please visit Twitter @SHSS_PE

Equality and Diversity

At Springwood we have staff and students from a wide range of backgrounds, cultures, abilities, religions, sexualities and gender identities. However, in West Norfolk we are still not as diverse as other parts of the country. Our job is to make sure that Springwood is a safe and welcoming place for all and for our students to become well-rounded young people who can go into the world and understand and respect those around them who are different to themselves and their experiences. That is why Springwood are introducing the new school pledge for quality and diversity; ***“I can be proud of who I am. I will ensure others have the freedom and safety to be proud of who they are.”***

Concerts and the Pantomime

At the beginning of December, we started to get into the Christmas spirit with the Trust Christmas Carol Service at St Nicholas Chapel. With student representation from across all eleven schools. What a fabulous evening it was and it was lovely to see so many Parents/Guardians there.

Then it was two nights of ***fe fi fo fum! I smell the blood of an Englishman, be he alive or be he dead! I'll grind his bones to make bread!!*** What a fabulous school production of Jack and the Beanstalk with around 120 students and several members of staff taking part. I so enjoyed seeing the whole school community come together in such a wonderful way.

Well, what a fabulous week it had been but it wasn't over yet. The following night we saw the Springwood Christmas Concert take to the stage. I think everyone will agree we have some very talented students here at Springwood who did us proud with such an absolutely fantastic performance.

Unfortunately, we went to press before the three productions of the Springwood Snowman Project took to the stage on the Saturday. Knowing our musical capability, I'm sure it will be a fabulous event.

For all tickets/reservations for future events please follow the link below: -

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/springwood-high-school-music-department>

Wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas.

Mr Johnson

Message from Mrs Mann

As we draw to the end of our second half term we can reflect on all the fantastic efforts of our Year 9 pupils. Be that an excellent set of ATL grades, consistent improvement since the start of term, participation in our programme of music and drama events, playing a role in sports teams or attending any of our extra curricular clubs; there is much to be proud of.

I hope you enjoy some of the images in this newsletter showing our wonderful students at their best.

Heading into the school break, I would like to challenge students to think about how they can continue to contribute to the community surrounding them. Be that in the kindness they show to each other, finding opportunities to volunteer or looking for new things to try on their return in January. All of which we hope to recognise within our year programme when it launches in the new term.

We will also have exciting new initiatives on our return, that I hope many of our year group will benefit from. These include opportunities to participate in our Star Bakers challenge, working with the Jon Egging Trust, taking part in the Young Health Champions program or engaging in year specific challenges. So do look out for student invitations to these.

I'd also like to add massive praise to our Year 9 students that have taken part in the Winter concert and Panto, who were a delight to watch!

But for now, please let me wish yourselves and our students a restful and enjoyable next couple of weeks, making the most of the festive season. We look forward to seeing them again in 2023!

Dates for your diary

Return to school: Wednesday 4th January

Half Term: Monday 13th - Friday 17th February



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Star Bakers



This term our Star Bakers club learnt to:

- Make their own pasta
- Make and shape bread dough
- Make and shape cookie dough
- Make and decorate cakes

If you would like to join Year 9 Star Bakers in the New Year, please collect a letter from T5

We bake Tuesdays Week 2 3.30-4.30

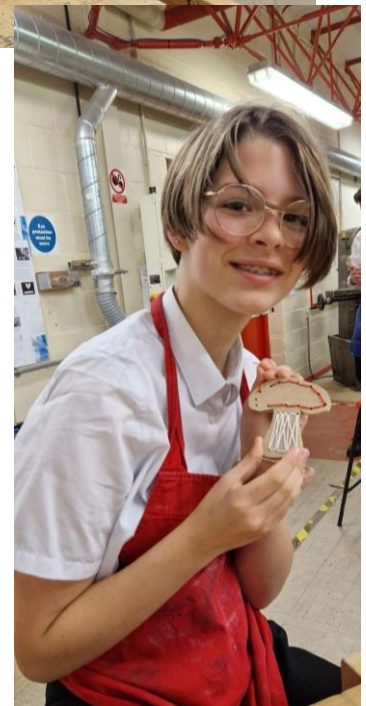
All ingredients provided



D&T Club



Miss Markwell's amazing Year 9 students are learning to sew into MDF and not fabric!



Fashion Club



Fashion Club students learning how to use the sewing machines and how to embroider. Next year they will be designing and making clothes for the summer fashion show.



Sports

This half term has seen some amazing sporting efforts from lots of our Year 9 teams. Our boys' football team has performed particularly well but unfortunately penalties have not gone their way.

Our girls have also shown us what they can do on the ruby pitch, enjoy the images below. We look forward to this team going from strength to strength.



Rewards Event:

This half term we celebrated with students in the Sixth Form Cabin. The sessions celebrated students who had had a great start to Year 9 and show improvement and progress in a number of areas since Year 8. We look forward to similar events over the year to reward their brilliant progress.



Total Conduct Points this Term

16208

Our top students:

	<i>Total Conduct points</i>		<i>Total Conduct points</i>
<i>Rionne E</i>	<i>145</i>	<i>Denis J</i>	<i>110</i>
<i>Alona R</i>	<i>142</i>	<i>Mitchell O</i>	<i>110</i>
<i>Agnete S</i>	<i>135</i>	<i>Liza SZ</i>	<i>109</i>
<i>Hette K</i>	<i>128</i>	<i>Oscar I</i>	<i>108</i>
<i>Imogen M</i>	<i>127</i>	<i>Ayza A</i>	<i>106</i>
<i>Declan M</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>Finn T</i>	<i>105</i>
<i>Tomin L</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>Kristian D</i>	<i>104</i>
<i>Poppy P</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>Josh R</i>	<i>104</i>
<i>Lily B</i>	<i>117</i>	<i>Eleanor H</i>	<i>103</i>
<i>Ty S</i>	<i>116</i>	<i>Danny P</i>	<i>103</i>
<i>Sofia E</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>Lleyton H</i>	<i>102</i>
<i>Josef F</i>	<i>113</i>	<i>James S</i>	<i>102</i>
<i>James C</i>	<i>112</i>	<i>Charlie B</i>	<i>101</i>
<i>Pijus J</i>	<i>112</i>		
<i>Jake M</i>	<i>112</i>		

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 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.

Students with 100% attendance

Joud A	Lacey G	Ava M	Ramin S
Lily B	Lin H	Aksa N	James S
Alfie B	Charlie H	Mitchell O	Joshua S
Emilijus B	Zach H	Gabija P	Ethan S
Lois B	Akhil J	Poppy P	Chloe SC
James C	Denis J	Dovydas P	Marley S
Tejay C	Emilija K	Danny P	Cory S
Kristian D	Tomlin L	Evie R	Patryk S
Jacob F	Harry M	Lawson R	Angel T
Zakk G	Wiktorija M	Dovydas R	Lacie TG
Sophie G	Imogen M	Abel S	Chantelle
		Thomas S	Louise V

This break ...

Below are some of the activities on offer over the winter break. If your child takes part in any of these or something else fantastic, please share images with us and let us know via classof2025@springwoodhighschool.co.uk We would love to praise them for getting involved!

Festive Fun at Alive!

From Monday 19 December 2022

Lynnsport, St James Pool, Downham Leisure & Oasis

Holiday Season is here! Join in the festive fun, with Pool Parties, Holiday Clubs, Roller Discos, fun activity sessions and more!

Booking is advisable for all activities
alivewestnorfolk.co.uk



Christmas Holiday Clubs

5 - 15yrs

Gymnastics
Monday 19 December
Lynnsport
9am - 3pm
Standard £25
Alive Card £19
Alive Concession Card £17 (including breakfast club)

Football
Tuesday 20 December
Lynnsport
9am - 3pm
£15

Breakfast Club
9am - 9am
Only available at Lynnsport. Children can enjoy a choice of cereals, hot fruit juice and play games before linking off for the day. New boys will not be permitted until they have been Holiday Clubbed for the previous year.
Standard £3
Alive Card £2
Alive Concession Card £1
Advance booking essential

Multisport
Monday 19 - Wednesday 21 December
Downham Leisure - Lynnsport - Oasis
9am - 3pm
£10

Cricket
Wednesday 21 December
Lynnsport
9am - 3pm
£15

Lunch included
in all Christmas Holiday Clubs

The Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk supports the delivery of being active across West Norfolk with the aim to help many families enjoy their holidays. They have provided us support funding to help with the running of our clubs. Please note that our clubs are subject to availability and may be subject to change without notice. We are sorry to hear that you are unable to attend, please contact us on 01470 626262 for more information.

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It's Party Time!

Alive Lynnsport Christmas Extravaganza!

Tuesday 20 December
9.30am - 12.30pm!

Choose from one of the below sessions:
Then join everyone upstairs for more Christmas fun

Christmas Roller Disco
Thursday 22 December
Lynnsport 12pm - 3pm
Downham Leisure 3pm - 4pm
Ages 8 - 15 yrs
£3 per person

Christmas Pool Parties
Thursday 22 December
Downham Leisure & St James
3.30pm - 5pm
Standard £5
Alive Card £4
Alive Concession Card £3.50
Under 4's Free!

Festive Fun
5 - 8yrs
Coach-led festive fun and games in the sports hall!

TUMBLE TEDS
Under 5's
(Parent-led)

Visit Santa

Christmas Film

Bouncy Castle

£10 per child

Cafe Christmas Specials

Christmas Arts & Crafts

Christmas Transfer Tattoos

*The booking fee per child/parent is essential. Standard equipment policy applies, see website for more information. If you have any queries please contact us via email: alivewestnorfolk.co.uk or by phone: 01470 626262.

Resolving issues - In order to ensure a safe and enjoyable session for all, we have a strict policy on the use of mobile phones. We will not be able to accept any mobile phones into the club. We will be happy to discuss this with you if you have any queries. Thank you for your understanding.

And finally ...



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.

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