



YEAR 11 NEWSLETTER



Message from Mr Johnson

This half term has certainly flown by with so many things to celebrate.

KS5 Presentation Evening

Our 2022 pass rate was certainly impressive. Students at Springwood continue to aspire to the highest grades, achieving 27% A*/A, 56% A*/B; 82% of students achieved A* - C grades. It was fabulous to be able to welcome back so many students and parents to enjoy a fantastic evening and I am confident all will go on to achieve wonderful things.

KS4 Presentation Evening

Matthew Hawkes started the evening for us with a musical composition on the piano; I think everyone there would agree that he is a very talented young man. Then one of our current Head Students, Angelica Lee, welcomed everyone. To stand in front of so many parents, teachers and students and speak with such confidence fills me with such great pride. Some of the students receiving their awards I see around the school as they have chosen to study for their A Levels here. Others present for the evening have chosen to go on to college or apprenticeships and it was lovely to have a catch up and hear their stories.

[ECO Schools Green Flag Award](#)

Springwood High School is taking part in the ECO Schools Green Flag Award. Five students who are all members of our Environment School Council are leading the way, looking at where we are now and the changes we can make so our school can be more eco-friendly. They will be reviewing our progress later in the year.

Steinberg Certified Training Centre

Springwood High School is one of just four schools in the country to become a Steinberg training centre. We have a reputation that is second to none in terms of our ongoing music provision, with a vast range of bands, orchestras, choirs and ensembles that perform both in school and out in the wider community. We are very excited about this new partnership that links us with one of the largest music technology corporations and opens up a new insight into music and possible music careers; it's a fantastic opportunity for us.

Concerts

This is what we can look forward to during next half term: -

Spring Concert on Friday 3rd March, 6.30pm at Springwood High School – £2 each

Music for Youth Regional Festival on Sunday 5th March, 8.30am-5.30pm at Springwood High School – free of charge

For all Springwood tickets/reservations please follow the link below: -

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

The Schools Make Music Concert will be taking place on Tuesday 14th March, 6.30pm at The King's Lynn Corn Exchange – tickets are £6 each - please visit

<https://www.kingslynncornexchange.co.uk/theatre/whats-on/event/schools-make-music/>



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Best wishes for a restful half term break.



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We would like to congratulate our Year 11 students on another successful half term. During the last 6 weeks, we have seen a significant shift in the mindset of students, who are approaching their lessons and the wider school day with enthusiasm, commitment and a desire to improve. In the last 2 weeks, the year group have completed their 2nd set of PPE's, and it has been excellent to see the students showing the passion towards these exams that we hope to see in the Summer.

Due to the recent exam period, we have had a brief pause in the Maths and Science tutor time intervention, which will start up again after the half term break. This half term has also seen the successful launch of our Maths and English intervention forms, which have a fantastic buzz around them and are helping to support our students to make improvements in those subjects. I am also really pleased to report that we have broken the school record for the highest number of students attending Saturday Maths and English mentoring. The best attendance was 3 weeks ago where we saw 101 students attending these sessions.

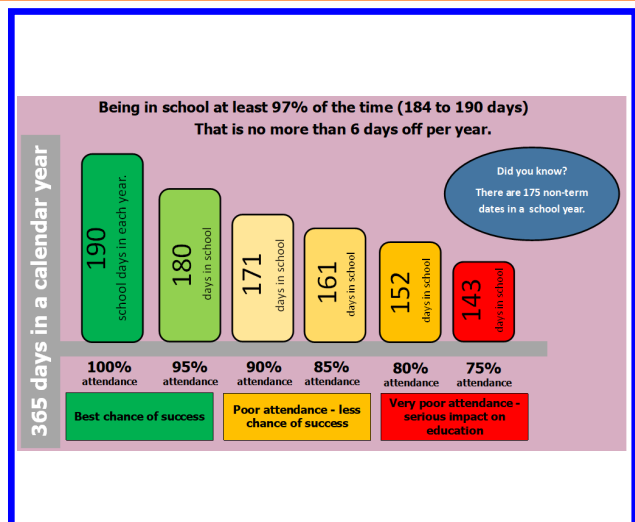
Well done Year 11!

When students return after the break we really will be firmly in the 'final furlong' with only 10 school weeks to go until the first exam. This really is crunch time for Year 11, so please continue to let us know if there is anything we can do to support your child's progress and achievement over this time. And finally, don't forget to tell them how proud you are of them!

Mr Denton and Mr Fleetham.

Attendance

Currently, Year 11's attendance since September is 89.8%. Whilst this percentage seems quite high, when we break it down, it equates to a lot of missed time. The picture to the right is a graphic we have used to show students how attendance percentages equal days off. As mentioned above, we only have 10 school weeks left until the first exam and every minute, hour and day of every week is important and could contain the key bit of knowledge that ends up being the difference between achieving the next grade or not! We of course understand that some absences cannot be helped, and genuine illnesses do occur, but please help support your child to come to school as long as they are fit enough, even if they are feeling a bit under the weather.



Punctuality

Similarly to attendance, punctuality to school and lessons is equally important. The majority of the year group continue to demonstrate excellent time-keeping habits, but we do have a minority who arrive late in the mornings, and to lessons throughout the day. After the break, we will be continuing to stress the importance of being punctual, and making the most of every minute. Being late doesn't only affect the person who has missed the start of the lesson, but it also disrupts and delays the beginning of the lesson for all others in the class. We welcome your support in emphasising the importance of time-keeping with your child.



Uniform and Equipment

We frequently stress the importance of doing the simple things well to our students. A big part of this is ensuring that all students are dressed correctly in accordance with our school uniform policy. In addition to this, students MUST ensure they are fully equipped for the school day, whether that be carrying PE kits and basic equipment for lessons, or ensuring they have specialist equipment required for specific exams. In the recent Maths PPE, we had a significant number of students who had to borrow calculators with unfamiliar functions which in turn, impacted the students' ability to fully complete the paper. We also ran out of calculators to lend students due to the number without one!

Over half-term, please make sure your child is fully equipped with everything they need, including the full, correct uniform, and please ensure they save fake nails or false eyelashes for the prom!



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Celebrations

Sparx of the month winners

December— Reenie D

January—Chloe W

Sporting Success

Tillie-Mae F—Taekwondo silver and bronze medallist.

Construction Work

Our construction students have been working really hard to perfect their bricklaying and plastering skills. Please have a look through some of pictures of the fantastic work they have produced!

Archie J



Callum C



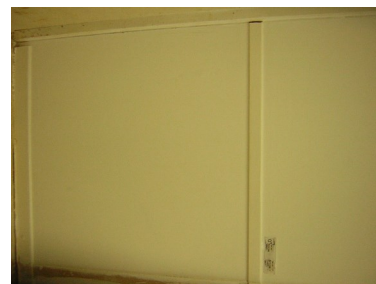
Maggie B



Jamie C



Harrison B



Charlie P





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The Year 11 football team continue their journey in the County Cup with a 3-2 victory over Downham Market Academy.



An update on the Prom

As we have previously mentioned, the Year 11 Prom will take place on Friday the 30th June. Preparation is now well underway, and we have plans for casino-style games, arcade areas and a number of different ideas for decorations and colour themes. We have had input from the Year Council who have all contributed some fantastic ideas, and we will meet again after the half term break to solidify plans.

Over the next half term, we will be looking for lots of opportunities to give away free prom tickets to students for getting the simple things right, and going the extra mile on a regular basis. The first of these opportunities is the students '3 in 3 weeks' cards, which were given out a few weeks ago. These cards contain 3 challenges for students to complete over the last 3 weeks. Once completed, students needed to hand them in by the end of this half term, although we will still accept any outstanding cards if they are handed in on the first day back. We will then do a random draw from the completed cards and give free prom tickets to the winners!

Alton Towers reward trip

We will be running our traditional 'almost end of year' trip to Alton Towers on March 31st. The cost of this trip is usually around £30 and we want as many of our students to be able to go and have a fantastic time, letting off a bit of steam—or maybe a few screams—before the exam season really kicks in.

Revision sessions

We are in the process of putting a timetable of revision sessions together, including sessions to be run over the Easter holiday and the final half term holiday towards the end of May. These will run in addition to the weekly revision sessions put on by subject teachers. Please keep an eye out for the timetable and letters of invitation for your child.

For anyone who fancies a game of BINGO and the opportunity to support the Royal British Legion:

EASTER CHARITY BINGO

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

KINGS LYNN & DISTRICT BRANCH

FRIDAY 31ST MARCH

SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

DOORS OPEN 6.15 pm, EYES DOWN 7 pm

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS ON SALE

SAFER SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

Protecting
Respecting
Supporting **YOU**



Your child's school has a **Safer Schools Police Officer**. Here are some examples of what we do:

- We work with schools to keep children and staff safe.
- We help divert young people away from crime.
- We advocate for interventions that help them understand their mistakes and not make the same ones again.
- We promote safeguarding if there are concerns about the safety of a child.
- We work hard to break down barriers and help children develop trust in the Police so that they see us as a source of help.
- We work with partner agencies to ensure children and their families get the right help and support.

If you see us about, come and have a chat!