



Year 7

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 Mr Cuss & Mrs Robinson

This half term has once again been a very enjoyable experience for the Year 7 team.

It was lovely to invite all parents into the school for our first parents evening and we look forward to welcoming you back in the summer term for a subject based parents evening.

The Extra-Curricular programme has been going full steam ahead this term with so many Year 7 students participating in after school or lunchtime activities. It has been refreshing to see our students actively starting their own clubs where they are not already set up. We have had many sporting successes including the very competitive House Sport competitions, congratulations to all students who have taken part in these events.

The P.E department have identified so many talented sportspersons that they have now awarded Sports captains to Year 7 students, congratulations to the following students on their appointments:

Blicking – Keita B & Josh N
Felbrigg – Isabel C & Ashton H
Holkham – Beth P & Sawyer R
Oxburgh – Theo H & Ruby H
Sandringham – Vanessa P & Lincoln F-A

The Year 7 Christmas singing competition has been once again very competitive (mainly from Mr Cuss's class who want to win the title). Well done to all students who took part in the school Christmas concert and the extremely fun performance of Last Christmas featuring the staff band.

Over 50 Year 7 students have taken part in the school Pantomime, they have worked extremely hard and dedicated hours to making the sold out show a success.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and New Year!

We return to school on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Mr Cuss & Mrs Robinson



100% Attendance

These students have maintained 100% attendance since they started in September. Well done!

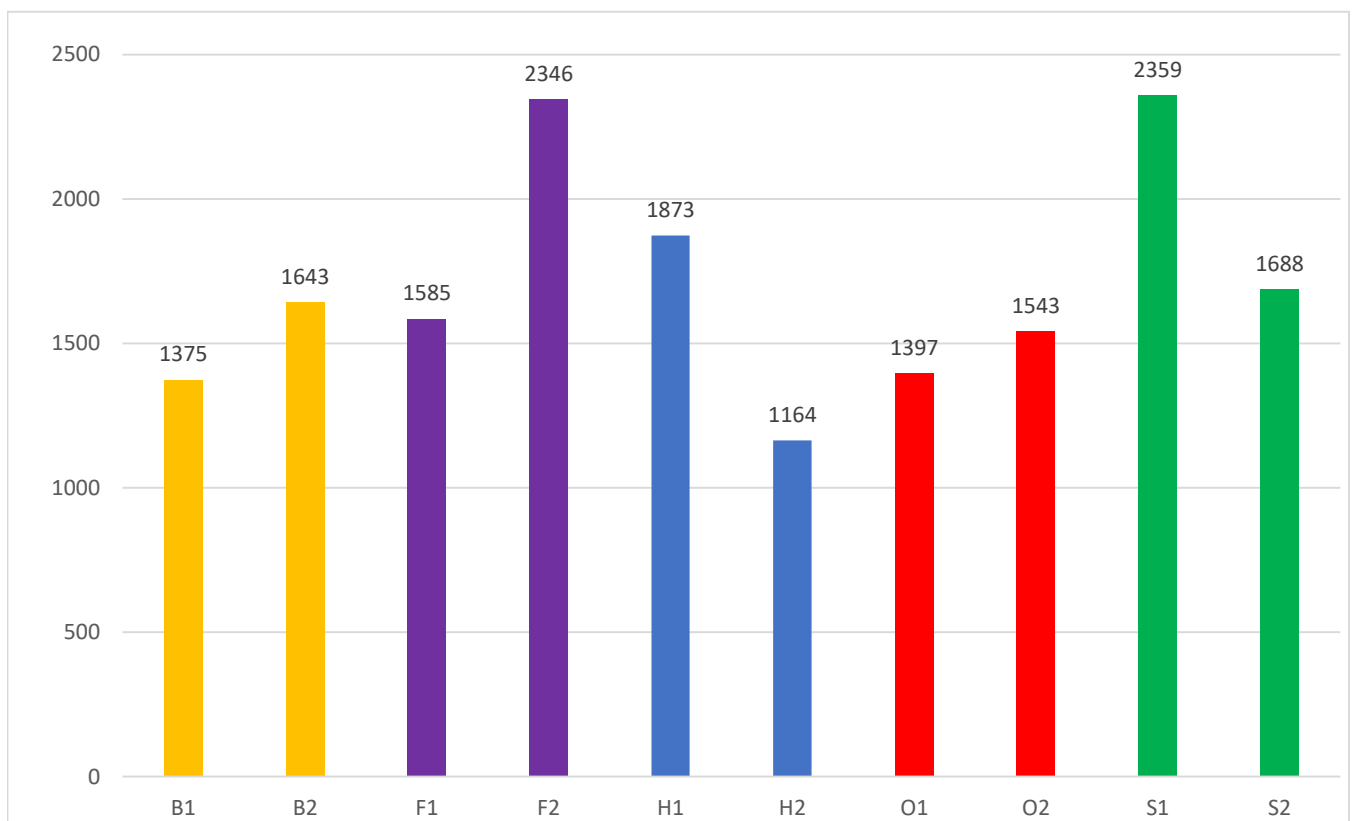
Georgia	7B1
Rea	7B1
Ola	7B1
Josh	7B1
Joseph	7B1
Liam	7B1
Evelyn	7B1
Nathan	7B2
Harriet	7B2
Erin	7B2
Nathan	7B2
Archie	7B2
Abdul	7B2
Nikola	7F1
Sabrina	7F1
Scarlett	7F1
Jack	7F1
Mia	7F1
Sidney	7F1
Juan	7F1
Harry	7F1
Bella	7F2
Ashton	7F2
Elouise	7F2
Nathan	7F2
Charlie	7F2
Marcus	7F2
Daisy	7F2
Emma	7F2
Joel	7F2
Mya	7F2
Jamie	7F2
Joyce	7F2
Evelyn	7H1

Alfie	7H1
Phoebe	7H1
Daniil	7H1
India	7H2
Ella	7H2
Kalin	7H2
Evie	7H2
William	7H2
Astijus	7H2
Matas	7H2
Rose	7H2
Elizabeth	7H2
Harry	7O1
Maisie	7O1
Alexis	7O1
Alice	7O1
Jaimee	7O1
Kyle	7O2
Charlie	7O2
Myley	7O2
Lily	7O2
Lyla	7O2
Adedayo	7S1
Frankey	7S1
Eimantas	7S1
Eva	7S1
Vanessa	7S1
Leo	7S1
Lola	7S1
Melita	7S2
Harriet	7S2
Kirill	7S2
Lennon	7S2
Daniel	7S2

Achievement Points

Whole Year Group Total -
16,656

Form Totals



Well done to 7S1 with 2359 Achievement Points.

They have slightly beaten 7F2 who are runners up with 2346!

Students with 100+ Achievement Points and have earned their Bronze AP Badge

Rhys	7F2	224		Leo	7S1	128		Niya	7O2	108
Marcus	7F2	180		Abdul-Roheem	7B2	128		Jonathan	7B1	108
Joyce	7F2	180		Rehaan	7H1	127		Madelyn	7S2	108
Mya	7F2	172		Eimantas	7S1	125		Isobel	7B2	107
Katie	7F2	171		Lyla	7O2	124		Ola	7B1	107
Bella	7F2	164		Juan	7F1	124		Rose	7H2	107
Harriet	7B2	161		William	7O1	123		Cole	7S2	106
Nojus	7S1	161		Frankey	7S1	119		Lucie	7F2	106
Charlie	7O2	159		Elsie	7H1	119		Jack	7S2	106
Charlie	7F2	158		Barbara	7O2	119		Timas	7S1	106
Vanessa	7S1	158		Bethany	7H1	118		Prateek	7H1	105
Evie	7S1	156		George	7S2	118		Jemeera	7O1	105
Jennifer	7O1	152		Jaimee	7O1	118		Winifred	7F1	105
Ruby	7H2	150		Maisie	7O1	117		Archie	7B2	105
Nathan	7F2	146		Halle	7F2	117		Mason	7F2	104
Daisy	7S2	145		India	7H2	116		William	7S2	104
Alice	7O1	145		Lily	7O2	116		Toluwanimi	7H2	104
Oliver	7S2	145		Will	7F2	115		Emily	7O2	104
Ruby	7O1	144		Alex	7B2	115		Bradley	7S2	104
Lincoln	7S2	143		Oliver	7S1	115		Ruby	7S2	103
Isabella	7S1	143		Oscar	7O1	114		Sally-Louise	7S2	103
Leon	7F2	143		Leja	7S1	114		Ava	7F1	103
Theo	7O2	143		Hadley	7S1	113		Elouise	7F2	102
Lola	7S1	143		Lucy-Anna	7O1	113		Mia	7F1	102
Ashton	7F2	142		Ella	7H2	113		Dylan	7F2	102
Adedayo	7S1	140		Sebastian	7O2	113		Hannah	7S2	101
Lyla	7S1	139		Alishba	7F2	113		Sidney	7F1	101
Gabrielle	7S1	139		Kyle	7O2	112		Matas	7H2	101
Marley	7B2	139		Daniel	7S2	111		Codey	7H1	101
Lexi-Mai	7F1	135		Samuel	7H1	110		Joseph	7S2	100
Joel	7F2	134		Erin	7B2	110		Evelyn	7H1	100
Jamie	7F2	134		Nikola	7F1	109		Harry	7F2	100
Chloe	7F1	129		Jeron	7H1	109		Emily	7S1	100
Emma	7F2	129		Josh	7B1	109		Juan	7F2	100
Lara	7H1	128		Alya	7S1	109		Harry	7F1	100
Kamila	7O2	128		Harriet	7S2	108				

Maths Sparx Superstar!



Public Speakers

Congratulations to Joseph P, Lola Belle S & Elsie M who represented Springwood High School in the Rotary Club Youth Speaks competition.

These students were the youngest competitors in their category and have a bright future ahead in public speaking. They celebrated their success with a lunch hosted by Miss Ashfield in the new sixth form lunch cabin.



School Council



The Student Council is led by our Year 11 Head Students and is made up of five different committees who help to make Springwood High School a better place to learn!

These are our 5 committees and their Year 7 representatives -



Teaching & Learning -

Jeron M

Alex C



Equality & Diversity -

Harry M

Esme T

Georgy J



Environment -

Barbara O

Alice M



Embracing School Life -

Isabella B

Rehaan H



Student Well Being -

Elsie M

Joseph P

Marcus R

Key Dates

- * Staff Training Day—Tuesday 3rd January 2023
- * School returns – Wednesday 4th January 2023
- * Friday 3rd February – World Number Day
- * Friday 10th February – Year 7 Valentine’s Disco – 6pm-8pm – more information to follow

Year Office Contact Details

Year 7 Office, direct dial 24/7—01553 778090

Email Mr Cuss, Head of Year 7—p.cuss@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Email Mrs Robinson, Year 7 Manager—j.robinson@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Generic email—classof2027@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

School website—www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Attendance Information

What should I do if my child is unwell? —If your child is unwell, please call the Year 7 Office on 01553 778090 or email classof2027@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 7 Office. You will then receive a phone call, email or SIMS message stating if your request has been granted or denied.

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 4: Attendance Policy Quick Guide for Parents

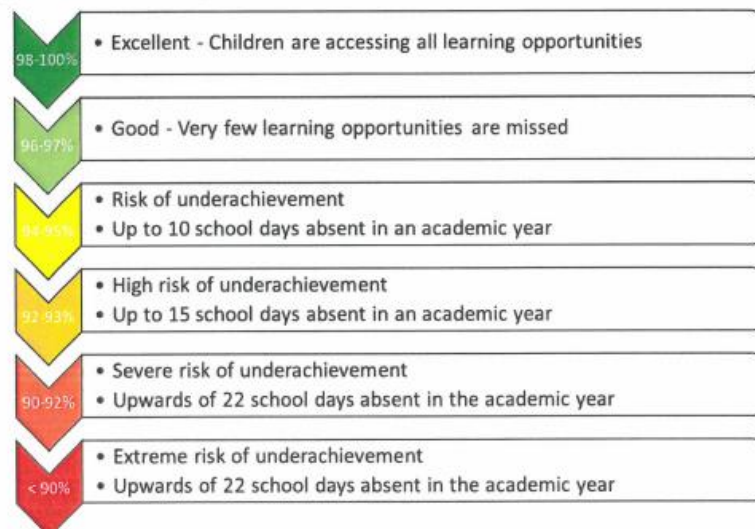
Attendance Policy Quick Guide for Parents

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.



Term Dates Summary

	First Day of Term	Last Day of Term
Autumn 1stTerm	Monday 5 th September 2022 Years and 12 Only Return to School Wednesday 7 th September Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 Return to School	Thursday 20 th October 2022
Autumn 2ndTerm	Monday 31 st November 2022	Friday 16 December 2022
Spring 1stTerm	Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Friday 10 th February 2023
Spring 2ndHalf Term	Monday 20 th February 2023	Friday 31 st March 2023
Summer 1stTerm	Monday 17 th April 2023	Friday 26 th May 2023
Summer 2ndTerm	Monday 5 th June 2023	Thursday 20 th July 2023

Training Days & Bank Holidays

Thursday 1st September 2022
Friday 2nd September 2022
Friday 21st October 2022
Tuesday 3rd January 2023
May Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May 2023



Appendix 1

SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

UNIFORM & SPORTS KIT CHECKLIST

<p>*Blazer White, stiff collar school shirt *House colour school tie</p> <p>**Plain black tailored trousers or *School skirt</p> <p>*School jumper</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Plain black (leather or leather-like) shoes (no boots, black trainers, stilettos, ballet pumps, sling backs or toeless)</p> <p>Plain coat (no logos or other markings) long enough to cover blazer properly</p> <p>PE KIT</p> <p>Compulsory: *Springwood PE shirt Black Shorts Black Socks Trainers (non-marking sole with grip) Football Boots</p> <p>Optional: Black Track Suit Plain Black leggings Plain Black 'skin' can be worn under PE shirt Shin pads and gumshields</p>
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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, **Paul Blandford**, 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