



October Newsletter

Message from Mr Johnson

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely summer break and have taken the time to enjoy yourselves. A huge welcome to all our new students. We know you will thrive and be a great asset to Springwood

Summer changes

During the summer break, staff were busy preparing the school for the year ahead. Our Site Team together with external contractors have been undertaking a number of crucial projects. We have continued to undertake the refurbishment of our toilet blocks, another four have been completed. Three of our art rooms have undergone refurbishment and look really fresh and clean. We have installed a new attendance office, a new water heater, and about 30% of the lights have been changed to LED ones as part of our ongoing drive for energy efficiency. The Astroturf on the MUGA has also been refurbished. So, it is a massive thank you to all our staff who have made this happen. Fantastic jobs, well done.

WNAT Chess Tournament

A massive congratulations to those students who were involved in the WNAT chess tournament at Marshland on Friday. I am delighted to say that we won, and all the students did incredibly well with a number of them winning all of their matches. The Springwood students involved were: Kane, Prateek, Rionne, Endaya, Jack, Gregory, James, Joseph, Juan, Codey, Hui Yu.

For those who would like to take part in the successes of our chess players, an extra-curricular club is taking place in the LRC on Thursdays from 3:30pm to 4:30pm.

Rugby

Our Springwood Rugby Team travelled to North Walsham to compete in the Norfolk Emerging Schools County Cup competition. Some excellent rugby was played and we managed to beat all of the opposition to be crowned Norfolk Champions. What an absolute fantastic result, well done to all that took part and offered their support.

Girls Football

Our Year 8/9 Girls Football team were simply outstanding when they won their National Cup game. They now have their sights set on the County Cup. Well played.

STEM

Springwood High School has won an EDP Norfolk Education Award for Outstanding Commitment to STEM. We are all very proud of this achievement, it is quite amazing. Well done.

Vietnam - History and Cultural Study Tour 18th October to 3rd November

Following a letter of application and an interview process sixteen successful candidates were all vaccinated and flew to Hanoi Vietnam on the 18th October. They have a full itinerary covering Hanoi,

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Can Tho, Ho Chi Minh City. I am very much looking forward to hearing all about their trip when they return after the half term.

Uniform

Here at Springwood, we are extremely proud of our school uniform. Taking note of the “student voice” and in line with our ethos and values to provide a sense of belonging for all, we have made changes to include school shorts. These can be purchased from our online shop by visiting <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/springwoodhigh>

Best wishes for a restful half term break.

Mr Johnson



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Message from Miss Davies

I can't quite believe we have now completed our first term of year 11, it has flown by.

I have been immensely proud of how the students have conducted themselves during the exams these past few weeks. I have already started to hear positive comments from staff about their performance.

We will be holding a results day for students on the 10th November to give them the experience of opening their results, this can be a daunting experience in the summer, so I would like to help remove some of the anxiety that students may feel in the summer.

Reports will be completed early next term and will be sent to you on Monday 20th November with an online parent evening Thursday 23rd November. It is vital that you attend this to get more detailed information about how your child is performing and what support you can provide, along with support that is available at school.

On Super Learning day, we introduced Year 11 to "Help You Choose", which is an online platform providing career guidance for young people in Norfolk. It also enables students to apply to 6th form and/or college.

During this day, students received support writing CV's and personal statements that will be needed for the application process. Please continue to discuss their future pathways and support them with their applications. We have set an internal deadline of 15th December for applications to be completed. Please note Sixth Form interviews for Springwood will be held from late November.

I am sure you are all feeling the pace that this year seems to be going at and how close GCSE's are starting to feel. So, I hope you all take some time off during the holidays to recharge the batteries and look forward to the next term.



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KEY DATES

17 th October 2023	SLD -Post 16 Application Process
19 th October 2023	Last day – ½ Term
30 th October 2023	Return to school
30 th October 2023	Flu Immunisation in school Years 7-11
31 st October 2023	Flu Immunisation in school Year 7-11
20 th November 2023	Reports home
23 rd November 2023	Parents Evening Online
15 th December 2023	Internal deadline for post 16 applications
20 th December 2023	Last day - Christmas

SCHOOL TERM DATES

OPEN	CLOSE
	19 th October 2023
30 th October 2023	20 th December 2023
4 th January 2024	16 th February 2024
26 th February 2024	28 th March 2024
15 th April 2024	24 th May 2024
3 rd June 2024	19 th July 2024

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Music Events Calendar 2023-2024

Autumn Term

Date	Event	Venue	Ticket Prices	Time(s)
Wednesday 18th Oct '23	Youth Opera - Birdland	PHH, Springwood High School	£3.00	6:30pm
Thursday 19 th Oct '23	WNAT Piano Recital	Recital Room (Mu1) Springwood High School	Free (with retiring collection)	6.30pm
Wednesday 8 th Nov '23	Rotary Young Musician, Regional Heat	Recital Room (Mu1) Springwood High School	Free	4.30pm
Wednesday 6 th Dec '23	WNAT Christmas Carol Service	St Nicholas' Chapel	Free (with retiring collection)	6.00pm
Tuesday 19 th Dec '23	Springwood Christmas Concert	PHH, Springwood High School	Adults £5 Under 18s £3 Under 5 years free*	7.00pm

* 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>



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YEAR 11 HEAD STUDENTS



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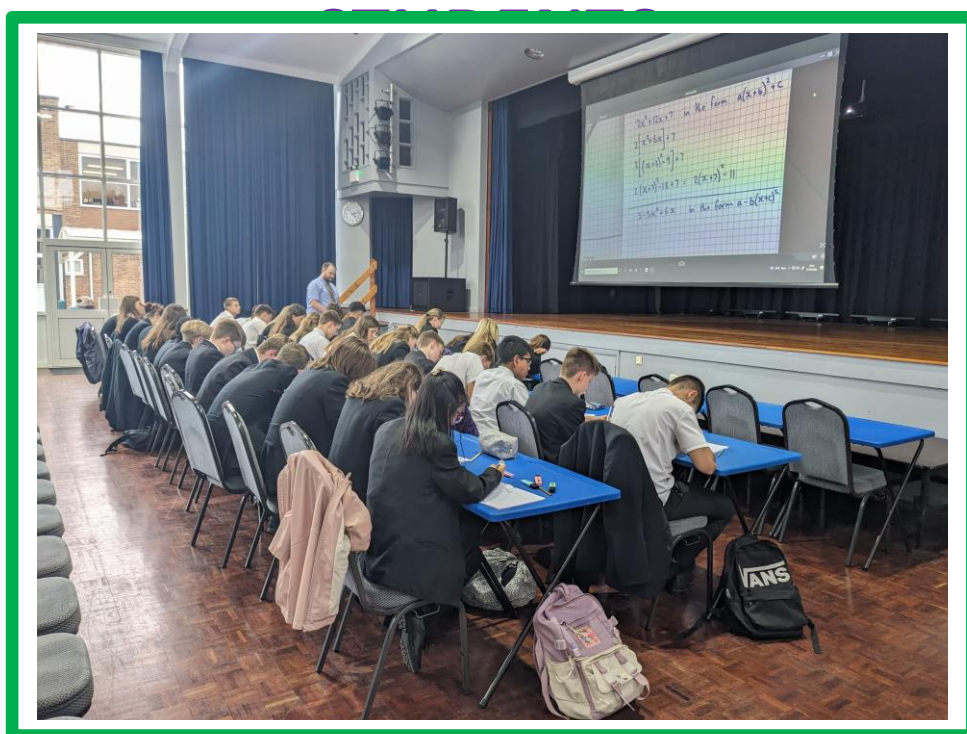
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40 ADDITIONAL MATHS GCSE



SPARX WINNERS

Sparx Maths

Stars of the Month



Year 7

Alizey A
16,930 points

Year 8

Finley A
13,296 points

Year 9

David R
4724 points

Year 10

Ayza A
2665 points

Year 11

Angelo A
5820 points



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YEAR 11 ENGLISH TRIP TO THE GLOBE



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WNAT Chess Tournament

SPRINGWOOD WON!!



Summary of the Chess Championship

On September 29th, we participated in the WNAT Inter-School Chess Championship. The location of the Championship was at Marshland High School, about a 30-minute drive from Springwood. There was a total of 4 schools playing in the Chess competition, with 10 students representing each school respectively. We played against Smithdon High School, St.

Clements High School and Marshland High School. Our Springwood team consisted of students from the inaugural Springwood chess competition that took place at the end of last term. Students from current years 8 through to 11 made up the team.

The Chess Championship itself was very competitive. We played 25-minute chess games with 10-second increments; matchups were sorted by following the school rankings of the initial chess tournaments (1st vs. 1st, 2nd vs. 2nd, etc.) and penalties for not following chess rules. Whichever school wins the most games/scores the most points wins the championship. We would go on to play each of the schools; also winning each of the 3 rounds. Overall, we won the championship. There were trophies which we were awarded too.



We all enjoyed the experience of playing in the chess tournament and loved the design of the trophies. Everyone in the championship was kind and showed lots of sportsmanship. We are already looking forward to next year!

If anyone wishes to play chess in school, we meet in the LRC on a Thursday afterschool.

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KOREA TRIP - WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE - IMOGEN



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YEAR 11 BESPAK



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POETRY BY HEART

Well Done Vesta



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YEAR 11 SPORT

NETBALL – Very competitive 8-8 draw for the Year 11 Netball team against KES



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YEAR 11 FOOTBALL

Superb win for our Y11 Boys Football team today against a very strong Arthur Mellows team in the National Cup, great way to start the year.



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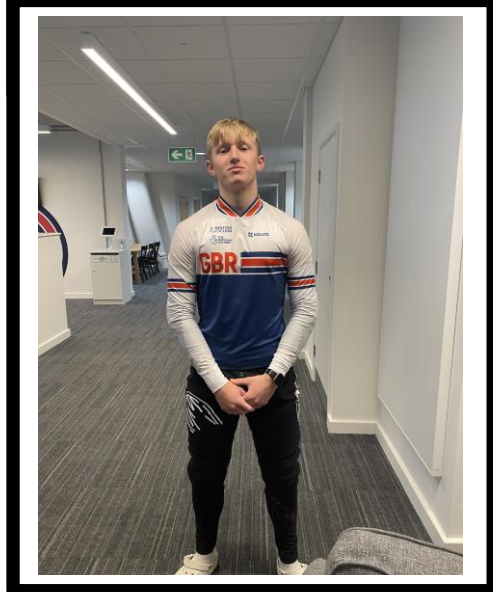
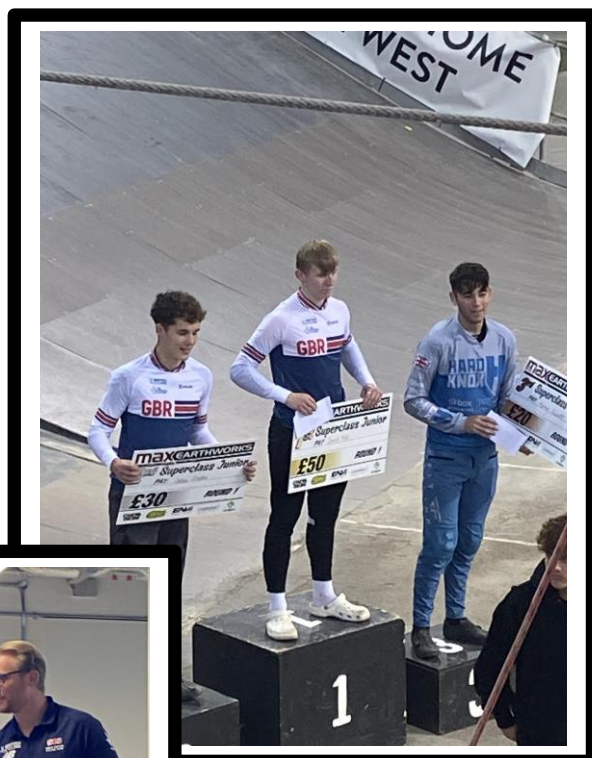
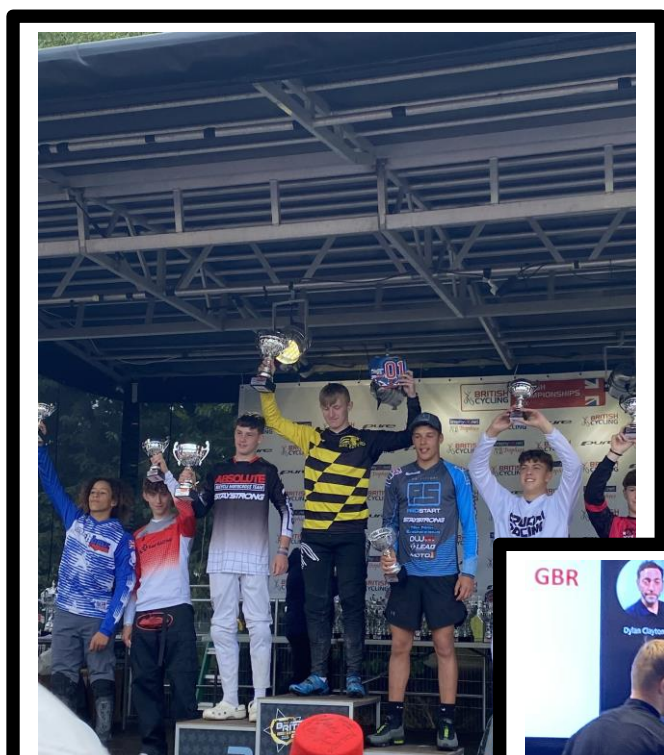
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Wow!!!! What an achievement from current pupil and BMX flyer Jared who added the British Championship to his achievements, what an athlete he is!



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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 your 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.



We are planning to have a PTFA Christmas fair on Thursday 14th December from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m – if you are interested in booking a stall for this event at a cost of £5 which is non-refundable, please email r.thompson@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

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