



A 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, 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



YEAR 9 NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2023



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Firstly, how lovely it has been to welcome back all of our wonderful year 9 pupils after the summer break.

We have really enjoyed hearing about the many experiences and adventures that the youngsters have participated in throughout their time out of school. Please do keep informing us of these hugely important achievements using the email... theextramile@springwoodhigschool.co.uk .

I am delighted to welcome our new Year Manager, Miss Savage who started on Monday. Your children, and indeed parents, may recognise her face as she has previously worked at Springwood. Miss Savage is a huge asset to Springwood, particularly year 9 so please do welcome her accordingly.

This year is another big year! The clear message has been that whilst at the end of the year you get to choose what subjects you will continue to GCSE level, and which you will no longer study, it is important to recognise that the choices that you make may well change numerous times throughout the year. With this in mind it is therefore important that pupils try their best in every subject as it is entirely possible that it is one they end up studying next year.

I continue to proudly receive lovely messages from staff telling me how lovely the year group are. Behaviour in lessons is good, ensuring pupils are able to enjoy and flourish in their favourite subjects.

I encourage parents to talk to their children about litter and the effects of it on the environment. Also, respect for the school and its grounds. We are noticing packaging getting discarded despite the numerous bins dotted around our year 9 area.

I have been in awe of our sports teams! I saw our year 9 boys football team beat a local school 6-1, had reports of our girls winning 16 – 0, seen that the Netball side have been beating teams throughout Norfolk and our Boys rugby team won the Norfolk day cup along with the first round of the overall County Cup. All of these achievements don't just happen, these youngsters have trained and worked hard to achieve. This is also the way the academic works. If pupils invest their effort and time they will also achieve great things!

Have a lovely well deserved half term.

Mr Hobbs



AS PROMISED, SOME PHOTOS FROM SPRINGFEST!





YEAR 9 SPORTS COMMENTARY

Girls Netball

The Year Nine netball team kicked off the start of the season brilliantly. Starting off winning 16-12 against KES at home, followed by winning the U14 West Norfolk Championships. Together we have shown great determination as we bounced back in a nerve wracking final against Downham (who drew with us in the group stages) which subsequently went to Golden Goal. We hope to continue to have a good season and we will work as hard as we can to win our next tournament in Norwich towards the end of November.

- Tilly R

Boys Rugby

The Springwood rugby team have recently played 2 tournaments -one at springwood and one at north Walsham RUFC- and a cup match against Fram Earl. In these games they showed brilliant sportsmanship and teamwork to create a good atmosphere on pitch and success in the end. On the 27th of September the rugby team went out to North Walsham RUFC to play in the county cup where they were met by Aylsham, Reepham, Notre Dame and Wymondham high. The first game against Aylsham resulted in a 19-0 win followed by a very difficult game against Reepham with a Springwood try in the last minutes making it 5-0. Notre Dame was another tight game that ended 14-7 and the last was Wymondham that ended with a score of 21-0 making Springwood emerging schools County cup winners. Next Tuesday they played away at Fram earl in the first round of the county cup where Springwood progressed to the second round with a score of 59-0 to either play Hethersett or Reepham. Tries were scored by: Amaru Casaleiro with two, Ellis Hardaker with two, Fletcher Milnes with one Sam McKenzie with one, Hector Bruce with one, Charlie Green with one, Charlie Cooper with one and all conversions were scored but one. The next day they played a tournament at home against Nicholas Hammond Academy and Smithdon where the team was split in two and each played a school. Both teams put up a good fight against

Springwood, but in the end, Springwood were victorious!

- Finley Mallett / Sam McKenzie

Girls Football

On the 2nd of October , Our Springwood U14s girls team travelled to March and played against Neale-Wade Academy. Our girls performed well as we worked together, we communicated, we helped each other and we were always working to get the ball back, are efforts payed off as by half time the score was 10-0 and in the second half we capitalized a further 6 goals making the final result 16-0, our goal scores were; Nelia, Millie, Eden, Bethany, Daisy and Mileyrose. I asked a few players on the team and one of our defenders, Elsie says that "We were confident and that the match was exciting ". Also, one of our strikers Eryn says that "It was good, we took had loads of chances and had many goals from that".

Although the score may show that it was an easy match, it was very much the opposite. They battled hard and they put in a good performance, constantly working for the ball in defence also their striker had many good runs and chances however the constant effort of our defenders was strong and kept it away. Our goal keeper Grace had some good saves in this match and done some great kicks to set up our strikers ready upfront. In my opinion one of our best goals was scored by Millie but had a great assist from Bethany which was from a throw in! When some girls where subbed off they were eager to play again and this shows that they have enjoyed their time on the pitch. We managed to keep high intensity game with the help of our coach Mr. Baxter who constantly gave us encouragement.

Overall I think we made a strong start to our National Cup journey and were hoping to be consistent throughout our next games even if they are challenging, we will also we be consistent throughout our County Cup journey and hope to come out on top.

- Daisy T



YEAR 9 SPORTS NEWS

Girls Netball – U14 Norfolk Champions

Girls Football – Bowed out of National Cup



Boys Rugby – Norfolk Emerging Schools County Cup Champions



Boys Football – Bowed out of National Cup

YEAR 9 UPCOMING EVENTS NEXT HALF-TERM

08/11/23

- 4:30pm
Rotary Young Musician, Regional Heat

10/11/23

- 11:00am
Remembrance Service

30/11/23

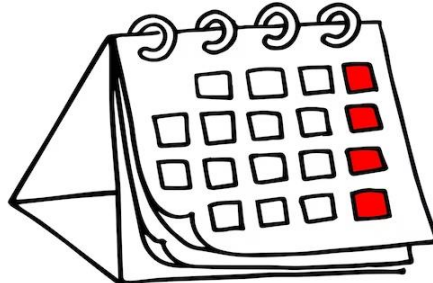
- 3:45pm – 6:45pm
Year 9 Info Tutor Evening

06/12/23

- 6:00pm
WNAT Christmas Carol Service - 5

19/12/23

- 7:00pm
Springwood Christmas Concert





YEAR 9 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Monday

Kingsmen - Lunchtime - MU1
Keyboard Club - Lunchtime - MU3
Senior Cantabene - 3:30pm to 5:00pm - 6th Form Hub
Junior Woodwind (Woodwind Grades 1-3) 3:30pm to 4:30pm – MU1

Tuesday

Music Theory - Lunchtime - MU3
Senior Woodwind (Flute/Clarinet/Bassoon Grade 3+) - Lunchtime - MU1
Art Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – BA3
Photography Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – B12
Design Technology Club – Week 1 3:25pm to 4:30pm – T3
Fashion & Textiles Club – Week 1 3:25pm to 4:30pm – T4
Star Bakers Club – Week 2 3:30pm to 4:30pm – T5
Year 9 Football – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – Sports Field
Concert Band (Wind/Brass/Strings/Percussion Grade 3+) - 3:30pm to 5:00pm - 6th Form Hub



Wednesday

German Club – Lunchtime – F4
Kingsmen - Lunchtime - MU1
Year 9 Rugby – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – Sports Field
Year 9 Netball – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – Astro Turf
Girls Rugby – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – Sports Field
KS3 Dance – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – Dance Studio
Sinfonia (Strings Grade2+) - 3:30pm - 4:30pm - MU1
Brass Ensemble (Brass Grade2+) - 3:30pm to 4:30pm - MU2



Thursday

STEMM Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – JL11
History Club - 3:30pm to 4:30pm - S7
Year 7-9 Girls Football – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – Sports Field
School Musical (By Audition) - 3:30pm to 5:00pm - DS&MU1
Rock Club - 3:30pm to 4:30pm - MU2
Walkmen (Student Led) - 3:30pm to 4:30pm - MU4
Chess Club - 3:25pm to 4:30pm – LRC



Friday

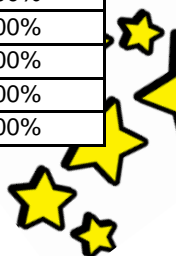
Guitar Group (Beginner to Grade2) - Lunchtime - MU1
Sax Choir (By Invitation) - Lunchtime - MU2
All Years Fitness Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – Sports Field
School Musical (By Audition) - 3:30pm to 5:00pm - PHH
Big Band (By Invitation) - 3:30pm to 5:00pm - 6th Form Hub



YEAR 9 ATTENDANCE EXCELLENCE

Emily	9B1	100%
Isabella	9B1	100%
Kamile	9B1	100%
Hager	9B2	100%
Emily	9B2	100%
Harvey	9B2	100%
Alfie	9B2	100%
Ruby	9B2	100%
Antoni	9B2	100%
Gabriel	9B2	100%
Amogh	9B2	100%
Isabella	9B2	100%
Caitlin	9B2	100%
Jack	9F1	100%
Abigail	9F1	100%
Shayla	9F1	100%
Mikayla-Jane	9F1	100%
Ben	9F1	100%
Samuel	9F1	100%
Lexi	9F1	100%
Hana	9F1	100%
Felicity	9F1	100%
Nathan	9F1	100%
Anish	9F1	100%
Abdullah	9F1	100%
Maksymilian	9F1	100%
Hendrix	9F1	100%
Jasmine	9F2	100%
Kian	9F2	100%
Esther	9F2	100%
Oliver	9F2	100%
Faith	9F2	100%
Ben	9F2	100%
Tamzin	9F2	100%
Belle	9F2	100%
Estela	9H1	100%
Callum	9H1	100%
Ryley	9H1	100%
George	9H1	100%
Jayden	9H1	100%
Aidas	9H1	100%
Maisie	9H1	100%
Nickolas	9H1	100%
Rayane	9H1	100%
Nyasha	9H1	100%
Rory	9H1	100%
Mileyrose	9H1	100%
Riley	9H2	100%

Tegan	9H2	100%
Evie	9H2	100%
Macy	9H2	100%
Sofia	9H2	100%
Jeshaun	9H2	100%
Oreoluwa	9H2	100%
William	9H2	100%
Nela	9H2	100%
Connor	9H2	100%
Ryan	9H2	100%
Grace	9O1	100%
Lily	9O1	100%
Ruby	9O1	100%
Sandra	9O1	100%
Lois	9O1	100%
Imogen	9O1	100%
Alfie	9O1	100%
Senoozhika	9O1	100%
Elijel	9O2	100%
Alfie	9O2	100%
Adrijanas	9O2	100%
Khloe	9O2	100%
Samanta	9O2	100%
Ella-Louise	9O2	100%
Bryony	9O2	100%
Riley	9O2	100%
Jewel	9O2	100%
Kristers	9O2	100%
Roxanne	9O2	100%
Logan	9S1	100%
Arthur	9S1	100%
Macey-Jo	9S1	100%
Charlie	9S1	100%
Poppy	9S1	100%
Alvin	9S1	100%
Elinga	9S1	100%
David	9S1	100%
Abin	9S1	100%
Jenson	9S1	100%
Daniel	9S2	100%
Faye	9S2	100%
Daniel	9S2	100%
Anyia	9S2	100%
Finley	9S2	100%
Leah	9S2	100%
Gregory	9S2	100%
Polina	9S2	100%
Lexie	9S2	100%





YEAR 9 FORM GROUP ATTENDANCE

9F1	96.40%
9H1	94.45%
9O1	94.44%
9S1	94.25%
9O2	93.93%
9F2	93.50%
9S2	92.96%
9H2	90%
9B2	88.46%
9B1	84.50%

YEAR 9 ACHIEVEMENT POINTS

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6,403

*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 our first half-term!*

A VERY WELL DONE TO ALL OF YOU!





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

LOST AND FOUND

Please put your child's name on 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 main desk. 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.



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



EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

All students should have the following with them every day –
School bag, 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



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 *School skirt *School shorts *School jumper</p> <p>Plain black tights or plain black socks that must at least cover the whole ankle (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: *Springwood sweatshirt Black Track Suit Bottoms Plain Black leggings Plain Black 'skin' can be worn under PE shirt Shin pads and gumshields</p>

Items marked * can only be bought through the school website from Price & Buckland

**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.



Appendix 4: Attendance Policy Quick Guide for Parents

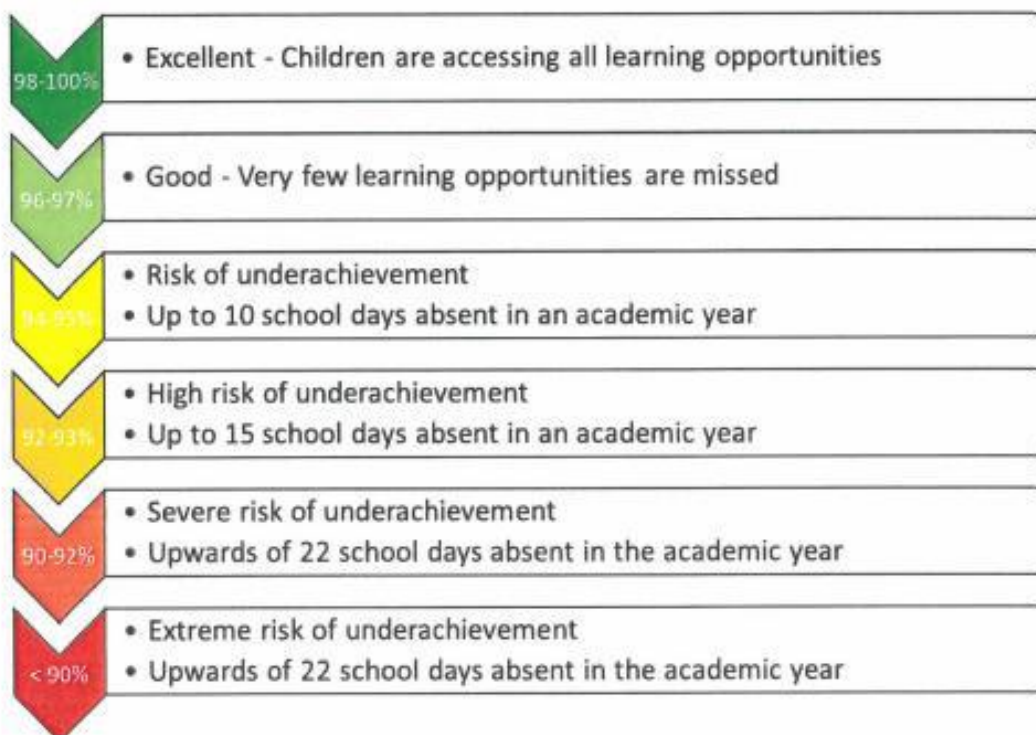
Attendance Policy Quick Guide for Parents

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.





ENJOY YOUR WEEK OFF!

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU
ALL BACK

30TH OF OCTOBER 2023!