

#### Year 8 Newsletter May 2023



#### Message from Mr Johnson

As our Year 11s and Year 13s start their exams, I would like to say thank you to all the families who are supporting their children through this time, be it through bringing them in for extra sessions, helping them focus at home, or just the extra bar of chocolate when the need arises! Everyone at Springwood wishes all our students a positive exam season and we are all confident that their hard work will result in success for their next steps.

We have also had the privilege this term of meeting the incoming Year 7 children who will be looking forward to their new experiences at Springwood from September.

#### **Springwood Young Enterprise Team**

Earlier in the term our Young Enterprise team competed at the UEA showcase final against schools across the UK. 'SAWARE' is a business raising awareness around the taboo topic of sexual assault and the rising epidemic of drink spiking. The students felt strongly about this topic and wanted to create a product that prevented it and raised awareness within their age groups; with 5,000 reports of spiking in the UK yearly. Their idea was innovative and their presentation was excellent. The four students that represented the school did so with pride and professionalism. I have already received two positive emails regarding our well-mannered and polite group of students. Our students came away winning two prizes for marketing and best logo. Their trophy and certificates are proudly displayed in our foyer.

#### **House Dance**

I had the great pleasure of having a front row seat at this year's House Dance competition where I saw Prison Break performed by Blickling House, Star Wars by Felbrigg House, Alice in Wonderland by Holkham House, Camp Rock by Oxburgh House and Toy Story by Sandringham House. There were some fabulously choreographed stories, but as there has to be a winner, Holkham House were awarded the crown. During the evening there were several other fantastic performances with the evening Finale including all the dancers performing High School Musical. What a fabulous evening!

#### **Ongoing Dance Successes**

Demonstrating how much talent we have amongst our student body, I would like to share with you some other fantastic dance news: Olivia King has been offered a place at Stella Mann College. She received a DADA and has also been offered a place at Performers College. Phoebe Campbell has been offered a place into the Northern Contemporary Dance School. A student who left us last year, Hannah Futter, has now got a place at London Studio Centre, for a BA Hons degree. Lily Stewart has already been mentioned in the local press for her world street championships. A Year 9 student, Eiyla Doherty, will be taking part in a 5-day summer school scholarship with Doreen Bird College through performing in a regional competition with Studio 19.

#### **Summer Term Events**

WNAT Community Music Festival - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July at Springwood, 6.30pm KS3 Presentation Evening (Yr9) - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July at St Nicholas Chapel, King's Lynn, 6.30pm Fashion Show - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at Springwood, 7pm - To purchase fashion show tickets please visit - <a href="https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=164">https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=164</a>
Sports Presentation Evening - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July at Springwood, 6pm

I wish you all a good half term break.









Mr Hobbs & Miss Craig YEAR 8 OFFICE <u>Classof2026@springwoodhihgschool.co.uk</u> 01553 778099

As we progress through the final term of year 8 I would like to congratulate you the parents alongside the pupils on the fabulous progress that is being made. Our year group's attendance, achievement points and lack of behaviour points have been particular highlights.

Pupils have shown real maturity in discussing sensitive issues such as the use of Social Media, Anxiety and Knife Crime. As I have often stated, it is important that pupils leave Springwood with academic success, but it is equally important that they leave with lots of interests that can be enhanced through extra- curricular activities and also a developed character achieved through an appreciation and acceptance of others' views.

As the weather begins to improve, the clubs on offer also begin to adapt. An example of this is instead of Football and Rugby clubs we will begin to see Cricket, Tennis and Athletics. Please keep checking the website for clubs on offer and encourage your children to try something new.

I am excited to say that we will be taking some pupils sailing again this year. If you receive a letter please do get it returned as soon as possible to guarantee your child's place.

As always, I want to thank you, as parents, for the support that you show the school. Obviously, we sometimes have to have sensitive conversations with the pupils based on incidents that occur both inside school and out. Our goal is always with the best interests of the pupil in mind. These conversations are always easier and more effective when we know that we have the support of the parents.

So, with one half term to go until the summer break, please keep checking your Parent App for updates on your child's punctuality, achievement/behaviour points and attendance. Let's get to year 9 in the best possible position for the pupils to become the most successful year group yet!

We do hope that you have a lovely half term.

Mr Hobbs





## The Difference



A group of Year 8 students have written a play and have been rehearsing hard and show week is close at the end of this half term.

# Performance evenings Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th May Time 6:30 pm In the Drama Studio FREE (Donations welcome, raising money for **Springfes**t)





# UK JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE



Year 8s recently completed the UKMT Junior Maths
Challenge, with a number receiving bronze and silver
certificates. A big well done to Erin, Hui and Antoni,
who all received gold certificates and will be competing
in the next round of the competition!!





## YEAR 8 DISCO

FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE
DRAMA STUDIO
7-9PM
TICKETS £2

#### **AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE via PARENTPAY**

Refreshments will be available to purchase!







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A, Roberts	8F2	100
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A, Elijel	802	100
B Shiloh	802	100
B Logan	8S1	100
B, Maisie	8F2	100
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B, Lucia	8H2	100
B, Henry	8F2	100
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B Kayleigh	8H2	100
B, Laeila	8H1	100
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C, Kevinas	802	100
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C, Sophia	8S2	100
C, Emily	8B1	100
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G, Macy	8H2	100
G, Daisy-Louise	8H1	100
G, Zack	8S1	100
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#### ATTENDANCE HERO AWARD

#### **Spring Term Winners**

# 8H1

Enjoyed a well deserved winners' lunch outside the cabin.

#### QUESTION....

Who will be next term's winners?

Thank you to our Attendance Team for making this happen.





# HOUSE DANCE 2023



**House Dance Show 2023** 

A number of our Year 8 students took part in this year's House Dance Show. The evening was a great success. We were proud of every Year 8 involved. The students worked very hard on their routines and had spent lots of time practising and doing rehearsals.

Well done everyone!

# HOLKHAM HOUSE 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE CONGRATULATIONS!





#### SPRINGFEST FUNDRAISER















WINNING TEAM!





**Key Dates** 

#### **Community Music Week**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Hosted at Springwood High School

Every evening out on the back field – bring a blanket or chair

Free of charge

Performances from across West Norfolk Academies Trust - Choirs, Bands, Orchestras, Musical Theatre and much more!

#### **Year 8 Parent Evening**

29<sup>th</sup> June 2023
Online
Bookings will be available to make on
15<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**School Disco** 

9th June 2023

**Return to School after half-term** 

5<sup>th</sup> June

**SPRINGFEST** 

July 19th 2023





#### YEAR 8 EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

	LUNCH TIME	AFTER SCHOOL
Monday	Kingsmen (Male Voices) – 12:50pm to 1:20pm – MU1 Flute Ensemble – 12:50pm to 1:20pm – MU2 Music Theory – 12:50pm to 1:20pm – MU3	Junior Cantabene – 3:30pm to 4:30pm – MU1 Springing Strings – 4:00pm to 5:00pm – DR1 Master Blasters – 4:00pm to 5:00pm – DR2
Tuesday	Computing Club – 12:40pm to 1:20pm – F12  Kingsmen (Male Voices) – 12:40pm to 1:20pm – MU1  Sax Choir – 12:40pm to 1:20pm – MU2  Senior Guitar Group – 12:40 to 1:20pm – MU3	Maths – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – B2  Maths & Art Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – B1  Fashion Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – T4  Design and Technology Club – 3:25pm to  4:30pm -T2  KS3 Girls Football – 3:25pm to 4:30pm  Concert Band – 3:30pm to 4:30pm – Sixth  Form Hub  Rock Club – 3:30pm to 4:30pm – MU1/MU2
Wednesday	Music Theatre Club — 12:40pm to 1:20pm — MU1 Junior Guitar Group - 12:40pm to 1:20pm — MU3	Maths – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – B2 Dance Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – West Gym Boys Rugby – 3:25pm to 4:30pm Netball – 3:25pm to 4:30pm History Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – S8 KS3 STEM Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – JL11
Thursday	Bella Voices (Female Voices) – 12:40pm to 1:20pm – MU1 Soul Band – 12:40pm to 1:20pm – MU2	Maths – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – B2 Origami Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – B1 All Years Girls Rugby – 3:25pm to 4:30pm House Sports TBA – Weekly Competition Boys Football – 3:25pm to 4:30pm Drumline Percussion Ensemble – 3:30pm to 4:30pm – MU1 German Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – F9
Friday	Bella Voices (Female Voices) – 12:40pm to 1:20pm – MU1 Sax Quartet – 12:40pm to 1:20pm – MU2 Keyboard Club – 12:40pm to 1:20pm – MU3	Fitness Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – Sandringham Field Junior Band – 3:30pm to 4:30pm – Sixth Form Hub Big Band – 3:30pm to 5:00pm – MU1





#### ACHIEVEMENT POINTS SO FAR

46,042
FANTASTIC

Very well done, Year 8 Doing yourselves proud!

**BADGES** 

100 = Bronze

250 = Silver

400 = Gold

600 = Platinum



#### **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		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

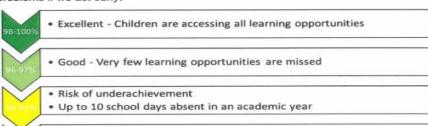
#### **Attendance Policy Quick Guide for Parents**

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.



- High risk of underachievement
- Up to 15 school days absent in an academic year
- · Severe risk of underachievement
- . Upwards of 22 school days absent in the academic year
- Extreme risk of underachievement
- Upwards of 22 school days absent in the academic year





Appendix 1

#### SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

#### UNIFORM & SPORTS KIT CHECKLIST

\*Blazer
White, stiff collar school shirt
\*House colour school tie

\*\*Plain black tailored trousers or \*School skirt

\*School jumper

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.

Plain black (leather or leather-like) shoes (no boots, black trainers, stilettos, ballet pumps, sling backs or toeless)

Plain coat (no logos or other markings) long enough to cover blazer properly

#### PE KIT

#### Compulsory:

\*Springwood PE shirt
Black Shorts
Black Socks
Trainers (non-marking sole with grip)
Football Boots

#### Optional:

Black Track Suit
Plain Black leggings
Plain Black 'skin' can be worn under PE shirt
Shin pads and gumshields

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 is 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.

PTFA Meeting - Wednesday 7th June 2023 - 4.45pm

We will be holding a PTFA meeting on Wednesday 7th June at 4.45 pm in the conference room.

If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining the PTFA, please invite them along. You can also email ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk for further information or to

express an interest or ask for an expression of interest form.

Thanks & Best Wishes. Richard Thompson



#### **Equipment Checklist**

All students should have the following with them every day –

School bag
Planner
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 READY TO LEARN EVERY DAY.

#### THANK YOU

Note: Filled pencil cases will shortly be available to purchase via Parentpay

https://www.parentpay.com/