



Year 10 Newsletter

October 2023

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

Message from Mrs Mann – Head of Year 10

What an exciting start we have had to this new school year. I have been delighted to see so many of our year group flourish in their chosen option subjects. Be this cooking up a storm in their food classes, exploring the skills and trades in DT and construction lessons or beginning to realise the evolution of medicine in history. I, of course, could provide many more examples, each paired with a student excited by the chance to learn something new. I have no doubt that if this positivity continues we will see some amazing results over the course of the next two years.

We have also already appreciated sporting successes from our students, STEM awards and hopefully inspired students to explore some new careers during our Super Learning Day. A special thanks to all our speakers on the day. Giving Year 10 the opportunity to learn from individuals who really know what it's like to work as lawyers, in the NHS, in the fire service and in sports. As well as talk them through post 16 options and apprenticeship opportunities. We will continue to have careers visitors over the year to offer more opportunities to your children.

I would also like to say a massive thank you and well done to our amazing Transition leaders! They have been an absolute credit to our year group and I know their efforts will have contributed to the fantastic start our new Year 7's have made.

Finally, I would like to ask for your continued support in ensuring our Year 10 are well equipped, have the correct uniform and are being punctual both in the morning and to lessons. We know that all of these things have a real impact on how students perform during their school careers. Being in time to lessons particularly, can have a real impact on attainment at GCSE level. Many students are already doing brilliantly in this respect, and your encouragement goes a long way in helping them maintain this.

Have a wonderful half term.

Mrs Mann

Dates for your diary

30th and 31st October - Flu Immunisations

4th December - Year 10 Reports to parents

7th December - Year 10 Tutor Evening

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Attendance Information

What should I do if my child is unwell?

If your child is unwell, please call the Year 10 Office on 01553 779408 or email classof2025@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 10 Office. You will then receive a phone call, email or SIMS message stating if your request has been granted or denied.

Year 10 News and Events

A wonderful start to our Sporting year.



Year 10 boys County Rugby competition - 3rd overall

Well done team!!



Year 10 Netball

Still going strong this year so far.

Year 10 Guided Choices

Settling into their new timetables and learning new things



Class of 2025 Transition Leaders

A fantastic moment for our Transition leaders. Mr Johnson was very happy to hand deliver their badges. They have all worked very hard helping the new Year 7 students settle in. Well done all!



Super Learning Day - Careers

A few photos from our fantastic Super Learning Day, We were delighted to see so many students making the most of the opportunities.



WNAT Chess - Championship Report

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.

By Hui Yu, 9F2

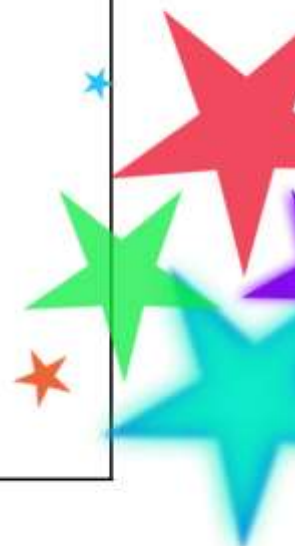




100% Attendance



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Half term activities



ALIVE

October Half Term Activities

21–29 October 2023

Lynnsport, St James Pool, Downham
Leisure, Oasis and Glebe House School

Holiday Clubs, Spooky Skating,
Arts & Crafts, Gymnastics,
Inflata-Fun Splash and more!
Booking is advisable for all activities.

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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