



YEAR 11 NEWSLETTER



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, Eiyra 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 3rd to Thursday 6th July at Springwood, 6.30pm

KS3 Presentation Evening (Yr9) - Monday 10th July at St Nicholas Chapel, King's Lynn, 6.30pm

Fashion Show - Wednesday 12th July at Springwood, 7pm - To purchase fashion show tickets please visit - <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=164>

Sports Presentation Evening – Friday 14th July at Springwood, 6pm

I wish you all a good half term break.

A Final Message from the Year Team

I can't quite believe this is the final time I will be writing to you all in the newsletter. This year has gone by so quickly! Year 11 really have done so well this year, I am immensely proud of them. The last 9 months has seen the year group embark on the final chapter of their secondary school career, all leading up to the start of their exams 2 weeks ago. The positive attitude, focus and maturity that we have seen Year 11 approach the first 2 weeks of their exams has been so pleasing and we have no doubts this will continue for the last few weeks after half term.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a couple of thank yous. Whilst I am incredibly proud of the Year 11 students, their success could not have been possible without the backing of you, their parents and carers. The overwhelming support you have shown your children, and the school, has resulted in a group of students who have done themselves, and Springwood High School, proud. By working together, we have enabled our students to develop and prepare themselves not only for their exams, but also for the next step in their educational journey beyond Year 11. Thank you!

My next thank you is to Mr Fleetham, who is due to leave Springwood at the end of this academic year. Mr Fleetham has only been with us at Springwood for the last school year, but I am sure you will all agree that he has made a huge impact in that time. He has supported so many families and students, and made a considerable difference to the wellbeing, happiness, and achievement of so many of your children. I am personally going to miss working so closely with him, in particular, his commitment to helping young people, his professionalism, and his excellent sense of humour! Thank you Mr Fleetham and we wish you the best of luck in your next chapter in Cyprus - I am not jealous at all!

The final key message from me this year is exactly the same as my first key message delivered at the Stepping Up to Success evening at the start of this school year. Please remember to tell your children you are PROUD of them. Now, more than ever. To say the journey your children have been on over the last 5 years has been challenging would be a massive understatement. To deal with the things they have, and come out showing the grit and determination we are now seeing makes me so proud on a daily basis. I know you as parents will be equally proud. By simply telling them this, you are reminding them how far they have come, what they are capable of, how much you love them, and filling them with the confidence they need to finish this exam season as strongly as possible, and continue to succeed in their future endeavours.

Thank you all again, and I look forward to seeing you in the crowds on the 30th June to watch our amazing year group arrive at their Prom with happiness and pride.

Mr Denton and Mr Fleetham



Exam Reminders

As stated above, students have made an excellent start to their GCSE Exams. There are, however, just a few things to remind them of. Students must be in full school uniform for each exam, including their tie. Students must ensure they are fully equipped for every exam. If students are currently short of any equipment, please remember you can purchase one of our 2 exam specific pencil cases on ParentPay. The pencil case without a calculator costs £1.50 and the pencil case including a calculator costs £10.50.



Finally, please ensure your children are coming into school with their school bag. They need a bag to ensure they have all their revision materials, but also to put their phone in, switched off, during the day. This is more important than ever due to exam guidelines.

If a student takes a phone into an exam, whether it is switched on or off, they can be disqualified and get 0 marks on that paper, and potentially the rest of their papers as well.

May Half Term Revision Sessions

To assist students in their preparation for exams after Half- Term, we are running some revisions sessions for core subjects during the students Half Term break. The sessions and dates are below;

Tuesday 30th May - Maths 9am-12pm in Blickling.

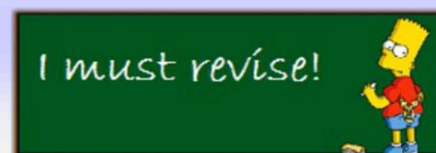
Wednesday 31st May - Biology for students sitting Triple Science. 9am-12pm in the PHH.

Thursday 1st June - Chemistry for students sitting Triple Science. 9am-12pm in the PHH.

English Language 9am-12.30pm in H1 and H2.

Friday 2nd June - Physics for students sitting Triple Science. 9am-12.00pm in the PHH.

Sunday 4th June - Online English Language session. Time to be confirmed on the English Google Classroom. This session is designed for any students who missed the revision on Thursday due to attending the Chemistry session, but all students are welcome to attend.



Key Dates Summary

- End of compulsory attendance – Students' last full day that they are expected to attend school is Friday 16th June. Students will leave site as soon as their Physics exam concludes, unless they are sitting the Geography paper that afternoon, in which case they will remain in school to revise, and leave once the afternoon exam finishes. After this date they will study at home and be expected to attend any remaining GCSE's they are due to sit. The very last exam is Wednesday 21st June 2023 (Polish).
- Wednesday 28th June – JCQ (Government) GCSE Contingency Day**
- Leavers assembly and BBQ – Monday 26th June 10am – 12.00pm
- Prom tickets – Prom is on the 30th June 2023. Tickets available to purchase from ParentPay from 26th May.
- GCSE Results Day – Thursday 24th August
- Yearbooks – These are available to order on Parent Pay and will be ready for collection on GCSE results day. More information on how to purchase these will follow in the coming weeks.

**** What is the GCSE contingency day 2023?**

A level and GCSE exam contingency day is WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE 2023. This date has been set by JCQ as a contingency day, should sustained national or local disruption arise during the Summer 2023 examination series.



The Prom

As stated above, the date of the Prom is 30th June 2023. This year, the theme for the Prom will be James Bond (007). Tickets will go on sale Friday 26th May, and can be purchased through ParentPay. The cost is £20. This year's prom will include a red-carpet welcome, buffet style food, Casino tables, arcade games (Dance Mats and Racing Car Simulators), as well as a DJ. We will be welcoming students to arrive from 6pm, and the evening is due to finish at 11pm. We look forward to seeing all our students looking smart and glamorous!

Leaver Assembly and BBQ

On Monday the 26th of June we will be inviting Year 11 Students back into school at 10am for a leaver's assembly and BBQ. Students will then leave the school site again at 12pm. There is a small charge of £2 per student for the BBQ which can be paid via ParentPay. This will also be available to pay from Friday the 26th May. If your child is in receipt of free school meals then the £2 will be covered by the school.



The leaver's assembly and BBQ will be the only opportunity for shirt signing. We expect students to attend the assembly in their full school uniform, but there will be opportunity for shirt signing to take place. This must not be done on any other day, including the 16th of June due to exams still taking place.

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