



Message from Mr Johnson

MKM

We are very proud of our Construction learning facility here at Springwood and we are extremely grateful for MKMs support in provide us with PPE (safety boots and overalls) and materials (bricks and breeze blocks). I would like to thank Damian Roach, Branch Director and Matt Cobb, Trade Counter Salesperson who have been working closely with our staff over the past few months. Your support is very much appreciated.

Remembrance

Our Year 7 cohort did us proud when we held our Remembrance Service on Friday 10th November. The Rev Kyla Sorenson led our service of remembrance and students, who are also cadets, played an active part as well. Well done to them all.

Big Dig Two

Having been previously postponed because of the rain, on Saturday 25th November we were very lucky the sun shone and we finally got to plant our 420 tree saplings. We all enjoyed the experience; a good time was had by all that attended and a big thank you to the Environment Committee.

U16 Girl Rugby County Cup – Winners

I had the pleasure of meeting with our cup winning Team for a celebration doughnut and a drink. Fantastic result. Well done to you all.

Discos

During this term we have held two discos. The year 8's celebrated with a Halloween themed disco and there were some fabulous costumes on show. Then the year 7's held a Christmas Themed Disco. Thank you to the staff that have made the time to put on these extra events.

Tutor Evenings

During this term we have held Tutor Evenings for our Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 cohorts. It has been lovely to meet so many of our Parents/Guardians during these evenings. I would like to say thank you for supporting your child and the School.

Christmas Fair

On Thursday 14th December the PTFA held a very successful Christmas Fair raising funds for future projects.

Springwood Christmas Concert

I witnessed first-hand the Springwood Christmas Concert. I think everyone will agree we have some very talented students here at Springwood who did us proud with such a fantastic performance. Well done to everyone that took part and to everyone that works tirelessly behind the scenes.

Christmas Jumper Day

What a fun fabulous way to end the term with so many students and staff wearing their Christmas Jumpers.

Best wishes to you all for your festive break.

Mr Johnson





Message from Head of Year

Dear Parents and Guardians, as we wrap up this term, we'd like to share some of this half term's highlights –

Tutor Evening

Thank you for your active participation in the recent Tutor Evening. It's inspiring to see the collaborative effort between parents, students, and tutors towards academic success.

Year 8 Disco

The Year 8 Disco was a night filled with laughter, dancing, and lots of fun. We appreciate the students' enthusiasm and positive energy, making it a memorable event. We would like to thank the PTFA for their support with refreshments. Funds raised from this will go towards Sringfest for Year 8 in July.

Year Council Members

Congratulations to the newly elected Year Council Members! Your commitment to representing your peers and contributing to the school community is commendable.

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair was a festive success! Thank you to all who volunteered, attended, and contributed to the joyful atmosphere. Your support helps enhance the overall school experience. Year 8 had a cake stall – see photos further below.

Year 8 Reading Celebration

Over 150 students celebrated their success and progress with their reading. Students were invited to a rewards party where they had a selection of treats and drinks. Each student was given a certificate marking their progress in developing their reading age. Well done!

Acts of AMBITIOUS

A new reward incentive launched this half term across the school. Students are awarded these from staff in acknowledgement of their Acts of Ambitious. Students are given a card and they place it in the AMBITIOUS box in the Year Office. Two students are then picked out of the box in assembly and win a treat. Please see photos further on in the newsletter with our prize winner board.

We hope you have a lovely Christmas and New Year.

We return to school on Thursday 4th January.

Mr Cuss & Mrs Robinson





Attendance Message

Attendance at school is key to your child's success in the future. Students with high school attendance are twice as likely to pass their English and Maths GCSEs as those who do not. In fact, data shows that only 10% of students with an attendance of 85% or less will achieve 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, with one third of the students attending less than 85% achieving no GCSEs at all.

Missing just one day each week is the equivalent of losing 2 years of education, by the time a student reaches year 11. Even an attendance of 90% (missing on average half a day week) amounts to half a years teaching lost during the 5 years at secondary school. Every year at school is as important as another. Although years 10 and 11 are focussed on GCSE and exam work, years 7, 8 and 9 are key to having the building blocks in place in each of the subjects to be able to be successful in the later years.

Good attendance at school is not just about lessons and exams though. Being at school helps your child develop social skills and friendships, and allows them to interact more successfully within society.

Good routines are important – be it going to bed or getting up, taking exercise and just spending time with the family. Talk to your child about their school day: showing an interest in how things are going shows that you value school too.

Students should continue to attend school with minor illnesses; if you could go to work with that illness then your child should attend school. Thank you to all of those parents who do this already. As you know, we will contact you if your child does become too ill to be at school.

Punctuality to school is also key to good habits. Tutor time is just as important as any other lesson in school and therefore all children must be onsite by the time the warning bell sounds, at 8:45am, please, to ensure they are not late to these lessons.

If you need additional support with attendance, please contact the school at

attendance@springwoodhighschool.co.uk or use the following website:

www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance



Year Office Contact Details

Year 8 Office direct dial 24/7 – 01553 778090

Year 8 email – classof2027@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Head of Year – Mr Cuss – p.cuss@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Year 8 Manager – Mrs Robinson – j.robinson@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

School Website www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Attendance Information

What should I do if my child is unwell? – If your child is unwell, please call the Year 8 Office on 01553 778090 or email classof2027@springwoodhighschool.co.uk before 8.00am and give the 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 into the Year 8 office. You will then receive a phone call, email or SIMS message stating if your request has been granted or denied.



Music Events Calendar 2023-2024

Spring Term

Date	Event	Venue	Ticket Prices	Time(s)
Thursday 1 st Feb '24	WNAT Vocal Evening	Recital Room (Mu1), Springwood High School	Free (with retiring collection)	6.30pm
Thursday 15 th Feb '24	Rock and Pop Evening (<i>Battle of the Bands</i>)	Drama Studio, Springwood High School	£3.00 Under 18's Free	6.30pm
Tuesday 27 th Feb '24	Beauty and the Beast (School Musical)	PHH, Springwood High School.	Adults £8 Under 18s £4 Under 5 years free*	6.30pm
Wednesday 28 th Feb '24	Beauty and the Beast (School Musical)	PHH, Springwood High School.	Adults £8 Under 18s £4 Under 5 years free*	6.30pm
Thursday 29 th Feb '24	Beauty and the Beast (School Musical)	PHH, Springwood High School.	Adults £8 Under 18s £4 Under 5 years free*	6.30pm
Friday 1 st Mar '24	Spring Concert (MFY Groups)	PHH, Springwood High School.	£3.00 Under 18's Free	6.30pm
Sunday 3 rd Mar '24	Music For Youth Regional Festival	PHH, Springwood High School.	Free	8.30am-5.30pm
Tuesday 19 th Mar '24	Schools Make Music Concert	Corn Exchange	Corn Exchange Box Office	6.00pm

* 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>



100% Attendance

These students have maintained 100% attendance since they started in September.

Well done!

Vitor	8B1		Jeron	8H1
Mehdi	8B1		Samuel	8H1
Georgia	8B1		Daniil	8H1
Rea	8B1		Lia	8H1
Logan	8B1		Lilly	8H2
Josh	8B1		India	8H2
Jonathan	8B1		Ryan	8H2
Horatio	8B1		Ella	8H2
Nicole	8B2		Kalin	8H2
Harriet	8B2		William	8H2
David	8B2		Astijus	8H2
Daria	8B2		Toluwanimi	8H2
Ehrune	8B2		Elizabeth	8H2
Nathan	8B2		Damilare	8O1
Archie	8B2		Maisie	8O1
Abdul-Roheem	8B2		Alexis	8O1
Ilja	8B2		Jennifer	8O1
Marley	8B2		Joey	8O1
Chloe	8F1		Arturs	8O1
Dylan	8F1		Kyle	8O2
Lesara	8F1		Lily	8O2
Divine	8F1		Theo	8O2
Isabell	8F2		Niya	8O2
Leon	8F2		Evelyn	8O2
Lucie	8F2		Adedayo	8S1
Alishba	8F2		Frankey	8S1
Charlie	8F2		Kipras	8S1
Marcus	8F2		Isabella	8S1
Daisy	8F2		Lyla	8S1
Emma	8F2		Eva	8S1
Joel	8F2		Nojus	8S1
Katie	8F2		Sidney	8S1
Kieron	8H1		Leja	8S1
Rhianna	8H1		Claudia	8S1
Olivia	8H1		Melita	8S2
Rehaan	8H1		Cole	8S2
Kajus	8H1		Harriet	8S2
Phoebe	8H1		Sally-Louise	8S2



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Year 8 Extra-Curricular Activities

Monday	<p><u>Lunchtime</u> Kingsmen - Lunchtime - MU1 Keyboard Club - Lunchtime - MU3</p> <p><u>After School</u> Senior Cantabene - 3:30pm to 5:00pm - 6th Form Hub Junior Woodwind (Woodwind Grades 1-3) 3:30pm to 4:30pm - MU1</p>
Tuesday	<p><u>Lunchtime</u> Music Theory - Lunchtime - MU3 Senior Woodwind (Flute/Clarinet/Bassoon Grade 3+) - Lunchtime - MU1</p> <p><u>After School</u> Art Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – BA3 Year 8 Netball – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – Astro Turf Year 8 Football – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – Sports Field Concert Band (Wind/Brass/Strings/Percussion Grade 3+) - 3:30pm to 5:00pm - 6th Form Hub</p>
Wednesday	<p><u>Lunchtime</u> German Club – Lunchtime – F4 Kingsmen - Lunchtime - MU1</p> <p><u>After School</u> Cooking Club – 3.25pm to 4.30pm – T5 STEMM Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – JL11 Year 8 Rugby – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – Sports Field 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 Transition Orchestra (Wind/Brass/Strings/Percussion up to Grade2) - 3:45pm to 4:45pm - 6th Form Hub</p>
Thursday	<p><u>Lunchtime</u> None</p> <p><u>After School</u> 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</p>
Friday	<p><u>Lunchtime</u> Guitar Group (Beginner to Grade2) - Lunchtime - MU1 Sax Choir (By Invitation) - Lunchtime - MU2 Pokemon Club – BA2</p> <p><u>After School</u> 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</p>

Year 8 Girls Panto Success!

We would like to congratulate two of our Year 8 girls Ruby G and Lola-Belle S who are taking part in this year's Christmas Pantomime at Kings Lynn Corn Exchange – Dick Whittington.

They are both talented dancers in various performances throughout the show.

Both girls have been working so hard with rehearsals and keeping up with their school work.

Make sure you keep an eye out for them if you are going to watch the show

We are very proud of them!

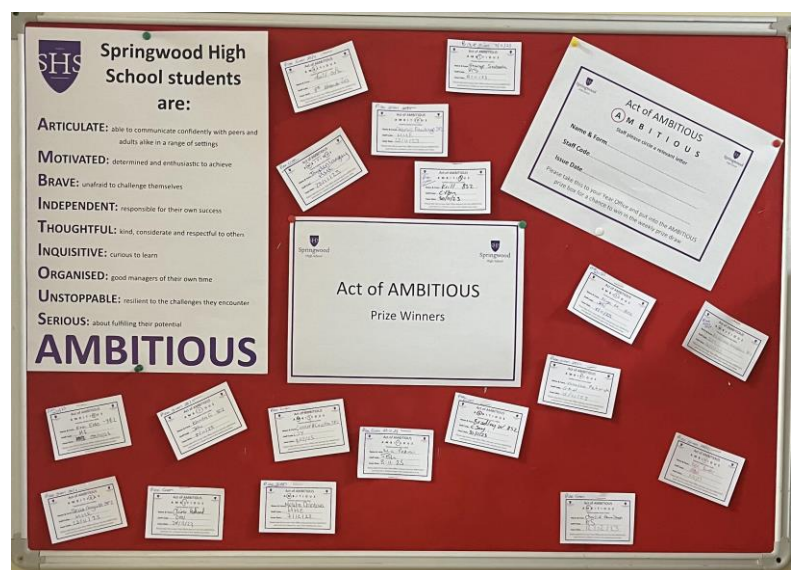


AMBITIOUS Prize Winners

As mentioned above, please have a look at our AMBITIOUS Prize Winner board.

Two students are selected weekly in our assembly and then get to come to the office to collect a nice treat.

These rewards are different to classroom based achievement points. Students can earn one of these for various things they do throughout the school day.



Achievement Points

Whole Year Group Total



Achievement Point

Award Badges

100 = Bronze

250 = Silver

400 = Gold

600 = Platinum



Year 8 School Council Representatives

Our Year Council Reps have been busy!

Year 8 students identified an area of the school that could be more beneficial to their social time.

The Year Council spoke to Mr Cuss and suggested the use of tables in the social area of Oxburgh that students could use throughout the day.

Two new tables were ordered and now a number of students make use of these before school and at break and lunch time.



Christmas Fair Helpers



We would like to say a big THANK YOU to our Year 8 volunteer helpers who sold cakes at our successful Christmas Fair with the PTFA.

Students & staff across the year group baked and donated cakes, biscuits and yummy treats for them to sell.

Their stall was a huge success!

All money raised goes back in to the PTFA to support any future events in and around school.



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School Term Dates

First Day of Term	Last Day of Term
Thursday 4 th January 2024	Friday 16 th February 2024
Monday 26 th February 2024	Thursday 28 th March 2024
Monday 15 th April 2024	Friday 24 th May 2024
Monday 3 rd June 2024	Friday 19 th July 2024

Training Days & Bank Holidays

Training Day - Wednesday 3 rd January 2024
Good Friday - 29 th March 2024
Bank Holiday – Monday 6 th May 2024

Useful Email Addresses



Parent App: enables you to access achievement, progress, attendance and assessment information.

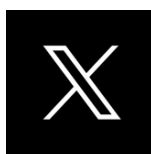
For enquiries please email:
data@springwoodhighschool.co.uk



Parent Pay: allows you to make payments to the school via a secure online account.

For enquiries please email:
finance@westnorfolkacademiustrust.co.uk

Latest News



For all the very latest Springwood School news please follow @SHSKingsLynn

For all the latest Sport & PE news please follow @SHSS_PE



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School Uniform & Sports Kit Checklist

*Blazer

White, stiff collar school shirt

*House colour school tie

**Plain black tailored trousers

*School skirt

*School shorts

*School jumper

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)

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:

*Springwood sweatshirt

Black Track Suit Bottoms

Plain Black leggings

Plain Black 'skin' can be worn under PE shirt

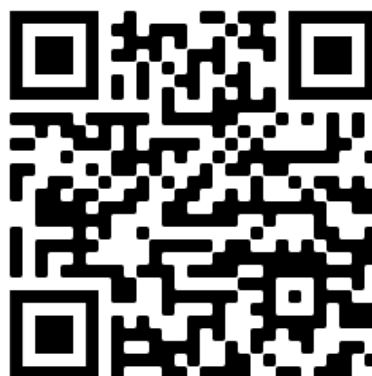
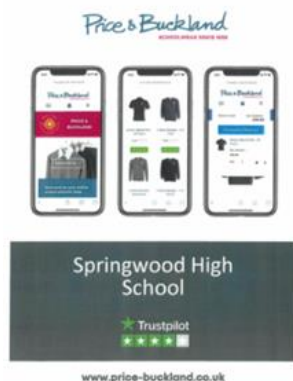
Shin pads and gumshields

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.

To view your online shop visit:

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/springwoodhigh>





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



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.

You can keep up-to-date with all the latest news from Springwood High School on the School's website or on X

www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk