



Springwood 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



Mr Denton & Mrs Kempton

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive well done to all year 7 students on their impressive transition from primary school to secondary school. We know what a big step this is for our pupils, and to see how well they have settled into life at Springwood makes us very proud.

This half term has seen students trying out all of their new subjects, and meeting all of their new teachers. We have had numerous reports of fabulous behaviour and attitudes, as well as hearing about scores of students completing their homework to the highest level. Year 7 have been smashing the achievement points and are impressing staff across the school with their high standards of conduct, uniform and organisation. It was also really pleasing to hear the Headmaster praise the Year group for their maturity, and attitude towards their recent Stop The Clock Assembly which was largely centred around Sexual Harassment and Bystander training, helping to instil a culture amongst the students of kindness and reporting anything untoward.

There were some excellent questions asked!

Finally, it has been fantastic to see the sheer volume of Year 7 students engaging in opportunities outside of the classroom. So many of our pupils are staying beyond the school day to join sports clubs, as well other clubs like Cooking, History, Choir, Origami etc. We place high value on the importance of attending extra-curricular clubs in the development of our young people, so well done Year 7, keep up the good work!



Super Learning Day

On Tuesday 17th October, Students enjoyed their first Super Learning Day.
It was a chance for Year 7 to try 10 different actives, such as;

Table Tennis, Handball, Fitness, Digital Painting, Rugby, African Drums, Ukulele...



Sporting Success - Rugby

Following in the footsteps of the football team, the Year 7 rugby team have also had their first taste of success. The team travelled to Wymondham Rugby Club to take part in a multi school tournament. We were placed in the toughest group comprising of all private schools, with the exception of one other state school. Despite this, the team battled well all day, and improved considerably as the tournament went on. At this age group rugby is non-competitive and scores are not recorded, but the unofficial scores show that Springwood only lost one out of 4 games against the best opposition in the county, an achievement to be very proud of!



Sporting Success - Football

I would like to say a HUGE well done to the Year 7 football team who won their first round of the National Cup. Please see a brief match report below written by one of the players; Olly N.

Springwood vs Neale Wade

I personally think that the springwood football team played exceptionally well during the match against Neale Wade. The whole team played their part in the 11-0 win. I strongly believe that there were many things that went well: the build up play was great, the passing was excellent and everyone knew when it was the right time to dribble and take on a defender or more. There can be some things to improve on such as knowing that if we had a big lead we need to play more defensive, don't just try and score. The last thing I would say is people were a little bit afraid to get on the end of crosses but overall it was a great game and everyone did a fantastic job.



Achievement Points

Total By Whole Year Group

10266

Achievement Point Badge Scheme

Achievement Point
Award Badges

100 = Bronze

250 = Silver

400 = Gold

600 = Platinum

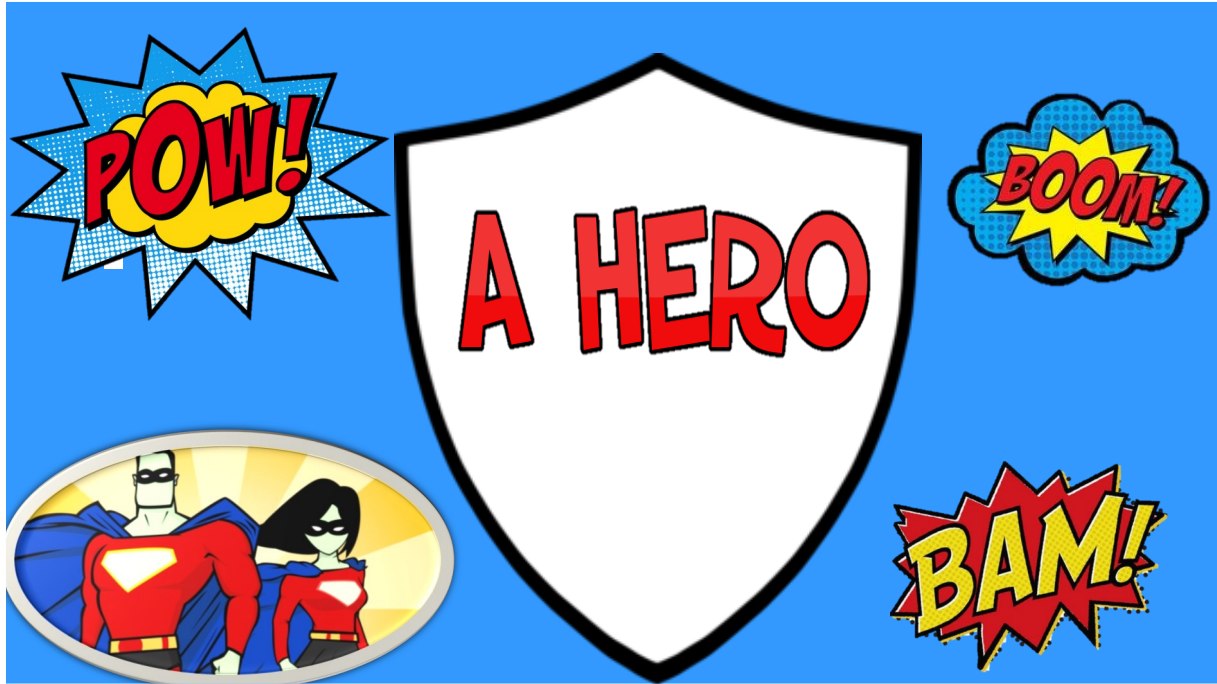


Students with 50+ Achievement Points

Oluwafemi A
Grace M
Liliana S
Ritika H
Sharen S
Amelia M
Chloe D
Christina R
Dominykas V
Isla-Mae H
Rose W
Elisabeth C
Sofia I
Tioluwalashe O
Daisy C-N
Ollie H
Aronas P
Iwan C
Roberta C-M
Chloe C
Harry E
Angela S
Nichita A
Katelyn B
Amelia C
Libby P
Kaitlyn A
Isabel B V G
Neha B
Ruben B
Logan C
Angel M
Dmytro M
Alizey A
Darcia H
Violet K
Olly N
Morgan R
Isobel C
Jack B
Sophie B
Oliver C
Finley G
Ignas S

A Hero

After half term we will be launching our Year 7 'A Hero' programme, giving all students the opportunity to achieve Hero or Superhero status by the end of the Year. Please see details below;



What is A Hero?

A TLs
Having a go
Equipment
Reading
Organisation

A Hero

ATLs

POINTS

Total ATL score has improved over the course of the two terms if their report showed any 3's or 4's. **1**

Has an average of an ATL 2 across the two terms. **2**

Has an average of an ATL 1 across the two terms. **3**

Having A Go

POINTS

Has attended at least one club on one occasion per half term either in school or outside of school. **1**

Regularly attends at least one extra-curricular club either in school or out of school. **2**

Always attends multiple clubs on a regular basis either in school or outside of school. **3**

A Hero

E**quipment**

POINTS

Formal equipment checks show a student who is fully equipped to learn at least half the time throughout the year. Spot-checks likewise. **1**

Formal equipment checks show a student who is usually fully equipped to learn throughout the year with the occasional exception. **2**

Formal equipment checks show a student who is always fully equipped to learn throughout the year. Spot-checks likewise. **3**

R**eading**

POINTS

One book has been read and a brief review written and submitted to form tutor. **1**

Two or three books have been read with good reviews written and submitted to form tutor. **2**

Four or more books have been read with excellent reviews written and submitted to form tutor. **3**

A Hero

O rganisation

POINTS

Formal uniform checks show a student who is in full uniform at least half of the time. Spot-checks likewise. Records of lateness have become less frequent during the two terms. **1**

Formal uniform checks show a student who is usually in full uniform throughout the year apart from the occasional lapse. Spot-checks likewise. Records of lateness are rare throughout the year. **2**

Formal uniform checks show a student who is always in full uniform throughout the year. No records of lateness are reported. **3**

Are you are A Hero?

Point scoring

9 points or less
= not heroic
enough!



10-14 points =

A HERO

A Hero

15 Points = Superhero

**CALLING ALL
SUPERHEROES!**

Year Office Contact Details

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Generic email—classof2028@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

School website—www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Key Dates

- * Staff Training Day—Friday 20th October—School closed to pupils
- * Half Term—Monday 23rd October—Friday 27th October
- * 31st October —Reports to parents
- * 2nd November 2023—Year 7 Parents Evening. More information to follow
- * 10th November 2023—Remembrance Service during school time

Attendance Information

What should I do if my child is unwell?—If your child is unwell, please call the Year 7 Office on 01553 779405 or email classof2028@springwoodhighschool.co.uk before 8.00am and give specific reasons and symptoms of the illness. 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 7 Office. You will then receive a phone call, email or SIMS message stating if your request has been granted or denied.

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 above

| ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE | DAYS OF SCHOOLS MISSED | ATTENDANCE RATING |
|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 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 |

Appendix 4: Attendance Policy Quick Guide for Parents

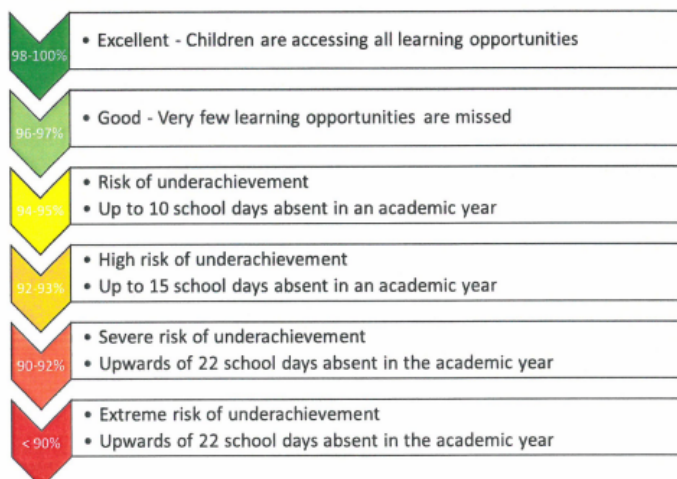
Attendance Policy Quick Guide for Parents

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.



Term Dates Summary

| | First Day of Term | Last Day of Term |
|--|---|------------------------------|
| Autumn 1st Half Term | Wednesday 6th September 2023 Years 7 and 12 Only Return to School Thursday 7th September 2023 Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 Return to School | Thursday 19th October 2023 |
| Autumn 2nd Half Term | Monday 30th October 2023 | Wednesday 20th December 2023 |
| Spring 1st Half Term | Thursday 4th January 2024 | Friday 16th February 2024 |
| Spring 2nd Half Term | Monday 26th February 2024 | Thursday 28th March 2024 |
| Summer 1st Half Term | Monday 15th April 2024 | Friday 24th May 2024 |
| Summer 2nd Half Term | Monday 3rd June 2024 | Friday 19th July 2024 |

Training Days & Bank Holidays

Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September 2023

Friday 20th October 2023

Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Bank Holiday - Monday 6th May 2024

May Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May 2023

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.



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.
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- Provide support for school trips and outings and other special events.
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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