



February Newsletter



Message from Mr Johnson

As we approach the end of the first half term of 2024 we have lots to celebrate. Firstly, though I wanted to take a moment to address a recent issue with our local community.

Parking in Queensway and surrounding roads

It has been drawn to our attention by local residents that it is not always possible for them to gain access to or leave their driveways due to parked cars blocking them. We are therefore politely reminding you, on behalf of the residents and local council, that where access to a property is being blocked or there is a dropped kerb, a PCN (penalty charge notice) may be issued to the obstructing vehicle. Please can you continue to park responsibly when collecting your child from school.

The Queen Elizabeth Prize for Academic Excellence

I had the great pleasure of meeting Kings Charles III at Sandringham House on Sunday 7th January. Two of our students were presented with The Queen Elizabeth Prize for Academic Excellence. These were: -

Fatima Massawi – 2023 Winner

She achieved Biology A*, Mathematics A*, Chemistry A* and EPQ A* in her Advanced Level Examinations. Fatima is now studying Medicine at the University of Manchester.

Simona Pilmane – 2022 Winner

She achieved Chemistry A*, EPQ A*, Further Mathematics A*, Mathematics A*, Physics A* in her Advanced Level Examinations. Simona then went on to Imperial College London to study Mechanical Engineering.



Zara Bek – 2022 Winner

Unfortunately, Zara Bek was unable to attend but I met with her at a later date here at Springwood. She was one of our 2022 winners and achieved Economics A*, EPQ A*, History A*, Mathematics A*, Politics A* in her Advanced Level Examinations. Zara then went on to study Classics at Trinity College, Cambridge.



International School Award



I am very proud to be able to inform you that Springwood High School has been awarded the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom.

The International School Award celebrates the achievements of schools that do exceptional work in international education. Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council's work with schools, so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need for life work in today's world.

Springwood's international work includes a project on sustainable fashion with a partner school in Nepal, two Erasmus projects involving collaborative work with partner schools in France, Italy, Macedonia and Croatia, and opportunities for students to complete voluntary work in Thailand and Cambodia.

All the staff at Springwood recognise what an accomplishment this is and I thank them all for the hard work in delivering internationalism to our students.



Best wishes for the half term 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 –

Year 8 Valentines 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 another memorable event. Highlights of the evening included some spectacular karaoke singing from Year 8 students.

We would like to thank the PTFA for their support with refreshments. We raised close to £500 and this will go towards Springfest for Year 8 in July.

Endeavour

We had the pleasure of 10 student presentations in our final assembly this half term. Students presented a topic of their choice to the whole year group as part of their Endeavour Gold Award. Students showed confidence and maturity and delivered excellent content.

Battle of the Bands

The West Norfolk Academies Trust Battle of the Bands took place on Thursday 15th February. There were a total of seven bands from three high schools. We are pleased to announce that our very own Year 8 band The Gliders came in at 1st place! The Gliders will go on to play at Festival Too on Sunday 30th June.

Unifrog

Unifrog is our careers based platform which has been launched throughout the year group. Students now have their own individual logins which they can use to access all of the careers resources including personality quizzes, exploration into their favourite subjects and insight into different job pathways. Please ask your child to show you the platform.

Reading Passport

Students have been set the challenge to complete a Trust wide Reading Passport. The book titles can be found in your child's Knowledge Organiser. This is to encourage students to be actively reading throughout the year and a reward system is in place for those that complete the passport. Completion of the Reading Passport is one of the challenges for Endeavour Gold.

We hope you had a restful half term.

Mr Cuss & Mrs Robinson





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Endeavour Explained

This is the Endeavour challenge sheet that students working from. All students are expected to complete at least Bronze level to earn a place at Springfest.

Endeavour task	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Present	Create a presentation regarding a topic of your choice and share it with your form tutor.	Create a presentation regarding a topic of your choice and present it to your form.	Create a presentation regarding a topic of your choice and present it to the year group.
Charity	Support or organise one charity event (including Springfest) in school throughout the year.	Support or organise two charity events (including Springfest) in school throughout the year.	Independently or in a small group organise a charity event for a local charity.
Careers	To attend one careers talk and complete your careers passport during tutor time.	To attend two careers talks and complete your careers passport during tutor time.	To attend multiple careers talks, complete your careers passport during tutor time and interview someone regarding their job role.
Represent	Represent your House in one whole school House competition.	Represent your House in two whole school House competitions.	Represent your House in three whole school House competitions.
Numeracy	Complete 2 Tutor Time Numeracy booklets or score over 1000XP on Sparks	Complete 3 Tutor Time Numeracy booklets or score over 2000XP on Sparks	Complete 4 Tutor Time Numeracy booklets or score over 3000XP on Sparks
Reading	Read 4 books during Year 8 and create a brief report about them.	Complete 50% of the Reading Passport and create a brief report about them	Complete the Reading Passport and create a brief report about them
ATLs	Average an ATL 2 for all of your school reports	Average and ATL 1 for one of your school reports	Average an ATL 1 for all of your school reports



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)
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 12 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>

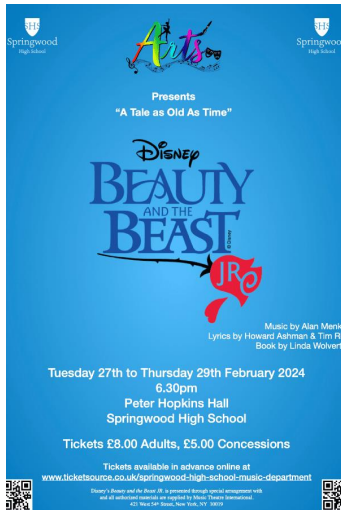


Year 8 Extra-Curricular Activities

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>



Beauty & The Beast



Performances of Beauty and the Beast will be taking place on Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th February 2024 at 6.30pm in the PHH here at Springwood High School.

Please follow the link below to purchase your tickets

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/springwood-high-school-music-department>

We look forward to seeing you all then.

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

Year 8 Council students awarded their badges for their continued efforts in representing their tutor group across the school.



Lesson Snapshot



Boys Badminton Representatives

Boys Badminton West Norfolk School Competition at KES

The boys came 1st out of 7 schools



Girls Badminton Representatives

KS3 Girls Badminton West Norfolk School Competition at KLA

The girls put in an excellent effort representing the school.



Girls Football Team

Year 7/Year 8 Girls football vs Smithdon

Springwood won 2-0



West Norfolk Academies Trust Battle of the Bands Winners



The Gliders





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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.

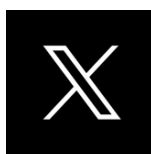
For enquiries please email:
data@springwoodhighschool.co.uk



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

For enquiries please email:
finance@westnorfolkacademistrust.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

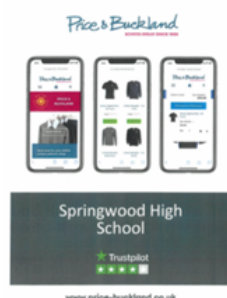
Items marked * can only be bought through the school website from Price & Buckland

**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