



Year 8

Newsletter



Oct 2023

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 Cuss & Mrs Robinson

Endeavour Programme

This half term's focus has been on the launch of the Endeavour Programme for Year 8. The programme involves students presenting on a topic, raising awareness for a charity, careers guidance and representing their house in a whole school competition. Once students have completed the programme they will be invited to celebrate their success at our annual Springfest event.

Springfest is where the students spend an afternoon in July taking part in a range of interactive activities such as a large climbing wall, go karts, inflatable sumo suits, inflatable table top football, face painting and much more. We also have a BBQ, ice-cream van and a lorry trailer with a DJ on the back playing music. As ever this event requires a large amount of funding to host. Part of Endeavour is to raise money for Springfest. We are kindly asking for any support or contacts you may have to help towards the event.

Please email—classof2027@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Open Evening

We would like to thank all Year 8 students who were involved with our hugely successful Open Evening, whether they gave up their time to show people around, supported a subject or performed in a musical ensemble. They were a credit to our school.

Stop The Clock Assembly

Following on from last year's Stop The Clock Assemblies, Year 8 have had guidance on dealing with bullying, vaping and online safety. This was delivered by Mr Cuss and Mr Johnson. All students were very attentive.

Super Learning Day

Year 8 took part in an exciting day of STEM activities organised by the Science department. From launching rockets, making robots and learning about space. Students thoroughly enjoyed their involvement in the day and impressed our visitors a great deal.

Careers

Our careers programme this term has been delivered during tutor time. Students have had an introduction to our careers platform called Unifrog. This is something that they will use throughout KS3, 4 & 5. Unifrog is an exciting platform that has interactive videos from hundreds of career pathways. Students can use this website from home as well as school.

Halloween Disco

Our first Endeavour fundraiser of the term is a Halloween Disco hosted in the Drama Studio at Springwood on Friday 3rd November. Fancy dress is optional but would be welcomed! The timing of the event is 6-7.30pm tickets will be available after half term.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely half term.

Kind regards,

Mr Cuss & Mrs Robinson



100% Attendance

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

Well done!

Andrei	8B1		Nathan	8F2		Harry	8O1
Vitor	8B1		Halle	8F2		Lucy-Anna	8O1
Mehdi	8B1		Charlie	8F2		Maisie	8O1
Keita	8B1		Marcus	8F2		Alexis	8O1
Georgia	8B1		Daisy	8F2		Jennifer	8O1
Freddie	8B1		Emma	8F2		Faith	8O1
Amanda	8B1		Joel	8F2		Joey	8O1
Rea	8B1		Katie	8F2		Arturs	8O1
Logan	8B1		Kieron	8H1		Kyle	8O2
Ola	8B1		Prateek	8H1		Lily	8O2
Josh	8B1		Rhianna	8H1		Theo	8O2
Jonathan	8B1		Harry	8H1		Lyla	8O2
Charles	8B1		Evelyn	8H1		Niya	8O2
Horatio	8B1		Olivia	8H1		Sebastian	8O2
Nicole	8B2		Rehaan	8H1		Evelyn	8O2
Connor	8B2		Kajus	8H1		Chisom	8O2
Alex	8B2		Alfie	8H1		Emily	8O2
Isobel	8B2		Teyla	8H1		Adedayo	8S1
Harriet	8B2		Phoebe	8H1		Frankey	8S1
Brooke	8B2		Jeron	8H1		Hadley	8S1
Daria	8B2		Samuel	8H1		Kipras	8S1
Erin	8B2		Ifeoluwa	8H1		Isabella	8S1
Nathan	8B2		Daniil	8H1		Lyla	8S1
Archie	8B2		Bethany	8H1		Eva	8S1
Abdul-Roheem	8B2		Lia	8H1		Nojus	8S1
Ilja	8B2		Lola Belle	8H1		Gabrielle	8S1
Marley	8B2		Lilly	8H2		Sidney	8S1
Chloe	8F1		Reven	8H2		Leja	8S1
Dylan	8F1		India	8H2		Leo	8S1
Robert	8F1		Ryan	8H2		Claudia	8S1
Denys	8F1		Ella	8H2		Kuba	8S1
Mia	8F1		Darja	8H2		Melita	8S2
Harry	8F1		Kalin	8H2		Zara	8S2
Victoria	8F1		William	8H2		Cole	8S2
Charlie	8F2		Krystal	8H2		Harriet	8S2
Will	8F2		Kieran	8H2		Eden	8S2
Isabell	8F2		Dyon	8H2		Jack	8S2
Bella	8F2		Astijus	8H2		Kirill	8S2
Ashton	8F2		Amelia	8H2		Sally-Louise	8S2
Leon	8F2		Toluwanimi	8H2		William	8S2
Lucie	8F2		Rose	8H2		Madelyn	8S2
Alishba	8F2		Elizabeth	8H2		Anna	8S2
Juan	8F2		Damilare	8O1		Bradley	8S2

Achievement Points

Whole Year Group Total



Achievement Point

Award Badges

100 = Bronze

250 = Silver

400 = Gold

600 = Platinum



WNAT Chess Championship Report

29.09.2023
By Hui Yu, 9F2

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.



Y8 Boys Rugby



Y8/9 Girls Football



Year 8 Football

Report written by Joel T

VS Neale Wade

The game was a well fought battle.

Charlie F got a great goal in the first half which put us 1-0 up.

The first half ended with the ball mostly in their half which was good.

The second half started and springwood have scored again and Charlie F has scored 2!

A few minutes go by and the goalkeeper is out of the goal so Ashton H scored from the halfway line which was an incredible goal!

Lennon F only had one save the entire game due to our defence being rock solid at the back.

The game ended 3-0 to springwood and we played really well.



We NEED you. **Can you HELP?**

We would like to create a display board next to the Year 8 Office with anything extra that our students are doing outside of school.

We would like to see anything from horse riding, cooking at home, sailing, sporting fixtures and anything else you can think of.

Please can you email us at
classof2027@springwoodhighschool.co.uk
with the student name, picture and a short write up.

We would also like to feature these in are forthcoming news-letters.

We look forward to seeing what student have been up to!

Mr Cuss & Mrs Robinson

Equipment Checklist

All students should have the following with them every day –

School bag

Timetable

Knowledge Organiser

Pencil Case -

Pens x 2

Red pen

Pencil x 2

Ruler

Calculator

Rubber

Failure to have the correct equipment after being re-minded once will result in a 2 week Equipment Report.

Key Dates

- * Monday 30th October—return to school
- * Year 8 Disco—Friday 3rd November—tickets on sale after half term
- * Springwood Autumn Concert—16.11.23—6.30pm
- * 29th November—Year 8 Tutor Parent Evening—more info to follow after half term

Year Office Contact Details

Year 8 Office, direct dial 24/7—01553 778090

Email Mr Cuss, Head of Year 8—p.cuss@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Email Mrs Robinson, Year 8 Manager—j.robinson@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Generic email—classof2027@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 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 8 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 below

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE	DAYS OF SCHOOLS MISSED	OFSTED SCHOOL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE GRADING
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

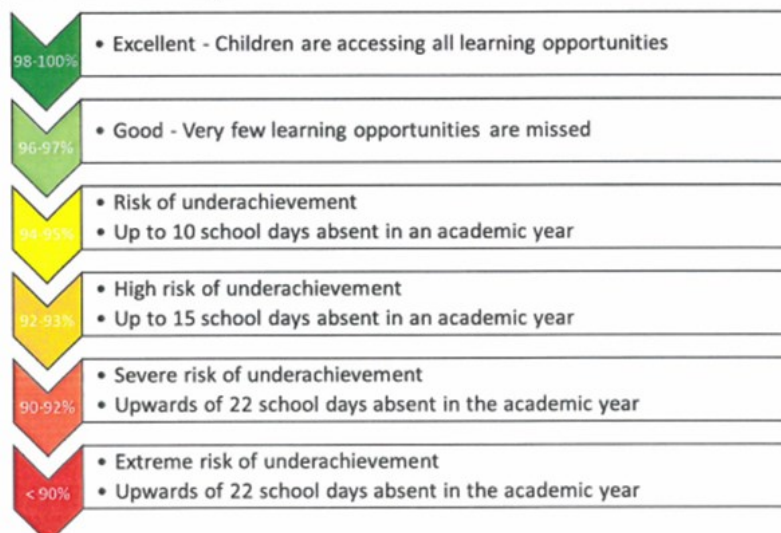
Attendance Policy Quick Guide for Parents

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.





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



Term Dates Summary

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

Training Days & Bank Holidays

Monday 4th September 2022
Tuesday 5th September 2022
Friday 20th October 2022
Wednesday 3rd January 2023

School Holidays 2023—2024

	First Day of the Holiday	Last Day of the Holiday
Autumn Half Term Holiday	Friday 20th October 2023	Friday 27th October 2023
Christmas Holiday	Thursday 21st December 2023	Wednesday 3rd January 2024
Spring Half Term Holiday	Monday 19th February 2024	Friday 23rd February 2024
Easter Holiday	Friday 29th March 2024	Friday 12th April 2024
Summer Half Term Holiday	Monday 27th May 2024	Friday 31st May 2024
First day of Summer Leave	Monday 22nd July 2024	



Appendix 1

SPRINGWOOD HIGH 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.