



Year 7 Newsletter



Message from Mr Johnson

May 2023

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, Eiyala 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.

Message from Mr Cuss & Mrs Robinson



Year 7 have continued to demonstrate extremely positive attitudes towards lessons, staff and how they act around the school. They have risen to the expectations of Springwood in an upbeat manner and continue to be engaged in lessons and getting involved with our extra-curricular provision.

This half term has had a large focus on the first set of assessments that Year 7 have taken at Springwood. Students have acted in a very mature manner and we have seen high levels of concentration and application from all students. We would like to say a big well done for the way they have conducted themselves. We look forward to celebrating their success next half term when their next set of reports will be published.

We have had a number of visitors who have delivered assemblies this year, for example Biffa Recycling, National Farmers Union and the BBC. All visitors have been impressed with the level of questions and engagement from the Year 7 cohort. In our most recent Super Learning Day, we took 264 students to Banham Zoo; the attitude and behaviour was highly commended by the Zoo staff and were a credit to the school.

The latest Year 7 report will be available for parents on 20th June. It will be available for you to see on the SIMS App and you will be able to discuss these with your child's teachers during their online parents evening.

We would like to invite all parents/carers to attend the online Parents Evening on 22nd June with all subject teachers. A link will be sent for you to book your appointments after half term.

We hope everyone has a restful half term break.

We return to school on Monday 5th June 2023.

Mr Cuss & Mrs Robinson

Banham Zoo Trip

On 31st March we took 264 Year 7 students to Banham Zoo for a fun filled Super Learning Day. The weather was slightly damp but that did not stop the students having an amazing time!

Each form was split in to two groups and staff and students were able to go around the zoo at their own pace. There were various animals on display for us to enjoy – giraffes, tigers, flamingos, monkeys, sloths, snakes and many more – we are sure your child filled you in about their day.

We were lucky that the train was operating and most students were able to have a ride. The Train Driver said every student was polite and well behaved and he was glad he was able to take them around the zoo.

Some quotes from the day -

Daisy M - *'I had a brilliant day and I really loved seeing all the animals. The monkeys were my favourite.'*

Eden H – *'I really enjoyed seeing the animals and hanging out with my friends. It was a really good day'.*



100% Attendance

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

Vitor	7B1
Rea	7B1
Josh	7B1
Evelyn	7B1
Harriet	7B2
Erin	7B2
Nathan	7B2
Archie	7B2
Abdul	7B2
Nikola	7F1
Mia	7F1
Marcus	7F2
Daisy	7F2
India	7H2
Elizabeth	7H2
Kyle	7O2
Charlie	7O2
Chisom	7O2
Adedayo	7S1
Melita	7S2
Harriet	7S2

Equipment Checklist

All students should have the following with them every day –

School bag

Planner

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 ready to learn every day.

Achievement Points

Whole Year Group Total



Achievement Point

Award Badges

100 = Bronze

250 = Silver

400 = Gold

600 = Platinum



The Gliders

Summer Festival Notice from The Gliders



Dear Readers,

15/05/23

We would like to inform all of you that our band (The Gliders) are performing at the Summer Festival. The nights of the festival will be Monday 3rd July – Thursday 6th July (feel free to watch other groups on different nights). Our performance will take place on the rock night (probably Tuesday 4th July) and will be performed on the large Springwood High School field.



We have been a band for around 5 months now and can't wait to show off our talent. We are five Year 7 students (Josh, Mehdi, Hemi, Leon and Joseph) that together make up, The Gliders and not forgetting our manager and right-hand man, Sam of course.



On the evening of the performance, we will be performing 3 songs that should entertain you and keep you singing until you have lost your voice. The first song that we perform will be a classic anthem, Seven Nation Army by The White Stripes. Our second song of the action-packed evening will be a classic one by Metallica, Enter Sandman. And the final song of the evening will be a famous well-known 'Queen' hit which you can sing and clap along to, a song that everyone knows 'We Will Rock You'.



We hope to have lots of people there watching us on the night so if you are interested in these songs and think that this evening would be your kind of thing, we have some details for you so that you can find out more information about the festival.

Thank you for taking your time to read this information sheet and we hope that you can make it.

Kind Regards,

The Gliders



Name: The Gliders Official Account
Handle: @theglidersarethebestbanditw
Link: <https://www.youtube.com/@theglidersarethebestbanditw>



Name: The Gliders
Email: theglidersband1234@gmail.com

HEY! PLEASE SCAN ME



Dance Show 2023

A number of our Year 7 students took part in this year's House Dance Show. The evening was a great success. We were proud of every Year 7 involved. The students worked very hard on their routines and spent lots of time practising and doing rehearsals.

Well done everyone!

Community Music Week



Monday 3rd – Thursday 6th July 2023

Hosted at Springwood High School

Monday to Thursday evening out on the Blickling field – bring a blanket or chair!

Free of charge

Performances from across West Norfolk Academies Trust - Choirs, Bands, Orchestras, Musical Theatre and much more!

May - Maths Sparx Superstar!





School Council



The Student Council is led by our Year 11 Head Students and is made up of five different committees who help to make Springwood High School a better place to learn!

These are our 5 committees and their Year 7 representatives -



Teaching & Learning -

Jeron M

Alex C



Equality & Diversity -

Harry M

Esme T

Georgy J



Environment -

Barbara O

Alice M



Embracing School Life -

Isabella B

Rehaan H



Student Well Being -

Elsie M

Joseph P

Marcus R

Key Dates

- * 5th June – Back to School
- * 20th June – Reports on SIMs
- * 22nd June – Online Parents Evening – more information to follow after half term
- * 4th July – Super Learning Day – Smoothie day!
- * 19th July – Rewards Day

Year Office Contact Details

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

Email Mr Cuss, Head of Year 7—p.cuss@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Email Mrs Robinson, Year 7 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 7 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 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 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

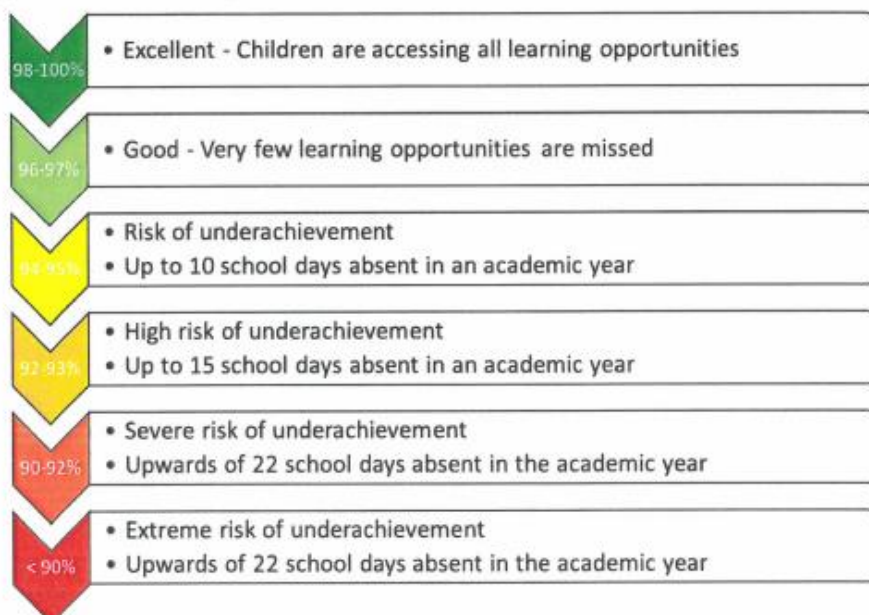
Attendance Policy Quick Guide for Parents

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 1stTerm	Monday 5 th September 2022 Years and 12 Only Return to School Wednesday 7 th September Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 Return to School	Thursday 20 th October 2022
Autumn 2ndTerm	Monday 31 st November 2022	Friday 16 December 2022
Spring 1stTerm	Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Friday 10 th February 2023
Spring 2ndHalf Term	Monday 20 th February 2023	Friday 31 st March 2023
Summer 1stTerm	Monday 17 th April 2023	Friday 26 th May 2023
Summer 2ndTerm	Monday 5 th June 2023	Thursday 20 th July 2023

Training Days & Bank Holidays

Thursday 1st September 2022
Friday 2nd September 2022
Friday 21st October 2022
Monday 3rd January 2023
May Bank Holiday - Monday 1st May 2023



Appendix 1

SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

UNIFORM & SPORTS KIT CHECKLIST

<p>*Blazer White, stiff collar school shirt *House colour school tie</p> <p>**Plain black tailored trousers or *School skirt</p> <p>*School jumper</p> <p>Plain black tights or plain black knee length socks (when worn with a skirt) Plain black socks that must cover the whole ankle (when worn with trousers) Over the knee socks, short socks such as ankle or trainer socks, and footless tights or leggings are not allowed.</p> <p>Plain black (leather or leather-like) shoes (no boots, black trainers, stilettos, ballet pumps, sling backs or toeless)</p> <p>Plain coat (no logos or other markings) long enough to cover blazer properly</p> <p>PE KIT</p> <p>Compulsory: *Springwood PE shirt Black Shorts Black Socks Trainers (non-marking sole with grip) Football Boots</p> <p>Optional: Black Track Suit Plain Black leggings Plain Black 'skin' can be worn under PE shirt Shin pads and gumshields</p>
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Items marked * can only be bought from the school

**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.

Lost & Found

Please put your child's name on all of their clothing, on their tie, their PE kit, each shoe/trainer/football boot and all other belongings. We have seen numerous students lose bits and pieces over the last 6 weeks. Most have been returned as they have names on them.

Please label everything!

If your child has lost anything, we have a lost property basket in the canteen next to Mr Cuss' office and one in the LRC next to the books. Please encourage them to check these places first.

Anything that comes to the Year Office with a name in, we will return to students ASAP.



The Springwood Parent, Teacher, Friend Association, PTFA, is an excellent way to bring people together to raise money and help support the school and the pupils of Springwood.

It provides an opportunity for everyone to work together to:

Raise funds to help the school provide extra resources for the pupils.

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

PTFA Meeting - Wednesday 7th June 2023 - 4.45pm

We will be holding a PTFA meeting on Wednesday 7th June at 4.45 pm in the conference room.

If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining the PTFA, please invite them along. You can also email ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk for further information or to express an interest or ask for an expression of interest form.

Thanks & Best Wishes.
Richard Thompson