



## 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.

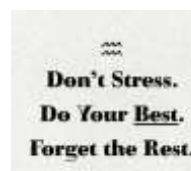


##### **Zara Bek – 2022 Winner**

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.



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### Beauty and the Best tickets are now on sale!!

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 would love to see you there.



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

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### Message from Miss Davies Head of Year 11

I would like to congratulate year 11 on how well they have conducted themselves during the recent PPE's. The exam invigilators have been very complementary of them. It has been lovely to see them taking these exams seriously and the revision that they have been putting into.

I look forward to seeing their results when we return after half-term and the progress they have made between these and the October ones. We will be having another mock results day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Reports will be released on the 26<sup>th</sup> March. This will have the most recent working at grade and predicted grade for the summer exams.

Next term is a short one with Alton Towers on the last day, please ensure reply slips have been returned by the 1st of March. Payments can be made through parent pay.

There will be extra revision sessions running over the Easter and May half term. More information on these will be shared with you closer to the time.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of March are the 6<sup>th</sup> form taster sessions. Students that have applied for Springwood sixth form have been invited in on these days to get an idea of what sixth form lessons look like and what is studied in the subjects they have chosen. We highly recommend that students attend these days, as they might change their mind on a subject, or be interested in a subject they hadn't considered before.

Next term is focused on getting feedback from these exams and working on improving and continuing to move forwards before the summer exams.

I would like to thank the PTFA and the Year 11 Year council for organising a Bingo night. It was a fun evening raising a lot of money that will go towards our Prom. We are organising a quiz night that will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 6pm in the 6<sup>th</sup> form hub, we look forward to seeing you there.

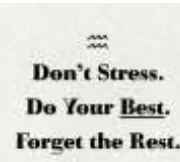
I wish you all a well deserved break!



**Year 11 Team  
Miss Davies &  
Mrs Isle**



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### CONTACTING THE YEAR 11 OFFICE

Please can you use the following email accounts to make contact with the Year 11 Office  
Miss R Davies, Head of Year 11 [r.davies@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:r.davies@springwoodhighschool.co.uk)  
Mrs C Isle, Year 11 Manager [c.isle@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:c.isle@springwoodhighschool.co.uk)  
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The direct dial telephone number 01553 778092  
School Website [www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk](http://www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk)

### Attendance Information

**What should I do if my child is unwell?** – If your child is unwell, please call the Year 11 Office on 01553 778092 or email [classof2024@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:classof2024@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 11 office. You will then receive a phone call, email or SIMS message saying if your request has been granted or denied.

### Year Group Key Dates

| Date                           | Event                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 | Return to School                     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024     | 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Taster Sessions |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2024     | 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Taster Sessions |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2024    | Year 11 Group Photo                  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024    | Quiz Night                           |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2024    | Reports Home                         |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2024    | Intervention Evening                 |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024    | SLD – Alton Towers Year 11           |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024    | Last day of Term – Easter Holiday    |

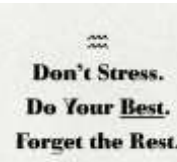
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### Music Events Calendar 2023-2024 - **Spring Term**

| Date                                  | Event                                    | Venue                        | Ticket Prices                                    | Time(s)           |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Tuesday<br>27 <sup>th</sup> Feb '24   | Beauty and the Beast<br>(School Musical) | PHH, Springwood High School. | Adults £8<br>Under 18s £4<br>Under 5 years free* | 6.30pm            |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup><br>Feb '24 | Beauty and the Beast<br>(School Musical) | PHH, Springwood High School. | Adults £8<br>Under 18s £4<br>Under 5 years free* | 6.30pm            |
| Thursday<br>29 <sup>th</sup> Feb '24  | Beauty and the Beast<br>(School Musical) | PHH, Springwood High School. | Adults £8<br>Under 18s £4<br>Under 5 years free* | 6.30pm            |
| Friday<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Mar '24     | Spring Concert<br>(MFY Groups)           | PHH, Springwood High School. | £3.00<br>Under 18's Free                         | 6.30pm            |
| Sunday<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar '24     | Music For Youth<br>Regional Festival     | PHH, Springwood High School. | Free                                             | 8.30am-<br>5.30pm |
| Tuesday<br>19 <sup>th</sup> Mar '24   | Schools Make Music<br>Concert            | Corn Exchange                | Corn Exchange<br>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>





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### 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](mailto:attendance@springwoodhighschool.co.uk) or use the following website:

[www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance](http://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance)



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# 100 % ATTENDANCE



|            |
|------------|
| Salma      |
| Tharul     |
| Angelo     |
| Emilija    |
| India-Rose |
| Deyon      |
| Lukas      |
| Nikita     |
| Oliver     |
| Merry      |
| Joshua     |
| Shayne     |
| Emily      |
| Thomas     |
| Ryley      |
| Andrii     |
| Kevin      |
| Arinze     |
| Oliver     |
| Kaisie     |
| Miriam     |
| Tyler      |
| Olive      |
| Louie      |
| Eva        |
| Edwin      |
| Lilia      |
| Caitlin    |
| Deividas   |
| Luke       |
| Dominic    |
| Natalia    |



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## MATHS SPARX WINNERS




### December Winner

Sparx Maths

**Stars of the Month**



|                                      |                                       |                                   |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b><u>Year 7</u></b><br>Tanya B      | <b><u>Year 8</u></b><br>Jeron M       | <b><u>Year 9</u></b><br>Jeshaun M |
| <b><u>Year 10</u></b><br>Alexander G | <b><u>Year 11</u></b><br>Kamayshika S |                                   |







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## CHOIR SINGERS



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# YEAR 11 CONSTRUCTION



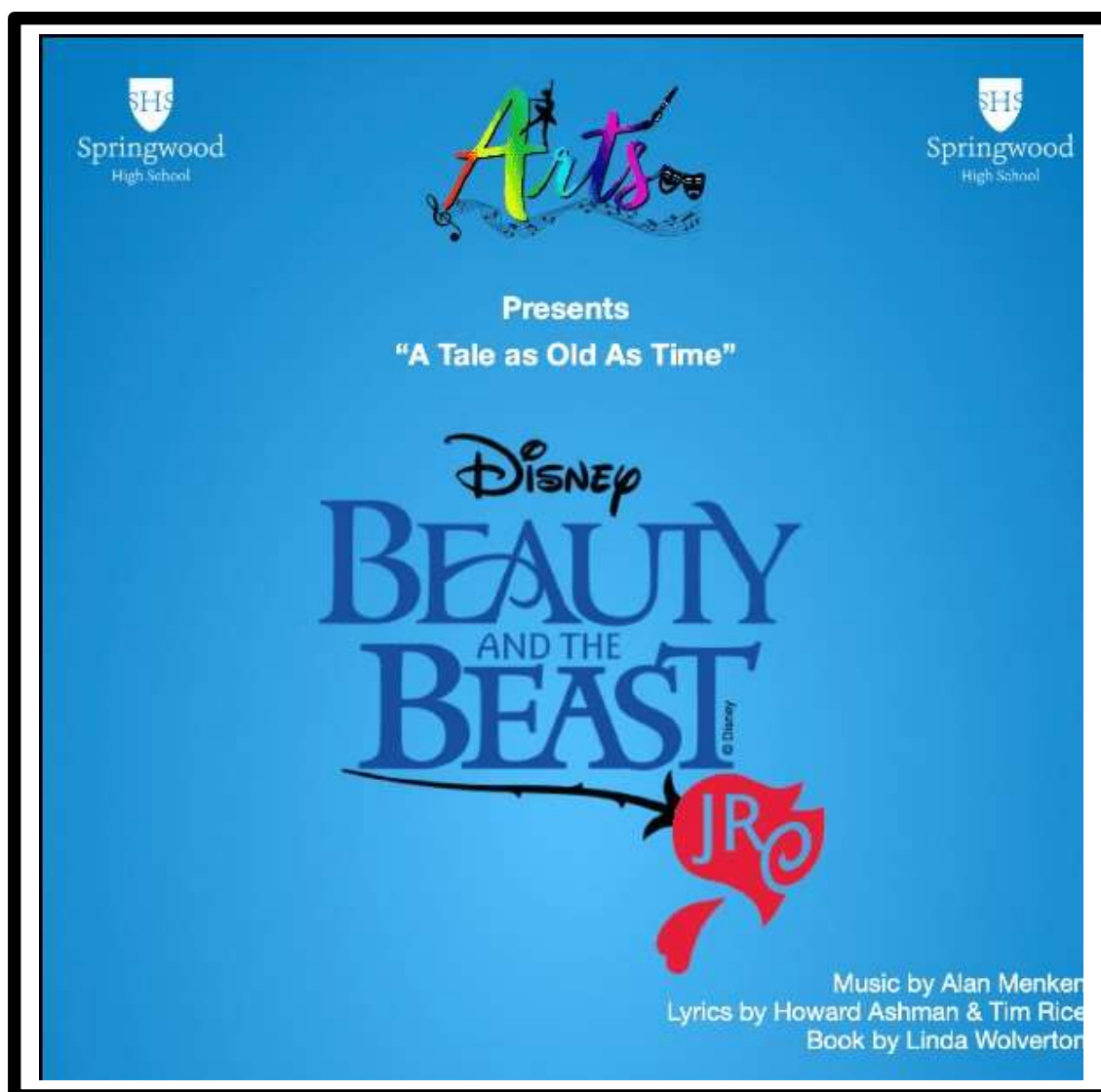
## Carpentry 'day of make'

**Year 11 Construction students spent a day doing Carpentry producing some very top quality work which will contribute to their construction GCSE.**



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# YEAR 11 RUGBY TEAM



Y11 Boys Rugby team march onto the County Cup plate semi-finals, great performance today with some clinical finishing

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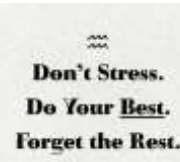


## Extra-Curricular Activities (Current)

|           |                           |                  |              |
|-----------|---------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Monday    | Foundation Maths Revision | Lunchtime        | B1           |
|           |                           |                  |              |
| Tuesday   | Foundation Maths Revision | Lunchtime        | B1           |
|           | Art Club                  | 3:25pm to 4:30pm | BA3          |
|           | KS4 Maths                 | 3:25pm to 4:30pm | B8           |
|           | Year11 Football           | 3:25pm to 4:30pm | Sports Field |
|           |                           |                  |              |
| Wednesday | Foundation Maths Revision | Lunchtime        | B1           |
|           | KS4 Maths                 | 3:25pm to 4:30pm | B8           |
|           | Year 10/11 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 |
|           |                           |                  |              |
| Thursday  | Foundation Maths Revision | Lunchtime        | B1           |
|           | KS4 Maths                 | 3:25pm to 4:30pm | B8           |
|           | Year 11 Netball           | 3:25pm to 4:30pm | Astro Turf   |
|           |                           |                  |              |
| Friday    | Foundation Maths Revision | Lunchtime        | B1           |
|           | All Years Fitness Club    | 3:25pm to 4:30pm | Sports Field |



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### YEAR 11 2023-2024 EXTRA SUPPORT

| Subject                                                                                                                                                               | Monday                                                           | Tuesday                                                                                             | Wednesday                                                        | Thursday                                                         | Friday                                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Maths -</b><br><a href="https://padlet.com/cloizou/ks4-revision-resources-s358zru0p6zsf4j0">https://padlet.com/cloizou/ks4-revision-resources-s358zru0p6zsf4j0</a> |                                                                  | Lunch time revision for foundation classes in B1<br>After school maths revision in B8 3.30pm-4.30pm | After school maths revision in B8 3.30pm-4.30pm                  | After school maths revision in B8 3.30pm-4.30pm                  |                                                                  |
| <b>English</b>                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                  | MASSOLIT: Deeper thinking about the Literature texts H2, 3.30-4.15                                  | Online support 7-8pm via google classroom                        | Drop in H2 3.30-4.40                                             |                                                                  |
| <b>Science</b>                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                  | Science support in O7, 3.30 - 4.30                                                                  |                                                                  |                                                                  |                                                                  |
| <b>French</b>                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                  |                                                                                                     | FRENCH REVISION AND SUPPORT 3-30pm-4.30pm in F3                  |                                                                  |                                                                  |
| <b>Spanish</b>                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                  |                                                                                                     | Spanish revision and support 3-30pm – 4-30pm in F8               |                                                                  |                                                                  |
| <b>German</b>                                                                                                                                                         | German support/revision from 12.40 until 1.05pm F3               |                                                                                                     |                                                                  |                                                                  |                                                                  |
| <b>Geography</b>                                                                                                                                                      | After school targeted revision 3.30-3.50 S4/5/6                  |                                                                                                     |                                                                  |                                                                  |                                                                  |
| <b>History</b>                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                  | Afterschool revision in S8 from Feb half-term onwards.                                              |                                                                  |                                                                  |                                                                  |
| <b>Art</b>                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                  |                                                                                                     |                                                                  | GCSE student support 3.30-4.30pm BA3                             |                                                                  |
| <b>Drama</b>                                                                                                                                                          | In Oxburgh rooms students need to book a slot with their teacher | In Oxburgh rooms students need to book a slot with their teacher                                    | In Oxburgh rooms students need to book a slot with their teacher | In Oxburgh rooms students need to book a slot with their teacher | In Oxburgh rooms students need to book a slot with their teacher |

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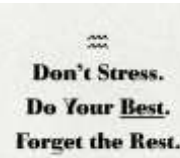
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|                      |  |                                         |                                                             |  |  |
| Media Studies        |  |                                         | After school support to complete coursework<br>J1 3.30-4.30 |  |  |
| Health & Social care |  | Support available every lunchtime in O6 |                                                             |  |  |
| PE                   |  |                                         | Revision O23.30-4.30                                        |  |  |

\* RE – will put on sessions later on in the year. If you have any questions or issues please speak with your RE teacher



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# JOB AND CAREERS FAIR

WED MARCH 13 2-6PM

jobcentreplus



Smithdon High School in association with  
Hunstanton Town Council and Job Centre Plus

**Invites you to an afternoon of opportunity  
At Hunstanton Town Hall** (Parking available at Hunstanton  
Community Centre, PE36 5BW.)

Meet local businesses, learn about careers,  
further education and apprenticeships for  
all ages, and find out about current job openings

## GET INSPIRED. GET HIRED

**Exhibitors Include:**



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The Environment Council & PTFA has organised a clothing & shoe collection to raise awareness of recycling and divert unwanted textiles away from landfill, while at the same time raising much needed funds for the school.

The Bag2School collection date is **Wednesday 28 February 2024**

Drop off arrangements including dates, school location & times will be communicated shortly. In the meantime, please start digging out donations using the guides below:

### What can be donated



### What can't be donated



Donations can be brought to school in either the Bag2School bags available from school or in **black bin bags**.





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# LEAVERS HOODIES

Don't forget to order your leavers hoody!!!!

## 'CLASS of 2024 Leavers'

To place an order, please visit the following website:

<https://shop.fizz-group.co.uk/>

Our School Unique ID is: 26757YR11

Closing Date 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024



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### School Term Dates

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

### Training Days & Bank Holidays

|                                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Training Day - Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024 |
| Good Friday - 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024             |
| Bank Holiday – Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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:

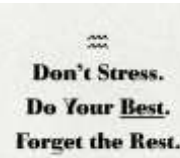
<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/springwoodhigh>







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### 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





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**Don't Stress.  
Do Your Best.  
Forget the Rest.**

# BINGO- FULL HOUSE!

Great night of fun and raising money for Year 11 Prom



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### 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](mailto:ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk) for further information or to express an interest or ask for an expression of interest form.

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