



Year 7

Newsletter



October 2022

Message from Mr Johnson

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely summer break and have taken the time to enjoy yourselves.

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 now have a fully re-furbished Food Technology teaching classroom, which is looking fantastic, complete with its own utility room featuring a washing machine, tumble dryer and a dishwasher. Various offices have been decorated as well so it is a massive thank you to all our staff who have made this happen. Fantastic job, well done.

Toilet facilities can often be overlooked when it comes to building improvements but we have now refurbished our facilities thereby improving the overall access, appearance, cleanliness and hygiene.

With two faulty boilers in the Lower School, we have replaced those with three modern, reliable and cost-effective models.

As we continue to pursue our aim to provide inclusive, exciting, supportive and educational environments we targeted two of our Music rooms. They have been decorated, new carpets fitted and are really welcoming now.

School activities

This half term, we have seen some notable work taking place from all our students and staff. It was fabulous to visit Mr Pightling's Construction class to see them completing their carpentry projects. The future of our quality tradesmen is safe in our hands!

The Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine (STEMM) Clubs Quality Mark is an award that is available to all UK schools and colleges. There are three levels of award; bronze, silver, and gold. Each award validates the delivery of STEMM subject. Through the dedication and hard work of our staff, particularly Mrs Mann, we have been awarded the Gold STEMM Club Quality Mark which is fantastic.

We provide a wide variety of extra-curricular activities during lunchtimes and after school. You are encouraged to visit the link below to see what is on offer. Your child may be interested in music or drama, PE, STEM, Duke of Edinburgh; plus, we have school organised trips your child may enjoy;

<https://www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk/page/?title=Extra+Curricular+Activities&pid=93>

Time keeping

Good punctuality at school is essential for students to achieve their full educational potential. It is also vital for students to form good habits for later life. We are very pleased with how our students have responded to the challenges set on punctuality. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your children maintain excellent attendance and punctuality records. A reminder that we will continue to close all side gates by 8.45am and record students coming through the main gate after that time.

Year 6 Tours/Sixth Form

We have delivered a very successful two weeks of tours for our local Year 6 students and parents, along with another impressive open evening. Then it was the turn of our Sixth Form team to host the Sixth Form Open Evening. Both events were extremely well attended and a big thank you to all the staff and students who helped out on the evenings; it is their passion for their subject and commitment to Springwood that make these evenings so successful and enjoyable!

Communications

We are always looking at ways in which we can improve our communications with you. Next half term we have some lovely events to look forward to such as the Springwood Christmas Concert, a School production of "Jack and the Beanstalk" and the Springwood Snowman Project. Our school website includes a calendar of events so watch out for further details on future events along with photos and reviews from past events.

Best wishes for a restful half term break.

Mr Johnson

Also included with this newsletter:

- Price & Buckland flyer with details of the new PE sweatshirt
- A letter from Mr Scoles, PSHE lead, regarding parental rights to withdraw their child from sex education
- A letter from Portsmouth University explaining a project we are involved in and a survey all students will be invited to complete next half term.

Message from Mr Cuss & Mrs Robinson

As we approach the end of the first half term we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all Year 7 students for the way they have stepped up to the challenge of transitioning from primary school to secondary school. It has been a pleasure to start getting to know them and learning new things about everyone.

The first two days of school in September seem a distant memory of nerves, worries about getting lost and making new friends as Year 7 have fully embraced their start at Springwood.

The effort that students have put into lessons, participated in Extra-Curricular activities and achieved 1000's of Achievement Points has certainly impressed all staff.

We are also really proud of the year groups attendance which has been consistently leading the way throughout the school (96.8%). We hope that this continues and we would like to thank you for your support with this.

We were lucky enough to be able to take all of Year 7 to the Guildhall to watch a performance. Students really enjoyed the experience and over 100 students have submitted a review of the performance which we have displayed on our 'Wow Wall' outside the Year Office. Some examples of the reviews can be found below.

Students also enjoyed their first fun packed Super Learning Day. It was a chance for students to try 10 different activities as an introduction to the Arts & P.E.

We would like to welcome you all back into Springwood for our face to face Tutor/Parent evening on Thursday 10th November between 4pm – 7pm. This will give you the chance to meet your child's Tutor and discuss their latest report. Information regarding booking appointments will be sent in a separate email.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in what has been a very successful half term.

We hope students have a restful break.

We return to school on Monday 31st October 2022.

Mr Cuss & Mrs Robinson



Super Learning Day – 18th October 2022



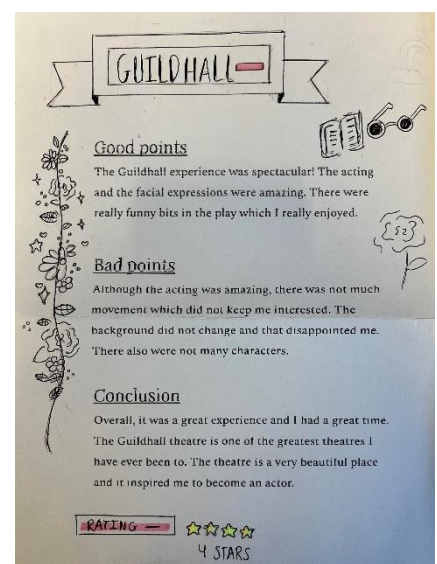
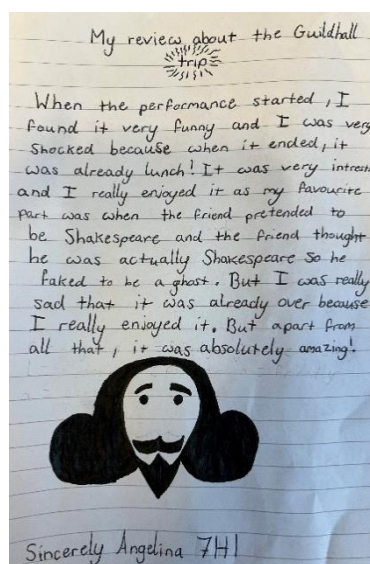
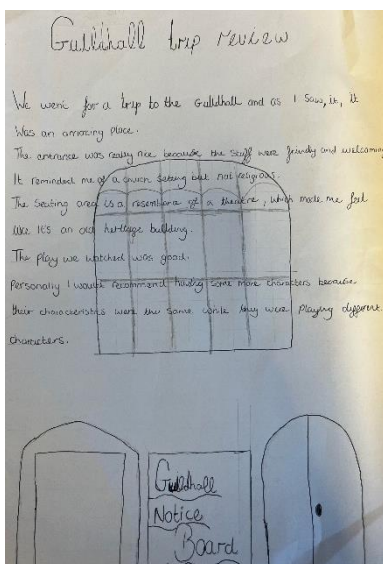
Guildhall Visit

29th September 2022

We were fortunate to be able to take the whole of Year 7 on a visit to the Guildhall to watch a play about Robert Armin.

Lots of the students completed reviews on the trip.

Please see a few reviews below.

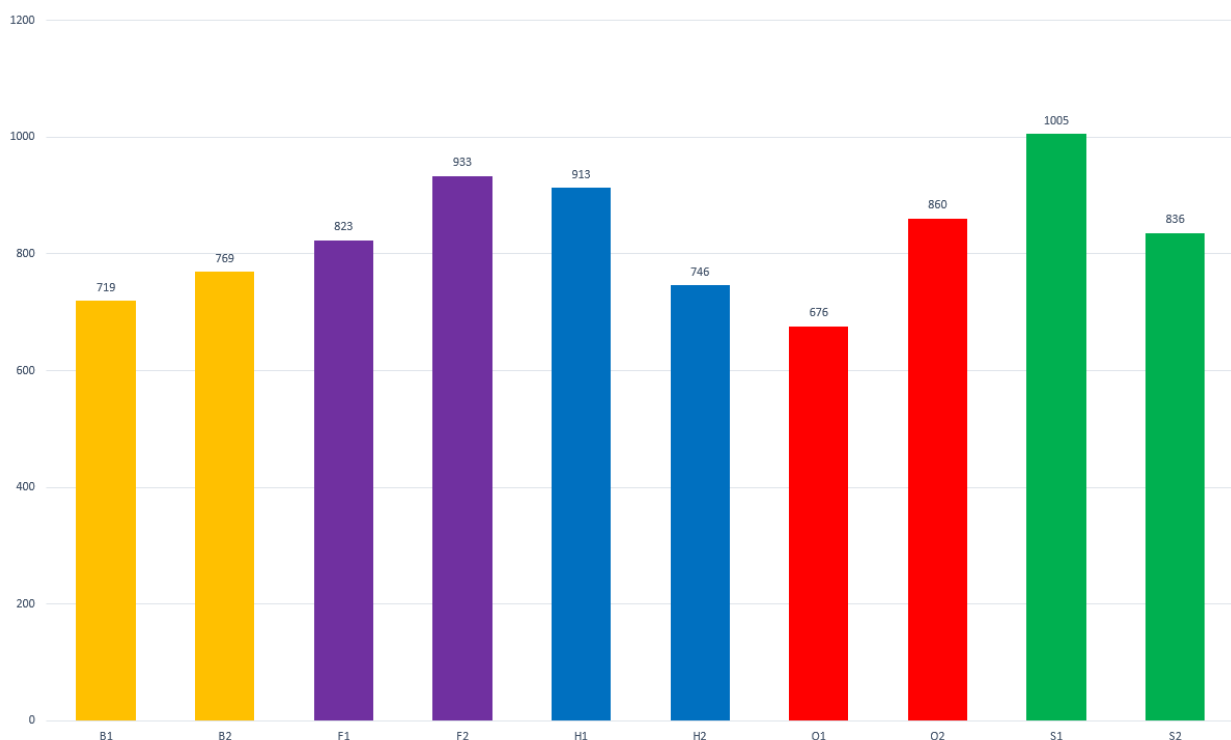


Achievement Points

Whole Year Group Total -

8003

Form Totals



Students with 50+ Achievement Points

Alice M, Barbara O, Charlie C, Chloe G, Daisy M, Elsie M, Emma S, Evie S, Harriet K, India B, Jennifer M, Joyce Y, Juan V, Kamila G, Katie U, Lara D, Leon H, Lexi-Mai H, Lincoln F, Lyla J, Marcus R, Marley W, Matas S, Nojus O, Rhys H, Rose S, Ruairi F, Ruby H, Ruby T, Theo H, Vanessa P

Well Done!

Key Dates

- * Staff Training Day—Friday 21st October—School closed to pupils
- * Half Term—Monday 24th October—Friday 28th October
- * 2nd November 2022—Reports to parents
- * 10th November 2022—Year 7 Progress Evening in PHH. More information to follow
- * 11th November 2022—Year 7 Remembrance Service during school time

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](mailto: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

Appendix 4: Attendance Policy Quick Guide for Parents

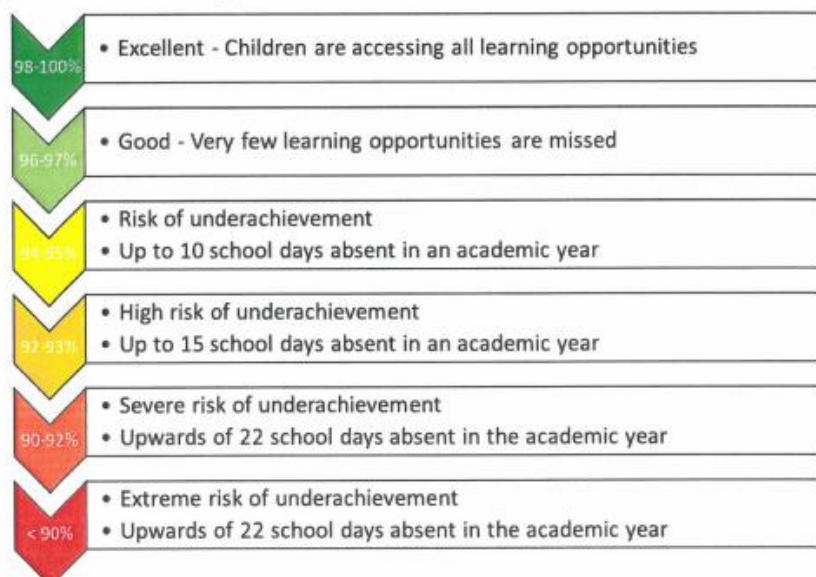
Attendance Policy Quick Guide for Parents

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 1stTerm	Monday 5 th 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 2022
Autumn 2ndTerm	Monday 31 st 2022	Friday 16 th 2022
Spring 1stTerm	Wednesday 4 th 2023	Friday 10 th 2023
Spring 2ndHalf Term	Monday 20 th 2023	Friday 31 st 2023
Summer 1stTerm	Monday 17 th 2023	Friday 26 th 2023
Summer 2ndTerm	Monday 5 th 2023	Thursday 20 th 2023

Training Days & Bank Holidays

Thursday 1st September 2022

Friday 2nd September 2022

Friday 21st October 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

May Bank Holiday - Monday 1st May 2023



Appendix 1

SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

UNIFORM & SPORTS KIT CHECKLIST

*Blazer

White, stiff collar school shirt

*House colour school tie

**Plain black tailored trousers

or

*School skirt

*School jumper

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.

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:

Black Track Suit

Plain Black leggings

Plain Black 'skin' can be worn under PE shirt

Shin pads and gumshields

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 on it, 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.

If you are interested in joining us, please email ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk