



Message from Mr Johnson

MKM

We are very proud of our Construction learning facility here at Springwood and we are extremely grateful for MKMs support in provide us with PPE (safety boots and overalls) and materials (bricks and breeze blocks). I would like to thank Damian Roach, Branch Director and Matt Cobb, Trade Counter Salesperson who have been working closely with our staff over the past few months. Your support is very much appreciated.

Remembrance

Our Year 7 cohort did us proud when we held our Remembrance Service on Friday 10 th November. The Rev Kyla Sorenson led our service of remembrance and students, who are also cadets, played an active part as well. Well done to them all.

Big Dig Two

Having been previously postponed because of the rain, on Saturday 25 th November we were very lucky the sun shone and we finally got to plant our 420 tree saplings. We all enjoyed the experience; a good time was had by all that attended and a big thank you to the Environment Committee.

U16 Girl Rugby County Cup – Winners

I had the pleasure of meeting with our cup winning Team for a celebration doughnut and a drink. Fantastic result. Well done to you all.

Discos

During this term we have held two discos. The year 8's celebrated with a Halloween themed disco and there were some fabulous costumes on show. Then the year 7's held a Christmas Themed Disco. Thank you to the staff that have made the time to put on these extra events.

Tutor Evenings

During this term we have held Tutor Evenings for our Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 cohorts. It has been lovely to meet so many of our Parents/Guardians during these evenings. I would like to say thank you for supporting your child and the School.

Christmas Fair

On Thursday 14th December the PTFA held a very successful Christmas Fair raising funds for future projects.

Springwood Christmas Concert

I witnessed first-hand the Springwood Christmas Concert. I think everyone will agree we have some very talented students here at Springwood who did us proud with such a fantastic performance. Well done to everyone that took part and to everyone that works tirelessly behind the scenes.

Christmas Jumper Day

What a fun fabulous way to end the term with so many students and staff wearing their Christmas Jumpers.

Best wishes to you all for your festive break.





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



Message from Head of Year

First Term Complete

I would like to congratulate all of Year 7 on completing their first term at Springwood High School. I have been amazed and proudly impressed by how well the children have settled in. It takes time for a year group to find their identity, and create a culture of their own, but the early signs show this group of students are building an ethos centred around kindness, achievement, and participation in extra-curricular activity.

It has not just been the first term at Springwood High School for Year 7 pupils. Mrs Kempton also joined the school at the start of September, and has been an absolute rock. It feels like she has been here forever! I would like to congratulate her on a fantastic start to her career at Springwood High School, and I know she will continue to help and support you and your children with all their needs, in the unfaltering manner in which she has displayed so far.

Remembrance Service 10th November

I know Mr Johnson has already mentioned this earlier in the Newsletter, but I would like to add just how proud I was to oversee 280 Year 7 students stand and actively spectate and engage in the remembrance service at Springwood in November. The maturity and respect that the whole Year Group displayed made me one very proud Head of Year. Well done Year 7!

Christmas Disco

Mrs Kempton did a stellar job organising the Year 7 Christmas disco alongside the PTFA. The students were so well behaved and really got involved with dancing, socialising, and clearing the sweet shop of food and drinks! I am pleased to tell you that the disco raised approximately a staggering £750 for the PTFA (despite Mr Denton's dodgy DJ'ing), all of which will be re-invested for the benefit of Springwood High School students.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

I would like to wish you all a really relaxing and Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Christmas can be a wonderful time to enjoy family and recharge the batteries, so I wish you all the best in finding some rest, joy and happy times this festive period. I look forward to seeing Year 7 back at Springwood on the 4th of January 2024 ready and raring to go.

Mr Denton and Mrs Kempton





December Newsletter



Year Office Contact Details

Year 7 Office, direct dial 24/7—01553 779405

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Email Mrs Kempton, Year 7 Manager—s.kempton@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Generic email—classof2028@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 779405 or email classof2028@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 7 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)
Thursday 1 st Feb '24	WNAT Vocal Evening	Recital Room (Mu1), Springwood High School	Free (with retiring collection)	6.30pm
Thursday 15 th Feb '24	Rock and Pop Evening (<i>Battle of the Bands</i>)	Drama Studio, Springwood High School	£3.00 Under 18's Free	6.30pm
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 19 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>



100% Attendance

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

		Eleanor	7B2	Addison	7S2
Oluwafemi	7B1	Violet	7F1	Kyla	7S1
Kaitlyn	7S1	Patryk	7O2	Ava	7F1
Abia	7B1	Ananya	7S1	Seth	7S2
Rasminta	7B2	Anthony	7O2	Olivier	7F2
Isabel	7H1	Liepa	7H1	Brayden	7S2
Aanlin	7S2	Adrianna	7F2	Oskar	7H1
Aleisha	7H2	Yi Ting	7F1	Milanija	7F1
Amber	7O1	Naledi	7S1		
Lily	7O2	Philippa	7O2		
Sophie	7H1	Martha	7F1		
Neha	7F2	George	7S2		
Elodie	7B2	Isaac	7S1		
Daisy	7H2	Ellie	7S2		
Tanya	7F2	Alexo	7S1		
Isaac	7F1	Isla	7B2		
Elisabeth	7O1	Tioluwalashe	7F1		
Logan	7B2	Libby	7O1		
Chloe	7O2	Tyler	7S1		
Olivia	7F2	Amber-Rose	7F2		
Harsha	7O2	Kaiden	7S1		



Mya	7O2	Morgan	7O2
Chloe	7H2	Oliwia	7S1
Vanesa	7S2	Ignas	7H1
Ellyse	7S2	Evie	7S1
Mihai	7F2	Sharen	7O1
Kaitygrace	7S2	Austin	7F1
Elise	7S2	Craig James	7S1
Achilles	7H1	Keeley	7O2
Isla-Mae	7O2	Matty	7F2
Ritika	7H1	Daniel	7H1
Benjamin	7H2	Katie	7O1
Keanna-Marie	7F2	Dominykas	7F2

Christmas Fayre Helpers

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to our Year 7 volunteer helpers who sold mince pies at our successful Christmas Fayre with the PTFA.

Students and staff across the school donated mince pies for them to sell.
All money raised goes back in to the PTFA to support any future events in and around school.





Achievement Points

Whole Year Group Total



Achievement Points

Award Badges

100 = Bronze

250 = Silver

400 = Gold

600 = Platinum





Y7 DISCO



On Friday 8th December we had the Year 7 Christmas Disco. It was a huge success! Thank you to all those students that came along.



Extra-Curricular Activities

Monday

Kingsmen - Lunchtime - MU1

Keyboard Club - Lunchtime - MU3

Junior Woodwind (Woodwind Grades 1-3) 3:30pm to 4:30pm - MU1

Tuesday

Music Theory - Lunchtime - MU3

Senior Woodwind (Flute/Clarinet/Bassoon Grade 3+) - Lunchtime - MU1

Art Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – BA3

Year 7 Netball – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – Astro Turf

Concert Band (Wind/Brass/Strings/Percussion Grade 3+) - 3:30pm to 5:00pm - 6th Form Hub

Year 7 Choir - 3:30pm to 4:30pm - DR1

Wednesday

German Club – Lunchtime – F4

Kingsmen - Lunchtime - MU1

French Board Game Club - Lunchtime - F7

STEMM Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – JL11

Year 7 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/Perc to G2) - 3:45pm to 4:45pm - 6th Form Hub

Thursday

History Club - 3:30pm to 4:30pm - S7

Year 7 Football – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – Sports Field

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

Friday

Guitar Group (Beginner to Grade2) - Lunchtime - MU1

Sax Choir (By Invitation) - Lunchtime - MU2

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



School Term Dates

Spring 1st Half Term	Thursday 4th January 2024	Friday 16th February 2024
Spring 2nd Half Term	Monday 26th February 2024	Thursday 28th March 2024
Summer 1st Half Term	Monday 15th April 2024	Friday 24th May 2024
Summer 2nd Half Term	Monday 3rd June 2024	Friday 19th July 2024

Training Days & Bank Holidays

Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Bank Holiday - Monday 6th May 2024

Useful Email Addresses

Email Mr Denton, Head of Year 7—o.denton@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Email Mrs Kempton, Year 7 Manager—s.kempton@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Generic email—classof2028@springwoodhighschool.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



December Newsletter



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

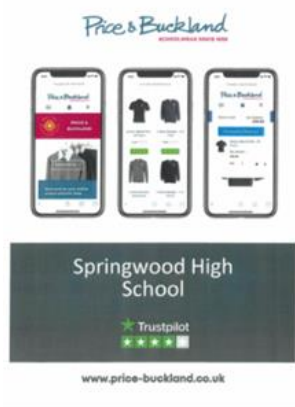
Items marked * can only be bought through the school website from Price & Buckland

**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