



Year 9 Newsletter

July 2023

Message from Mr Johnson

Welcome

What a busy half term this has been, I do hope that you've managed to come and join us at one of our fabulous events. I have mentioned a few of them below, but there have just been so many that I don't have space to mention everything. What I can say is that we have had a fantastic term and I would like to thank you all for your help and support during this academic year.

Athletics Team

Our athletics team have achieved incredible results at the Norfolk Schools Athletics Championships. Eight schools attended from West Norfolk with each of our year groups winning, so we were the overall winners. Fantastic results, well done everyone.

Environment

Our students now have the opportunity to be awarded Green achievement points. These points are given out when students use the recycling bins diligently, help out with litter picking, pick up rubbish, use refillable bottles, and make a conscious effort to being kind and courteous to the environment or any other green initiative that the student is involved in within the wider community. I have been out every lunchtime with my bin bag and litter picker doing my bit to keep the school environment clean and tidy and it's fantastic to see so many of the students doing their bit as well.

Insight Explore – Year 10

Some of our fabulous Year 10 students have had the opportunity one Saturday to take part in an Insight Explore event. They worked to develop the students' communication skills through a number of different activities. As part of the day, students took part in a "dragon's den" activity where they designed a product idea to help improve student life. They worked in small groups to conduct "market research" with current undergraduate students, then design and develop a product idea and finally pitch it to current students. We were really impressed with their work and commitment to the event. I met up with them during Tutor Time to discuss the activity and have a celebration breakfast.

Year 6

This term we've been meeting and greeting our new students with their parents/guardians. It's been lovely to talk to them, hear their stories and see how enthusiastic they are about September. We are all looking forward to them starting their Springwood journey.

Year 11 BBQ/Final Assembly/Prom

Year 11 enjoyed a great BBQ and their final assembly, they did so much, enjoy seeing the pictures from the last five years and getting their shirts signed is always a highlight. We then had an amazing Prom and the slight drizzle did not dampen spirits. We all enjoyed seeing the students arrive by different means, then taking part in the disco and the buffet. I wish them all a wonderful Summer and look forward to seeing them on GSCE Results Day - Thursday 24th August.

Trust Art Exhibition

It was a great pleasure at the beginning of July to witness the fabulous art exhibition that was on display in St Nicholas' Chapel. This was an opportunity to celebrate the wealth of talent that we have across the Trust. It shows us that our students have great imagination, terrific skills which they wonderfully express in their art work. Fabulous.

WNAT Community Music Festival

What a treat! We had four evenings of music with performances from across the Trust. It ranged from the traditional ensembles to rock bands, from the primary choirs to the senior Cantabene. I am so very proud of each and every student that took part, it was a joyous delight and the staff band enjoyed playing "Mustang Sally" for you. The finale was a spectacular triumph despite the weather.

WNAT Chess Tournament

We hosted the Springwood round of the WNAT chess tournament recently and I wanted to say how very talented these students are. I have played myself but not to competitor level, very well done to them all. The top ten players in this round will be competing against our other secondary schools in the Autumn term.

KS3 Presentation Evening at St Nicholas' Chapel

What a wonderful evening of celebration was had at St Nicholas' Chapel with our year 9 students celebrating their KS3 successes. This included students being recognised for their outstanding progress within subjects, outstanding attendance and the transition leaders. It was lovely to see so many of you there and I enjoyed talking with you.

Fashion Show

What a fantastic evening I had at the Fashion Show. So much effort had been put in to the outfits on the catwalk. Fabulous show. We would like to say a very big thank you to Paula, the Manager of Veterans at Ease, a charity shop based in Norfolk Street (opposite Waterstones the bookshop), for collaborating with the School, as they donated clothes for the staff fashion collection. Veterans at Ease are always looking for donations so if you get a chance please pop in and offer your support.



Miss Ashfield

Following many years of excellent service as a mathematics teacher, second in maths, Head of Maths, Assistant Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher, Miss Ashfield is taking a secondment to Marshland High School next year. We all wish her well in her new endeavour.

September 2023 - Year 6

Looking forward to September, if you have a child going into Year 6 this coming September and would like to come for a tour and/or attend the open evening please follow the link below or use the QR code to book your place(s).

Daytime Tours

Monday 18th to Friday 29th September 2023

Daily tours available at 9.25am, 11.45am & 2.30pm

To book a place(s) please use the link

<https://shsopendaytour.eventbrite.com/>



Open Evening

Wednesday 27th September 2023

Presentations at 6.00pm, 6.45pm & 7.30pm

To book a place(s) please use the link

<https://shsyear6openevening.eventbrite.com/>



I wish you all a fantastic summer holiday and I am very much looking forward to September.

Best wishes.

Mr Johnson

Message from Mrs Mann – Head of Year 9

As I sit here writing I am absolutely amazed at how fast the year has gone. It feels like only yesterday we were welcoming students back to school and letting them know what the year ahead would hold.

As you look through this newsletter I hope you can see, just from this half term, how busy our Year 9s have been. How fully they have jumped at the chance to try new things, pushed themselves to achieve more and taken hold of the opportunities that they were given. Highlights for me include seeing our students in this year's concerts, fashion shows, dance shows and plays, just to name a few.

For me this half term has been a celebration of how far this cohort has come since September. I have been delighted to reward so many students, in different ways, for the progress they have made. For some this has been academic and for others it has been in the maturity and resilience they have developed. Needless to say no student will finish the year as they started it. All have grown up, made some big decisions regarding their futures and started to explore what adult life might be like for them. Some have had more challenges to overcome than others, and these students have left me in awe of how well they have managed themselves despite adversity.

They now have the opportunity to enjoy some time to themselves and I hope that they make the most of this. Ensuring they come back ready and refreshed for the beginning of their GCSE's. I would like to offer the following advice for this summer and hope that at least a little is taken on board.

Please encourage them to:

Go out with friends and enjoy the sunshine

Have some time without their phone

Try something new: an activity, sport or even food

And

Tell themselves one good thing about **themselves** each day.

We have a year group of some amazing young people. It has been a delight working with them this year. I look forward to Year 10! Have a safe and fantastic summer.

Dates for your diary

20th July 2023 - last day of term
6th September 2023 – Transition Leaders in school (more dates to follow)
7th September 2023 – back to school

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Attendance Information

What should I do if my child is unwell?

If your child is unwell, please call the Year 9 Office on 01553 779408 or email classof2025@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 9 Office. You will then receive a phone call, email or SIMS message stating if your request has been granted or denied.

Year 9 News and Events

Big Battery Hunt 2023 Article

Springwood High School comes top trumps in battery recycling

WNAT Springwood High School is charging ahead with its recycling efforts. A recent project – the Big Battery Hunt 2023 – has seen students collecting batteries in a bid to highlight the need to recycle, as well as have a chance to win prizes for the school. The National School Partnerships campaign saw thousands of schools in the UK signing up to the initiative, with a total of over 23.5 million batteries collected nationally.

Springwood High School has come top trumps of participating secondary schools in Norfolk, collecting a grand total of **3739** used batteries. Agnieszka Munns, the school Environmental Lead and organiser of the school's campaign said: 'it has been a staggering effort, by both staff and pupils.

Lots of individuals jumped at the opportunity to engage with this project, reinforcing the environmental message our school is promoting. Every used battery collected and recycled has been saved from going into landfill. Every year, an average of 600 million batteries are thrown away in the UK: each battery can take up to 100 years to decompose.'

Springwood High School's response to the challenge was greatly enhanced by students who went the extra mile with their Battery Recycling efforts. 'We had Battery Recycling Pioneers; going around their families, neighbours and even care homes in order to collect even more household batteries,' said Mrs Munns. Some students even took the initiative and organised litter-picking in their local park, along with the battery hunt. "We have some impressive eco-conscious young people at Springwood High School who are aware of the human impact on the environment and are eager to take part in any green challenges" added Mrs Munns. The top student who excelled at this task was Lois Burrell, a year 9 student who single-handedly collected over 1,150 batteries. The top three students who collected most batteries have received eco-certificates and Eco Warrior pin badges.

Anyone interested in recycling used batteries should be aware that, from 30 January this year, Norfolk County Council has introduced kerbside recycling of used household batteries to be put in a small plastic bag on top of either black or green bin in a normal weekly recycling scheme, so it is even easier to recycle them.

Well done Lois!



Our latest Year 9 Role Models

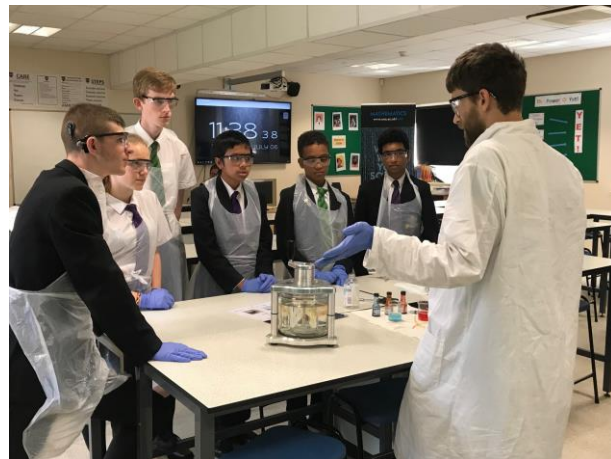
Lewis Meehan for performing a beautiful music piece played on a Marimba in assembly. Lewis regularly plays music with SHS throughout the year and within the local community.

Melody Allison for taking the Year 9 assembly on Mental Health, her work with MAP and with the Minds Youth Voice Network. Melody is also an Anti-Bullying Ambassador and a SHS School Council Leader.

Alex Mendes has also been recognised for his fantastic attitude and participation in school life. Including leading the way within one of our recent school events and volunteering to get up on stage.



UEA – Bringing the Scientists to you day



This half term we had some students enjoy a day with scientists from the UEA learning about some of the different STEM areas that they teach and research. All students participated in 5 of 6 workshops and left feeling inspired.

'We both liked the maths session because instead of working with numbers we worked with fluids. we heard about the Navier stokes problem and different fluids being stretched and then reverting back to their original state.' - Rionne and Nigel



Excelsior Sailing trip

On a surprisingly wet summer morning, Year 9 students from Springwood High School joined the historic sailing vessel Excelsior at Lowestoft marina for a sail out into the North Sea. Despite the initial torrential rain and limited visibility, the weather slowly improved and so did the confidence of our students who crewed the 102-year-old fishing boat, hauling ropes, setting sails and developing skills, like teamwork, and resilience that will assist them as they embark on their GCSE's next year.



Alfie -14

I enjoyed the sailing trip. I liked going over the sea, learning how to do the sails and how the boat works and its history.

Lleyton - 14

I enjoyed the sailing trip and enjoyed it when we pulled the sail up and up. I was helping to put the sail up.

Summer – 14

I enjoyed it because it was fun and I didn't get sick. Apart from the fact it was raining it was good.

Annual Snettisham Sailing fun

On Tuesday, 27th June 2023 we took 14 students to Snettisham Sailing Club as part of a rewards outing. The students learnt how to sail the boats and how not to fall into the water – although I am not sure how many stayed dry!



Well done Sofia!!

This half term Sofia achieved her first Regional event Race win in her Topper racing dinghy. She also got into the prizes with a 5th place overall for the event in a 21 boat race held on the sea, just off the port of Lowestoft. Sofia is already winning lots of races at her home club, Snettisham Beach, but this result is certainly a milestone for her Regional and National aspirations.

Sofia is now in the process of preparing for her 2nd National Championship event taking place at the Welsh National Sailing Academy (CHIPAC), Pwelli, in early August. A week long event involving some of the best Sail racing talent in the UK.



Computer Science - Gold Badge

Throughout the year pupils have been working their way to collecting 5 stickers in Computer Science lessons.

They have to participate, work hard and complete work to a good standard to gain a sticker.

Well done to this group who have completed 5. They achieved the gold Computer Science badge. We know many others have also been successful in achieving this award.



Well done to Rudraa, Devon, Sara, Danny, Lawson and Lacie!

Fire Cadets Assembly

We have also been lucky enough to have the team from Hunstanton Fire Cadets come in to speak to students about potentially joining them. They also covered careers in the Fire Service and some tips on water safety, finishing with a throw line race. Thank you Danny for helping to organise this. If your child would like to know more just let us know and we will help you get in touch with the team.



Sports News

The following is a small sample of what Year 9 has been up to this half term. We are of course very proud of every student that has represented their form, house or Year group this year. Bring on Year 10!



Athletic Champions

Springwood High School won each age group, 7,8,9 and 10 out of all the 8 schools that attended from West Norfolk. Meaning, obviously, we won overall.

Well done everyone!

House Chess

Year 9 and 10

Sandringham Winners!

Well done to everyone who took part and those that participated in the Chess day to be selected to represent the Springwood.



Year 9 Rounders

Springwood V's Terrington St Clements – SHS WIN

Springwood V's Smithdon – SHS WIN

Well done team!



Super Learning Day

Our Super Learning day this term focused on British Values. This includes understanding and showing tolerance to different faiths and cultures. Having the opportunity to express and be themselves and gaining insight to how the law keeps them safe. The students engaged sessions from PC Smith, who warned them about the dangers of 'online grooming'. As well as enjoying a performance and talk from Maddox Jones. He discussed some of the challenges he has faced and the consequences of the decisions we make. A highlight from many students will have been joining him on stage for a performance.



The day also helped students towards completing their **ACHIEVE** folder. They will continue to work on this in Year 10. Any activities that they complete over the summer might also contribute to the folders so do keep a record of what they get up to and let us know so we can praise them too.

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KS3 Celebration Evening

Before the end of term we enjoyed a celebration evening at St Nicholas' Chapel in Kings Lynn. During the event we awarded certificates to students nominated by their teachers, to those that have worked hard to gain music awards or complete DofE, and to the few students that have managed to maintain outstanding attendance over the 3 years they have been at Springwood. We also commended those that have contributed to school life on councils, as transition leaders and as role models to others. It was lovely to see so many join us and share with parents the successes that students have achieved.





A massive well done to Ethan Soong who got the last certificate of the evening for collecting over 800 achievement points over the last 3 years. A huge number, reflecting his hard work and dedication to learning.

WOW!

Achievement Point Badges



Well done to everyone this term for collecting their badges.

BRONZE – 100 points

Freya M

SILVER – 250 points

*Amelia A
Mayra A
Charleigh B
Macie B
Alfie C
Vanessa C
Ella C
Evie D
Dominiks D
Sienna F
Charlie F
Robyn H
Joe H
Elsie L
Kara L
Lexi M-P
Liam R
Jasmine R
Abel S
Darcy W
Rejus Z*

GOLD – 400 points

*Melody A
Harry A
Harry B
Chloe B
Alfie B
Zoe C
Keria D*

*Mia D
Jamie G
Emma H
Lleyton H
Archie H
Akhil J
Aiden J
Denis J
Karolina K
Maja K
Harley L
Jack L
Leena M
Harry M
Siona M
Josh M
Alyssa MM
Rute N
Adaora N
Karylle O
Mitchell O
Conrad P
Fraser P
Liza S
Isla S
Joshua S
Benas T
Angel T
Dovydas P
Evie R
Lawson R
Alona R
Ava R
Paula T
Emily U
Dominik Z
Rokas Z*

A very big well done to those who have collected their platinum badge



PLATINUM – 600 points

<i>Lily B</i>	<i>Declan M</i>
<i>Harvey B</i>	<i>Emma N</i>
<i>Lois B</i>	<i>Aska N</i>
<i>James C</i>	<i>Poppy P</i>
<i>Kristian D</i>	<i>Danny P</i>
<i>Sofia E</i>	<i>Josh R</i>
<i>Josef F</i>	<i>Angle S</i>
<i>Zakk G</i>	<i>Hollie S</i>
<i>Charlie H</i>	<i>James S</i>
<i>Shannen H</i>	<i>Alex S</i>
<i>Oscar I</i>	<i>Agnete S</i>
<i>Lewis M</i>	<i>Josh S</i>
<i>Alex M</i>	<i>Lily S</i>
<i>Daniel M</i>	<i>Chantelle V</i>

100% Attendance



Lily 9H1 *Akhil 9F2*

Lois 9F1 *Harry 9O1*

James 9B2 *Lawson 9O2*

Zakk 9S2 *Joshua 9F1*

Charlie 9B2 *Ethan 9H1*



Summer Information

Summer Camps

For those of you interested in participating in a summer camp, please see the link below.

https://everymove.uk/search?filterrific%5Bwith_suitability%5D=121&filterrific%5Bwithin_distance%5D%5Bpostcode%5D=pe30&filterrific%5Bwith_interest_area%5D=

This will help you find camps local to you and on days that suit. Some you might consider are:

Open Road

Motor Vehicle and Construction Training. 8 days across the holiday

Discovery Centre

21st-24 Aug. Crafts, games and cooking

Lynnsport (Year 7 only)

Most days across the holiday. Sport, games and activities

Science Summer Camp Discovery Centre

31st July-Aug 3rd. Science days, KS3 only

Summer Camps at Gaywood, Reffley and the Wootton schools

Booking open!

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Thursdays 3 10 17 24 August

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Looking forward to seeing you.