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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 Mrs Mann

A massive well done to our Year 9's for a fantastic start to the new school year.

As their new Head of Year, I have been so impressed with all the positive comments and reflections from staff regarding their efforts inside and outside of the classroom. This half term we have seen students from Year 9 participate in Drama productions, concerts, represent the school in sporting competitions and build a wind turbine during STEM club. We have also had lots of our students sign up to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh award, something that will allow them to demonstrate dedication and sustained effort over the next 6 months. We have had students use their own time to explore extraordinary individuals as part of Black History Month and have been so impressed with the posters already submitted to us for the Trust competition. We have elected our very first representatives to the school council. And I have no doubt that the students taking on roles in the 5 school councils will contribute greatly to developments around the school linking to the environment, equality, wellbeing, enrichment of school life, and teaching and learning.

As we head into the next half term I hope that Year 9 will continue to seek opportunities to extend themselves and show what fine young people they can be. We look forward to celebrating their achievements with you at our STEM event and introducing the Silver CREST award. Exploring careers and starting to think about GCSE options. As well as seeing more students demonstrate both musical abilities and acting, especially in the school Panto.

I would like to thank you for your support in ensuring our students are in school each day, making the most of their lessons and being part of our school community. As well as the support you give to them taking part in our extracurriculars. We have included in this newsletter some opportunities they might like to take part in over the half term. It would be lovely to see what they get up to, so please include us in anything they take part in during the break.

Finally, I hope they will be able to share with you what they have learnt during super learning day. That at the end of a long half term they are able to relax, recharge, destress and come back with renewed energy for the amazing half term ahead.

Super Learning Day



Our Super Learning Day this week focused on 'Looking after Yourself'. Students were introduced to a number of sessions to help them appreciate the different things this could mean. The day included learning about stress and mindfulness, sleep, drug awareness, physical activity and healthy eating. They were treated to a cookery session as well as an introductory Judo session, kindly run for us by Colin McCallum, the Head coach of Happidojo judo clubs. We have included his club details in case students would like to explore continuing this fantastic sport.

North Lynn Discovery Centre

Every Monday evening

Under 8s 6-7pm

Over 8s to seniors 7-8.30pm

First session is completely FREE

No equipment needed in the beginning you can just turn up wearing jogging bottoms and a t-shirt and bring a drink of water.

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Ashgirl Performance

Working with the cast of Ashgirl was a wonderful experience and I would go back to it any day.

It takes a lot of work to create a play; both working on your own but also teamwork. Without teamwork you can only learn your lines and that is the smallest step when creating a piece of drama, the most important part of theatre is confidence.

When you go on stage you have to stop being you instead you have to be the character you are playing, you have to breathe like your character, move like your character, think like your character.

Creating your character is the most fun part in my opinion as you have some limits but you also have so much freedom, you can make your character so unique that no two people play one character the same way.

Having a nice cast makes the process of making your show better and so much easier. You need to be able to communicate all your thoughts to your castmates or else you will make the whole play feel disassociated and it will give the audience a show not worth watching.



As much as having a good cast makes a humongous difference, so does having a good director. Ashgirl was directed by Mr. Bliss and he was assisted by Miss. Vickers as well as Mrs. Burchell. The actors and I are very grateful for having such wonderful teachers helping us. The show also had two other helpers Mrs. Dixon and Mr. Moat doing costume and tech respectively.

I loved doing Ashgirl with all my heart even though we had our ups and down it was worth it 100% and would recommend anyone who remotely likes drama to get involved with the next school play as it is always such a pleasure.

-Alexander Simpson 9B1

Half Term Activities at Lynnsport:

<https://www.alivewestnorfolk.co.uk/activities/holiday-activities/>

Food for Thought

As you may know, we are currently running the 'Food for Thought' sessions from the discovery centre in North Lynn. We are aiming to help people cook healthy and nutritious food on a budget.

I would like to introduce to you 'Food for Thought Bitesize'. These are a couple of pop up sessions with the same principle, being ran from the Cornerstone café in South Lynn. Pop ups will be family friendly and the first one is being held during the upcoming October Half term (the next at the beginning of December). It is a free activity that parents could bring their children along to and could have fun together without breaking the bank!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Bite size

Monday
24 October 2022
10am-1pm

Cornerstone Café
King's Lynn Baptist Church
Wisbech Road
King's Lynn PE30 5JS

01553 616200
asklily.org.uk

Logos: Alivewestnorfolk, King's Lynn & West Norfolk, and other local organization logos.

Black History Month Competition

October is Black History Month and we are inviting all students to design a poster that celebrates a famous or significant Black person. Students from all years are invited to take part. Winners from each school will be chosen by the school's Equality and Diversity Council and will receive a £20 Amazon voucher.

You must include your name, year group and school and be presented neatly as possible.

Entries must be submitted by 31st October 2022.

Extra-curricular

The new season has kicked off to a great start with Netball winning their first home match. Well done! The boy's football team unfortunately lost but we are confident that their winning streak will return very soon. The Rugby team reached the quarter-final stages of their competition. A brilliant start to them. Well done!



Dates for your diary

20th Oct 22	Autumn Term Concert	Springwood High School	Free	6.30pm
17th Nov 22	WNAT Piano Recital	Springwood High School	Free	6.30pm
7th Dec 22	WNAT Christmas Carol Service	St Nicholas' Chapel	Free	6.00pm
8th Dec 22	Springwood Christmas Concert	St Nicholas' Chapel	Adults £5 School aged children £2.50 Under 5 years free	6.30pm
13th Dec 22	School Pantomime Jack & the Beanstalk	Springwood High School	Adults £5 Under 18s £3 Under 5 years free	7.00pm
14th Dec 22	School Pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk	Springwood High School	Adults £5 Under 18s £3 Under 5 years free	7.00pm
17th Dec 22	Springwood Snowman Project	Springwood High School	Adults & school aged children £5, Under 5 years free	10.30am-1.00pm 4.00pm

10th November - Year 9 HPV Immunisation Jabs

17th November – Year 9 reports to parents

6th December – Year 9 Tutor/Info Evening in school

16th December – Last day of Term