

### 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.







#### 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 <u>https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/springwood-high-school-music-department</u> We would love to see you there.

BRITISH COUNCIL International School Award

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





### Message from Head of Year

It has been another busy and exciting half-term for Year 7, filled with activities, learning and fun. As you will see from all of the pictures below, Year 7 have been impressing with their sporting prowess, showing off their culinary skills in the kitchen, learning about the dangers of smoking and vaping, and continuing to impress teachers with their intellectual curiosity and hard work in lessons.

### **Wellbeing Council**

The school wellbeing council, made up from students across all year groups, have been busy looking at ways to improve the wellbeing of students at Springwood High School. The Year 7 members have been particularly proactive, and have recently introduced a 'Year 7 Compliment Hunt' where students look for a series of hidden compliments displayed in their Year area. A fantastic idea to give us all something small to smile about.

### Year 7 Zoo Trip

On the 28<sup>th</sup> March, Springwood will have their Spring Term Super Learning Day. For Year 7, this will involve a trip to Banham Zoo. Letters have gone to all students. Please return the reply slip by the 8th March. The trip has limited spaces, so once the deadline has passed, a random draw will be held to select which students go on the trip. We will be able to take a large majority of students. For those that do not wish to go, or are not selected, there will be activities in school for them on that day.

### **Environmental Council**

The Environmental Council have also been busy planning initiatives this term. The most recent scheme involves students voluntarily engaging in a litter pick on a Thursday lunch time. Each Year group is allotted a month in which they complete their litter pick, starting with Year 7 on the 29<sup>th</sup> of February. Every student that takes part will be entered into a prize draw for an Eco Warrior badge and some sweets.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for you on-going support with a wonderful year group. Please remember, if you have any issues, do not hesitate to contact the Year 7 office.











### Year Office Contact Details

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

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

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 sating if your request has been granted or denied.



### **Year Council**



A big congratulations to all the Year 7 Year Council members who were voted onto the council by their tutor groups. Well done to the following pupils pictured above; Isabel, Lashe, Olivia, Travis, Adam, Oliver, Luna, Aleisha, Ananya and Harry (not pictured).



Tyler has been busy designing and building a Viking shield with his grandad. He's completed his shield using various tools such as jigsaw, router, a drill, and spray paints. Tyler wanted to bring his shield in to show his History teacher. Well done Tyler!



### **Design Technology**







Some of Year 7 have been busy in Design Technology creating bookends





### Year 7 Girls Basketball (2<sup>nd</sup> place out of 6)







# **Achievement Points**

The students who have received their Silver badge this term are....

### Whole Year Group Total



Oluwafemi	7B1
Dominykas	7F2
Ava	7F1
Tioluwalashe	7F1
Christina	7B1
Ritika	7H1
Isabel	7H1
Libby	701
Frankie	701
Sofia	7B1
Oskar	7H1
Keeley	702
Elisabeth	701



### 100% Attendance – 4<sup>th</sup> January - 12<sup>th</sup> February

Name	Reg	Name	Reg	Name	Reg
Adam	7B2	Savannah	7H2	Libby	701
Oluwafemi	7B1	Neve	7S1	Tyler	7S1
Teddy A	7H2	Pranav	702	Amber-Rose	7F2
Oliver	7F2	Jemima	7F1	Kaiden	7S1
Isabel	7H1	Isla-Mae	702	Max	7B2
Aanlin	7S2			Morgan	702
George	7S1	Ritika	7H1	Isaac	7B2
Neave	7H1	Ollie	7H1	Christina	7B1
Aleisha	7H2	Alex	7S2	Tyler	7F1
Katelyn	7B1	Sofia	7B1	Angela	7B1
Sophie	7H1	Abel	701	Freida	701
Elodie	7B2	Benjamin	7H2	Anna	7B2
Daisy	7H2	Laila	7H2	Oliwia	7S1
Tanya	7F2	Eleanor	7B2	Ignas	7H1
Libby	7B1	Violet	7F1		
Florence	7B1	Patryk	702	Finley	7F2
Otis	7H1	Ananya	7S1	Darcey	7H2
Briseis	7B1	Liepa	7H1	Max	701
Seren	7F1	Liyana	7H1	Charlie	7F2
Ava	7S2	Adrianna	7F2	Logan	7B1
Iwan	7H2	Lacie	7S2	Layla	7B2
Daisy	7B1	Yi Ting	7F1	Sharen	701
Isobel	7B1	Felix	702	Austin	7F1
Tommy	7H1	Naledi	7S1	Craig James	7S1
David	7F2	Angel	701	Keeley	702
Olivia	7F2	Hannah	7H2	Matty	7F2
Alicia	7H2	Philippa	702	Daniel	7H1
Freddie	701	Riley	7F1	Grace	7F2
Riley	7S1	Martha	7F1	Katie	701
Harsha	702	Amelia	7B1	Archie	7S2
Chloe	7H2	Luna	7S2	Ella	7S1
Charlie	7B2	Isaac	7S1	Benjamin	7F2
Erikas	7B1	Ellie	7S2	Dominykas	7F2
Ellyse	7S2	Ellie-Mai	7B1	Farley	7B1
Mihai	7F2	Olly	701	Kyla	7S1
Bradley	7H2	Isla	7B2	Maxi	7H2
Kaitygrace	7S2	Gabriele	7H1	Ava	7F1
Elise	7S2	Liepa	7S1	Isabelle	702
Anliya	701	Kadi	701	Seth	7S2
Ollie	7S1	Anabella	7H1	Travis	702
Cody	7B2	Shreya	7F1	Olivier	7F2
Aisha	7B1	Brayden	7S2	Milanija	7F1
Joshua	7B2	Nancy	7F1		
Bradley	7H2				



# 100% Attendance – 7<sup>th</sup> September - 12<sup>th</sup> February

Name	Reg	Name	Reg
Oluwafemi	7B1	Ava	7F1
Isabel	7H1	Seth	7S2
Aanlin	7S2	Olivier	7F2
Aleisha	7H2	Brayden	7S2
Sophie	7H1	Milanija	7F1
Elodie	7B2		
Daisy	7H2		
Tanya	7F2		
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Ananya	7S1		
Liepa	7H1		
Adrianna	7F2		
Yi Ting	7F1		
Naledi	7S1		
Philippa	702		
Martha	7F1	-	
Isaac	7S1		
Ellie	7S2		V
Isla	7B2		
Libby	701		
Tyler	7S1		
Amber-Rose	7F2		
Kaiden	7S1		
Morgan	702		
Christina	7B1		
Oliwia	7S1		
Ignas	7H1		
Sharen	701		
Austin	7F1		
Craig James	7S1		
Keeley	702		
Matty	7F2		
Daniel	7H1		
Katie	701		
Dominykas	7F2		
Kyla	7S1		



## Year 7 - Football







12 of our year 7 students got the privilege of attending a football tournament at Norwich City's training ground at Colney. A wonderful experience for the team and a great opportunity to represent the school. Mr Donovan was very proud of them and said they made Springwood High School proud. Well done boys!



### **Food Technology**



In Food Technology, some of the Year 7's have been making Pizza Toast. Mr Denton thoroughly enjoyed walking around the class and taking in all of the wonderful smells! The children done a fantastic job.



### **Smoking and Vaping Assembly**



Our Head of PSHE at Springwood, Mr Scoles, was incredibly impressed with Year 7 when he delivered a really important message about the dangers of smoking and vaping. It was wonderful to see the year group taking in the key points, and asking some excellent questions. Mr Scoles has made Year 7 aware of all the support and help available to them surrounding smoking and vaping. If you have any concerns about your child, please don't hesitate to contact the year office.



# **Ambitious Board**

A new reward incentive launched this term across the school. Students are awarded cards from staff in acknowledgement of their Acts of Ambitious. Students are given a card and they place it in the AMBITIOUS box in the Year Office. One student is then picked out of the box in assembly and they win a treat.

These rewards are different to achievement points. Students can earn one of these for various things they do throughout the school day to show they are....

	Able to communicate confidently with peers and adults alike in a range of settings
<u>M</u> OTIVATED	Determined and enthusiastic to achieve
<u>B</u> RAVE	Unafraid to challenge themselves
<u>I</u> NDEPENDENT	Responsible for their own success
<u>T</u> HOUGHTFUL	Kind, considerate and respectful to others
<u>I</u> NQUISITIVE	Curious to learn
<u>O</u> RGANISED	Good managers of their own time
<u>U</u> NSTOPPABLE	Resilient to the challenges they encounter
<u>s</u> erious	About fulfilling their potential

### **WINNERS**



Our winners so far have been....

Liepa L Aimee-May Brayden Vanesa F Harry E Erikas Chloe D Pranav Violet Leighton Charlie P Dominykas V



### **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 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**

Friday 29th March 2024 (Good Friday)

### **Useful Email Addresses**

Email Mr Denton, Head of Year 7-0.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







### **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

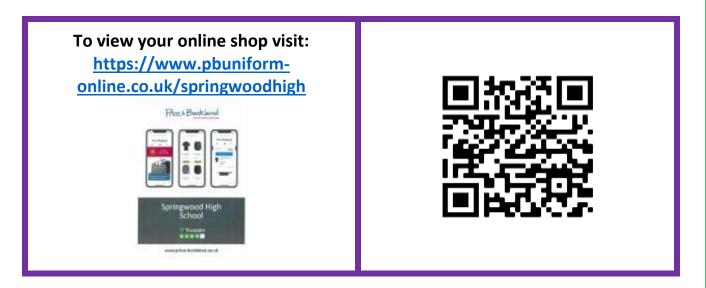
#### **Optional:** \*Springwood sweatshirt Black Track Suit Bottoms

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

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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





### 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 you 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