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Message from Mr Johnson

Wow! Is it nearly half term already? This term has flown by in a blur of hard working students, committed staff, engaged parents and amazing community partners. Many thanks to the whole Springwood school community for giving me the best job in the world!!

It is a pleasure to report that all year groups have come back to school with enthusiasm. We have met with the parents of every year group through our information evenings and have had superb feedback and encouragement from parents and carers of our valued students. As leaders walk around the school every lesson, we see our committed teachers delivering excellent lessons where each student is making great progress.

This term we opened up the school to new parents. It is important that the school never forgets the trust that parents place in us in sending their children to Springwood. We had 3 tours a day for two weeks and a packed open evening. The arts specialist places had many keen students wishing to come here from all around the local area. I hope that all students and parents gain the school of their choice.

You may have seen press stories in the Eastern Daily Press and the Lynn News regarding our excellent Sixth Form students. This has been another "best ever" year for the Sixth Form. This means that hundreds of local young people gain their first choice destination whether at a University or (increasingly) with a local or national higher level apprenticeship. Well done to all involved in the Sixth Form. Once again the Sixth Form open evening had a huge level of interest and we are looking forward to recruiting the next set of Sixth Form superstars!



Ex student Isaac Kirk popped into school to tell us how brilliantly he was getting on in the Army! It was lovely to catch up with him.

As you will be aware, this week we had a full Ofsted Inspection.
You will all receive the report in due course and we will await that with positive anticipation. However, what I would like to say is a MASSIVE THANK YOU for all students, staff and parents who took part in the surveys. The parental survey is available online but (unfortunately) the staff and student surveys are only seen by the inspectors (who were VERY complimentary regarding the responses in their verbal feedback).



Best wishes,
Mr Johnson

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Message from Head of Year

It has been fantastic to see Year 11 approach their recent mock examinations with such a positive attitude and a mature, professional approach. Students have shown real commitment to their learning, taking the examinations seriously and demonstrating a clear understanding of the importance of preparation as they work towards their GCSEs. Our invigilators have been full of praise for the students, commenting on their brilliant behaviour throughout the examination period. This is something we should all be incredibly proud of, and we would like to thank Year 11 for the way they have conducted themselves.

Our recent Super Learning Day provided students with a valuable opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills beyond the usual classroom environment. The day included a wide range of activities and experiences designed to broaden horizons, raise aspirations and help students think about their futures. A particular highlight was the Careers Fair, where students had the opportunity to meet employers, training providers and education representatives, explore different career pathways and discover opportunities available to them after Year 11. It was fantastic to offer students these experiences as they begin to make important decisions about their next steps.

With the end of Year 11 approaching, students should now be actively researching and applying for their chosen destinations, whether that is sixth form, college, apprenticeships or another training pathway. It is important that applications are completed in good time and that students take responsibility for securing a positive next step for next September.

As we move further into this important year, our focus remains firmly on GCSE preparation, maintaining high standards and ensuring every student has the opportunity to achieve their potential. The positive attitude and maturity shown during the recent mocks have been very encouraging, and we hope students continue to build on this as they work towards their final examinations.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can help Year 11 make the most of the opportunities ahead and finish their time at Springwood successfully.

We return to school on Monday 2nd November 2026.

Warm regards,

Mr Cuss & Mrs Robinson



Attendance Message

We were once again delighted to welcome students back for the beginning of a new academic year, alongside our new year 7s and 12s. Thanks to your continued support the school's attendance has continued to be above national figures since the start of the term, which demonstrates the value we know our families place in the education and opportunities students have available at Springwood.

We have already had a number of holidays taken and holiday requests this school year. We would like to remind families that we are not allowed to authorise any holidays taken during term time. If your child does not arrive back on the planned day after a holiday we will be required to carry out a welfare check, and this will be completed in person or via an online video call, as we have to see the child. If your child is ill following a holiday we may well require medical evidence. The local authority will issue fixed penalty notices for a total of more than 4 and a half days of any unauthorised absence within a 10-school week period.

As the cold season approaches, please check out the NHS, https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/, for when you should and should not send your child to school - for most minor ailments they should be in. Please liaise with your child's year office if they are suffering a bit but well enough to attend so that we are aware and can support them in school. If you do feel that your child is too unwell, could you please let the year team know the details, not just "they are unwell" so absence can be recorded appropriately. As above, any prolonged absence will require us to complete a home visit.

As ever, support is always available from the year and attendance teams, as well as external teams:
Just One Norfolk - https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk
Family Hubs - https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/family-hubs/family-hub-sites/
MAP - https://www.map.uk.net/find-us/kings-lynn

Please do reach out to any of the above if your child is struggling with any aspect of school and attendance. We are keen to work with you to remove any barriers your child may be facing.

Finally we are pleased to welcome a new face to our attendance team, in the form of Ms Elmer. We are sure students will give her a warm welcome and appreciate the enthusiasm and skills she will bring to the team.

Mrs Mann
Assistant Headteacher.
attendance@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

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Uniform & Equipment

As we approach the summer holidays, we would like to remind you of our school uniform and equipment expectations to help ensure a smooth start to the new academic year in September. A summary on Uniform and Equipment is below. Please see the link to our Uniform policy which provides greater detail on approaches to Jewellery, Make-up and hair colour.
https://www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=809&type=pdf

School Uniform

Students are expected to wear the following:

- **Black Springwood blazer** – must be worn at all times when moving around the school site.
- **White shirt** – short or long sleeved which must be tucked in.
- **House tie**.
- **Black tailored trousers** – these must not be made from lycra, not be leggings, or not be skin-tight.
- **Springwood skirt or shorts** – may be worn as an alternative to black tailored trousers. Skirts must not be rolled up.
- **Optional Springwood jumper** – may be worn underneath the blazer but must not replace it.
- **Black leather shoes** – no boots, trainers, shoes with sports logos (e.g Nike Airforce), stilettos, ballet pumps, sling backs or toeless shoes. Students will be provided with plimsolls
- **Black socks -** black socks will be loaned if students turn up in white socks.
- **Coat** – if worn, this should be plain in colour and must not be made of leather, denim or faux fur.

Essential Equipment

All students should bring the following items to school every day:

- School bag
- Pencil case
- Two black pens
- One red pen
- Two pencils
- Scientific calculator
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Reading book (Years 7 and 8 only)

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that students arrive at school fully equipped and ready to learn. We wish you a safe and enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming students back in September.

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Year 11 Office Contact Details

Year 11 Office direct dial 24/7 – 01553 778090 - please leave a message

Year 11 team email – classof2027@springwoodhighschool.co.uk
classof2027@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Head of Year 11 – Mr Cuss – p.cuss@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Year 11 Manager – Mrs Robinson – j.robinson@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 10 Office on 01553 778090 or email classof2027@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 10 office. You will then receive a phone call, email or MCAS message stating if your request has been granted or denied.

Lost Property

If your child loses any property during the school day, they can check in the following places –

Year Office
Lost Property basket in the canteen near the music rooms
Lost property basket in the LRC near the teacher's desk
Go to reception and ask if anything has been handed in

If they do not find it, please tell them to ask the Year Office to send an email to the Lost Property email address.

Year 11 Form Superstars

Picked by Form Tutors at the end of every term - well done!

11/EN1	Eimantas - For always being polite, and bringing a positive attitude.
11/EN2	Ava - For always being willing to help me and for just being a lovely presence in the room! Thank you!
11/EN3	John - for always being polite, having good manners and working well in PSHE
11/EN4	Layla - For always being helpful and polite and for trying so hard this term already consistently hard working
11/Maths	Marcus - Positive attitude throughout school with great answers during PSHE and always being helpful and kind
11/Maths6+	Sawyer - great engagement in PSHE and Maths practice. Working consistently well all term
11/Maths7+	Erin - very helpful in the classroom and working hard on PPEs. Always polite.
11/SCI1	Senulya - always on time, fully equipped, polite, hard working in PSHE
11/SC2	Dylan - Very respectful.. Tries hard all of the time.
11/Hist	Aretas - always taking part and doing his best, always willing to help hand out books

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Year 11 Pen, Pencil or Ruler of the Week!

Our Year 11 students are being recognised for their fantastic effort, hard work and positive attitude towards learning through our Pen, Pencil or Ruler of the Week initiative!

Each week, students have the opportunity to earn a special award in their subject lessons. In English, students can be awarded the *Pen of the Week*; in Maths, the *Ruler of the Week*; and in Science, the *Pencil of the Week*. These awards celebrate students who are going above and beyond, demonstrating excellent effort, producing high-quality work and showing a real commitment to their learning.

But there is an extra special reward for those who achieve all three! Students who collect the Pen, Pencil and Ruler awards are presented with the prestigious 'Pencil Case of Glory' by our Headteacher, Mr Johnson!

It is fantastic to see so many Year 11 students striving for success and taking pride in their work. With GCSE examinations on the horizon, recognising effort, celebrating achievement and encouraging students to give their very best has never been more important.

Well done to all our award winners – keep up the excellent work! Who will be the next to earn the Pencil Case of Glory?

The tables below show the winners so far.

English Pen



Georgie	11/EN1		Joseph	11/Maths
Zeenat	11/EN1		Marcus	11/Maths
Liliana	11/EN1		Ted	11/Maths
Godwin	11/EN1		Olivia	11/Maths 6+
Brayden	11/EN1		Angelina	11/Maths 6+
Bella	11/EN2		Riona Maria	11/Maths 6+
Andrei	11/EN3		Thomas	11/Maths 6+
Leon	11/EN3		Sawyer	11/Maths 6+
Kirill	11/EN3		Leo	11/Maths 6+
Winnie	11/EN3		Alya	11/Maths 6+
Charlie	11/EN3		India	11/Maths 7+
Daria	11/EN3		Rehaan	11/Maths 7+
Amber	11/EN3		Jeron	11/Maths 7+
Kieron	11/EN4		Sam	11/Maths 7+
Amelia	11/EN4		Divine	11/Maths 7+
Emily-Rose	11/EN4		Barbara	11/Maths 7+
Liam	11/EN4		Sidney	11/Maths 7+
Ellee	11/Hist		Lia	11/Maths 7+
Harriet	11/Hist		Denys	11/SCI1
George	11/Hist		Senulya	11/SCI1
Melita	11/Maths		Nomthandazo	11/SCI1
Phoebe	11/Maths		Kira	11/SCI2
Alishba	11/Maths			







Science Pencil





Zeenat	11/EN1		Evelyn	11/EN4		Logan	11/Maths 6+
Brooke	11/EN1		Harry	11/EN4		Jaimee	11/Maths 6+
Bella	11/EN2		Mason	11/Hist		Kaden	11/Maths 6+
Ash	11/EN2		Harry	11/Hist		Jeron	11/Maths 7+
Hadley	11/EN2		Alexis	11/Hist		Barbara	11/Maths 7+
Lucy-Anna	11/EN2		Aretas	11/Hist		Catalina	11/Maths 7+
Chloe	11/EN2		Astijus	11/Hist		Theo	11/Maths 7+
Charlie	11/EN2		Amber	11/Hist		Efe	11/Maths 7+
Josh	11/EN2		Melita	11/Maths		Gabrielle	11/Maths 7+
Lola	11/EN2		Phoebe	11/Maths		Anna	11/Maths 7+
Amber	11/EN3		Alishba	11/Maths		Annika	11/Maths 7+
Evie	11/EN3		Marcus	11/Maths		Senulya	11/SCI1
William	11/EN3		Ted	11/Maths		Parthiv	11/SCI1
Timas	11/EN3		Ashton	11/Maths		Harry	11/SCI1
Lilly-Grace	11/EN3		Emily	11/Maths		Kieran	11/SCI1
Emma	11/EN3		Thomas	11/Maths 6+		Eva	11/SCI1
Kieron	11/EN4		Leo	11/Maths 6+		David	11/SCI1
Emily-Rose	11/EN4		Kyle	11/Maths 6+		Kira	11/SCI2
Liam	11/EN4		Hannah	11/Maths 6+		Dylan	11/SCI2
Eden	11/EN4		James	11/Maths 6+			





Maths Ruler

Zeenat	11/EN1		Maise	11/Hist
Georgie	11/EN1		Faith	11/Hist
Sophie	11/EN1		Marcus	11/Maths
Eden	11/EN1		Ashton	11/Maths
Eimantas	11/EN1		Rhianna	11/Maths
Leja	11/EN1		Alfie	11/Maths
Chloe	11/EN2		Harry	11/Maths
Andrei	11/EN3		Nathan	11/Maths
Winnie	11/EN3		Xavi	11/Maths
Charlie	11/EN3		Riona Maria	11/Maths 6+
Cole	11/EN3		Alya	11/Maths 6+
Charlie	11/EN3		Ruairi	11/Maths 6+
Harry	11/EN4		Hemi	11/Maths 6+
Amelia	11/EN4		India	11/Maths 7+
Layla	11/EN4		Anna	11/Maths 7+
Jemeera	11/EN4		William	11/SCI1
Vanessa	11/EN4		Dylan	11/SCI2
Mason	11/Hist		Kya	11/SCI2
Amber	11/Hist		Maisey	11/SCI2
Harry	11/Hist		Kajus	11/SCI2

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Careers Fair





















English Revision



It was fantastic to see over 40 students staying after school to take part in Mr Pocock's English revision sessions! These sessions take place every Wednesday in H2, giving students a valuable opportunity to strengthen their English skills, build confidence and get ahead with their GCSE preparation.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and commitment shown by so many students. It is brilliant to see them taking responsibility for their learning and making the most of the opportunities available to help them succeed in their English GCSEs next year. Keep up the excellent work!

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Paris Food Trip





Some of our Year 11 students recently enjoyed an exciting trip to Paris as part of their Food Technology studies. The visit provided a fantastic opportunity to explore French culture, discover traditional foods and experience the influence of local cuisine first-hand.

Students were able to broaden their understanding of French food traditions, ingredients and eating habits, bringing their classroom learning to life in a vibrant cultural setting. Experiencing the sights, sounds and flavours of Paris made this a memorable and enriching experience for everyone involved.

A fantastic opportunity for our students to develop their cultural awareness and deepen their appreciation of food from around the world!





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STEM Presentation Evening

On Thursday 15th October we held our annual STEM celebration evening, recognising the achievements of students over the last academic year.

This included multiple different project categories of awards and competitions, supported by staff and external businesses. We were delighted to welcome representatives from Dodmans, Palm Paper and Rolls Royces Engineering team based at RAF Marham.

This year the event was opened with an amazing talk from Abby Onencan, an Associate Professor from the UEA School of Environmental Science. Abby, who had worked with the school as part of a weather monitoring project, shared with students and parents her journey from lawyer to scientist. Highlighting how STEM can help solve the bigger problems that impact people's lives.









King's Lynn's Springwood High School students shine at elite Cambridge course

Female Maths students showed off their talents when they were invited to attend an elite three-day course.

The Year 10 students from Lynn's Springwood High School won coveted places on the Girls Enjoy Maths (GEM) Summer School, held annually at Cambridge Maths School.

Connie Loizou, the head of Maths at Springwood, was impressed by the wide range of events and activities on offer to the girls.



Female mathematicians at the GEM course in Cambridge

She said: "Over the course of the three days, they explored exciting mathematical ideas, completed experiments, took an inspiring trip to the University of Cambridge, and listened to female speakers in the field.

"Activities were designed to provide challenges and opportunities for collaboration.

“They worked together to share and build on each other’s ideas, developing their mathematical communication and reasoning, as well as enhancing their problem-solving skills.



A river in Cambridge

“They also explored how Mathematics is applied within other STEM [Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths] subjects, such as Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Computer Science, and gained insight into the applications of Mathematics post-16, at university and beyond.”

Challenges included a Maths Relay, as well as an in-depth mathematical analysis of the card game Dobble.

“There were a variety of activities over the three days. One included looking at Maths that is embedded into the three sciences – this was really useful to us, as we are studying Triple Science,” one participant said.

Another said: “We got to meet college lecturers. This was really useful for future application prospects and knowing what the admission process involved.”

The course involved in-depth mathematical analysis of different topics

A classmate added: “Overall, this experience gave us a new perspective on Maths, even relating it to worldly issues like gender, racism, epidemics, and politics.”

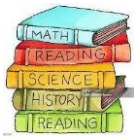
The Summer School is open to female Year 10 students from across the region each year, with places limited to a select 60.

Mrs Loizou added: “These events are valuable, as they enable students to recognise the relevance of Mathematics beyond the classroom.

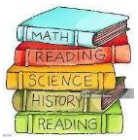
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Year 11 have been receiving homework from all of their subjects, either weekly or fortnightly. All homework will be set and tracked on the my child at school app. Below are details of what homeworks are being set and how often they are set.

Subject	How often?	Description of what is being set	Support on offer
Maths	Weekly	Sparx maths	Breaktimes and lunchtimes in B11 After school revision in B8 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday After school sparx in B11 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays Email Padlet: https://padlet.com/cloizou/ks4-revision-resources-s358zru0p6zsf4j0 LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
English	Weekly - expected to use it 4 times a week (complete 4 daily goals per week)	Tassomai	Wednesday lunchtimes in F12 After school on Wednesdays in F12 LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
Combined science	Fortnightly	Sparx Science	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
Biology	Fortnightly	Sparx Science	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
Physics	Fortnightly	Sparx Science	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
Chemistry	Fortnightly	Sparx Science	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
Languages	Fortnightly	Tassomai	MFL games club Wednesdays in F4 (lunch or after school?)

			LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
History	Fortnightly	Homework may consist of; - Seneca - Each quiz has been set specifically to cover the content for the upcoming in-class assessment. - Exam questions in a booklet - once per half term. If a student loses their past paper question booklet then digital copies can also be found on the relevant Bromcom homework AND on the Google classroom.	Email History club is on a Thursday after school in F7 LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
Geography	Fortnightly	Homework will consist of: 1) Fortnightly google quizzes on case studies, key content and exam skills 2) SENECA quizzes to support PPE preparation 3) Exam question booklets to support assessment preparation	Thursday after school - enhancement club department website (the Geosite). All students have access. A huge range of resources, including all of our lessons, are available for them to access. LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
RE	Fortnightly	Homework could consist of - Google quizzes - Exam questions - Revision for assessments - videos and sheets, found on Google classroom.	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday) S2/S3 at lunchtime
3D Design	Fortnightly	Homework may consist of work being set on Seneca	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)

		learning or students may be asked to complete/continue with creative tasks: mood boards, artist/designer research. Evaluations and production plans. Designs and annotations.	
Art	Weekly	Weekly tasks that need to be completed for their coursework which is worth 90% of their final mark.	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday) After school sessions
Business studies	Fortnightly	Seneca	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
Computer Science	Fortnightly	Tassomai and E-revision	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
Construction	Fortnightly	Homework may consist of work set on go construct, worksheets or controlled assessment	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
Dance	Fortnightly in term 1 Weekly in term 2 and 3	Autumn term - Homework involves research and write up tasks to prepare for NEA. Spring and Summer term - Students will be completing their NEA component 1 and homework tasks will be based to support and extend this.	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
Drama	Weekly	Autumn 1,2 and Spring 1 - Students have weekly write up sheets and booklets that include exam	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)

		style questions based on the set texts they are studying. Spring 2 and Summer 2 - Students to be rehearsing up to two hours a week outside of lesson time, as well as completing their portfolio	
Economics	Fortnightly	Seneca	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
Food	Fortnightly	Homework may consist of seneca or past exam questions as well as weighing and measuring in prep for practical lessons	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
Hair and beauty	Fortnightly	Fortnightly exam papers, worksheets /research tasks.	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
Health and social care	Fortnightly	During the exam content, teachers will give out homework booklets with exam questions to be completed by the set date. During coursework content, students are able to amend and improve coursework whilst in school	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
IT	Fortnightly	E-Revision	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
Music	Weekly	Weekly - practice their instrument/singing and work on composition tasks to support their NEA	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday) Free copies of the software are available

		Exam style questions and the end of topics.	
Music technology	Fortnightly	Fortnightly - Exam practice related to the topic they are currently studying.	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
PE	Fortnightly	Homework is set on The Ever Learner educational platform or seneca There may be times when completion of their NEA coursework will be set instead.	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
Photography	Weekly	Weekly tasks that need to be completed for their coursework which is worth 90% of their final mark.	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
Sociology	Fortnightly	Homework is set on Seneca. In addition to this, pupils are given an exam question booklet once every half term. They have 3 weeks to complete the exam questions.	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)

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Sparx Learning

Year 11 Maths and Science homework are both set via the Sparx Learning platform.

Students have a new piece of homework set every Wednesday and have one week to complete it.

Sparx Maths

Year 11 Maths sparx champion of the Month



Year 11 Sparx Science champion of the Month



Achievement Points

Whole Year Group Total

2864

Achievement Point Award Badges

100 = Bronze

250 = Silver

400 = Gold

600 = Platinum



School Uniform Policy

We are proud of our uniform at Springwood, it promotes the ethos of Springwood, provides a sense of belonging and identity for the students and sets an appropriate tone for education. We therefore ask that students wear their uniform correctly and with pride

Uniform Reminder

At Springwood High School we are very proud of our students who are wonderfully presented and wear our school uniform with pride. This is extremely important to build a school identity amongst the pupils and the wider community. We would like to remind all parents that the school uniform policy can be found on our website. We also would like to draw attention to the following;

- The only jewellery students are permitted to wear is **one** pair of studded earrings and a wrist watch.
- False nails must not be worn.
- Any nose stud must be a clear plastic retainer.
- Students are not permitted to wear leggings.
- Please check the policy for acceptable footwear - and note that branded black shoes (Nike Airforce, Adidas etc) are not permitted.
- Blazers must be worn at all times.

With the change in season students are encouraged to bring a coat to school, this must be plain in colour and fit over the school blazer. Hoodies are not acceptable. We thank you in advance for your support with this.

A copy of our full uniform policy can be found here:
https://www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk/_site/data/files/users/2/uniform/F3C897E71A779321B863438D129E094C.pdf

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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:	Optional:
*Springwood PE shirt	*Springwood sweatshirt
Black Shorts	Black Track Suit Bottoms
Black Socks	Plain Black leggings
Trainers (non-marking sole with grip) Football Boots	Plain Black 'skin' can be worn under PE shirt
	Shinpads 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.

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)

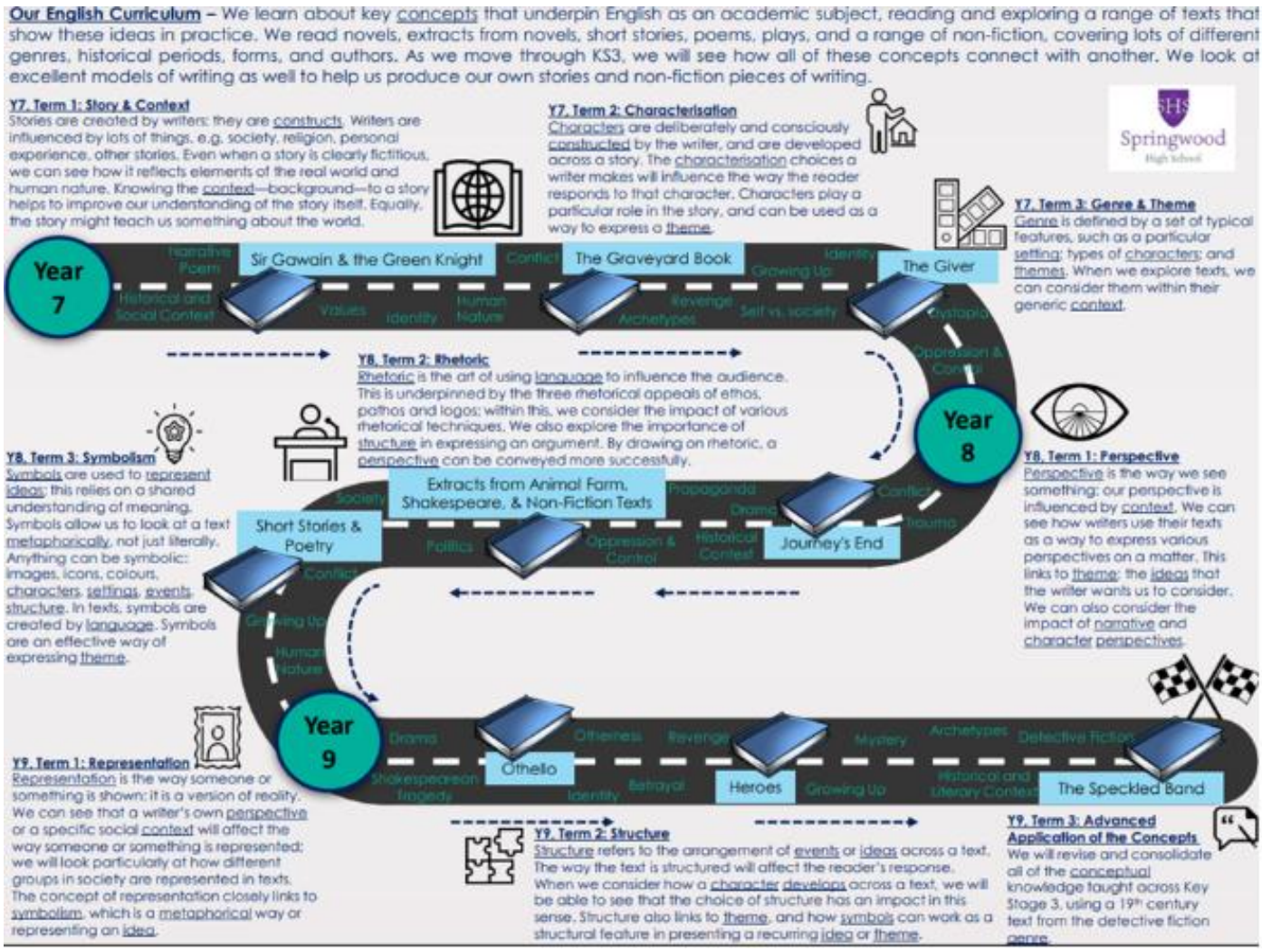
Failure to have the correct equipment after being reminded once will result in a 2-week EQUIPMENT REPORT.

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Curriculum Overview

It is important that parents have an understanding about the curriculum being followed for each of the subjects and what students are studying at different points in the year. Please log on to our website to see the curriculum overview and subject plans, here you will find learning journeys for each subject from KS3 through to KS5 and curriculum plans that give more detail on what will be taught. Curriculum and overview plans link .



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extracurricular at Springwood High School

We are exceptionally proud of the free extracurricular offerings we have at Springwood high school.

All the clubs that are being offered can be found here Extracurricular timetable. This half term has seen a large number of students getting involved in a variety of different clubs.

If there is something your child would like to do that is not offered, or if you know someone that would be willing to come and run a club after school that we currently don't offer please contact extracurricular@springwoodhighschool.co.uk



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Parents can access details about their child at school by using the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) app. Your child can access the student portal by using the Bromcom Student App.

These apps contain real time information about student timetables, attendance, reports, messages, homework, achievement/behaviour and paying for school trips and dinners.

The apps are both available from Google Play and the Apple AppStore. A basic user guide, along with other support materials can be found at https://docs.bromcom.com/article-categories/for-parents/

If you forget your password please click on the Reset Password link on the App, or, using your web browser, go to the relevant website and click on the Reset Password link. You must use the email address that you have given the school.

Should you experience any issues with your MCAS or Bromcom Student account please contact us for support via the following options:

Tel: 01553 773393

email: office@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

When emailing, please provide as much detail about your issue so we can make sure we allocate the right department. Please also provide your full name, school and return phone number.

MCAS: www.mychildatschool.com

Bromcom: www.bromcomvle.com/?schoolid=14633

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Parent, Teacher & Friends Association

Springwood PTFA parentsteachersfriendsassociation

Welcome to the first PTFA update of the new academic year and a warm welcome to all the new parents and carers who are reading this newsletter for the first time.

As ever, we've been busy behind the scenes coming up with new fundraising ideas and keeping our well loved events running.

Our 100 Club lottery is in it's second year and the first draw took place on Wednesday 14 October.

Congratulations to our 3 winners:

1st prize £63.90. - C Bird - number 26

2nd prize £38.34 - Mrs N Karulaitiene - number 22

3rd prize £25.56 - Mrs G Howell - number 34

The next draw is set for Wednesday 9 December and if you haven't joined already, you can sign up for the remaining 5 lottery draws via https://shs-ptfa.org.uk/.

We're also thrilled that we were invited to talk about our PTFA on the BBC Radio Norfolk Breakfast show last week with Chris Goreham. Emma Norris (Vice-Chair) talked about our lottery and fundraising challenges in today's climate , while Ricard Thompson (Deputy Head) talked from a school's perspective, about how important PTFA fundraising and the donation of time is. If you missed these interviews, fear not, you can catch up via this link –

https://shs-ptfa.org.uk/20261013_radio_norfolk/

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Wednesday 14 October and you can read the minutes for this and our other meetings on the PTFA pages of the school website:

https://www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk/page/?title=PTFA&pid=137

We've also welcomed 3 new members this year and we're always eager to connect with anyone who'd like to get involved or offer support. It can be a 'helping hand' at events, donations of prizes or the suggestion of new ideas. There's no pressure on anyone, you can do as much or as little as you like. If you would like get involved, please do not hesitate to contact us at ptfa@springwoodhughschool.co.uk

At the time of writing this article we're excited to be running two events later this week:

Year 7 Halloween Disco – Wednesday 21 October

Halloween Bingo – Thursday 22 October

Future events after October half term are:

Christmas Bingo – Friday 27 November

Christmas Rainbow Raffle – drawn on Monday 14 December. Details of how to purchase tickets to follow soon.

For full details of all of our events – please regularly check out our PTFA Facebook page and the PTFA pages on the school website.

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MUSIC and ARTS FACULTY EVENTS CALENDAR 2026-2027

Date	Event	Venue	Ticket Prices	Time(s)	Groups Involved *(Provisional)*
Wednesday 4th Nov'26	Rotary Young Musician, Regional Heat	Recital Room (Mu1) Springwood High School	Free	4.30pm	Open to soloists grade 6+ standard
Thursday 19th Nov '26	Autumn Recital Evening *(incorporating GCSE Mock Performance Exam)*	Recital Room (Mu1) Springwood High School	Free (with retiring collection)	6.00pm	Year 11 GCSE Music Students plus Soloists and Small Ensembles from Springwood High School
Wednesday 3rd Dec '26	WNAT Christmas Carol Service	St Nicholas' Chapel	Free (with retiring collection)	6.00pm	Year 7 Choir WNAT cross-trust Orchestra
Thursday 10th Dec '25	Springwood Chamber Christmas Concert	Drama Studio, Springwood High School	Adults £3 Under 18s £2 Under 5 years free*	6.30pm	Guitar Ensemble Kingsmen Rock Club/Student Rock Band Bella Voces Piano Soloists Choir 2 Brass Ensemble Woodwind Ensemble
Sunday 13th Dec'26	West Norfolk Wind Orchestra Family Christmas Concert	Drama Studio, Springwood High School	Free (with retiring collection)	2.30pm	The Community Band of the West Norfolk Academies Trust
Thursday 17th Dec '25	Springwood Christmas Concert	PHH, Springwood High School	Adults £5 Under 18s £3 Under 5 years free*	6.30pm	Big Band Choir 3 Choir 1 Concert Band Sinfonia Jesus Christ Superstar Preview Soul Band

Autumn Term 2026

For Ticket Sales nearer the event date please visit

https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/springwood-high-school-music-department

Term Dates & Holidays

First Day of Term	Last Day of Term	
Autumn 2nd Half Term	Monday, 2 November 2026	Friday,18 December 2026
Spring 1st Half Term	Tuesday, 5 January 2027	Friday, 12 February 2027
Spring 2nd Half Term	Monday, 22 February 2027	Thursday, 25 March 2027
Summer 1st Half Term	Tuesday, 13 April 2027	Friday, 28 May 2027
Summer 2nd Half Term	Monday, 7 June 2027	Wednesday, 21 July 2027

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School Holidays 2026 - 2027

	First Day of the Holiday	Last Day of the Holiday
Autumn Half Term Holiday	Friday, 23 October 2026	Friday 30 October 2026
Christmas Holiday	Monday, 21 December 2026	Monday, 4 January 2027
Spring Half Term Holiday	Monday, 15 February 2027	Friday, 19 February 2027
Easter Holiday	Friday, 26 March 2027	Monday, 12 April 2027
Summer Half Term Holiday	Monday, 31 May 2027	Friday, 4 June 2027
First day of Summer Leave	Thursday, 22 July 2027	

Training Days

Tuesday, 1 September 2026
Wednesday, 2 September 2026
Friday, 23 October 2026, is a disaggregated training day
Monday, 4 January 2027
Monday, 12 April 2027, is a disaggregated training day

Bank Holiday

Monday, 3 May 2027

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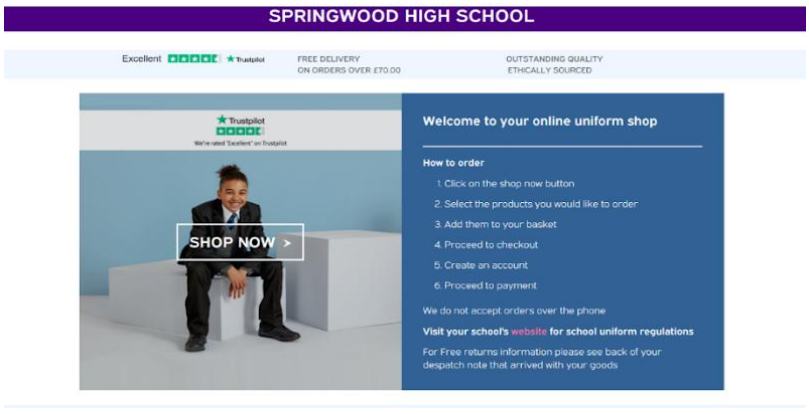
Price & Buckland Update

Price and Buckland are updating their uniform shop for parents.

The new website will give parents the following benefits:

- Parents with children at different schools will be able to order from multiple schools with ease.
- Parents will be able to spread payment across 3 months through Klarna.
- Parents will be prompted how close they are to the free delivery threshold.
- Parents will have more payment options with the introduction of Apple Pay and Google Pay.

Parents who have ordered from them previously will need to reset their password and they can use the same password as before. Parents, who are new to Price & Buckland, will need to register as usual.



Latest News

For all the very latest Springwood School news please follow @SHSKingsLynn

For all the latest Sport & PE news please follow @SHSSPE


BEST START IN LIFE
family hubs
Let's Talk, Connect & Support Each Other!
Join Lex and Georgie
(Community Workers)
for a friendly parent and carer meet up.
Morrisons Café
15th Sept | 1pm–3pm
13th Oct | 1pm–3pm
10th Nov | 1pm–3pm
8th Dec | 1pm–3pm
5th Jan | 1pm–3pm
2nd Feb | 1pm–3pm
Kings Lynn Library
28th Sept | 10am–12pm
26th Oct | 10am–12pm
23rd Nov | 10am–12pm
21st Dec | 10am–12pm
18th Jan | 10am–12pm
15th Feb | 10am–12pm
Everyone welcome!
Come along for a chat, connection & support.
Meet other parents and carers in a friendly and relaxed space.
Family Hubs are here for you and your family.
Friendly advice and support for parents and carers
A welcoming space to talk and share experiences
Help finding local services and support
Support from pregnancy through childhood and beyond
No need to book – just come along and say hello!

SEND Café





Join Early Help Community Worker Georgie, Little Miracles West Norfolk, Norfolk and Waveney Autism/ADHD Support Service and various other organisations each month for a cuppa and an informal chat about all things SEND parenting.

No diagnosis needed
Children welcome
Refreshments and activities available

Please contact downhammarket@littlemiraclescharity.org.uk for further information or to request a social story and venue walk through.



13th July
10th August
14th September
12th October
9th November
14th December

10:30AM-12:30PM
Family Hub, St Augustines
Healthy Living Centre
Columbia Way, King's Lynn PE30 2LB

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