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).

Message from Head of Year

It has been a fantastic start to the year, and I am delighted to share some of the amazing opportunities and achievements that our students have already been involved in. Year 10 is an important milestone as students begin their GCSE journey, take on new challenges and develop the skills and confidence they will need for the future. It has been wonderful to see so many students embracing new experiences, showing enthusiasm for their learning and contributing positively to our school community.

Year 10 students have had the opportunity to engage with Black History Month through our assembly, celebrating the achievements, contributions and experiences of Black individuals and communities throughout history and in the present day. Some of our students are attending a Hackathon which is delivered by Future Tech at the King's Lynn library, this has provided students with an exciting opportunity to think creatively, solve problems and work collaboratively. Our careers-based Super Learning Day is another exciting highlight, giving students the chance to explore the world of work and think about their future aspirations. As Year 10 students start to look ahead to life after GCSEs, developing an awareness of different career pathways, qualifications and employment opportunities is increasingly important. Sport continues to be an important part of school life, providing students with opportunities to represent the school, develop their skills and demonstrate teamwork. It is always fantastic to see students getting involved. Whether competing, or training, every contribution helps to build a positive sporting culture.

As we move further into the academic year, I encourage all Year 10 students to continue making the most of every opportunity available to them. GCSE success is important, but so too are the wider experiences that help students grow into confident, responsible and well-rounded young adults.

I am incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and potential our year group has shown so far, and I look forward to sharing many more successes in our next newsletter.

Enjoy a restful half-term break, and I look forward to seeing all the children on the first day back.

Mr Denton and Mrs Kempton

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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.



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.







Year Office Contact Details

Year 10 Office, direct dial 24/7—01553 779405
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Email Mrs Kempton, Year 10 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 10 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 10 office. You will then receive a phone call, email or message saying if your request has been granted or denied.

Medical Appointments

If you need to collect your child for an appointment, please can you give the year office 24 hours' notice. We understand this may not always be possible for emergency appointments.

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YEAR 10 HOMEWORK

Small steps = Big progress

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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/rbazou/ks4-revision-resources-x35lbrs0p6pt4kjl • 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	Homework booklet	• Lunchtimes on Tuesdays in F4 • 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 Bronzers 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 – Thursdays	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 learning or students may be asked to complete/continue with creative tasks: moodboards, artist/designer research. Evaluations and production plans. Designs and annotations.	• LRC – before school, break, lunch and after school • Homework club after school in F10 (Monday – Thursday)
Art	Weekly	Weekly tasks that need to be completed for their coursework which is worth 60% 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 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.	• LRC – before school, break, lunch and after school • Homework club after school in F10 (Monday – Thursday)
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. They will also be set e-revision for R032. During coursework content, students will be given a research document to support their coursework.	• 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. Exam style questions and the end of topics.	• LRC – before school, break, lunch and after school • Homework club after school in F10 (Monday – Thursday) • Free copies of the software are available
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. There may be times when completion of their NEA coursework will be set instead.	• F13 – After school PE support on Friday • 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 60% of their final mark.	• LRC – before school, break, lunch and after school • Homework club after school in F10 (Monday – Thursday)
Sociology	Fortnightly	SENECA assignments until Christmas, then, each week alternates between a SENECA assignment and an essay plan. There is a stretch and challenge homework booklet initially targeted at 7-9 students but open to anyone wishing to gain more feedback on their short answer exam practice.	• LRC – before school, break, lunch and after school • Homework club after school in F10 (Monday – Thursday)

Be organised Get involved Achieve more!

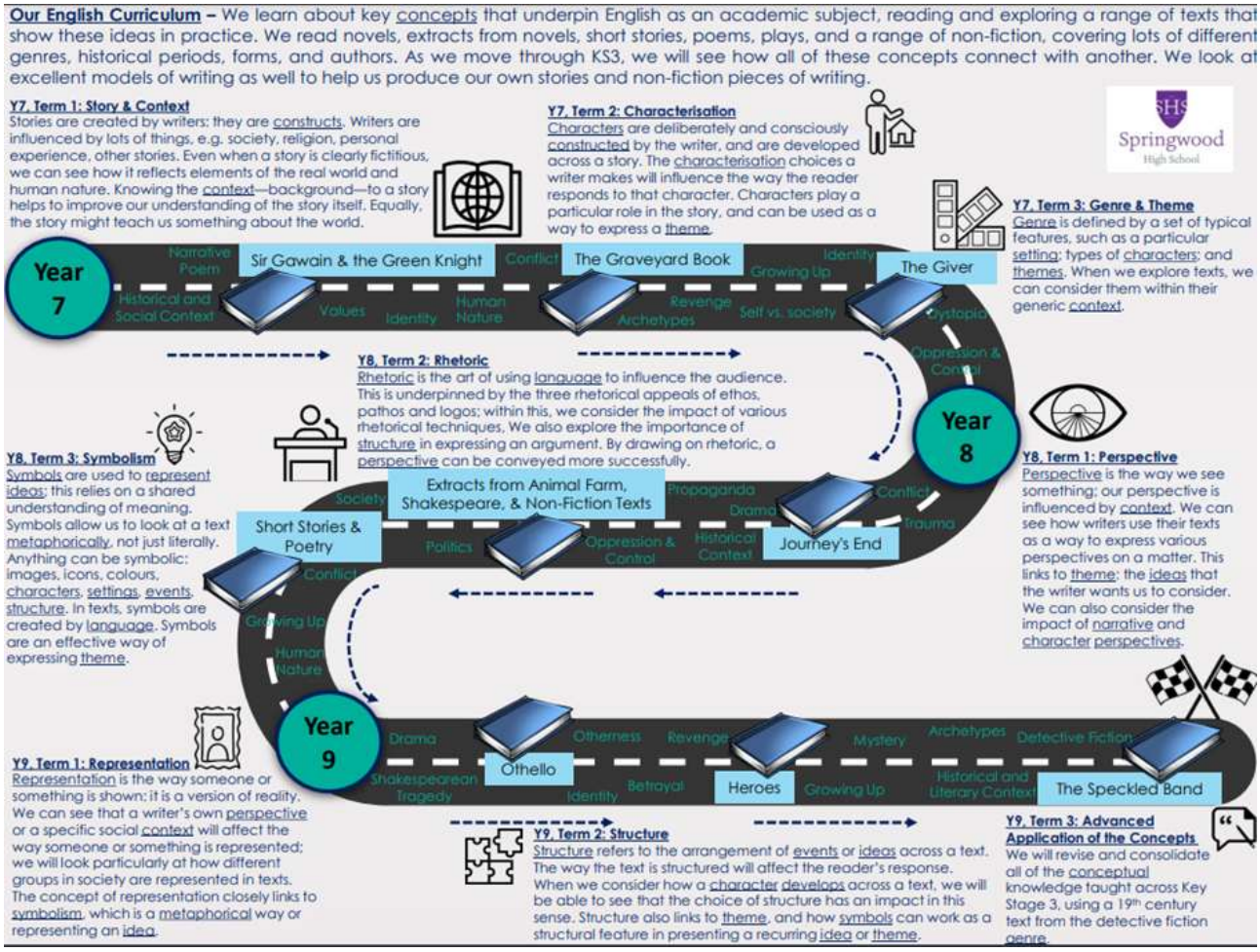
Regular homework builds better habits

Keep going... you've got this!

Every effort counts!

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]



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 challenge 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.

Food Technology



Our Year 10 Food Technology students have been busy in the kitchen, developing their culinary skills and creating some fantastic dishes!

Throughout their lessons, students have been putting their food preparation techniques into practice, building confidence in the kitchen and learning the importance of accuracy, organisation and presentation.

From preparing ingredients and using a range of cooking methods to presenting their finished dishes, the students have shown great enthusiasm, creativity and determination. They have also been developing important life skills, including food hygiene, kitchen safety and working independently.











3D Design

A Massive Well Done to Our Year10 3D Design GCSE Students!

The Year 10 3D Design GCSE students recently volunteered at our Year 6 Open Evening, where they did a fantastic job supporting prospective students and their families.

The students helped potential Year 6 students learn how to sew using our sewing machines, sharing their skills and enthusiasm for Design & Technology. They were also brilliant at engaging with both students and parents, answering questions and sharing their experiences of our school and the D&T subject.

A massive well done to all our amazing volunteers! I was incredibly impressed by their professionalism, confidence and genuine passion for both our school and Design & Technology. They were fantastic ambassadors for the department, and they should all be very proud of themselves!

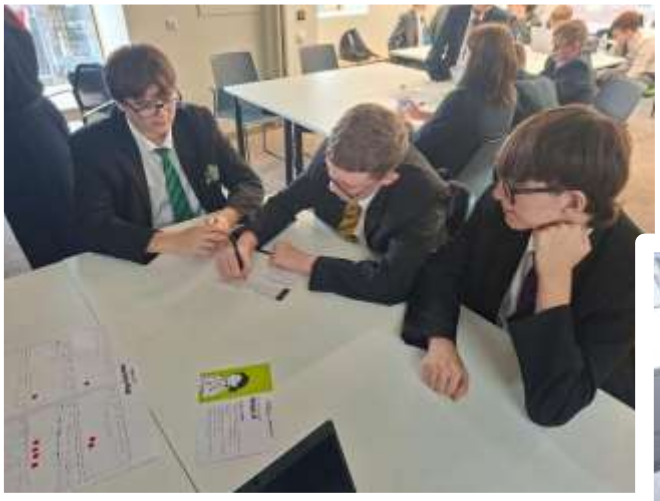


Black History Month



Our Year 10 students received another fantastic assembly to celebrate Black History Month. This was expertly delivered by Lucia, a Year 12 pupil with a real passion for the subject. Lucia focused this Year's BHM assembly around some key historical advocates for equality, and champions for equal rights, before moving onto challenging our Year 10 pupils to consider the small actions they can take to contribute to a kinder, fairer and happier community. The students listened intently, and demonstrated high levels of respect to a very important subject.

Hackathon





Our Year 10 students are taking part in an exciting programme delivered by Future Tech, designed to develop their digital skills, creativity and problem-solving abilities.

Throughout the programme, students will explore technology, work collaboratively and develop innovative ideas, preparing them for the challenge ahead. The sessions will encourage them to think critically, communicate effectively and apply their learning to real-world problems.

The programme will culminate in an exciting Hackathon after half term, where students will have the opportunity to put their skills into practice, collaborate with others and bring their ideas to life.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our Year 10 students to explore the possibilities of technology, build confidence and develop skills that will support them in their future studies and careers.

Sport News

Please see a handful of pictures from yet another fantastic half term of sporting success.

I would like to specifically mention the Year 10 Rugby team who won a Norfolk tournament with 20 of the strongest schools in Norfolk competing.







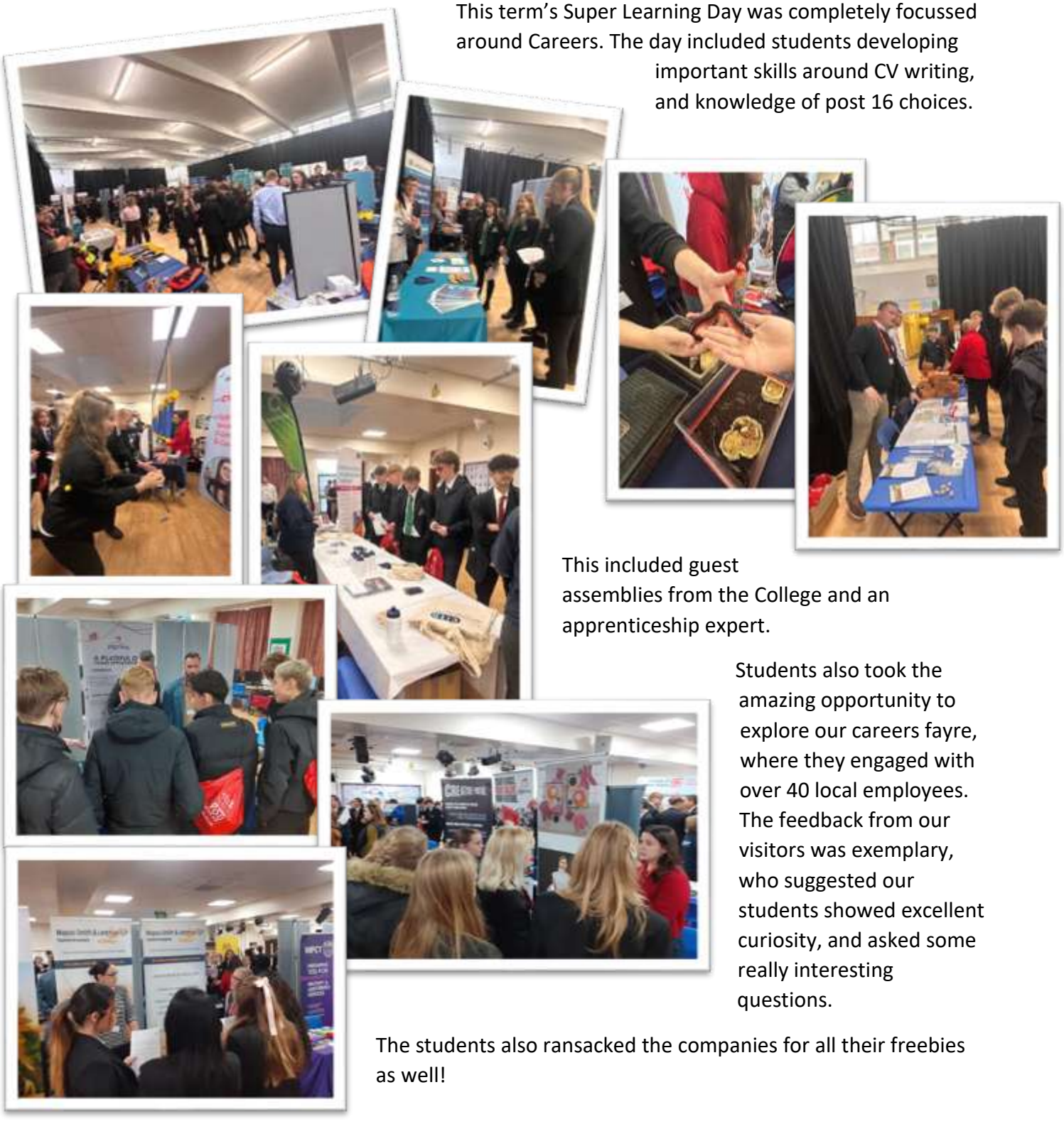






Super Learning Day

This term's Super Learning Day was completely focussed around Careers. The day included students developing important skills around CV writing, and knowledge of post 16 choices.



This included guest assemblies from the College and an apprenticeship expert.

Students also took the amazing opportunity to explore our careers fayre, where they engaged with over 40 local employees. The feedback from our visitors was exemplary, who suggested our students showed excellent curiosity, and asked some really interesting questions.

The students also ransacked the companies for all their freebies as well!

Paris Trip



We went to a pink biscuit factory and we got to taste test pink biscuits and we loved it. We also went to a cheese farm and we taste tested the cheese and we loved it. Then we spent a boat day trip in Paris and managed to get photos of the Eiffel Tower and we loved it. We also visited the WIMY WW1 Canadian monument on our way back to Calais from Paris on our last day and we loved it! – Darcey S





On the first day we went to a biscuit factory and we got to try one of Paris most famous biscuits. On the second day we went to a cheese factory and we taste tested different types of cheeses and it was very interesting and on the same day we went on a boat trip around Paris. On our last day we were supposed to go around Paris again but there was like a lot of traffic so we went to a world war 1 memorial instead. It was a very fun trip and I would like to have another trip like this – Rasminta B

STEM 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.

Sparx Learning

Year 10 Sparx Science champion of the Month



Sparx Maths

Year 10 Maths sparx champion of the Month





Students with the most achievement points in

YEAR 10

First Name	Tutor Group	Points
Martha	10F1	60
Darcia	10O1	57
Kaitlyn	10S1	54
Olly	10O2	49
Katie	10O1	49
Rose	10H1	44
Oluwafemi	10B1	42
Amber-Rose	10F2	42
Bella-Rose	10B2	41
Angel	10O1	41
Julija	10F1	41
Naledi	10S1	40
Ama	10O1	39
Daisy	10B1	39
Harry	10B1	39
Riley	10F1	39
Samara	10H1	39
Otis	10H1	38
Liyana	10H1	38
Libby	10O1	38



100% Attendance

Oluwafemi	10B1	Finley	10H2	Tyler	10S1
Kaitlyn	10S1	Ollie	10S1	Sophie	10F1
Abia	10B1	Cody	10B2	Amber-Rose	10F2
Nichita	10H1	Bradley	10H2	Max	10B2
Ava	10F1	Pranav	10O2	William	10O2
Rasminta	10B2	Rose	10H1	Morgan	10O2
Neave	10H1	Syed	10F1	Aiden	10B1
Aleisha	10H2	Darcia	10O1	Isaac	10B2
Amber	10O1	Isla-Mae	10O2	Angela	10B1
Sophie	10H1	Ritika	10H1	Freida	10O1
Marley	10F2	Kai	10S2	Sienna	10B1
Jonan	10F1	Sofia	10B1	Persis	10B1
Neha	10F2	Ermanas	10O2	Yajurv	10O2
Daisy	10H2	Abel	10O1	Ignas	10H1
Florence	10B1	Benjamin	10H2	Evie	10S1
Seren	10F1	Eleanor	10B2	Kims	10O1
Bradley	10F2	Ananya	10S1	Kyle	10H1
Ava	10S2	Anthony	10O2	Darcey	10H2
Daisy	10B1	Liyana	10H1	Liliana	10H1
Logan	10B2	Adrianna	10F2	Austin	10F1
Emelia	10B2	Lacie	10S2	Keeley	10O2
Immy-Grace	10O2	Lexie	10S2	Matty	10F2
Amelia	10H2	Felix	10O2	Katie	10O1
David	10F2	Naledi	10S1	Dominykas	10F2
Olivia	10F2	Angel	10O1	Eduardo	10F2
Riley	10S1	Hannah	10H2	Freddie	10S2
Holly	10S2	Philippa	10O2	Kyla	10S1
Harry	10B1	Riley	10F1	Ava	10F1
Thomas	10O1	George	10S2	Julia	10S1
Vanesa	10S2	Lily	10B2	Seth	10S2
Kaitygrace	10S2	Luna	10S2	Olivier	10F2
Isla	10B2	Isaac	10S1	Nancy	10F1
Anabella	10H1	Ellie-Mai	10B1	Samara	10H1





Y10 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

MONDAY

Lunchtime:
Maths Homework Club - 12:40 to 13:00 - B11
Chess club - 12.40 to 13.15 - LRC
The Bellas (Female voice group) - 12.50 to 13.20 - MU1

After School:
First lego league - 15.30 to 16.30 - O6
Kingsmen (Male vocal group) - 15.40 to 16.40 - MU2
Springing strings (beginner string group) - 15.40 to 16.40 - 6th form hub
Masterblasters (beginner concert band) - 15.40 to 16.40 - MU1

TUESDAY

Lunchtime:
Maths Homework Club - 12:40 to 13:00 - B11
Jesus Christ Superstar - 12.50 to 13.20 - MU1

After School:
Maths Club - 15:30 to 16:30 - B11
CANSAT - 15.30 to 16.30 - JL12
Soapbox - 15.30 to 16.30 - T1 - March start
Choir 3 - 15.45 to 16.30 - MU2
Choir 2 - 15.45 to 16.30 - MU1
Choir 1 - 16.30 to 17.15 - MU1
History club - 15.30 to 16.30 - S7

WEDNESDAY

Lunchtime:
Maths Homework Club - 12:40 to 13:00 - B11
Disney choir (those on the trip) - 12.50 to 13.20 - MU1 - Week 2 only

After School:
Maths Club - 15:30 to 16:30 - B11
Dance Club - 15.30 - 16.30 - West Gym

Boys rugby - 15.30 to 16.30 - Sandringham field
Steel pan band - 15.40 to 16.40 - MU2 (after half term)
Songwriting and Music technology - 15.40 to 17.00 - MU4
GCSE/A-level composition drop in - 15.30 to 16.30 - MU3
Netball 15.30 to 16.30 – Astro

THURSDAY

Lunchtime:
Maths Homework Club - 12:40 to 13:00 - B11
Environmental club - 12.40 to 13.00 - JL12
Music theory - 12.50 to 13.20 - MU3

After School:
Maths Club - 15:30 to 16:30 - B11
Basketball club - 15.30 to 16.30 – Boys gym
Girls football - 15.30 to 16.30 - South field
Boys football - 15.30 to 16.30 - Boys gym
Concert band (Senior orchestra) - 15.40 to 17.00 - 6th form hub
Sinfonia (Junior orchestra) - 15.40 to 16.40 - MU1
Beginner rock club - 15.40 to 16.40 - MU2
Football - 15.30 to 16.30 - Sandringham field

FRIDAY

Lunchtime:
Maths Homework Club - 12:40 to 13:00 - B11
Guitar ensemble - 12.50 to 13.20 - MU1

After School:
Girls rugby - 15.30 to 16.30 - Sandringham field
Jesus Christ Superstar - 15.30 to 17.30 - PHH
Big band – 15.40 to 16.40 - MU1
Fitness - 15.30 to 16.30 - Sandringham field



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.

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







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.

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

	First Day of Term	Last Day of Term
Autumn 1st Half Term	**Thursday, 3 September 2026** Years 7 and 12 Only Return to School **Friday, 4 September 2026** Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 Return to School	Thursday, 22 October 2026
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
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	

West Norfolk Academies Trust

Term Dates 2026-2027 – Primary and Secondary Schools

September 2026						
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July 2027						
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August 2027						
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Key:	White dates – school open to pupils Orange dates – pupil holidays Purple dates – staff training days Red dates – bank holidays	Staff training days are – Tuesday 1 September, Wednesday 2 September, Monday 4 January and Monday 12 April as whole training days. Friday, 23 October 2026 is disaggregated.

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October

Latest News

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

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

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

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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.