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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).



Mr Johnson

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Message from Head of Year

We would like to congratulate our Year 8 on a fantastic start to the new academic year. They have returned with maturity and demonstrated continued enthusiasm in participating with our school community. Throwing themselves into their learning and a wide range of extracurricular activities. Sporting successes have been frequent, despite only having been back a few weeks and we were delighted to see so many students attending our STEM celebration event. Including those that simultaneously participated in the Piano Recital occurring in another part of the school.

While we have been very busy this half term, much of our content for this Newsletter highlights everything that took place at the very end of Year 7. Where activities were so plentiful we simply couldn't fit them all into our previous edition. Please do enjoy seeing how we ended last year, including photos from our teacher gungeing. This marked the start of our fundraising for Year 8's Springfest and we do hope that as more opportunities occur to raise money for this event, students will be keen to get involved.

We would also like to convey how pleased we have been to have an increasing number of students wish to present in assemblies and share what they love with their peers. It takes a lot of bravery and confidence to stand up and speak to a large group of people, and we hope that we continue to see students take this on as we begin our Endeavour programme after half term.

Finally we would like to thank parents for supporting us by ensuring students are in school and maintaining good attendance. We know that building strong relationships and routines now will lead to long term success. Our Year 8 students are resilient and want to succeed, and your support is invaluable. As such we look forward to seeing our upcoming parents evening.

We wish you a wonderful half term.

Mrs Mann & Mrs Rawlinson



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Year Office Contact Details

Year 8 Office direct dial 24/7 – 01553 779408

Year 8 Email – classof2030@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Head of Year 8 – Mrs V Mann – v.mann@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Year 8 Manager – Mrs A Rawlinson – a.rawlinson@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 8 Office on 01553 779408 or email classof2030@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 8 office. You will then receive a phone call, email or MCAS message stating if your request has been granted or denied.

Year Group Key Dates

Return to School - 2nd November
Reports Sent To Parents - 10th November
Tutor Evening - 12th November
Christmas Jumper Day - 18th December
Finish for Christmas - 18th December @ 2:25pm

Social Media

For all the latest Springwood news, please follow @SHSkingslynn on Twitter

For everything Sports & PE, please follow @shssportpe on Instagram



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Attendance

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 Moss & Ms Elmer

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National Youth Organisation of Great Britain

Just before the Summer break, Springwood had the honour of welcoming the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain for a ‘music takeover’.

They performed a couple of concerts to selected students and also travelled around the school, going into lessons and undertaking ‘pop-up’ concerts in the corridors.

During lunchtime our students had the opportunity to try out some of the musical instruments, they had great fun and enjoyed making lots of noise!











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Role Models

Each term, we recognise students who consistently give their all, demonstrating commitment, dedication, and a positive attitude throughout their time at Springwood. Mr Johnson meets with students from every year group to celebrate their achievements and recognise their hard work. As a reward for being outstanding role models within our school community, students are proudly presented with their Role Model badges.



Eliza Grace C

Recognised for her involvement in a wide range of extra curricular activities, saying yes to absolutely everything and supporting other students.

Kaden M

Despite facing challenges, Kaden has been recognised for continuing to get to his lessons, work hard and always have a positive attitude.

Amber L

Recognised for her contributions to school life and celebrating our diverse community.



Embracing School Life Council

Last term our Embracing School Life council arranged for a Kuk Sool Won club to come into school and deliver taster sessions to our Year 7, 8 and 9 students.

“In our Kuk Sool Won sessions, we had an amazing time teaching everyone what we do best. We taught students how to kick, punch and defend themselves. Our Martial Arts is called Kuk Sool Won and it is a Korean martial art discovered and first taught in the 1950-60’s. We had a blast teaching everyone our moves. Thank you for signing up!”

- Alyssa W







Young Interpreters

We are delighted to share that our newest group of Young Interpreters successfully completed their training before the summer break!

Miss Gluszcz was incredibly impressed by how well-behaved and focused the students were throughout their training. Following their successful completion, Mr Johnson presented them with their certificates and badges in recognition of their hard work and commitment.

Our Young Interpreters should be extremely proud of what they have achieved. We look forward to seeing them put their skills into practice as they help new students settle into life at Springwood High School, making them feel welcome and supported as they become part of our school community.

We are confident they will do a fantastic job in their new roles!



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National Literacy Trust

On Thursday, October 8, the National Literacy Trust and the British Council attempted to set a new Guinness World Record for the most people reading online in 12 hours. Students in KS3 English lessons, including Year 8 did their bit to contribute to the attempt. We keep our fingers crossed that the record was broken! The event was part of the Springwoods participation in the National Year of Reading being celebrated over 2026.



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Rewards Day

As part of our Rewards day our entire Year 7 cohort once again had the opportunity to take part in our 'Race to the Line' STEM event.

The programme asks students to consider scientific concepts like streaming and thrust, while following careful instructions regarding wheel axis placement and safety within their design. The end result is the creation of a racing car with a Styrofoam body, 3D printed wheels and CO_2 canister to provide propulsion. Students produced some amazing designs and were thrilled to see their creations take off at high speed. The generous sponsorship of local businesses working with the Learning Partnership helped fund all the resources needed to give students a hands-on design and engineering opportunity. So we would like to give a massive thank you to both Dodman Ltd, Food Processing Equipment Manufacturers and Shaun Hodgson Engineering Ltd, Structural Engineers.







Students also enjoyed the chance to compete in forms in sporting events and quizzes. Highlights included students competing in tug-of-war and trying to work out which facts match which form tutor.

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Springfest Fundraising

As an additional treat on rewards day and the first part of fundraising for next year's Springfest, Year 7 students also enjoyed watching some of their teachers get a thorough gunging. After spending a half term donating money to the member of staff they most wanted to see gunged, 4 unlikely staff took a seat and prepared for a very sticky bucket of green goo. Much to students' delight and that of other staff that had come out to watch the event, Mr Hewson, Mr Reed, Mrs Rawlinson and Mrs Mann, all finished their day very sticky and very much greener then they had started it.

We are hoping to make the 2027 Springfest the best yet, and will be looking for other fundraising opportunities and local companies to help support the event throughout the next 12 months. If local businesses would be interested in sponsoring or donating towards the event please do get in touch with the school.









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French Trip



Year 7 and 8 students spent four days in Northern France, staying at Le Chateau de Warsy last term, where they took part in a packed programme of activities.

They visited the beach at Berck-sur-Mer, took part in a high ropes treetop activity similar to Go Ape, visited Montdidier, a local town, practised French buying cakes at an authentic patisserie and visited a chocolate factory. Students also spent a day in Paris, where they visited Montmarte and the Sacre Coeur and had time to do some shopping, climbed 674 stairs to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower and took a boat ride on the Seine.

It's clear to see that all Students had a fantastic time. A huge thank you to Mrs Hannah for organising the trip.



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STEM Celebration 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.
We are incredibly proud of all the Yr8 receiving certificates as part of this event.







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Sport

What an incredible half term we have had in sport! Our students have continued to show up week in, week out, demonstrating outstanding commitment, determination and team spirit. We have celebrated some fantastic victories along the way, and every student who has represented the school should be incredibly proud of their efforts. It has been brilliant to see so many students getting involved, giving their all and representing the school with such pride.

A huge well done to everyone involved











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Achievements This Half Term

Each week during our assembly, we select at random students who have earned an 'Acts of AMBITIOUS' card by demonstrating one or more of the following qualities to a member of staff:
Articulate, Motivated, Brave, Independent, Thoughtful, Organised, Unstoppable, or Serious.

This half terms winners are;

Joey C Stevie A Alfie P Archie R Beau C Logan F Mrs Rawlinson Karina F Ava Mae B Mack I Amber L Naomi M Ava Mae B Callum H Kevin A Charlotte M Jack H Marleanna W

Sparx Reader Winners

Sparx Reader

September Sparx Winners

Gabi C
Miane M
Lillie Mae M

Fortnightly Form Winners

Martha M, Evie A, Lucas T & Abdul T

Kieran M, Carmel S, Yuan E & Amy P

Aoife C, Poppy L, Shaun C & Clara P

Gabriel C, Elana V, Gabriel C, Elana V

Miane M & Lillie Mae M, Miane M & Lacey P

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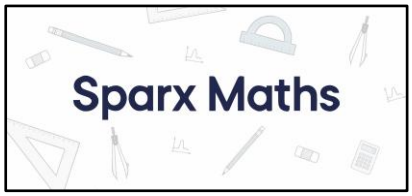
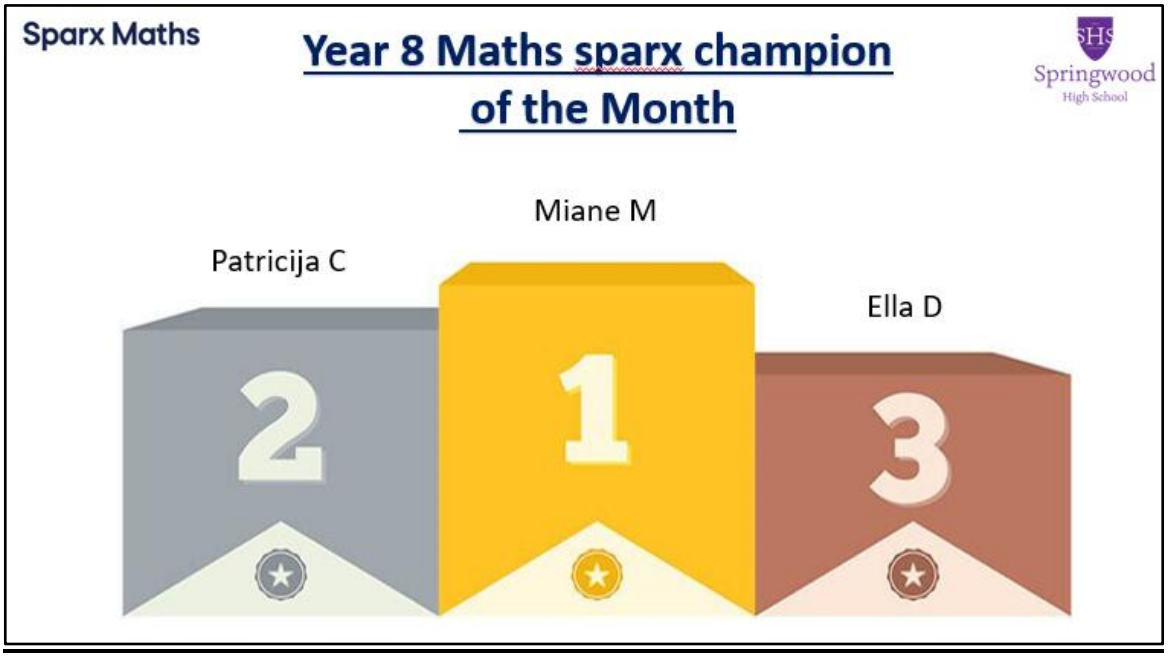
Sparx Maths Winners





Fortnightly Form Winners

Lily M, Phoebe R, Gracie F & Leah P-S

Lianna P, Carmel S, Esme M & Rafael D-S

Ella D, Olivia I-I, Leo F & Rylee A

Evain A, Diya D, Marleanna W & Gabie A

Miane M, Alise T, Miane M & Helana B

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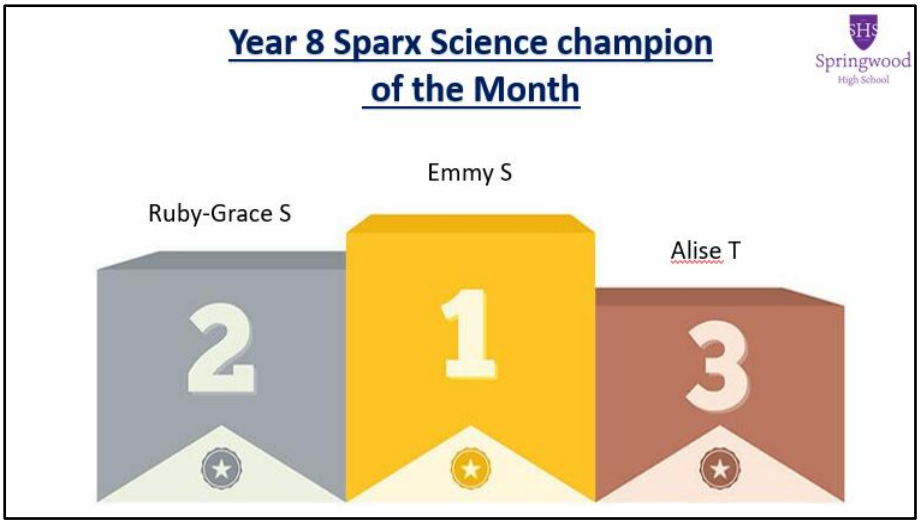
Sparx Science Winners

Sparx Science



Homework

Year 8 receives new homework for Sparx Maths on a Tuesday and Sparx Reader on a Friday weekly. They also receive fortnightly Science, Geography, History and languages homework. All homework will be set and tracked on the my child at school app.

Subject	How often?	What day is it being set?	What is it being set on?	Support on offer
Maths	Weekly	Tuesday	Sparx Maths	Breaktimes in B11 12:40pm -1pm in B11 After school sparx in B11 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays Email LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
English	Weekly	Friday	Sparx Reader	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
Science	Fortnightly	Tuesday	Sparx Science	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
Geography	Fortnightly	Tuesday	Google quiz	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
History	Fortnightly	Monday week 1	Google quiz/Seneca	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
Languages	Fortnightly	Monday week 1	Google quiz	Lunchtimes on Tuesdays in F4 LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)

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Student Shoutouts

We're proud to celebrate the amazing things our students accomplish beyond the school day! From sporting successes and creative pursuits to personal projects, and other passions, these experiences reflect the unique interests, talents, and dedication of our students.

We'd love to hear about what you've been achieving outside the classroom and share your successes with everyone. Please share your achievements with us by emailing classof2030@springwoodhighschool.co.uk.



Mila P entered a Junior Canaries competition with Norwich Football club and won!

Mila was invited to attend their pre match press conference before one of their games, where she had the chance to ask the Head Coach some questions. She had the opportunity to meet some of the players and had a tour of the training grounds.

What an experience!

Libby G displayed some of her artwork at an Art Exhibition recently, where she sold two pieces!

Your drawings are fantastic, well done!



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Adam B has been helping a friend of his learn how to fish. When he caught a huge carp himself!

Well done Adam!



Noah F has also spent some time on the water, where he caught a 15.5lb Northern Pike!



Paige H competed at the Pure International Pageant in Orlando, Florida. Where she won many of her optional heats. Paige recently brought her crown in to school to show us, it's a lot bigger and heavier than you'd think!

Well done Paige!



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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.

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. 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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Extracurricular at Springwood High School

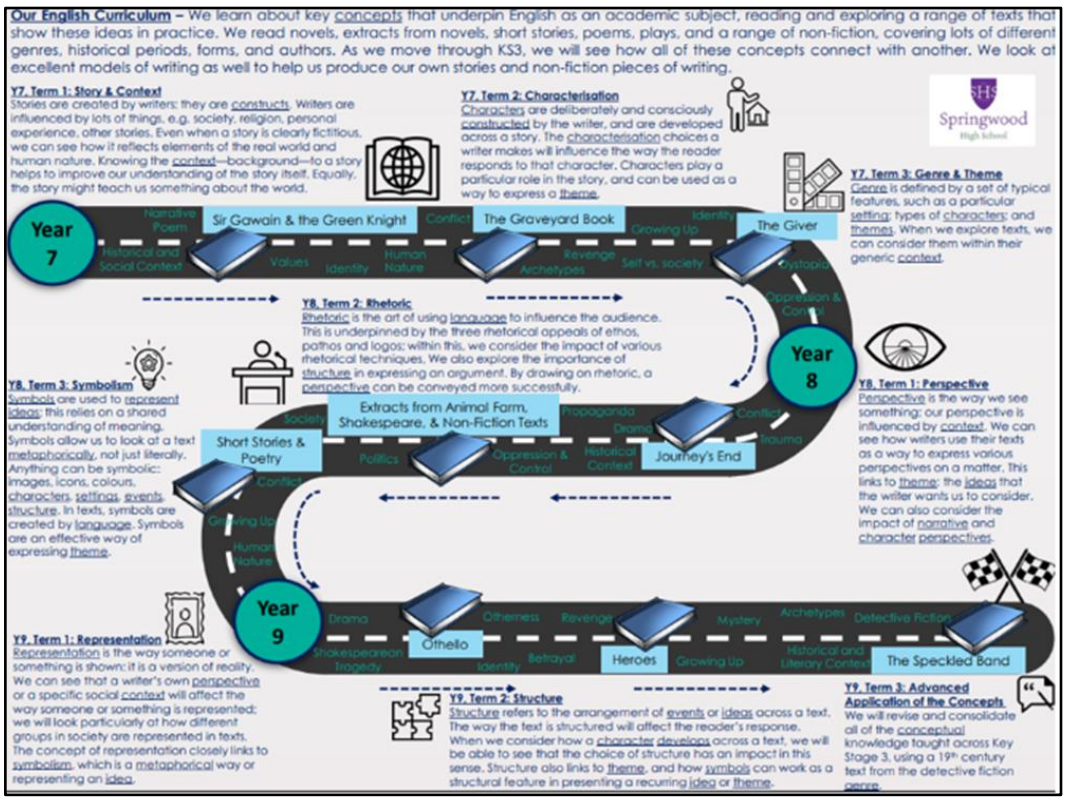
We are exceptionally proud of the free extracurricular offerings we have at Springwood high school.

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

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.





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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

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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.

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SENIOR COACHING



JULY-SEPTEMBER

MONDAY

- LADIES SECTION 6:30-8
- B2H BACK 2 HOCKEY 7-8.30

TUESDAY

- MENS 1s & 2s 6-9

WEDNESDAY

- ENTIRE CLUB TRAINING SUMMER MIXED, TURN UP AND PLAY 7-8.30

SEPTEMBER ONWARDS

MONDAY

- LADIES 1's 6-7.30
- B2H BACK 2 HOCKEY 7-8.30

TUESDAY

- MENS 1s & 2s 6-9

WEDNESDAY

- ENTIRE CLUB TRAINING
- LADIES 3 & 4's, MENS 4's AND 5's 6-7.30
- LADIES 1's & 2's, MENS 1's, 2's & 3's 7:30-9

THURSDAY

- MENS 1's 6.30-8

ALL WELCOME - EVERY PLAYER, EVERY ABILITY.
LET'S HAVE A GREAT SUMMER ON THE PITCH!

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