

YEAR 13 SUMMER 1



Welcome to our final newsletter. We hope you've enjoyed the insights we've shared into Sixth Form life over the last two years. We wish all our students the very best of luck in their final exams and look forward to joining them as they celebrate their results on Thursday 13th August (information about collecting results included in this issue) and attend their final school prom at the Dukes Head Hotel!

Jess Cuss and Nicky Thompson, Heads of Year 13



A message from our Headteacher

Although the weather is variable, the hard work of Springwood students and staff is not! Another terrific half term of work from all!! The current year 11 and year 13 have made a tremendous start to the public examinations. Seeing them leave their exams with a huge smile is incredibly rewarding for all staff. I wish them all the very best and look forward to seeing happy faces on the August results days

The dance show was amazing as ever. Well done to all who took part from every year group. I cannot think of a school where so many students love to dance! Well done to Mrs Paulo and her dance leaders it really was a night to remember.

Mr Cuss is busily reviewing the applications for Head Students from our current year 10. There has been a bumper crop of applicants who aspire to wear a black tie which is great to see. I look forward to interviewing those selected for leadership positions within this role

Have a well earned rest over half term!

Mr A Johnson, Headteacher

Exam Arrangements Reminder

Exams are now in full swing so as a final reminder, students are expected to be in school and taking part in revision sessions with their teachers until their final exam - there is no 'study leave'. It's important that students observe the rules and the following instructions have been issued:

- Make sure you arrive at the exam rooms 15 minutes before your start time. If you are running late and the exam has started you will need to go straight to the exams office
- Please ensure you have your lanyard on and that it is visible
- Tattoos need to be covered up
- Please make sure you have all your equipment needed and have a see through pencil case and a see through water bottles with no labels
- Please ensure phones are switched off and left in your bags with any watches too



When students have completed their final exam there is no need for them to attend Sixth Form and you/they are free to book holidays before holiday companies put the price up!

Collecting Exam Results



A Level Results Day is on Thursday 13th August and students are welcome to come and collect their results from the Sixth Form Hub. You can book a slot to do this via the Parent Evening booking system. This can be found on the school website under the 'Parent' tab (Parent...Parent Apps...Parent Evening). Lots of appointments are available from 8am-10.30am.

On the day we will have members of the sixth form team available to assist with any queries or help with any final decisions about post 18 destinations including using the UCAS Clearing System. Book an early slot if you think that Clearing is a service you'll be interested in (see previous newsletter or click [here](#)) as Universities will be filling their spare places from 8am.

If students are unable to collect their results and wish someone to collect on their behalf they should email this request to the Exams Dept on exams@springwoodhighschool.co.uk indicating the name of the person collecting. Alternatively, students can request results to be emailed.

Any results not collected on results day will be emailed home by the Exams Dept (to the school email address). Please do not hesitate to email us on sixthformoffice@springwoodhighschool.co.uk or call us on this number if you have any questions 01553 779407.

Final Celebration Assembly



The Sixth Form came together for one final time at this year's Celebration Assembly — an event filled with laughter, memories and a few emotional moments as students and staff reflected on the past two years.

The assembly gave everyone the chance to celebrate the achievements, personalities, and unforgettable moments that have defined the year group. One of the highlights of the event was hearing Progress Tutors share funny and heartfelt stories about their tutor groups.

Another much-anticipated part of the assembly was the “Most Likely To...” awards. The range of light-hearted categories lead to plenty of cheering, laughter and a few surprised reactions. Awards included everything from “Most Likely to Become A Millionaire” and “Most Likely to Be Late to Their Own Funeral” to “Most Likely to be next Prime Minister.”

As the assembly came to a close, there was a strong sense of appreciation for the friendships formed, the challenges overcome and the memories made along the way. While exams and future plans now lie ahead, the celebration served as a reminder of how much the year group has achieved together.

The final assembly was a fitting send-off for the Sixth Form — a chance to look back, celebrate each other and end the year on a positive and memorable note!

Celebrating at Prom

The Prom Committee has done a sterling job putting the finishing touches on a Prom night to remember. Taking place on 13th August from 7pm at the Dukes Head Hotel, students asked for a formal affair and tickets have been selling well.

There will be music requests being taken by the DJ, a chance to show off your singing with a karaoke and casino tables available for some blackjack & roulette. A professional photographer will capture all students on arrival and a photo booth with crops will be there for some dressing up fun!



Quiz Finalists Pipped at the Post

After a hotly contested Sixth Form Knock-Out Quiz running over a number of months, Miss Markwell's Year 13 Tutor Group made it to the finals against Mr Levy's Year 12 Tutor Group. It was a close match but unfortunately the Year 13s were pipped at the post. A big congratulations to the runners up and to all the teams who took part this year. And a huge thank you to Mr Barrett who continues to be an excellent quiz master.



DofE Superstar is off to the Palace

Achieving the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award is a big deal, so it's only right that students get a proper celebration of their outstanding achievement. Congratulations to Chris B, who is the first of this cohort to be invited to attend a celebration event at Buckingham Palace.

The Gold Award is the highest level of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme and recognises outstanding commitment, resilience, leadership and service to the community. Achieving the award requires participants to dedicate 2 years to developing new skills, volunteering, undertaking physical activities and completing challenging expeditions.

One expedition which, according to the assembly presentation, involved falling over, getting lost and sheep herding, was the Heriot Way hike. He successfully navigated the challenging route and counted lots of sheep along the way!

Miss Edwards runs the DofE programme and said, "The programme can be life changing for students in both the skills they develop and the memories they make, in particular during the expedition section. Everyone is incredibly proud of Chris and this outstanding achievement. We look forward to hearing all about the Buckingham Palace experience!"



Celebrating a Standout Year for Apprenticeships

This year has been nothing short of exceptional for apprenticeships, with an incredible range of opportunities secured across multiple sectors and industries. From engineering and finance to law enforcement, legal services, manufacturing, and early years education, we are proud to celebrate a truly bumper year of apprenticeship success.

Our learners have secured opportunities with some of the UK's most respected organisations, including Deutsche Bank, Norfolk Constabulary, Bepak, Stephenson Smart, Ryan Hawkins Solicitors, BAE Systems, Rolls-Royce, the Royal Air Force and Giggles & Squiggles — to name just a few.

The breadth and calibre of these placements reflect both the ambition of our apprentices and the growing recognition from employers that apprenticeships are a powerful route to developing future talent.

We are incredibly proud of every learner who has taken this next step and grateful to the employers who continue to champion apprenticeship programmes. Together, we are helping to build skilled, confident and future-ready professionals.

As we look ahead to the next academic year, we are excited to continue growing these partnerships and creating even more opportunities for aspiring apprentices to succeed.

Here's to another year of ambition, achievement, and apprenticeship success.



Apprenticeship Student Wins Prestigious Award

When Sophie Tucker left Springwood Sixth Form in 2022, she was ready to take a very different path from many of her peers. Instead of heading to university, Sophie chose to begin her career immediately through an apprenticeship — a decision that has already led to remarkable success in the world of market research and data analytics.

After completing sixth form, Sophie secured a position as a Research and Data Analytics Apprentice with The Walt Disney Company, beginning in September 2022. Over the next two years, she combined full-time professional work with an 18-month Level 4 apprenticeship in Market Research through the Market Research Society (MRS), where she achieved an outstanding Distinction.



During her time at Disney, Sophie worked on a variety of projects focused on understanding customer behaviours, opinions and attitudes. Her role involved conducting both market and consumer research to help the company better understand its audiences and strengthen its brands.

One of Sophie's key responsibilities was running the Star Wars Franchise Health Checks — tracking awareness, affinity and customer touchpoints for one of the world's most recognisable entertainment franchises. Each quarter, she analysed research data and presented actionable insights back to colleagues, helping inform strategic decisions across the business.

The role gave Sophie invaluable experience not only in data analysis, but also in communication, presentation and commercial decision-making within a global organisation. Balancing a demanding full-time role alongside studying for a professional qualification required commitment, organisation and determination — qualities Sophie developed during her time at Springwood.

In June 2024, Sophie completed her apprenticeship and moved into a new role as a Research and Data Specialist at Maze Media, where she continues to work today.

Moving from a global corporation to a smaller marketing agency brought a completely different experience. At Maze Media, Sophie works across a range of clients, conducting consumer research and brand tracking projects tailored to different industries and audiences. Working within a smaller company has allowed her to take on greater responsibility and autonomy in her work, helping her develop her skills even further.

Never one to stop learning, Sophie also decided to continue her professional development by completing the MRS Advanced Certificate — a qualification equivalent to Level 5. Thanks to achieving a Distinction in her previous Level 4 qualification, she was able to complete an accelerated version of the course over just three months.

Once again, Sophie excelled.

Not only did she achieve another Distinction, but she was also awarded the prestigious Advanced Certificate Award for being the best-performing candidate on the course.

Reflecting on her journey since leaving Springwood, Sophie's story highlights the growing opportunities available through apprenticeships and alternative career pathways. In just a few years, she has progressed from sixth form student to award-winning research professional, gaining hands-on industry experience while continuing to build her qualifications.

Her achievements demonstrate the value of hard work, ambition and embracing new challenges. Whether analysing global franchise data at Disney or leading client research projects at Maze Media, Sophie continues to build an exciting career in the research and analytics industry — and serves as an inspiring example for current Springwood students considering their own future pathways.

PTFA News

Over the last 6 weeks the PTFA has organised or supported the following events and has raised just over £1,500:

Bingo – 24 April

Supporting The Players by selling Refreshments at their performances of *The Lion, the Witch and The Wardrobe* – 2 & 3 May

Selling refreshments at SHS's 'Dance Off' – 1 May

Quiz Night – 15 May. Picture of the winning team below!

The fifth 100 Club draw took place on Wednesday 13 May, and we're pleased to announce the lucky winners:

1st prize £52.20 – Number 53 – E McHale

2nd prize £31.32 – Number 10 – H Ireland

3rd prize £20.88 – Number 20 – J Thorne

Congratulations to all three winners. The PTFA profit from this draw was £127.60.

The sixth and final draw for this academic year will take place on 15 July, and there's still time for new members to join. Full details, including the application form, can be found on the PTFA pages of the school website. The cost is £4 for the remaining draw.

Future events for your diary are:

Bingo – 12 June 2026, Peter Hopkins Hall

Refreshments at the Primary Dance Show – 1 July 2026, Peter Hopkins Hall

Refreshments at the West Norfolk Academies Trust (WANT)

Community Music Festival – 6-9 July 2026, Springwood High School.

Year 8 Disco – 10 July 2026

Refreshments at the Fashion Show – 15 July (Peter Hopkins Hall)

100 Club lottery draws:

- 15 July 2026

- 2026/27 dates to be confirmed.

Please check out our Facebook Page 'Springwood ptfa' or the school website for further details. And finally, if you have ideas for future events you'd love to see, or if you're interested in getting involved with the PTFA, we'd be delighted to hear from you. You can reach us ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk.



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