



Message from Mr Johnson

It is hard to believe that nearly 8 weeks have passed as we approach the end of the first (highly productive) half term of the school year. This week I have had the pleasure of attending the Springwood STEM awards evening. Here, literally hundreds of students received recognition for the numerous STEM projects they have been involved with. It was great to see our partners from Industry supporting this work. Similarly, it was wonderful to listen to the numerous Springwood pianists play at the Trust Piano Recital yesterday evening. As we always say, the happiest students at Springwood are those who take part in extra-curricular activities.

This year we invited all parents to the school for year group introductory meetings. It was lovely to meet parents and set the tone of each year group. It is so important that students, parents and staff work closely together to ensure the best possible education for every young person in the school. Please do not hesitate to make contact with your Year office if we can do anything to help your child.

I have to say that yet again, the main school and Sixth Form open evenings were undoubtedly the busiest ever! It is always wonderful to meet prospective students and parents to showcase what our school has to offer. Our two weeks of daytime tours allowed students and parents to see the school in operation on a normal day. I was delighted to hear that those who attended the tours saw a happy and hardworking school.

I have been very impressed with the numerous press articles in the Lynn News, Eastern Daily Press and Your Local paper. At Springwood we work hard to give every student the best opportunities and it is fantastic when our local community gets to see this work. Our role in the community is incredibly important and we thank both the Borough Council and Springwood PTFA for purchasing both the new LED stage lighting and the amazing theatre seating in the Peter Hopkins Hall. This will be an excellent resource for our students and the local community.

The new year 7 have settled into the school well. We have all been impressed with their polite and hardworking attitude. The vast majority are taking advantage of the excellent extra curricular activities on offer at Springwood. The current year 12 represents the largest Year 12 in the School's history. Springwood Sixth Form is now the first choice sixth form for the west of Norfolk. I look forward to seeing these two year groups progress in the school.

I wish all students and teachers a well earned half term rest!

Best wishes.
Mr Johnson





Message from Head of Year

I am pleased to say the students in Year 9 returned in September with the same enthusiasm and engagement shown in the summer term of Year 8. As I write this, it feels so long ago since our children were out on the field, enjoying a wet, but wonderful, Springfest. Perhaps it's because they have grown and matured so much over the summer, and so many other great things have happened since then.

As we conclude this half-term, it is the perfect time to reflect on these great things. We have launched the Aiming for Excellence programme for our high achieving pupils; all of our students were invited to the STEM Award evening; students were incredibly engaged in our Stop the Clock assembly based around safe social media use and Sextortion, as well as receiving a high quality assembly on Black History Month delivered by a Year 11 pupil; all students engaged in the most recent Super Learning Day based around Self-Care; and students continue to maximise the learning opportunities in the classroom.

Additional to the opportunities in the classroom, Year 9 brings opportunities outside of the curriculum. You will see a picture of our amazing Year 9 sports leaders later in the newsletter, who received excellent feedback from the staff at the primary sports festival in which they supported. They did the school very proud. We have also seen a record number of pupils sign up to the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. Unfortunately, this is now full, but there is a reserve list for any students who have missed the deadline. Finally, in this last week we have launched a trip to Greece for June 2026. Students have the opportunity to attend a summer camp in Greece for 6 nights. Letters are available for students to collect from the Year Office.

After half-term, we will begin the run in to Christmas by launching the ACHIEVE programme.

I hope you have a restful half-term break, and the children return recharged, and raring to go!

Mr Denton and Mrs Kempton





Attendance Message

Wren, our attendance dog, is currently enjoying the start of the new school year, welcoming back familiar faces along with the new year 7s and 12s. Thank you for your continued support with good attendance for your child's attendance has continued to be above national figures since the start of the term.

We have had a number of holidays taken during this school year already. 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.

We are once again approaching the cold season. Please check out the NHS, <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>, for when you should and shouldn't 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 can be aware of them during the day. 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". 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 aspects of school and attendance



Year Office Contact Details

Year 9 Office, direct dial 24/7—01553 779405
Email Mr Denton, Head of Year 9—o.denton@springwoodhighschool.co.uk
Email Mrs Kempton, Year 9 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 9 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 9 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.



Year 9 Homework

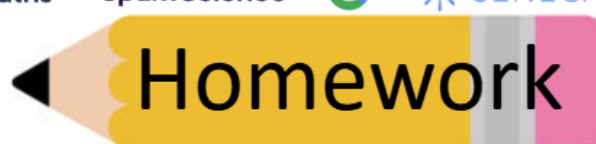
Sparx Reader

Sparx Maths

Sparx Science



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Subject	How often?	What day is it being set?	What is it being set on?	Support on offer
Maths	Weekly	Tuesday	Sparx Maths	<p>Breaktimes in B11 12:40pm -1pm in B11</p> <p>After school sparx in B11 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays</p> <p>Email</p> <p>LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school</p> <p>Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)</p>
English	Weekly	Friday	Sparx Reader	<p>Breaktimes in F12 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays</p> <p>LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school</p> <p>Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)</p>
Science	Fortnightly	Wednesday	Sparx Science	<p>LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school</p> <p>Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)</p>
Geography	Fortnightly	Tuesday	Google quiz	<p>LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school</p> <p>Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)</p>
History	Fortnightly	Monday week 1	Google quiz/Seneca	<p>LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school</p> <p>Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)</p>
Languages	Fortnightly	Monday week 1	Google quiz	<p>LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school</p> <p>Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)</p>
RE	Fortnightly	Monday week 2	Google quiz	<p>LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school</p> <p>Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)</p>



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



Achieve

- A - Academic
- C - Career
- H - Health and Society
- I - Independence
- E - Education
- V - Volunteering
- E - Extra-Curricular

After half- term, the ACHIEVE programme will be launched in Year 9. This programme gives students a series of tasks to complete based around the topics above. It seeks to challenge pupils to go beyond the learning in the classroom and develop a series of skills and qualities that will benefit them during and beyond their school years. Each student will receive a folder outlining the tasks, in which they will collect their evidence to show they have achieved each aspect. Please support your children to engage in the programme and help them to complete the tasks for each section – all of which can be achieved to either Bronze, Silver or Gold standard.



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award



The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award has been launched with Year 9, and I am pleased to say that we have had record numbers sign up to take part. This does mean however, that places are now full. Should your child still wish to take part, but has not returned their form, please ask them to come to the Year Office so we can add them to the reserve sheet.

Aiming for Excellence

This term we launched our Aiming for Excellence project for our high-flying pupils. This involves students committing extra time to additional projects to help stretch and challenge them further, as well as build a portfolio of evidence to demonstrate their commitment to learning beyond the curriculum. It is a fantastic programme to help them learn about themselves, and develop metacognition skills and self – motivation. This programme culminates with an award evening in the Summer term, which really was a fabulous event last year.



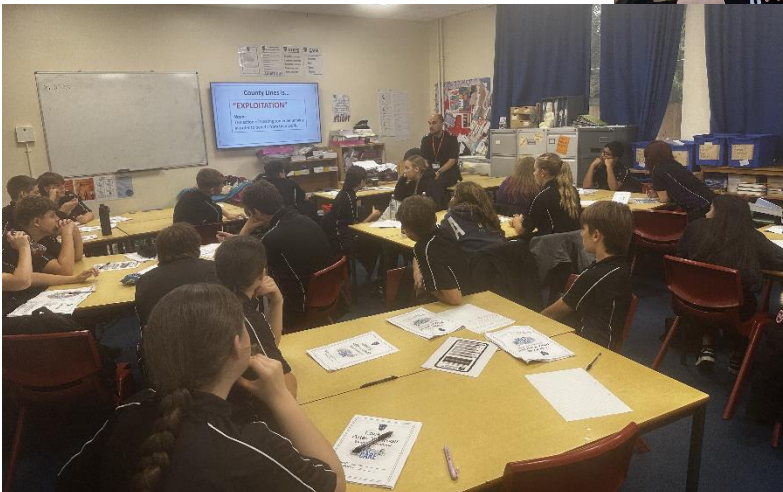
Year 9 Sport Leaders



In Year 9, students start being offered a number of leadership opportunities. Above you can see a group of students who took the opportunity to attend a Primary Sport Event at Lynnsport as Sports Leaders. They did a fantastic job and received some wonderful feedback from the attending primary schools. One of the Primary members of staff remarked that the pupils were some of the best we have ever provided! Well done to all involved.



Super Learning Day



All Year 9 pupils recently participated in the 1Super Learning Day focused on Self-Care. Withing this, students learnt about Diet, Sleep, Stress, Exercise and Drugs. They also received a fantastic and educational seminar on knife crime from the police.



STEM Evening



Pupils and parents celebrated success from all things STEM at our annual STEM award evening. There were over 200 certificates given out to pupils celebrating their STEM success from throughout the year. Pupils from a range of year groups celebrated achieving their accredited CREST awards, building rocket cars, coding pictures to send to space, and designing, building and racing a soap box to just name a few. Pupils were inspired to carry on this hard work at our 3 x STEM clubs with an additional new Lego league club.



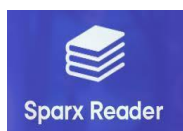
Sparx Learning

Sparx Maths

Year 9 Maths sparx champion of the Month



Year 9 Sparx Science champion of the Month



September

Anna S	8,573 SRP
Dale D	4,319 SRP
Ama A	3,795 SRP



Achievement Points

Students with the most achievement
points in **YEAR 9**



First Name	Tutor Group	Points
Ritika	9H1	82
David	9F2	80
Darcia	9O1	79
Ananya	9S1	79
Ava	9F1	77
Abel	9O1	75
Oliwia	9S1	75
Morgan	9O2	74
Harry	9B1	73
Grace	9F2	71
Ollie	9S1	70
Keeley	9O2	70
Logan	9B2	68
Kai	9S2	67
Anthony	9O2	66
Bella	9B2	66
Katie	9O1	66
Nancy	9F1	66
Lily	9O2	64
Daisy	9B1	63



100% Attendance – 4th September – 23rd October

Adam A	Isobel C	Kai H	Liepa P	Sharen S
Favour A	Logan C	Ollie H	Kadi P	Matty T
Oluwafemi A	Emelia C	Sofia I	Anabella P	Daniel T
Ashen A	Dale D	Abel J	Alfie P	Katie T
Nichita A	Harry D	Benjamin J	Libby P	Dominykas V
Vilte A	Riley D	Emilis K	Albert P	Eduardo V
Rasminta B	Harsha D	Eleanor K	Amber-Rose R	Kyla W
Aanlin B	Chloe D	Armandas K	Mazie R	Isabelle W
Jack B	Jasmine E	Patryk K	William R	Olivier W
Aleisha B	Harry E	Liyana L	Morgan R	Nancy Y
Katelyn B	Thomas FB	Adrianna L	Aiden R	Milanija Z
Amber B	Nicole F	Lacie L	Isaac R	
Sophie B	Kaitygrace G	Bella L	Tyler R	
Marley B	Finley G	Naledi M	Angela S	
Jonan B	Corbyn GH	Angel M	Freida S	
Neha B	Cody G	Hannah M	Anna S	
Daisy B	Andrei G	Philippa M	Rose S	
Tanya B	Bradley G	Martha M	Ignas S	
Frankie B (O1)	Harris G	George M	Evie S	
Ruben B	Savannah G	Lily M	Kims S	
Seren B	Achilles G	Ellie M	Kyle S	
Bradley B	Pranav HN	Alexo N	Darcey S	
Ava B	Jemima H	Olly N	Liliana S	
Iwan C	Angelo HS	Isla N	Logan S	
Daisy CN	Ritika H	Emmanuella N	Oliver S	



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](#).

Our English Curriculum – We learn about key concepts that underpin English as an academic subject, reading and exploring a range of texts that show these ideas in practice. We read novels, extracts from novels, short stories, poems, plays, and a range of non-fiction, covering lots of different genres, historical periods, forms, and authors. As we move through KS3, we will see how all of these concepts connect with another. We look at excellent models of writing as well to help us produce our own stories and non-fiction pieces of writing.

Y7 Term 1: Story & Context

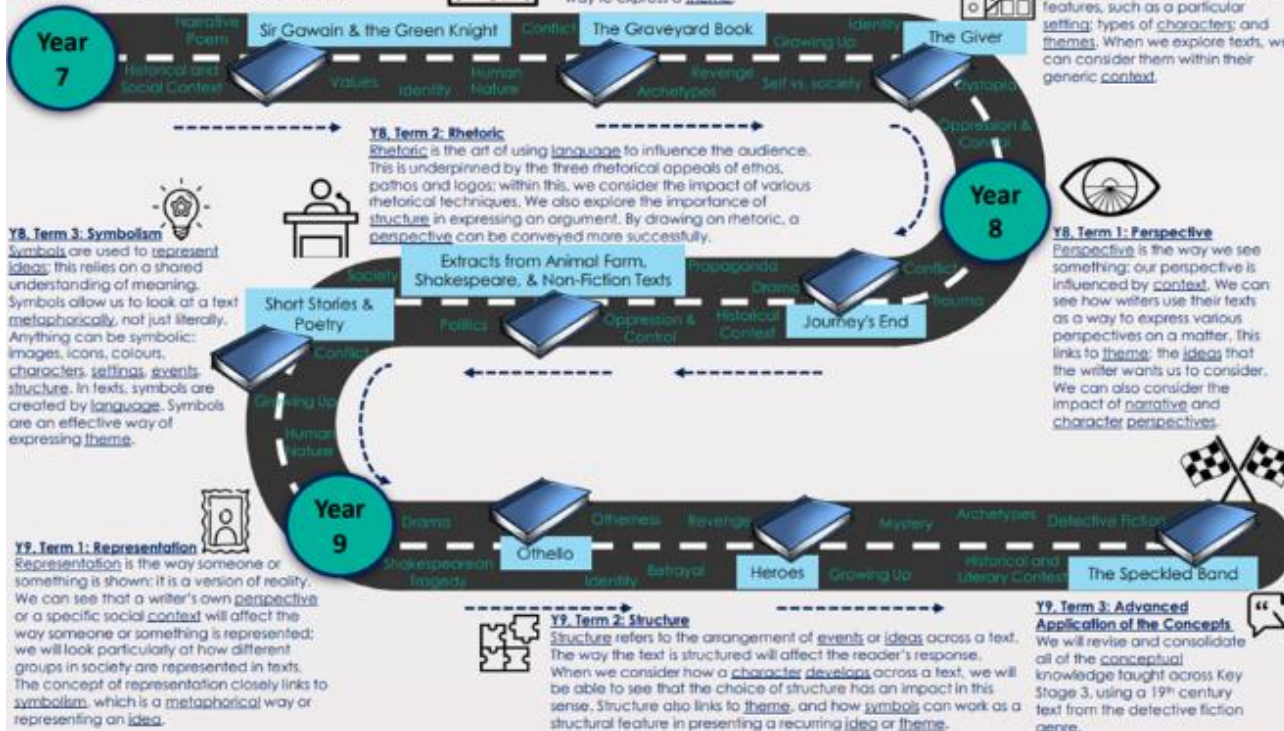
Stories are created by writers: they are constructs. Writers are influenced by lots of things, e.g. society, religion, personal experience, other stories. Even when a story is clearly fictitious, we can see how it reflects elements of the real world and human nature. Knowing the context—background—to a story helps to improve our understanding of the story itself. Equally, the story might teach us something about the world.

Y7 Term 2: Characterisation

Characters are deliberately and consciously constructed by the writer, and are developed across a story. The characterisation choices a writer makes will influence the way the reader responds to that character. Characters play a particular role in the story, and can be used as a way to express a theme.

Y7 Term 3: Genre & Theme

Genre is defined by a set of typical features, such as a particular setting; types of characters; and themes. When we explore texts, we can consider them within their generic context.





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>



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.

Equipment Checklist

All students should have the following with them every day –

School bag, Knowledge Organiser, Pencil Case (Pens x 2, Red pen,
Pencil x 2, Ruler, Calculator, Rubber)

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

All students need to be prepared daily.

THANK YOU



School Term Dates 25/26

	First Day of Term	Last Day of Term
Autumn 1st Half Term	Wednesday, 3 September 2025 Years 7 and 12 Only Return to School Thursday, 4 September 2025 Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 Return to School	Thursday, 23 October 2025
Autumn 2nd Half Term	Monday, 3 November 2025	Friday, 19 December 2025
Spring 1st Half Term	Tuesday, 6 January 2026	Friday, 13 February 2026
Spring 2nd Half Term	Monday, 23 February 2026	Friday, 27 March 2026
Summer 1st Half Term	Monday, 13 April 2026	Friday, 22 May 2026
Summer 2nd Half Term	Monday, 1 June 2026	Friday, 17 July 2026

School Holidays 2025- 2026

	First Day of the Holiday	Last Day of the Holiday
Autumn Half Term Holiday	Friday, 24 October 2025	Friday 31st October 2025
Christmas Holiday	Monday, 22 December 2025	Monday, 5 January 2026
Spring Half Term Holiday	Monday, 16 February 2026	Friday, 20 February 2026
Easter Holiday	Monday, 30 March 2026	Friday, 10 April 2026
Summer Half Term Holiday	Monday, 25 May 2026	Friday, 29 May 2026
First day of Summer Leave	Monday, 20 July 2026	



We have now moved over to Bromcom for all student data and correspondence. If you have not signed up or experiencing difficulties, please go onto the school website and click the Bromcom tab. There are instructions for logging in and an email address for further help.



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



The PTFA dived straight back into the new academic year with the launch of our new lottery initiative – The 100 Club. We had 54 applications in total and the first draw took place on Wednesday 22 October.

We're thrilled to announce the winners as follows:

C Cannell – 1st prize of £48.60 (lottery no 33)

K Codling – 2nd prize of £29.16 (lottery no 37)

T Goode – 3rd prize of £19.44 (lottery no 3)

With £118.80 going to the PTFA fundraising pot.

Everyone that signed up are included in the remaining 5 draws for the academic year. However, if you still want to participate you can. Entries for the remaining lottery draws will be open again after the October Half term break and will cost £20.

The application form and lottery details are available on our website at <https://www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk/page/?title=PTFA&pid=137> or you can email 100club@springwoodhighschool.co.uk for further information.

Our Annual General Meeting took place on 22nd October. Minutes and reports from the meeting will be available soon on the PTFA section of the school website for anyone who couldn't attend but would like to stay informed. We've also welcomed two new members to our committee from the latest year 7 cohort and can't wait to work with them on new initiatives and fundraising ideas. But we're always on the lookout for additional helping hands at events – so if you're interested, please drop us a line at ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk



In terms of events this half term, we've organised and run two Halloween discos.



Spooktacular fun was had by all and the effort made with the fancy dress was brilliant, with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes going to both year groups.

In the spirit of the season, the PTFA was also able to source 45 pumpkins for a special Year 7 art project. Students had a fantastic time getting creative and the final pieces went on display at their Halloween disco.

Dates for diaries for upcoming events

21st November – Bingo

Get ready for our first **Bingo Night** of the academic year! Always a favourite it promises fun, prizes, and a great atmosphere. Mark your calendars and bring your dabbers!



28th November – Christmas Craft Fair

Now in its third year, our **Christmas Craft Fair** is fast approaching! With stallholder bookings already rolling in, it's shaping up to be our biggest and best yet. Whether you're looking for handmade gifts, festive treats, or just a bit of Christmas cheer, it's not to be missed. We still also have pitches available for stall holders. Please contact Laura at Justlaura21@hotmail.com to book.