



## December Newsletter



### Message from Mr Johnson

The annual West Norfolk Academies Trust Carol Service, held at St Nicholas's Chapel earlier this month, provided an excellent start to the Festive season. Well done to all the students and staff involved in this flagship event for our schools. I am really looking forward to Springwood's Carol service in the final week of term. This is another "sell out" event for the school in our newly revamped Peter Hopkins Hall. It was a privilege to offer sincere thanks to the Borough Council and our very own Springwood PTFA as we officially opened the excellent new tiered seating and LED stage lighting. We are proud of our outstanding arts provision and it was wonderful to watch Mr Ellin's production of Alice in Wonderland with such a large talented cast. Similarly, the annual Trust Art Exhibition has been officially opened. The quality of the GCSE and A level Art students was outstanding. Well done to all Art students and to Mr Eveson and his Art team.

Our Sporting prowess continues and this term our Sixth Form Male Rugby Team won the County Cup! Well Done to all team members and to Ms Lister and our volunteer Coach, Mr Charlesworth. Our students are very appreciative of the huge number of sporting clubs and competitive fixtures available to them. All credit to Mrs Honey, the PE team and the staff who volunteer to support this.

Academic study is at the heart of our school. Year 11, 12 and 13 had a successful set of examinations. Mr Adcock has led our early applicant scheme with record breaking success in terms of interviews for courses at Cambridge, Oxford and Medical Universities. I am sure that our students will gain the places at the elite Universities they deserve. It has been wonderful to meet our "Aiming for Excellence" students who volunteer to take on additional independent learning in areas of interest. Our intrepid year 7, 8 and 9 students have enjoyed "going the extra mile" in their learning journey at Springwood.

I have to say that this busy term has been so productive for the school. I wish all students, staff and parents a well-deserved break over the festive season.

Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!!

Mr Johnson





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### Message from Head of Year

As we come to the end of this busy and successful term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, parents and carers for their continued support and commitment. It has been a pleasure to see the hard work, resilience and positive attitudes shown by our year group throughout the term.

I would also like to say a huge well done to our students for their commitment to extra-curricular activities this term. In particular, congratulations to the girls basketball team, boys rugby team and girls football team for representing the school so positively. Additionally, well done to all students who successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award—a fantastic achievement that demonstrates dedication, teamwork and perseverance.

I would like to remind parents and carers that our Parent/Tutor Evening will take place on Thursday 8th January. You can book your appointment from 4.30pm today via the MCAS App. For any issues, please email [office@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:office@springwoodhighschool.co.uk). ATL (Attitude to Learning) reports will be issued on Wednesday 7th January, and these will provide a valuable opportunity for discussion during the Parent/Tutor Evening.

Looking ahead, work experience will take place during the Summer term, with further information included later in this newsletter. We encourage students to start thinking about possible placements and opportunities.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a very happy, restful and safe Christmas, and I look forward to welcoming students back in the New Year ready for another positive and productive term.

We return to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Warm regards,

Mr Cuss & Mrs Robinson





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## Attendance Message

I'd like to begin this edition by celebrating the top attending tutor groups for each year group.

Year 7 - 7S2

Year 8 - 8B1

Year 9 - 9O1

Year 10 - 10B2

Year 11 - 11/Eng 5+

Congratulations to everyone in these tutor groups. There will be a tutor group treat coming your way!

Along with the rest of the country Springwood was hit a few weeks ago by a flu like illness which saw our attendance drop a little below National figures for the first time in a couple of years. Already, though, attendance has once again picked up and so hopefully in the new year our positive attendance patterns will return. Thank you once again for your support with this.

If your child is ill with sickness, diarrhoea or a temperature, please keep them at home until they are well. If their temperature responds to medication, they can return to school later in the day. If your child does require medication, please remember that this can be safely stored in the year office for later use. If you are uncertain whether to send your child into school or not, please consult the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Mrs Moss, Mrs Taylor & Wren



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### Year 10 Office Contact Details

Year 10 Office direct dial 24/7 – 01553 778090

Year 10 team email – [classof2027@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:classof2027@springwoodhighschool.co.uk)

Head of Year 10 – Mr Cuss – [p.cuss@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:p.cuss@springwoodhighschool.co.uk)

Year 10 Manager – Mrs Robinson – [j.robinson@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:j.robinson@springwoodhighschool.co.uk)

School Website [www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk](http://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 778090 or email [classof2027@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:classof2027@springwoodhighschool.co.uk) before 8.00am and give the specific reasons and symptoms of the illness. You will need to contact the office EVERY DAY that your child is off. The information you give will be recorded on our official register.

**Leave of Absence** – There may be exceptional circumstances where you need to request a leave of absence for your child. You will need to submit a “Leave of Absence Form.” These can be found on the school website or we have a paper copy in the office. This form needs handing into the Year 9 office. You will then receive a phone call, email or SIMS message stating if your request has been granted or denied.

### Lost Property

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

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

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



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## Year 10 Work Experience

### Year 10 Work Experience – What You Need to Know

This year, our Work Experience programme is designed to give every Year 10 student a meaningful chance to learn about the world of work. We're using a multi-strand approach so all students can take part, while keeping everything safe, well-organised, and high quality.

**1. Traditional Work Experience (3-5 Days):** Some students will take part in a workplace placement organised by school. These placements take place in the Summer Term. Students are selected where we think the experience could help boost confidence, motivation, progress or attendance.

Some placements come through our partnerships with trusted employers, while others are self-arranged through family contacts. All placements are checked, risk-assessed and tracked using Unifrog. Students will login to Unifrog, add the employer details to the "Placements" section and, once the application is submitted, parents will receive a notification to review and confirm the placement details.

**2. Virtual Work Experience (VWEX):** All Year 10 students will complete at least one online work experience programme using Springpod or similar platforms. This offers access to industries we can't always visit in person e.g. healthcare.

**3. Curriculum-Linked Workplace Visits:** Some subjects will run trips linked directly to what students are learning—for example, Enterprise students visiting a local business. These include tours, talks and Q&A sessions.

**4. "Take Your Child to Work Day":** New for this year is the opportunity for parents and carers to host their child at their workplace for one day in the Easter or Summer holidays. There is a short form for families to complete, confirming the workplace address, supervisor details, and basic safety information. Parents/carers show their child around the workplace, introduce them to colleagues, and explain different tasks or roles. Students can see daily routines, sit in on meetings (where appropriate) and help with safe, small tasks.

By combining in-person placements, virtual experiences, curriculum visits and parental involvement, we're giving students a range of opportunities—supporting their confidence, future planning and career readiness.

### Next Steps

Please let us know if you have a 3-5 day traditional placement to offer, or if you'd like to host a one day workplace visit, students will need to complete the short form via Unifrog.

Further guidance and resources will be shared with students in school, but please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support in helping our students prepare for their future pathways.

P Cuss





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## Remembrance Parade



Well done to all of the Year 10 students who took part in this year's Remembrance Parade. We were proud to see cadets representing a range of organisations, including the Army, Sea Cadets, Guides and the RAF.

Special recognition goes to Amelia, Aretas, Chi Chi and Victoria for their participation, as well as to Josh, who represented the school musically by playing the trumpet during the Last Post.





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## Santa's Year Office Helpers!



Thank you to Brooke, Ruby, Hannah, Daisy, Will, Harry & Jamie for putting up the Christmas tree in the Year Office.

## Year 10/9 Boys Rugby



Well done to the Year 10/9 boys Rugby team!





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## Year 10



### Girls Basketball

Well done to our Year 10 girls basketball team Elsie, Chloe, Vanessa, Lola, Georgie & Beth.

They came 1st overall in the tournament at KES - winning all their games against KES, KLA, Hammonds & Marshland.

A formidable group of girls - absolutely fantastic!!







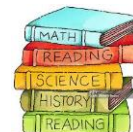
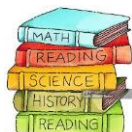
## Year 10 Form Superstars

Picked by Form Tutors at the end of every term

10B1	Ola - Always a lovely presence in our form, happy to support tasks and to get involved. Well done for such a fantastic start to Year 10.
10B2	Ash - great engagement with work, demonstrates 'the right attitude' on a daily basis.
10F1	Chloe - throwing herself into all aspects of school life, especially sport. Chole is friendly, grounded and contributes well to form discussions.
10F2	Senululya - For settling into a new school and throwing herself into school life, including DofE and being a general all round polite and helpful addition to form time
10H1	Rhianna - Very polite and caring member of the form who is always smiling and a pleasure to teach. She is also excelling in Geography!
10H2	India - Always has a valuable and mature contribution to add to discussions in PSHE and always gives the quiz a go.
10O1	Finley - always contributes to PSHE, always positive, and loves to celebrate FriYay!!
10O2	Myley - For always having the time to stop and chat. Plus being on time and doing tutor activities consistently (an improvement from previous months).
10S1	Sidney - always cheerful and full of conversation first thing in the morning, a great help and getting involved with school productions! Keep it up :)
10S2	George - For always being able to cheer everyone up, excellent contributions in PSHE and having a positive attitude to life



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Year 10 have been receiving homework from all of their subjects, either weekly or fortnightly. All homework will be set and tracked on the my child at school app. Below are details of what homeworks are being set and how often they are set.

Subject	How often?	Description of what is being set	Support on offer
<b>Maths</b>	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: <a href="https://padlet.com/cloizou/ks4-revision-resources-s358zru0p6zsf4j0">https://padlet.com/cloizou/ks4-revision-resources-s358zru0p6zsf4j0</a> LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
<b>English</b>	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)
<b>Combined science</b>	Fortnightly	Sparx Science	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
<b>Biology</b>	Fortnightly	Sparx Science	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
<b>Physics</b>	Fortnightly	Sparx Science	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
<b>Chemistry</b>	Fortnightly	Sparx Science	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
<b>Languages</b>	Fortnightly	Tassomai	MFL games club Wednesdays in F4 (lunch or after school?)



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



<b>3D Design</b>	Fortnightly	Homework may consist of work being set on Seneca learning or students may be asked to complete/continue with creative tasks: mood boards, 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)
<b>Art</b>	Weekly	Weekly tasks that need to be completed for their coursework which is worth 90% of their final mark.	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday) After school sessions
<b>Business studies</b>	Fortnightly	Seneca	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
<b>Computer Science</b>	Fortnightly	Tassomai and E-revision	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
<b>Construction</b>	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)
<b>Dance</b>	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)





<b>Drama</b>	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)
<b>Economics</b>	Fortnightly	Seneca	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
<b>Food</b>	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)
<b>Hair and beauty</b>	Fortnightly	Fortnightly exam papers, worksheets /research tasks.	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
<b>Health and social care</b>	Fortnightly	During the exam content, teachers will give out homework booklets with exam questions to be completed by the set date. During coursework content, students are able to amend and improve coursework whilst in school	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
<b>IT</b>	Fortnightly	E-Revision	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)



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



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# Year 10 English



## Tassomai

Please be advised that the school has invested in a platform called Tassomai that the English Faculty will be using for homework. The set/hand-in day for Year 10 is MONDAY.

Tassomai is an adaptive quizzing app. It can be accessed through a computer or via the app that is available on smartphones. Students have access to a range of quizzes on relevant topics (in our case, all of their English Literature texts, as well as English Language skills); the technology analyses the students' strengths and weaknesses and offers questions accordingly to help fill in gaps and embed knowledge. This is particularly useful for English Literature, where success relies on a good working knowledge of the set texts.

Tassomai works most effectively on a 'little and often' approach. Students work towards completing daily goals, which are likely to take them between approximately 15-20 minutes to achieve. The expectation is that students achieve four daily goals across the week, although there is nothing to stop them from going beyond this target. In essence, this homework is allowing students to start their revision for English now.

Teachers will be monitoring students' engagement with the platform on a weekly basis and will indicate on Bromcom whether or not your child has used Tassomai that week (thereby completing their homework). They will also use the platform to identify common areas of insecure knowledge that need to be addressed in class. We would appreciate your support in encouraging your child to log on to Tassomai and use it in the way outlined in the previous paragraph of this message.

To log on to Tassomai, students will need to use their Springwood email address and the password SmartWayToStudy. They should then change the password to something more personal. If at any point they need their password to be reset, they should speak to their English teacher or email me.

The LRC is available before school, break, lunch, and after school if your child needs a space to do their homework. At breaktime, the computers are reserved exclusively for students who need to do English homework.

If you would like to learn more about Tassomai, please follow this link: <https://www.tassomai.com/school-parents>.

We feel confident that the students will find real benefits in using Tassomai regularly.

Thank you,

Mrs L Clark (Head of English)



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# Year 10 English



## Tassomai

## Leader board

Leader board		Category
		Points
1	Mehdi	906
2	Chisom	526
3	Harry	458
4	Lara	383
5	Divine	372
6	Leah	336
7	Alfie	335
8	Parthiv	329
9	Logan	303
10	Annika	289

Raffle winner is Georgia C

Well done!





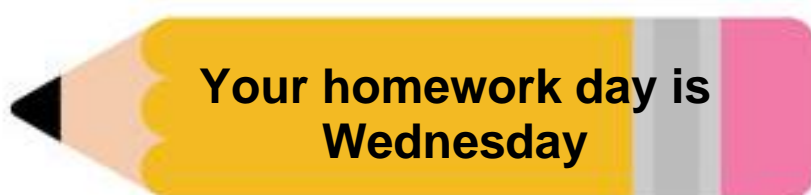
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**Sparx Maths**



**Sparx Science**



### **Maths Support**

- 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 Support**

- Breaktimes in F12 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
- LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school
- Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)

### **Science Support**

- LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school
- Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)



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# Sparx Learning

Year 10 Maths and Science homework are both set via the Sparx Learning platform. Students have a new piece of homework set every Wednesday and have one week to complete it.

Sparx Maths

## Year 10 Maths sparx champion of the Month



## Year 10 Sparx Science champion of the Month





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# Achievement Points

## Whole Year Group Total



## Achievement Point

## Award Badges

100 = Bronze

250 = Silver

400 = Gold

600 = Platinum





## Year 10 Achievement Points

### 100+ Points

Chisom	10O2	172		Chloe	10F1	119
Lyla	10O2	171		Riya	10F1	119
Marcus	10F2	162		Sidney	10S1	119
Charlie	10B2	160		Amber	10O1	117
Isabella	10S1	153		Juan	10F1	117
Gabrielle	10S1	149		Mia	10F1	116
Nomthandazo	10B2	147		Evelyn	10H1	115
Kirill	10S2	146		Andrei	10B1	114
Sebastian	10O2	146		Liam	10B1	113
Xavi	10O2	146		Matas	10H2	113
Divine	10F1	144		Alexis	10O1	112
India	10H2	141		Faith	10O1	110
Parthiv	10O2	137		David	10B2	109
Lilly-Grace	10O2	137		William	10H2	108
Kyle	10O2	130		Kieran	10H2	108
Lily	10O2	130		William	10S2	107
Jennifer	10O1	130		Senulya	10F2	107
Catalina	10B1	129		Ashton	10F2	106
Joseph	10B1	129		Lara	10H1	105
Jonathan	10B1	128		Logan	10B1	105
Samuel	10H1	126		Emma	10F2	104
Anna	10O1	124		Nicole	10B2	103
Ruby	10H2	124		Ruairi	10O2	103
Mehdi	10B1	123		Rehaan	10H1	102
Sophie	10B2	122		Godwin	10F1	102
Eden	10O1	119		Ilja	10B2	101





## Year 10 - 100% Attendance

A massive well done to the following students who have had 100% attendance since the beginning of Year 10!

Andrei	10B1
Mehdi	10B1
Ryely	10B1
Catalina	10B1
Joseph	10B1
Nomthandazo	10B2
David	10B2
Daria	10B2
Erin	10B2
Abdul-Roheem	10B2
Riya	10F1
Godwin	10F1
Isabell	10F2
Elouise	10F2
Charlie	10F2
Marcus	10F2
Emma	10F2
Joyce	10F2
Evelyn	10H1
Rehaan	10H1
Samuel	10H1
Lilly	10H2
Kieran	10H2
Toluwanimi	10H2
Matas	10H2
Oscar	10O1
Jennifer	10O1
Anna	10O1
Amber	10O1
Parthiv	10O2
Lyla	10O2
Annika	10O2
Sidney	10S1



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## School Uniform Policy

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

### Uniform Reminder

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

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

With the change in season students are encouraged to bring a coat to school, this must be plain in colour and fit over the school blazer. Hoodies are not acceptable.

We thank you in advance for your support with this.

A copy of our full uniform policy can be found here:

<https://www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk/site/data/files/users/2/uniform/F3C897E71A779321B863438D129E094C.pdf>



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### School Uniform & Sports Kit Checklist

- \*Blazer
- \*White, stiff collar school shirt
- \*House colour school tie
- \*\*Plain black tailored trousers
- \*School skirt
- \*School shorts
- \*School jumper

Plain black tights or plain black socks that must at least cover the whole ankle

(Trainer socks, and footless tights or leggings are not allowed)

Plain black (leather or leather-like) shoes

(no boots, black trainers, stilettos, ballet pumps, sling backs or toeless)

Plain coat (no logos or other markings) long enough to cover blazer properly

To view your online shop visit:  
<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/springwoodhigh>



#### PE KIT

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

Items marked \* can only be bought through the school website from Price & Buckland

\*\*Trousers deemed appropriate by Springwood High School are available for purchase via our website. School trousers can be purchased from other suppliers. However, if the trousers worn by a student are considered unsuitable or inappropriate and a suitable alternative cannot be sourced from elsewhere, parents/carers will be directed to buy the trousers we have available through our website.

### Equipment Checklist

All students should have the following with them every day –

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

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

# 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

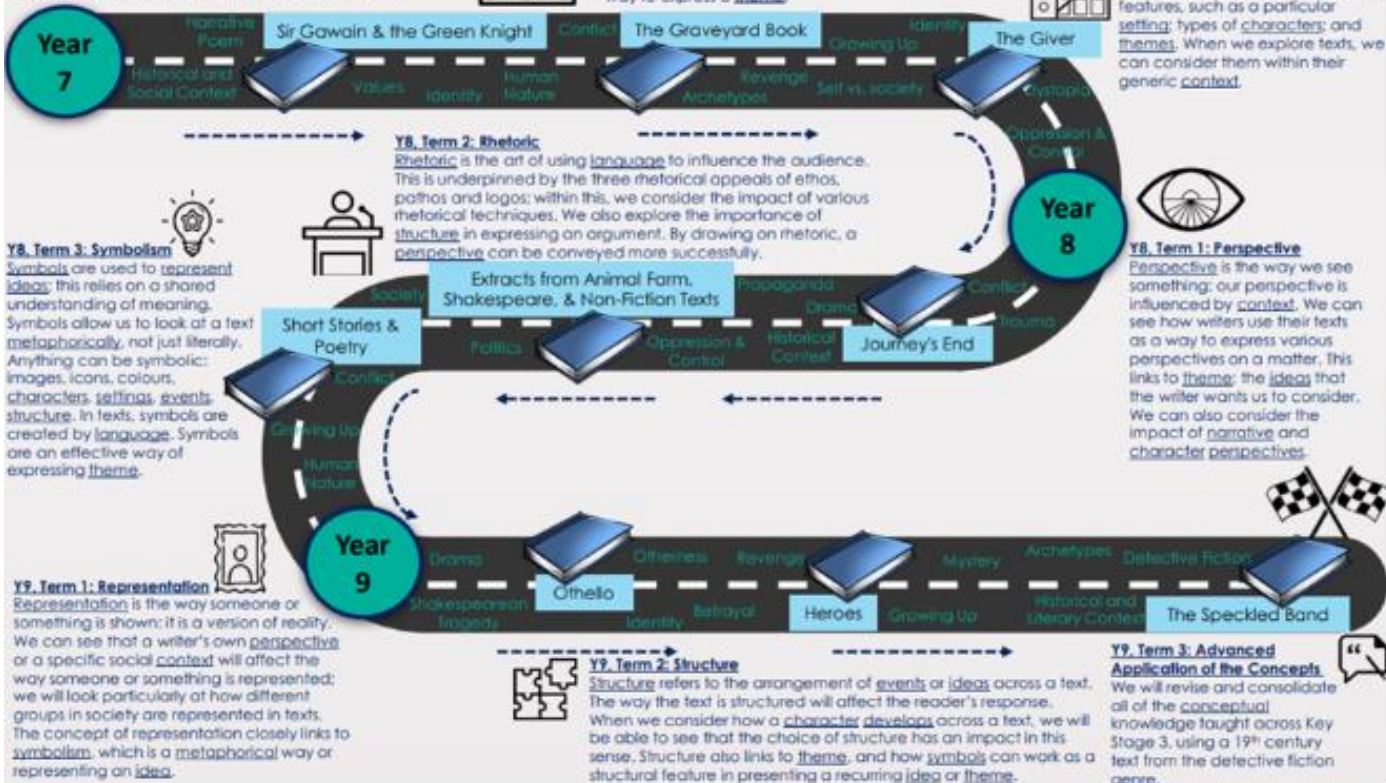
Stories are created by writers: they are constructs. Writers are influenced by lots of things, e.g. society, religion, personal experience, other stories. Even when a story is clearly fictitious, we can see how it reflects elements of the real world and human nature. Knowing the context—background—to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







## Extra-Curricular Clubs

### Extracurricular at Springwood High School

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

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

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

Thank you to everyone that has responded to the extracurricular outside of school form that has been sent out. Please do keep the relevant year office updated with any new achievements that your child accomplishes outside of school so we can celebrate it.





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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](mailto: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](http://www.mychildatschool.com)

Bromcom: [www.bromcomvle.com/?schoolid=14633](http://www.bromcomvle.com/?schoolid=14633)



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### Parent, Teacher & Friends Association



This half term in the lead up to Christmas has been another busy one with a number of events and our second '100 Club' lottery draw. Since the students returned after the October half term break, we have run or helped at the following school events:

Bingo – 21 November

Christmas Craft Fair – 28 November

Community Carol Service – 3 December

Alice in Wonderland – 10 & 11 December

We are also proud to have supported a community event on two dates in November (15 and 22) by selling refreshments. 'The Nativity and the stolen Christmas Elves' was a production run by the Why Not Us Theatre Company, which is made up largely of young people with neurodiverse conditions such as ADHD and autism.

One of the biggest events of our PTFA calendar is the annual Christmas Craft Fair and this year, our third year did not disappoint. We raised just over £1000 for the school with 30 stalls run by local businesses, PTFA raffles and refreshments and a large number of Springwood students running activities including a human fruit machine and other festive games. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event and a special thank you to those local businesses who generously donated raffle prizes. This included:

Kinkz hairdressers

KL basketball club

Timbos

Denny's Fish & Chips

Reffley Fish Bar

Adrian Flux

KL Rink Hockey Club

Sandringham Estate



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Bawsey Estate  
Copeman Construction  
Tesco Hardwick  
Asda South Wootton  
West Norfolk Electrical Ltd

Heather & Bear  
Javik Laser Ltd  
Tesco Gaywood  
Majestic Cinema  
Morrisons

We're also thrilled to announce the 100 Club winners for the draw that took place on Wednesday 10 December as follows:

1st prize of £51.30 - Number 43 - Mr R Howell

2nd prize of £30.78 - Number 5 - Mrs Carley Bird

3rd prize of £20.52 - Number 34 - Mrs Heidi Barlow

With £125.40 going to the PTFA fundraising pot.

Congratulations to you all. Payments will be winging their way to your bank accounts within the next few days.

There is still another 4 draws to go this academic year, so if you fancy getting in on the action, you can. Applications are now open for the remaining draws at a cost of £16 (£4 per draw), Full details of the lottery, how to apply and the application form are on the PTFA pages of the school website:

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

The more people that join, the bigger the cash prizes!

### Upcoming events in the New Year include:

Year 7 New Year's Disco – January date tbc

Third '100 Club' lottery draw – 4 February

Bingo - tbc

Full details of all events can be found on the [Springwood High School website](#) and our [Facebook page](#).

And finally, if you have any unwanted Christmas presents you do not know what to do with, please think of the PTFA. We would gladly take them off your hands for future fundraising opportunities. Please contact us via our Facebook page or email [ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk). Any donation (big or small) is greatly appreciated.

The PTFA wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.



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# MUSIC and ARTS FACULTY EVENTS CALENDAR 2025-2026

## Spring Term 2026

Date	Event	Venue	Ticket Prices	Time(s)	Groups Involved (Provisional)
Tuesday 27th Jan '26	Les Miserables ('semi-staged' Musical) – <i>with live Orchestra</i>	PHH, Springwood High School.	Adults £8 Under 18s £5 Under 5 years free*	6.30pm	-----
Wednesday 28th Jan '26	Les Miserables ('semi-staged' Musical) – <i>with live Orchestra</i>	PHH, Springwood High School.	Adults £8 Under 18s £5 Under 5 years free*	6.30pm	-----
Thursday 30th Jan '26	Les Miserables ('semi-staged' Musical) – <i>with live Orchestra</i>	PHH, Springwood High School.	Adults £8 Under 18s £5 Under 5 years free*	6.30pm	-----
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb '26	Spring Recital (incorporating A-Level Mock Performance Exam)	Recital Room (Mu1), Springwood High School	Free (with retiring collection)	6.00pm	Soloists and Small Ensembles from Springwood High School
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar'26 (Provisional)	Music for Youth Regional Festival	PHH, Springwood High School.	Free	9.00am - 4.30pm	Musical groups of all types and sizes from across the WNAT and elsewhere, competing for a place at the National Festival in Birmingham in July.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar '26	Concert Band Spectacular	PHH, Springwood High School	Adults £5 Under 18s £3 Under 5 years free*	6.30pm	Springwood Concert Band West Norfolk Wind Orchestra ( <i>the Community Band of WNAT</i> )
Tuesday 17th Mar'26 (Provisional)	Schools Make Music Concert	Corn Exchange	Corn Exchange Box Office	6.30pm	Springwood Concert Band plus Choirs and Vocal groups from other trust schools.
Thursday 19th Mar '26	Cross Trust Vocal Evening	Drama Studio, Springwood High School	All Tickets £3 (proceeds towards future cross-trust music events)	6.00pm	Vocal Soloists, Duets and Choirs from across the West Norfolk Academies Trust





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Thursday 26th Mar'26	Cross Trust 'Battle of the Bands'	Drama Studio, Springwood High School	All Tickets £3 (proceeds towards future cross-trust music events)	6.00pm	Rock and Pop soloists and Bands from across the West Norfolk Academies Trust
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\* Under 5s Free of Charge if do not require own seat (i.e. able to sit on parents' lap)

For Ticket Sales nearer the event date please visit

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

Denotes Cross Trust Event

## School Term Dates 25/26

	First Day of Term	Last Day of Term
<b>Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2024	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
<b>Spring 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term</b>	Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
<b>Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term</b>	Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
<b>Summer 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term</b>	Monday, 13 April 2026	Friday, 22 May 2026
<b>Summer 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term</b>	Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026



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### Latest News



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

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

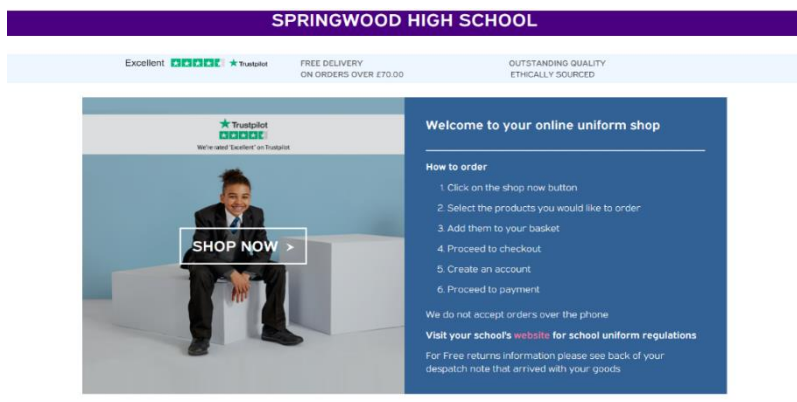
## Price & Buckland Update

Price and Buckland are updating their uniform shop for parents.

The new website will give parents the following benefits:

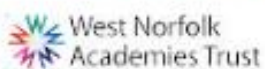
- Parents with children at different schools will be able to order from multiple schools with ease.
- Parents will be able to spread payment across 3 months through Klarna.
- Parents will be prompted how close they are to the free delivery threshold.
- Parents will have more payment options with the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

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





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West Norfolk Academies Trust joint High School and Sixth Form Art & Photography Exhibition 2025 Art Exhibition

Year 10 Office direct dial – 01553 778090

Supported by Chequers House Gallery  
Art work by S. Hawkes, Springwood High School.

Open to the public from:  
Saturday 13th - 28th December.  
Opening times Wednesday – Sunday  
11am – 5pm.

We will be closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Year 10 team email – [classof2027@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:classof2027@springwoodhighschool.co.uk)





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Chief Executive Officer  
Springwood Primary School  
Queensway  
Gaywood  
KING'S LYNN  
PE30 4AW

Date: DATE \@ "dd MMMM yyyy" 14  
December 2025

Supporter Number: EGG 19

### Forever Standing With Us - Thank you!

Dear Chief Executive Officer,

I would like to thank you for your very kind contribution of £228.66 towards our total of over £20,000 raised in King's Lynn for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We really appreciate your support for everyone who has served, or is still serving their country and their families, and we're proud to have you with us.

Vital donations, like yours, make it possible for us to provide much-needed help and support to the many thousands of Service personnel, veterans, and their families who call on us in their hour of need. With the amazing support of people like you, last year we secured over 22,500 grants to beneficiaries of which £1.5 million was for emergency food and clothing, and £2.3 million was spent on mobility needs, ensuring people have independence. Support like yours also helped us to care for older veterans in our Care Homes, and to support carers for people living with dementia through our Admiral Nurses Scheme.

We would be happy to hear from you if you would like more information about our work, how we use your data or to update your communication preferences, please call our Supporter Care team on 0345 845 1945, email [supportercare@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:supportercare@britishlegion.org.uk) or write to us at Supporter Care team, The Royal British Legion, Haig House, 199 Borough High Street, London, SE1 1AA. You can also find our Privacy Notice at [www.britishlegion.org.uk/about-us/legal/privacy-notice](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/about-us/legal/privacy-notice)

On behalf of the many who will benefit from your kindness, thank you.

Kindest Regards

Tariq Ozaibi

#### Head of Supporter Services

Could we be there for you or someone you care about? It's not always easy to ask for help, but it's such an important step. If you or someone you know are part of the Armed Forces community and in need of our support – please call our Advice and Information Line on 0808 802 8080. We're here and ready to talk from 8am-8pm every day.

Registered address: Royal British Legion, Haig House, 199 Borough High Street, London SE1 1AA

0345 845 1945 | [supportercare@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:supportercare@britishlegion.org.uk) | [rbl.org.uk](http://rbl.org.uk)

Registered charity number: 219279





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# Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're excited to let you know that as part of your family's eligibility to claim means-tested free school meals, your child can take part in the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme – known locally as Big Norfolk Holiday Fun (BNHF) – completely free of charge.

Funded by the UK Government, BNHF offers schoolchildren in Norfolk the chance to enjoy fun, active, and enriching activities during the Easter, summer, and winter school holidays.

We're also delighted to share that the UK Government will fund the programme for an additional three years, meaning that families can continue to access free holiday activities for their children until 2029.

Across Norfolk, we offer a wide variety of sessions, including:

- Sports and outdoor adventures
- Cooking and food-based fun
- Swimming and water-sport activities
- Dance and creative workshops

And plenty more exciting experiences!

Each holiday brings new activities to discover, alongside much-loved favourites, ensuring there's something for everyone.

Children are eligible if they are:

- Registered as receiving benefits-related free school meals. Please note that universal free school meals (from reception to Year 2) are different from benefits-related free school meals.
- Aged 4 to 16 and in full-time education.







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The UK Government have announced upcoming changes to free school meal eligibility. All households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to free school meals from September 2026. Please note that the current rules still apply for the winter 2025 programme.



Scan the QR code if you have any questions regarding your child's eligibility.



Winter activity bookings open on 17th November 2025. Activities will run over 6 days throughout 22nd December to 5th January.

For more information on booking your child's place, simply scan this QR code.



Stay in the loop and sign up to our newsletter to be the first to hear about future programmes, activity dates, and booking information.

We can't wait to welcome your family onto the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun scheme. Let's make this holiday as active and exciting it can be, full of opportunities to make new memories!

Best wishes,

**The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun Team**





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# SANTA'S WORKSHOP

114 HIGH STREET, KING'S LYNN

next door to The Deck of Cards

29TH & 30TH NOV  
6TH & 7TH DEC  
13TH & 14TH DEC  
20TH & 21ST DEC

10AM - 12.30PM & 1PM - 4PM

DROP-IN  
NO NEED  
TO BOOK

£2  
PER  
CHILD

JOIN OUR ELVES FOR CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND LETTERS  
TO SANTA

MEET SANTA + MOTHER CHRISTMAS  
AND RECEIVE A GIFT

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