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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!

Mr Johnson





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Message from Head of Year

What a fabulous start to Year 7!

We have been thrilled with all the wonderful comments from teachers over the last 8 weeks, saying what a polite, engaged and delightful group of students have joined us here at Springwood this term. This includes how pleased staff were with students getting involved in all the activities in our first Super Learning Day. No mean feat after a long 8 week half term.

Highlights for me also included a fabulous turn out at our year 6 opening evening, where a choir of over 100 year 7 represented the school, singing 'Proud' within weeks of joining us. This trend has continued, with students making us very proud, as they continue to participate in nearly every club/sport we have to offer. We have tried to include lots of images in this newsletter to give you a real feel for what they have been up to. We know you will be equally proud of them too.

I would also like to thank all our parents/carers for ensuring that our year 7 students remain beautifully dressed and well equipped. Meaning they start every day in the very best way, with plenty of praise and well done's. We are now asking all students to have a reading book with them as part of their equipment to continue to promote engagement with reading and develop this life long skill.

Finally, going into half term I would like to ask you to spend a little time asking your child how they are using social media and communication platforms. Many of our students are currently using apps such as Whatsapp, and are finding themselves in very large group chats. These often extend beyond friendship groups, our year group and even members of our school community. We have included guidance on how to help ensure your child cannot simply be added to these groups, but ask that you are ever vigilant about your child's involvement with group chats. In our experience, we have never found one that was positive and as safe as it should be for our young people.

Wishing all the very best for the break and looking forward to more wonderful work from our year 7 in the run up to Christmas.

Mrs Mann and Mrs Rawlinson





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Year Office Contact Details

Year 7 Office direct dial 24/7 – 01553 779408

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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 7 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 7 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

Year 7 Tutor Evening - Thursday 6th November
PTFA Christmas Fayre - Friday 28th November
STEM Christmas Lecture - Tuesday 2nd December
Finish School - Friday 19th December at 2:25pm

Social Media

For all the latest Springwood news, please follow @SHSkinslynn

For everything Sports & PE, please follow @SHSPE





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Attendance

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.

Mrs Moss & Mrs Taylor



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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

Bromcom: www.bromcomvle.com/?schoolid=14633



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Homework

Sparx Reader

Sparx Maths

Sparx Science



Year 7 have been receiving Sparx Maths and English homeworks weekly. They will start receiving fortnightly Science, Geography, History and languages after Christmas. 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	Friday	<u>Sparx Maths</u>	Breaktimes in B11 12:40pm - 1pm in B11 After school <u>sparx</u> 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	<u>Sparx Reader</u>	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	Fortnightly	Friday	<u>Sparx Science</u>	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	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)



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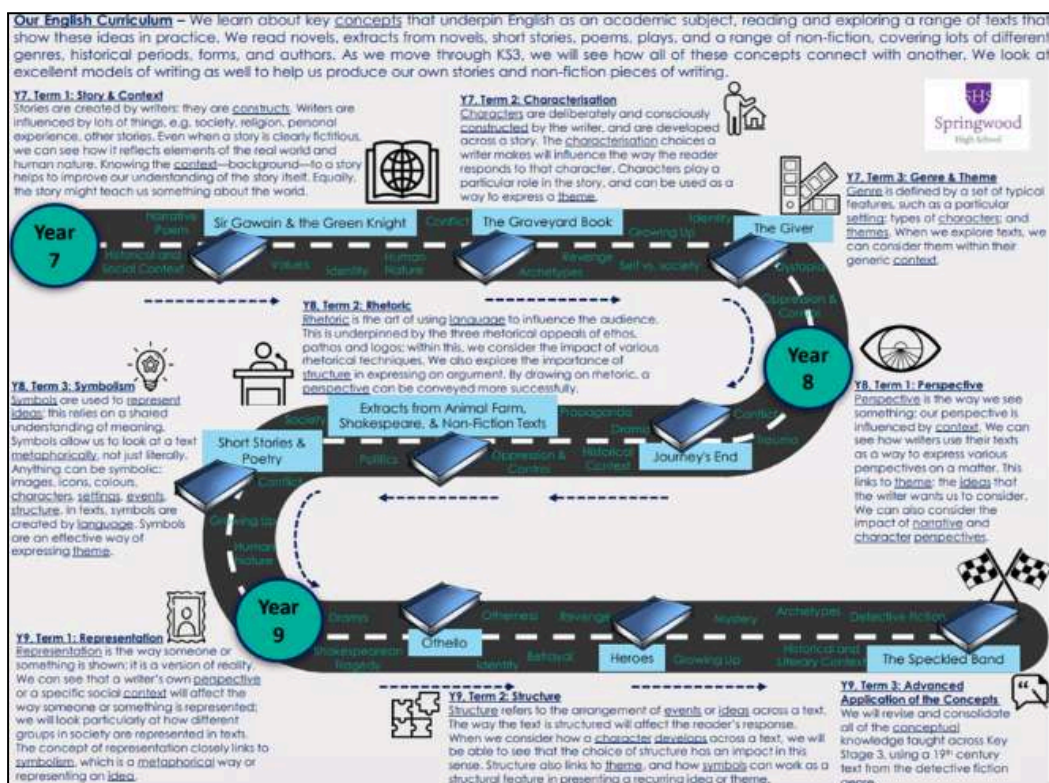
Extracurricular at Springwood High School

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 do not 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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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

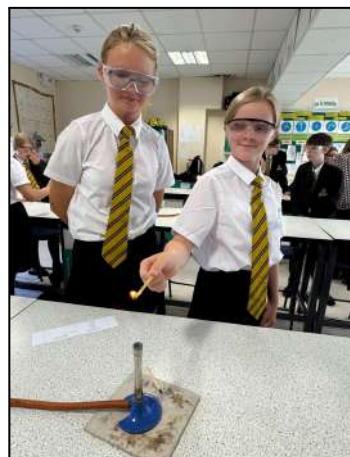
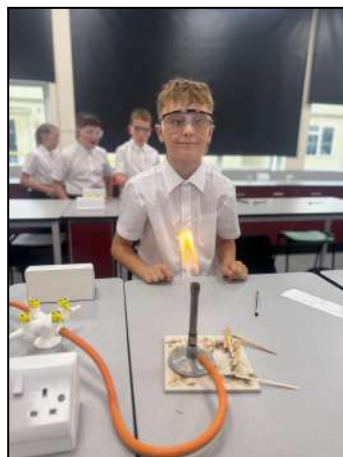
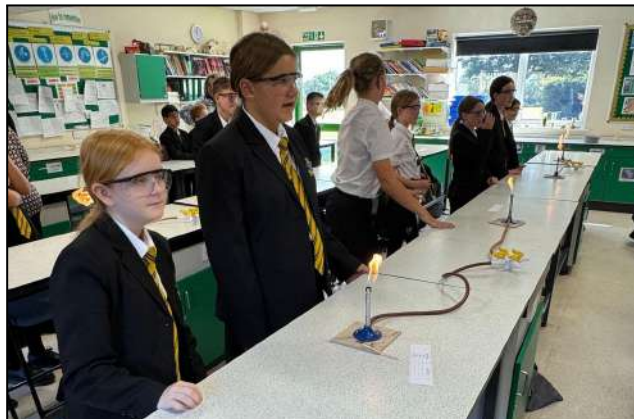
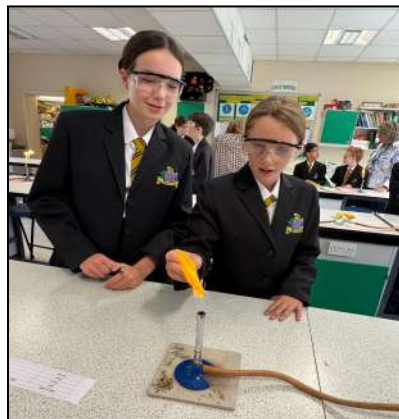


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First Day

All Year 7 students settled in exceptionally well on their first day. They arrived with enthusiasm and quickly adapted to their new environment, showing great confidence and curiosity. Everyone was engaged and keen to be participating in their Science practical lesson and orienteering task. It was wonderful to see their friendly interactions and eagerness to learn, which has set a positive tone for the year ahead. We look forward to supporting them as they continue to grow and thrive in their new school community.





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At the end of the day, it was wonderful to see smiles on everyone's faces as the students left school. Their excitement and happiness were clear signs that they had a positive and enjoyable first day.





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Year 6 Open Evening Performance

Over 100 Year 7 students took to the stage at the recent Year 6 Open Evening, bringing energy and enthusiasm to their choir performance. They showcased not only their musical talents but also their growing confidence and teamwork. For many, it was their first time performing in front of an audience, yet they delivered a performance that impressed both staff and visitors. Their hard work during rehearsals was evident, and the evening served as a valuable opportunity for students to develop their skills, build friendships, and strengthen their sense of community as you can see from the photos.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Tabor for her dedication and effort in putting together such a fantastic performance.





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House Competitions

House competitions have officially begun, bringing excitement and friendly rivalry to Year 7. Students from all houses are getting involved, eager to earn points for their houses through a variety of events.

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Y7/8 Girls Netball





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Boys Rugby



Cross Country





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Year 7 Boys Football



On Thursday the 2nd of October, Springwood Y7 played KES Y7 in a tight football game with it ending 1-0 to Springwood. Hosted at home, with it being the first time we all played together we played brilliantly as a team and KES gave us a really good game as well.

Well done to Tommy B for putting us 1-0 before half time and an all-round great performance from our whole team leading up to the goal. Not long after a penalty was given to KES after a mistake in the box and with the penalty missed we remained 1-0 up and our heads high going into the end of the first half. After a great team talk from coach Mr Singh we were all ready to start the game again. Rocco, Leon and Mason in defence played amazingly, and Matty made a number of great saves which kept the game at our side. The midfield was controlled greatly by Alfie and Archie and our attack by Kier, TJ, Rory, Henry and Tommy. Overall it was a great performance from the boys.



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We are looking forward to the next game!

- Henry N

Another Way - Science Day

The whole of year 7 had a visit from the Another Way charity to have an interactive session about 'Our Warming Planet'. The pupils learnt about what climate change is and worked together to come up with ideas of how the school could make small actions that could make a huge difference to combat climate change. Pupils came up with fantastic ideas such as looking to reduce the use of single use water bottles, using less plastic packaging in the canteen and making the school even more bike friendly.

- Miss Colley





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Super Learning Day

We were thrilled to have our first Super Learning Day of the year be such a treat for Year 7. It focused on extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities. Hopefully ensure all our students had the chance to experience something they might not normally challenge themselves to do. Activities included digital painting, singing, dancing, ukulele, stage lighting, dodgeball, tag rugby, basket ball, fitness and hockey. As you can see they had a fabulous time.





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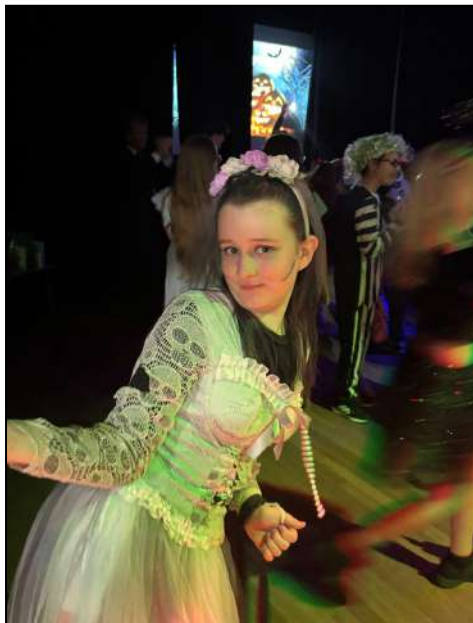


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Halloween Disco

What a fantastic way to end Year 7's first Super Learning Day! The Halloween disco was a huge success, with fun had by everyone, including staff. It was wonderful to see the effort students put into their costumes, with some truly creative and spooky outfits on display. There was a real buzz as everyone admired each other's outfits adding to the excitement of the evening. The drama studio looked incredible, lined with pumpkins decorated with designs by our talented Year 7s. The PTFA did a brilliant job, nearly selling out of all sweets and drinks on offer! With students already asking when the next disco will be, it's safe to say this one was a hit!





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School Council



Our school councils are made up of students from 7 years to 13 - We are delighted to welcome the following students to each council. Well done our representatives!

Environment - this includes the school, the local area, the national and the global picture e.g. rewilding, litter picking, greener packaging, beach clean ups

Representing year 7: Phoebe R, Joshua D, Isabel FB, Grade N, Eliza-Grace C, Ansh S, Maya K

Student Wellbeing - looking after ourselves and looking after each other e.g. mental & physical health

Representing year 7: Ella D, Alesha E

Equality and Diversity - be the change you want to see e.g, ensuring our school is an inclusive place no matter who you are - sexuality, ethnicity, gender etc

Representing year 7: Siennaleigh P, Henry P

Embracing School Life - this will include setting up and running clubs, encouraging other students to get involved, supporting staff running inter-house competitions

Representing year 7: TBC

Teaching and Learning - this will involve looking at what works well for students and how we can improve what happens in the classroom

Representing year 7: Joshua D



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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;

Ruby H Macey W Phoebe R Hattie B Adam K
Charlotte M Maddie N Evelyn H Adam K
Imogen S TJ M Benjamin C
Max M Melita P

Sparx Maths

Year 7 Maths sparx champion of the Month



Reya K

Patricija C

Aibel B





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Sparx Reader Winners



Form Group:

7B1

Winners in each form:

Thisara A	Evie A	John MP	Liam A	Aoife C
Jacob C	Henry P	Elana V	Maya K	
Lillie-Mae M	Melita P	Dhyan N		

Sparx Maths Winners



Form Group:

7S1 & 7F2

Winners in each form:

Thisara A	Adamas J	Reya K	Rafael DS	Ruby W
Poppy L	Evain A	Riley G	Patricija C	
Andrew TA	Jensen W	Eliza-Grace C		
Kevin A	Ore O	Daniel F		
Eniola O	Chidubem M			
Alan A	Daniel S			



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100% Attendance

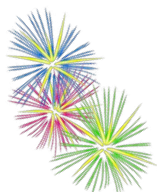
‘Each moment spent in school is an investment in your future’



Gabie A
Thisara A
Evain A
Helena B
Hattie B
Summer B
Patricija C
Aubree C
Lily C
Eliza-Grace C
Beau C
Ella-Rose C
Emily C
Maya C
Michelle D
Diya D
Ivy-Grace E
Isabel F
Ritika G
Livia G
Sofia G
Florence G
Libby G
Polly H
Maizie H
Paige H

Evelyn H
Kataleja J
Maya K
Esther K
Nikita K
Greta K
Reya K
Emmie L
Poppy L
Amelia L
India L
Esme M
Charlotte M
Maine M
Naomi M
Michelle M
Grace N
Kyra N
Ffion O
Ore O
Temi O
Tasha O
Gabriella P
Clara P
Maddie-Rose P
Leah P

Rebeca P
Sofia P
Siennaleigh P
Alexandra P
Lacey P
Lianna P
Sophia R
Phoebe R
Belle R
Serah S
Eryn S
Callie S
Darcey S
Isla S
Iulia S
Avea S
Amber-Rose T
Catherine T
Rose T
Abbie T
Eleanor T
Elana V
Freya V
Alyssa W
Marleanna W





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Achievement Points

The students listed below have impressed their teachers and school staff with their outstanding effort, dedication, and positive attitude. Through their hard work and commitment, they have earned themselves a place in the Top 25 of Year 7 for achievement points.



Bailey W - 83
Rory F - 76
Jacob H - 75
Isabelle H - 72
Exzaniel M - 71
Stevie A - 70
Oliver J - 69
Esther K - 68
Melita P - 68
Amber L - 67
Prosper O - 66
Aubree C - 65
Charlie H - 65
Ezra H - 65
Avea S - 65
Esme W - 65
Amelia Rose C - 64
Polly H - 64
Jacob C - 63
Livia G - 63
Naomi M - 63
Alexandra P - 63
Phoebe R - 63
Alesha E - 62





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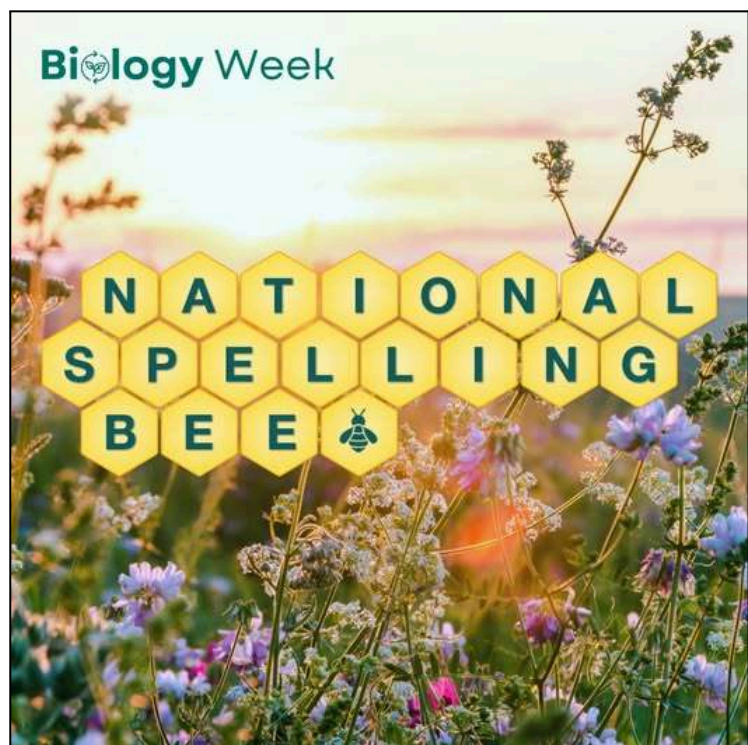


Biology Spelling Bee

Literacy is a key factor in an individual's success in Science exams and during a pupil's journey with learning science they encounter a huge number and variety of new words. These words may not be commonly used outside of science classrooms and so pupils may get fewer opportunities to practise accurate spelling of science words.

Below are the twenty spelling words chosen for Year 7 students - perfect for testing someone at home.

1. Skeleton
2. Pollen
3. Beech
4. Nutrient
5. Ecology
6. Argument
7. Gamete
8. Adaptation
9. Nucleus
10. Kingdom
11. Coral
12. Variable
13. Mollusc
14. Precise
15. Biome
16. Pregnancy
17. Photosynthesis
18. Ionic
19. Discrete
20. Aerobic

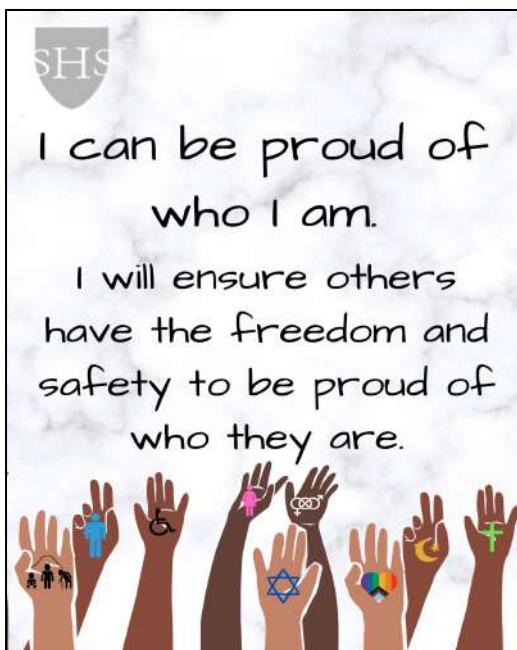




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Diversity Pledge



Over 200 students signed our diversity pledge this month, demonstrating their commitment to creating an inclusive and respectful school environment. This act is more than symbolic, it encourages personal accountability and a greater awareness of the importance of empathy, open-mindedness, and unity among peers. Ultimately, the pledge reflects a shared vision of a school community where diversity is not only accepted but truly celebrated.



Diwali



Diwali is the darkest night of the year. This shows that even in dark and horrible times there will always be a god to help you. To me, it's a way of happiness and joy and respect. First, we light candles and spread them out through the house to light up the house and bring joy into the living space. Then we play games and after we have dinner. My favourite game was the sparkler game because we got to burn Devils with fire. After dinner, we say our prayers, thanks and go to bed for the day.



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- Rishad H

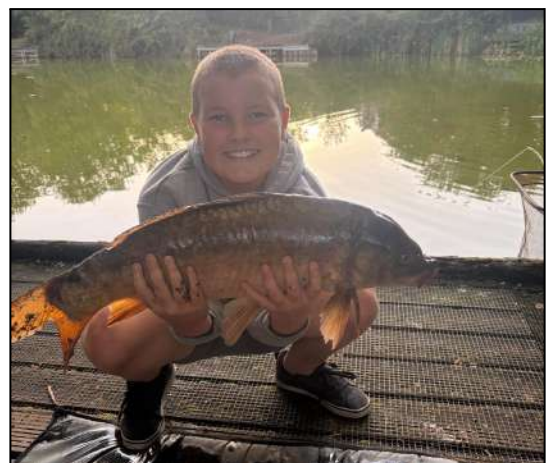
Student Shoutouts

We love celebrating our students' achievements both in and out of school! Whether it's a sports victory, a music performance, or a personal milestone, it's always inspiring to see the wonderful things our students are accomplishing beyond the classroom. These moments help us get to know them even better and allow us to share in their joy and hard work. If your child has recently achieved something special outside of school, we'd love to hear about it. Please send in photos, certificates, or a short description so we can share and celebrate their success within our school community!



Martha M recently attended her swimming club's presentation evening and walked away with seven 1st place trophies and two club records!! A huge well done Martha.

Oliver J shared with us his catch from a few weeks ago. The fish weighed in at an impressive 10lb 2oz. Winning our 'Biggest Fish' competition amongst our fishing enthusiasts.



We have enjoyed hearing all of Isaac's fishing stories over the last couple of weeks. Here is a photo of his



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latest catch, a common carp caught at Bear Lake, weighing 6.5kg. Well done Isaac.



I'm currently involved in the panto created by the 'Why Not Us' theatre company, which will take place at Springwood High School in November. We are performing the Nativity and the Stolen Christmas Elves.

I'm playing the role of Buck-Doe and you can see some of the make-up I will be wearing. The show tells the story of an evil spirit trying to steal the main character's powers before realising the error of their ways. I love being part of this theatre company because it promotes inclusivity and diversity. I am also in a range of other upcoming shows and really enjoy performing. Tickets can be purchased through the 'Why Not Us' theatre companies Facebook page.

- Joshua D

I recently took part in the beach clean with some other Springwood students. We were given the big bags and litter pickers and then we were off! It was extremely fun, but it was really *really* windy and the sand kept blowing in my face which sometimes hurt. Here are a few of the things we found; many dog related items, plastic wrapping found around bottles, glass, zip ties in seaweed, bottle lids, vibrantly coloured plastics and wrappers. I enjoyed the beach clean, knowing that every piece of litter I picked up was a piece of the environment healed.





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At the end of the beach clean, the bin bag was so heavy Ms Munns was impressed! We went to the cafe and had some nice hot chocolate afterwards. - Maya K

Book Club

Our wonderful book-club members have been working on ghost stories this half-term to enter in the Young Writer's Ghost Stories competition. Students can enter a story of up to 250 words, with the opportunity to have their story published and win a £25 cinema ticket. If you'd like to get involved, it's not too late! Follow the link below, or scan the QR code to submit your ghost story before Friday 7th November.



Don't forget to send a copy to the Year Office, or Miss Elvin, so we can see your wonderful writing too!

Below are two examples of stories written by Year 7.

Blackthorn Manor

It was a dark and eerie night. There was no light to keep us bright, all the lights were off except for Blackthorn Manor. No-one dared to enter. Rumours said it was haunted by ghosts and if you came in you never came out.

But one man was about to change that. Ryder. He waited and approached the blood-thirsty and Satan-infested house. He knew once he opened the door there was no turning back.

He walked through the door. He was now in the house. He could hear the dying scream of people raging out of the mist. He turned back. He couldn't do it. He ran but to his surprise he was too late. The door was locked. He had to continue. He felt shivers down his spine. He had to escape. He ascended the grand staircase and when he reached the top his body froze in terror. He had saw a ghost.

Terrified, he ran but the ghost was chasing behind him.

It said "I AM THE BURNING GHOST. COME CLOSER!"

He couldn't look back.

"I AM THE BURNING GHOST COME CLOSER!"

He panted and thought he was safe. He sat down but then he saw it at the other end of the corridor

"I AM THE BURNING GHOST.COME CLOSER!"

Ryder stepped back but then came to a halt. He hit a dead end.



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"Please can I have some water it is very hot?"

- Rishad H

Stuart's Cafe

At the corner of the street Stuart's Cafe stood. Max was on a late-night walk. Suddenly, footsteps followed him, "Hello?" Max muttered whimpering.

"No-one asked you to speak." shouted a deep voice. There were three big teenagers. He recognised them, they were his bullies: Fred, George and Tobias. Suddenly they got closer and Max backed up. Max was about to speak when they pushed him through the door of..... Stuart's Cafe! The bell rang and the door slammed shut. The loud noise echoed through the room. He heard rattling and then a bang.

"Hello Max." a voice replied. Max was scared and confused. He saw a flash of white. He pelted across the cafe. He flew up the stairs. Along the wall were stains. Were they blood or drinks? Chairs were on the floor. Paintings were stained crimson in the shape of ghastly faces. He heard "Why are you running max?", another voice joined in "Yes Max, why are you running?" Many voices flooded the downstairs of the cafe. Like a tsunami they all flurried up the stairs. "Max come here," one yelled "Hello.Max!"

"Don't ignore us Max" screamed one ghost finally reaching him. The ghosts covered the room making a thick, white fog around him.

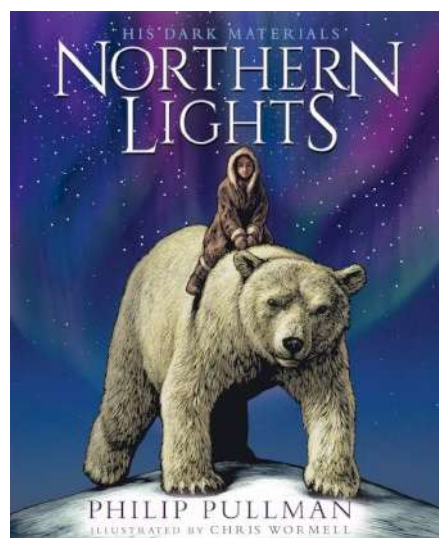
"WHAT DO YOU WANT!"Max cried.

"Will all of you be quiet, you are scaring the boy." One muttered. "Sorry Max, they didn't mean to scare you. I am Stuart and these are my friends. I was the owner of the cafe! Stuart let him out safely. The day after, people at school found out he went to the cafe and thought he was so cool. None of them knew he was forced into doing it. They all just knew rumours about the cafe and that Max went in it.

- Percy S

What are book club reading next half term?

Northern Lights by Philip Pullman





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Poetry By Heart



What do you do?

- Decide if you want to enter the solo 2-poem **CLASSIC** national championship or the 1-poem **FREESTYLE** celebration performing solo, in pairs or in a group.
- Explore poems at: <https://poetrybyheart.org.uk/the-competition>
- Learn your poem by heart and perform for others in school. 3 pupils can enter in each category.

Whatever you do, you could be chosen to perform on stage at Shakespeare's Globe, London, in July 2026!

A free-to-enter national poetry speaking competition with a chance to perform at Shakespeare's Globe, London.

Choose a poem, learn it by heart and perform it out loud in school.

Our school will decide who will go forward to the national round of the competition.

FiSH - Food in School Holidays

FREE breakfast club for pre-schoolers and school age children and their parents/ carers in Gaywood Church Rooms on Tuesday 28th October 9.30am to 11.30am.

Lots of yummy breakfast items - cereals, toast, fruit, juice, yoghurts, pastries, sausage and eggs. Plus! Games and magazines.

For more information, see the St. Faith's Facebook page @stfaithsgaywoodlep





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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 is 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

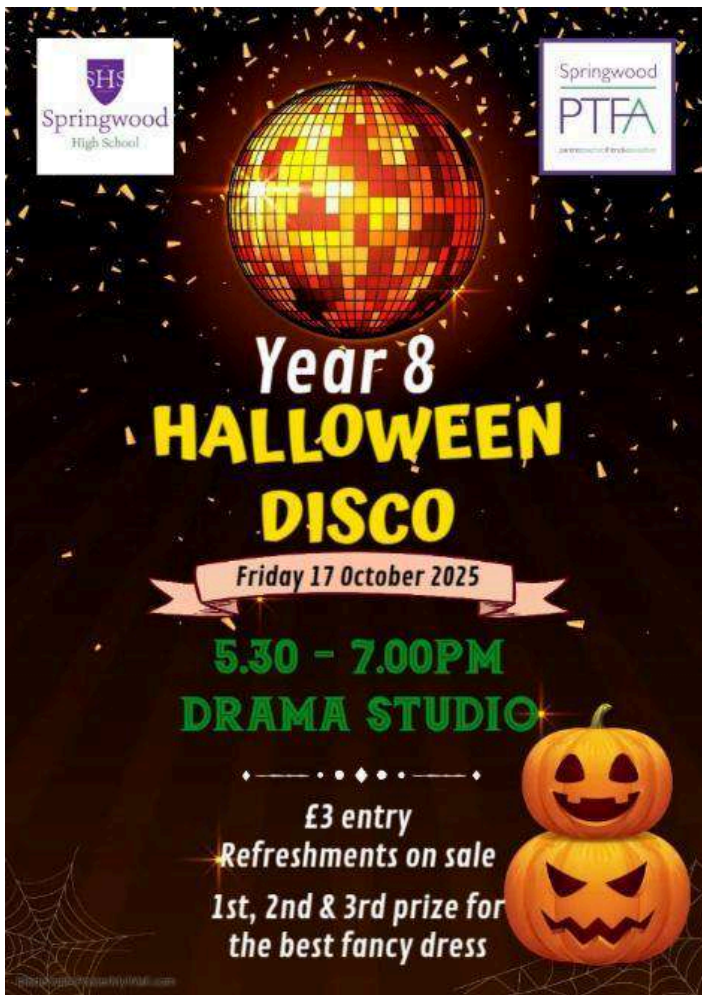


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lookout for additional helping hands at events – so if you're interested, please drop us a line at ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

In terms of events this half term, we have 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.



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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.





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