



Message from Mr Johnson

Over the last few weeks we have had some amazing Spring weather. It has been lovely for the students to have breaks and lunchtimes in the fresh air! I hope this wonderful weather continues into the summer.

This has been an amazing half term for learning. As I write the year 13 have just finished their mock examinations. It has been wonderful to speak to Year 13 and hear about their ambitions and destinations for next year. At the other end of the examination world, I have just witnessed our year 10 students beginning their first mock examination. They took it all in their stride and I am sure they will do well. On Monday this week, Year 11 had their "Mock Results day" in the Sixth Form hub. I really enjoyed seeing so many happy faces. The Year 11 students are in a fabulous position and are poised for an excellent set of results

The Year 9 Guided Choices process has also commenced this half-term and the Super Learning Day will focus on supporting students in helping them choose their GCSE subjects.

Finally, I am delighted with the success of our Year 9 students at the Mock Trials competition who will now move onto the national finals. I was immensely proud that our teams found success in the Year 10 Trust Mathematics competition where Springwood students secured 1st, 2nd and 3rd places!

I am sure you are all looking forward to the Easter holidays and a well deserved break.





Message from Head of Year

As we conclude the Spring term I would like to start by saying how shocked I am when I consider the Year group are now over halfway through their time at Springwood High School. It has flown by! I have no doubt that the next 2 and half years will fly by even quicker, and before we know it, our students will be sitting their GCSE's. That moment will mark the process that our students are now beginning.

Speaking of which, it was lovely to see so many of you at the Guided Choices evening on Thursday. For those that weren't able to attend, this presentation included information regarding the options process, and summarised how to approach choosing their GCSE's. We encourage you to support and guide your children through this process, and aid students to do their research, and make decisions founded on aspirations, enjoyment, and where their strengths lie, opposed to what their friends are choosing, who their favourite teachers are, and what might be perceived to be the 'easy subjects'. We would also like to remind you that the deadline for pupils' choices is the 30th of April.

Looking back on this half-term, there is so much to celebrate. You will see from the rest of the newsletter that the Year group have thrown themselves into a whole host of things, including; some amazing work in Technology lessons; the Duke of Edinburgh training weekend; the Festival of Knowledge Careers trip in Norwich; the Ski trip; some excellent sporting engagement; and finally, our Mock Magistrates team pulled off an amazing win in the regional competition, meaning they now qualify for the National finals held in London – well done to all!!

I would like to thank you all for your continued support over the last-term, especially helping us to maintain high standards of equipment and uniform. We will be having another push on this after Easter, so please ensure any issues are all resolved for their return.

I hope you, and your children, are able to have a relaxing break, and I look forward to seeing them, and the warmer weather, return on the first day back after the holiday.

Warm regards

Mr Denton and Mrs Kempton



Attendance Message

Attendance update Easter 26

Exams season is almost upon the year 11 and year 13 students and so it is important at this time of year to remind all students of the need to be punctual. Students begin to assemble and move into the exam hall at 9:00am in the morning and just after 1:00pm in the afternoon. The external exams are long and therefore sufficient time is needed for the exams to be completed. All schools have to start the exams within a given time window, as these are national exams, and all schools have to complete them at the same time. If a student is late then they may not be allowed to sit the exam, or the exam board can decide not to count the work from that paper, if they feel the student may have had access to the exam content by being late.

It is for this reason, along with the amount of general lesson time missed, that good attendance and punctuality is key. Students gain good habits throughout their school career, and all students should be on site by 8:45am (after this time, only the main school gate remains open). Tutor time is a productive lesson and so any student missing this is missing important aspects of their general education.

Any student arriving at school after 9:20am receives a U code. This is a legal requirement that schools have to abide by, but means that for attendance reasons, it counts as a missed session, which can then count in addition to other unauthorised absences (such as holidays). With Summer fast approaching, holidays will not be authorised by the school, even if parents feel that there will be an educational aspect to their holiday. Only school organised trips can be coded V on the register. The national threshold for legal intervention is 10 unauthorised sessions (equivalent to 5 days) across a rolling 10 week period. However, please continue to inform the school if you know your child will be absent.

As always, if your child has a medical appointment that means they are starting the day slightly later, or need to leave during the day, please contact the relevant year office so that they are aware and can code the register correctly.

Thank you once again for supporting excellent attendance at the school.



Year Office Contact Details

Year 9 Office, direct dial 24/7—01553 779405
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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.

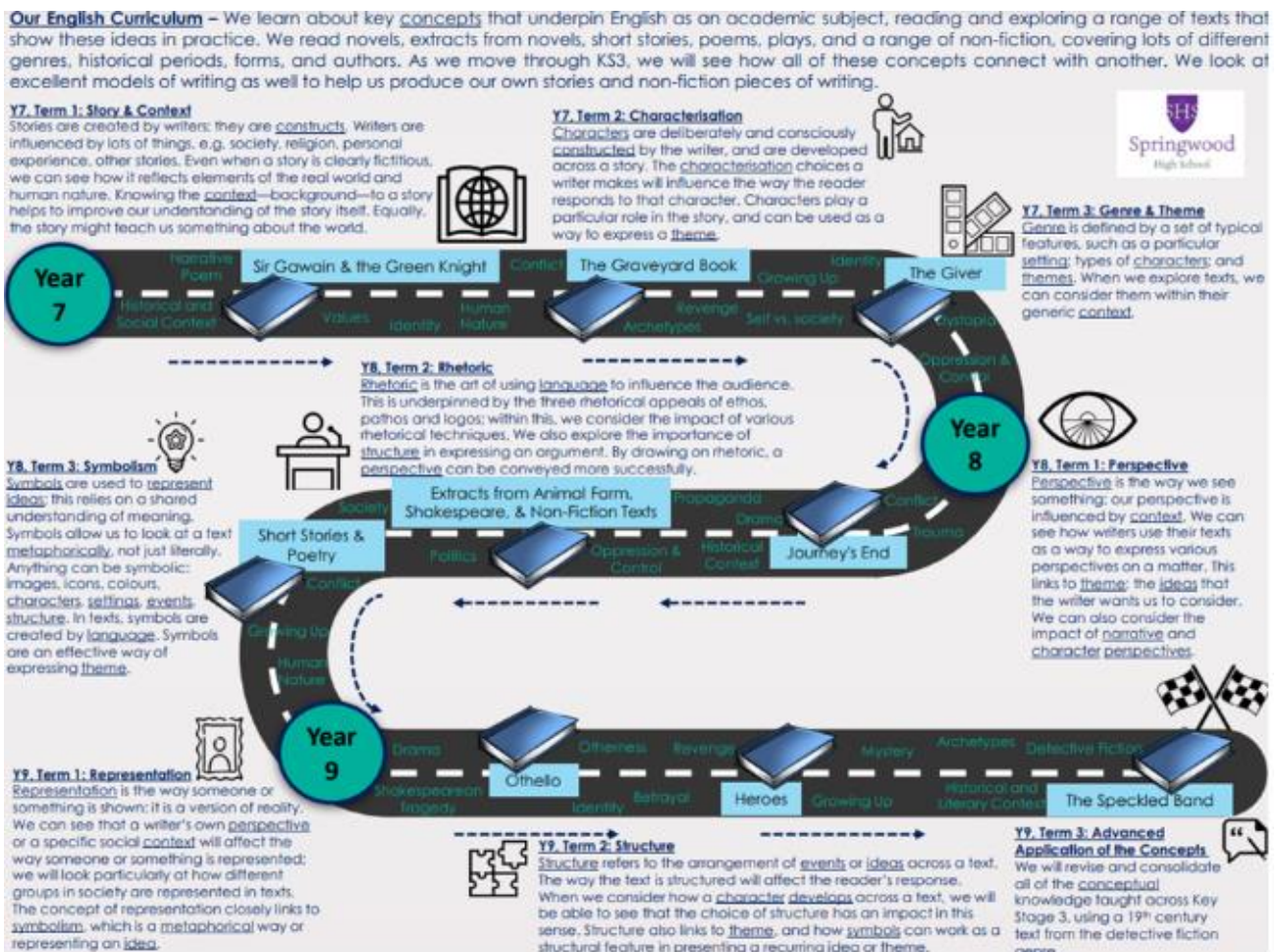
MCAS: www.mychildatschool.com

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



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](#)





Y9 Technology Lessons



Year 9 students have been working hard in both Technology and Food Technology this term. In Technology, they have developed their design and making skills, creating innovative projects.

In Food Technology, students have prepared a range of dishes while learning about nutrition, food safety, and healthy eating.



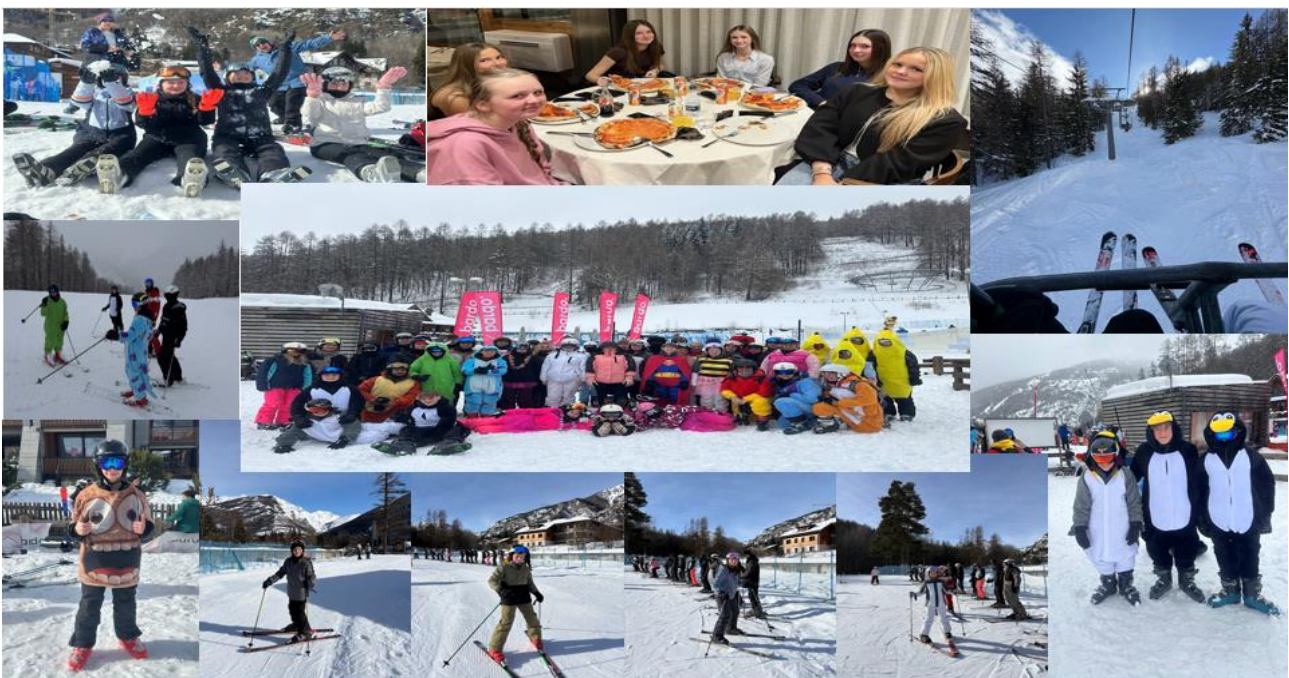
Ski Trip

Over the February half term, we travelled to Bardonecchia, Italy for a school ski trip which was open to year groups 9-12, with 39 pupils that attended. We left on Friday afternoon, and after a smooth journey, we arrived midday the next day. Sunday was our first day of skiing. On this day, we were assigned into groups based on our ability, which began our 5 hour sessions which happened daily up until Thursday. The instructors that we were assigned were very well trained and helpful, leading to each student becoming a better skier as each day went on.

The weather conditions were fantastic, nothing like you have ever seen before, a true winter wonderland! It snowed all day, and all night, it felt like it was never ending. It made it a lot easier to ski, making the overall experience a lot more enjoyable.

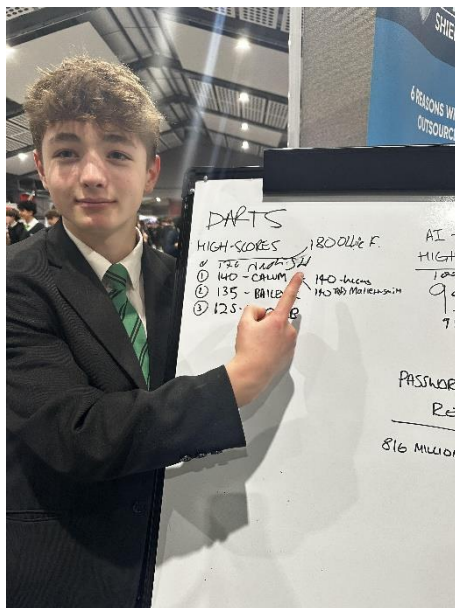
As well as skiing, there were many other activities that we did, which included; swimming, alpine coaster, eating at a pizza parlour and shopping daily. There were a variety of shops from supermarkets to designer skiwear stores, which was able to satisfy everyone.

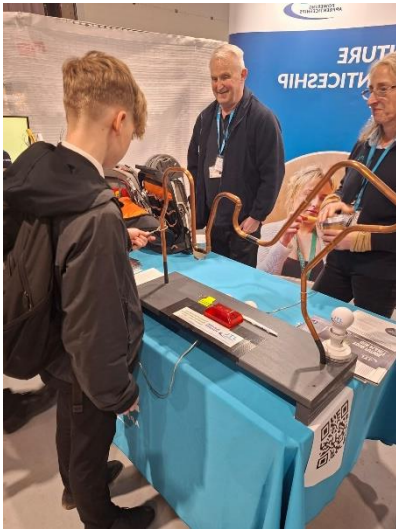
Our accommodation was traditional and owned by a family, with breakfast, a packed lunch and dinner provided daily. There was a wide selection of food, with new dishes everyday for us to experience the culture and learn more about it. Parts of this culture included things like a parade that we saw happen right outside our balcony from our rooms! – Kateryn & Elinga





Careers Trip to Norwich





Some Year 9 students recently attended the Festival of Knowledge in Norwich, where they explored a wide range of career pathways and future opportunities. The event gave students the chance to engage with professionals, ask questions, and take part in interactive activities across different industries.

It was a valuable experience that helped students broaden their understanding of the world of work and inspired them to start thinking about their future ambitions. Students represented the school well and showed great enthusiasm throughout the day.



Mock Magistrates



This half term 15 of our Year 9 students participated in a series of mock trials against other schools. They are a hands-on opportunity to engage with the legal process, develop critical thinking skills, and foster teamwork and communication.

They were given a hypothetical case to argue, encouraging them to analyse the details, construct compelling arguments, and respond to cross-examination. Throughout the mock trials, students practiced key skills such as public speaking, persuasion, and critical analysis. It also gave them insight into the various career paths within the legal profession, potentially inspiring some to pursue law-related studies in the future.

The students were supported by a dedicated team of 6th form students and staff that joined them at the competition to cheer them on as they competed against other schools from the East of England. Our group of students came first overall and are looking forward to the next case that they will work on for the National finals.



Y9 Sports News



Please see a handful of pictures from some of our wonderful pupils representing the school this half-term in their respective sports.



Duke of Edinburgh Training Weekend



Year 9 students recently took part in their Duke of Edinburgh training weekend, preparing for their upcoming expedition. Throughout the weekend, students developed key skills such as map reading, navigation, campcraft, and teamwork.

They showed great resilience and determination while learning how to set up tents, cook outdoors, and work effectively in groups. The experience was both challenging and rewarding, helping to build confidence and independence.

Well done to the students for their positive attitude and effort.



Sparx Learning

Sparx Maths


Year 9 Maths sparx champion of the Month



Year 9 Sparx Science champion of the Month





	
George M	7,713
Morgan R	6,778
Amelia M	6,753

WELL DONE!



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

First Name	Tutor Group	Points
Ava	9F1	99
Abel	9O1	90
Ollie	9S1	85
Benjamin	9H2	85
Eleanor	9B2	84
Ama	9O1	82
Andrei	9S1	81
Sharen	9O1	81
Ava	9F1	80
Morgan	9O2	80
Angel	9O1	79
Dominykas	9F2	79
Tyler	9S1	78
Lily	9O2	76
Oliver	9H2	76
Ritika	9H1	74
Angela	9B1	73
Ananya	9S1	72
Corbyn	9F2	71
Emmanuella	9O1	71





100% Attendance – January - March

Alizey A
Ava B
Charlie S
Chloe C
Christina R
Dale
Eduardo V
Ellie M
Emelia C
Freida S
Isaac B
Isaac F
Lily M
Matty T
Milana I
Nancy Y
Neave B
Persis S
Pranav H
Ramona B
Rasminta B
Riley M
Ruben B



Extracurricular at Springwood High School for Year 9

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. 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

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.

Monday

Lunchtime:

Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11

First lego league - 12.40 to 13.20 - O7

Kingsmen (Male voices) - 12.40 to 13.20 - MU1

Sinfonia (string instruments grade 2+) - 12.40 to 13.20 - MU2

After School:

Cantabene singers (invite only) - 15.40 to 16.40 - MU2

Chess club - 15:25 to 16:30 – LRC

Tuesday

Lunchtime:

Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11

Grade 5 theory - 12.40 to 13.20 - MU3

Woodwind ensemble (grade 2+) - 12.40 to 13.20 - MU1

After School:

Maths Club - 15:30 to 16:30 - B11

Wednesday

Lunchtime:

Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11

Lego coding club - 12.50 to 13.15 - O6

Environmental society - 12.50 to 13.15 - JL12

Kingsmen (male voices) - 12.40 to 13.20 -MU1

Language club - 12.40 to 13.20 - F4

After School:

Maths Club - 15:30 to 16:30 - B11

Photography club - 15.30 to 16.30 - B12



Cooking club - 15.30 to 16.30 - T5
 High voltage (rock/pop choir) - 15.40 to 16.40 - sixth form hub
 Soul band (invite only) - 15.40 to 16.40 - MU2
 Cooking club (week 2) - 15.30 to 16.30 - T5
 Boys rugby - 15.30 to 16.30 - boys changing rooms
 Netball girls - 15.30 to 16.30 - girls changing rooms
 Silver CREST - 15.30 to 16.30 - JL12

Thursday

Lunchtime:

Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11
 Junior brass ensemble (grade 2+) - 12.40 to 13.20 - MU1
 Bella voices (Female voices) - 12.40 to 13.20 - MU2
 DT club (21st Nov start, week 1) - 12.40 to 13.20 - T2

After School:

Maths Club - 15:30 to 16:30 - B11
 History club (Starting 18th Sept) - 15.30 to 16.30 - S7
 Kinetic theatre (Starting 11th Sept) - 18.00 to 20.00 - Drama studio
 Concert Band (Wind/Brass/Strings/Percussion Grade 3+ or learning more than 2½ years) - 15.40 to 17.00 - MU1
 Basketball all - 15.30 to 16.30 - boys/girls changing rooms
 Football girls - 15.30 to 16.30 - girls changing room
 Football boys - 15.30 to 16.30 - boys changing room

Friday

Lunchtime:

Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11
 Guitar group - 12.40 to 13.20 - MU1
 Vegan & vegetarian society - 12.40 to 13.20 - S12 (start date TBC)

After School:

Dance club - 15.30 to 16.30 - West gym
 Fitness Friday - 15.30 - 16.30 - South gym and south field (weather dependent)
 Big band (invitation) - 15.40 to 16.40 - MU1
 'Les Mis full cast - 15.40 to 16.40 - PHH
 Rugby girls - 15.30 to 16.30 - girls changing room



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, 23 October 2025
	Thursday, 4 September 2025 Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 Return to School	
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	



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



Wow - another half term is coming to an end and we're able to reflect on the events we have run over the last 5 weeks including our fourth '100 Club' lottery draw.

We have organised or supported the following events:

- **Bingo – 6 March**
- **Supporting The Players by selling Refreshments at their performances of *The History Boys*– 11–14 March**

We also supported the school in the sale of raffle tickets for a Giant Easter Egg generously donated to the Trust by the Rotary Club.

The draw took place on Monday 23 March and the lucky winners were:

Mr Wood

Voucher - Beth Knevett

Eggs - Cody Williams, Dee Mann, Barbara Daw, Zoe Connolly

Ticket sales made £189 and will be donated in full to our chosen charity Young Carers.

A big thank you to everyone that supported this worthy cause.

The fourth 100 Club draw took place on Wednesday 18 March, and we're pleased to announce the lucky winners:

- **1st prize £52.20 – Number 35 – Mrs R Howell**
- **2nd prize £31.32 – Number 52 – Mrs C Franks**
- **3rd prize £20.88 – Number 15 – Mrs J Sinkins**

Congratulations to all three winners.





The fifth draw will take place on 13 May, and there's still time for new members to join. Full details, including the application form, can be found on the PTFA pages of the school website. The cost is £8 for the remaining two draws—just £4 per draw. You've got to be in it to win it!

Future events for your diary are:

Parents v's Students Quiz Night – Postponed from 26 March. New date to be rescheduled.

Bingo – 24 April (Peter Hopkins Hall) – doors open at 6pm, eyes down at 6.30pm.

Refreshments at The Lion the Witch & The Wardrobe (The Players) – 1 May 7pm, 2 May 2pm and 7pm

Quiz Night - 15th May, 6.30pm arrival, 7pm start.

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

100 Club lottery draws:

- 13 May 2026
- 15 July 2026

Please check out our Facebook Page 'Springwood ptfa' or the school website for further details.

And finally, if you have ideas for future events you'd love to see, or if you're interested in getting involved with the PTFA, we'd be delighted to hear from you. You can reach us at ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk.