

Message from Mr Johnson

Thank you for all of your support this half term helping your child with their learning at home, or in school. I feel we have all learnt a lot this half term and all deserve a rest next week.

Please be reminded that tomorrow is a training day and the school will be closed. There will be no online lessons or in school provision.

Online lessons will resume with tutor time at 8:50am on 22nd February. The school will also reopen on 22nd for those students currently registered to attend in-school provision during the national lockdown.

Thank you for completing the survey sent out earlier this week. If you haven't completed it yet, we would still love to hear your views. Please also encourage your child to complete the student survey - they will have received an email from SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL with a link.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to the students who have raised money for their designated charity through fitness activities. I have been so impressed with everyone's efforts.

The class of 2023 makes a fantastic start to 2021!

As we reach the end of this first half-term of 2021 I feel particularly proud of the wonderful way in which this year group have taken everything in their stride and continue to achieve so well. It has been an absolute pleasure to drop into their virtual forms in the morning and see them all participating in PSHE, discussing current affairs and having a giggle with their form tutor first thing in the morning before their lessons start. I particularly liked 9F2's 'wear a hat day', for no reason other than it made everyone smile, unmute and talk to each other!

Towards the end of this half-term I asked your teachers for some feedback on how you were doing and I've been inundated by positive messages from your teachers who have been singing your praises!

Miss Paulo responded *"There are lots however I've tried to pick the very best in lockdown! Yr9 are always punctual, fully engaged in responding to questions in class and always complete tasks timely and efficiently: High quiz scores consistently!"*

Mr Thompson *"I know 2000+ achievement points have been loaded onto SIMS for Year 9"*

Mr Levy and Miss McKenzie *"Miss McKenzie and I have been really impressed by the continual hard work and effort from many Year 9s."*


Mrs Bliss “so many to name!” This is so true! So many of you were nominated by your teachers and multiple times, that Mr Johnson spent a morning phoning some of you, praising you for your hard work and positive contributions to online lessons. I then had the pleasure of phoning some more and Miss Wright has sent out praise postcards to lots of you. You are all amazing; well done!



Our students continue to have success in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. Mrs Petch has passed over 200 of our students who have completed their first aid course and so gained the skills element of the award. This is a huge achievement, especially during lockdown! Certificates have been posted out to all Year 9 students for you to keep safe and you need to be updating your progress with the Physical and Volunteering elements online from home. Remember you just need evidence of something that you are doing for roughly an hour a week over a three month period. If you are unsure what counts towards your D of E Award, check with your form tutor.

Continuing the theme of physical activity, Mr Johnson challenged each year group to get active this term and raise money for a good cause of our choosing. With so much time spent staring at screens since Christmas I felt this was a really important thing for our year group to embrace and would also hopefully help them sleep better at night too. Miss Wright and I quickly decided the local QE Hospital should benefit from whatever we did and their Covid-19 fund seemed the obvious choice. And wow, what a response we have had from you, so much fantastic support and encouragement; thank you!


Thank you Team QEH




87%
£875
raised of £1,000 target
by 73 supporters

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 Tina Wright
Fundraising for QEH King's Lynn Covid-19 Support Fund

 QEH King's Lynn Covid-19 Support Fund
run by The Queen Elizabeth Hospital
King's Lynn Charitable Fund
Support QEH staff and patients

If you haven't yet helped and you would like to, please do so by using this link:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/YEAR9walkforQEH?>

It is also worth noting that the physical activity that your children have been participating in, could also be used for the physical element of their D of E Award, they just need evidence of what they have been doing and to continue this physical activity for a three month period.

Mrs Dee has set her form the challenge of virtually climbing as many mountains as they can using their stairs at home! The aim was to climb Mount Everest, but they have achieved so much more and struck out across the solar system looking for higher mountains!

| Mountain | Climbs needed | | Individual Climbs needed | Mrs Mann's Climbs needed |
|-------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Scafell Pike | 391 | Highest in England | 13 | 26 |
| Snowdon | 434 | Highest in Wales | 15 | 30 |
| Ben Nevis | 538 | Highest in Scotland | 18 | 36 |
| Machu Picchu | 972 | Incan citadel in the Andes | 32 | 64 |
| 3 Peaks Challenge | 1364 | All of highest mountains in Great Britain | 46 | 92 |
| Mont Blanc | 1923 | Highest mountain in Alps | 64 | 128 |
| Kilimanjaro | 2358 | Highest in Africa | 80 | 160 |
| Denali | 2476 | Highest in North America | 83 | 166 |
| Everest | 3540 | Highest in the World | 118 | 236 |
| Olympus Mons | 10,000 | Highest in the Solar System | 334 | 668 |



The knowledge organiser continues to replace the usual homework that your child is set and contains the essential information that a student needs to know to succeed each term. So far only 136 students have so far completed this month's Knowledge Organiser Quiz; I expect them all to complete it.

So can you please encourage your child to do this, they have been emailed the quiz directly to their school email address. On a more positive note; the average score for those students who have completed the Feb Quiz is 74% so they are clearly working when used! Spare copies can be obtained from form tutors, the year office or online via the school website.



Google Classrooms

Yr9 Geography (MSS)

Yr9 assemblies

Yr 9 Cambridge Uni 2...

Recorded Lessons

This is now the established way that Springwood High School delivers our remote learning experience. I am aware that although we managed to show the students how this works before the latest lockdown we have been unable to get parents in and provide you with the same courtesy. Please do not hesitate to phone the year office and ask if you are unsure of anything, we want to take the stress out of home learning and provide you with whatever support you need.

For those of us who have been in school since Christmas, the snow has made a welcome break from basketball at lunchtime where the Beck girls have regularly beaten me! We have made the most of this opportunity to try and compete with you guys at home and build the biggest snowman. Thank you to all of you who sent your pictures in, I enjoyed seeing what you have been up too. This was our effort!



Finally, thank you for everything that you are doing at home supporting us, your kind words and generous support of our fund raising appeal for the hospital. It is very much appreciated.

Mr Scoles and Miss Wright