



# YEAR 11 NEWSLETTER



## Message from Mr Johnson

### Music Mark Accreditation

I am very pleased to tell you that Springwood High School has received the 'Music Mark Accreditation'. This is "In recognition of a commitment to providing a high-quality music education for all children and young people". We are very proud of this outstanding achievement.

### National Music & Drama Education Awards 2023

I am also absolutely delighted and thrilled to announce that we have been shortlisted as a finalist in the National Music & Drama Education Awards 2023 as an Outstanding School, Music Department of the Year.

For all the very latest Springwood School news please visit Twitter @SHSKingsLynn

### OFSTED

At the beginning of November, we had our two-day OFSTED Inspection. The result was that Springwood High School continues to be a 'Good' school.

OFSTED highlighted in their report that "Pupils are happy and safe", "Pupils have good relationships with their peers and staff", "Pupils are positive about their education", "Pupils appreciate the high-quality care and support they receive from staff".

They continued by saying that "Pupils engage well in the wider curriculum offer. Pupils, and Sixth Form students, benefit from the diverse choice of activities available. They talk passionately about the benefits of participating in different sports teams, as well as the wide range of music clubs. Singing is particularly popular. In addition, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) club and the school pantomime provide pupils with opportunities to develop particular skills and interests. Enrichment opportunities are inclusive and pupils from different backgrounds are well represented."

Thank you to everybody involved in the inspection.

### The Big Dig

Mrs Munns and the Environment School Council organised a 'BIG DIG' on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November. This was to plant 420 saplings with the help of some students from Year 7, their parents and guardians and Springwood staff. I spent a wonderful autumn morning outside enhancing the school's natural environment and I personally enjoyed getting outside.

## **Sport & PE**

Our Year 9 and Year 11 Netball teams both took part in the Norfolk County finals during November. They rose to the challenge and we are very proud of them for getting to the finals.

Our Year 11 table tennis team also attended the West Norfolk Championships. Tom gained 1<sup>st</sup> place and Camillo was 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. It was a great team effort from all the table tennis team.

For all the latest Sport & PE news please visit Twitter @SHSS\_PE

## **Equality and Diversity**

At Springwood we have staff and students from a wide range of backgrounds, cultures, abilities, religions, sexualities and gender identities. However, in West Norfolk we are still not as diverse as other parts of the country. Our job is to make sure that Springwood is a safe and welcoming place for all and for our students to become well-rounded young people who can go into the world and understand and respect those around them who are different to themselves and their experiences. That is why Springwood are introducing the new school pledge for quality and diversity; ***"I can be proud of who I am. I will ensure others have the freedom and safety to be proud of who they are."***

## **Concerts and the Pantomime**

At the beginning of December, we started to get into the Christmas spirit with the Trust Christmas Carol Service at St Nicholas Chapel. With student representation from across all eleven schools. What a fabulous evening it was and it was lovely to see so many Parents/Guardians there.

Then it was two nights of ***fe fi fo fum! I smell the blood of an Englishman, be he alive or be he dead! I'll grind his bones to make bread!!*** What a fabulous school production of Jack and the Beanstalk with around 120 students and several members of staff taking part. I so enjoyed seeing the whole school community come together in such a wonderful way.

Well, what a fabulous week it had been but it wasn't over yet. The following night we saw the Springwood Christmas Concert take to the stage. I think everyone will agree we have some very talented students here at Springwood who did us proud with such an absolutely fantastic performance.

Unfortunately, we went to press before the three productions of the Springwood Snowman Project took to the stage on the Saturday. Knowing our musical capability, I'm sure it will be a fabulous event.

For all tickets/reservations for future events please follow the link below: -  
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/springwood-high-school-music-department>

Wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas.

Mr Johnson

### Update from the Year 11 Team

This half term has seen students working hard and achieving brilliantly in their November PPE's, students have made applications to their preferred further education destinations as well as continuing to show good attendance at the plethora of intervention/revision sessions offered by the school. It was also wonderful to see a number of our students visit The University of Suffolk for a day to have a look around and experience a higher education provider to stir some aspiration in our students' minds. Year 11 are now not far off being half way through their final year at Springwood. After Christmas, we will be stepping up the preparation for exams and helping prepare our students to achieve the very best they can!

Finally, we in the Year 11 team would like to wish you all a very merry and restful Christmas!

Mr Denton and Mr Fleetham

### Food Technology Practical Exams

Well done to our Year 11 food technology students who have been working hard in their practical assessments this half term. Below are a few pictures from some of the wonderful dishes that have been produced by Philip, Maddie, Finley, Chloe and Cody. I am sure you will all agree they look delicious!



### Equestrian Excellence

Pictured below is Sammi who won her 80 and 90cm classes in the Norfolk Schools show jumping competition which was held at Lime Kiln Farm on Saturday 26th November.

Well done Sammi!



### Sparx of the Month

Every month, the Maths department announce a Sparx of the month winner. This is awarded to the person who performs the best on their Sparx homework tasks. I am delighted to say a big well done to Reenie, who won the Sparx of the month award for both October and November. Well done Reenie!



### Careers applications

Students should have all now applied for either A levels, an apprenticeship or a course at a college, in preparation for their further education in September 2023. It has been such a delight working with students through this process and listening to the aspirations and plans they have for their futures. There are still a small number of students who are yet to complete their application and we will continue to work with those students in the new year.

### Year 11 Prom

The date for the Year 11 prom has now been set. It will take place on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2023. The planning process is due to begin in the New Year, and we will be releasing information about a Prom Passport for students to complete in order to attend.



# Merry Christmas!

## Key Dates for Next Half-Term

Year 11 report and parents evening - 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023

Year 11 PPE's begin – 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023

Year 11 AQA Poetry Live Trip – 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023