



Year 11

Springwood Newsletter



February 2022

Message from Mr Johnson

As you are aware, this term we have been highlighting the importance of punctuality with our students. This has had a significant impact and we are very pleased with how our students have responded to the challenge. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your children maintain excellent attendance and punctuality records: these are important habits for them to develop for life after school.

This term has also seen more fantastic fundraising efforts with the NSPCC Number Day taking place on February 4th. Thank you to everyone who donated to such a worthy cause. The total raised for this event stands at nearly £550.

After the break, we return to school on 21st February. We will continue wearing masks for the first week as we all settle back into being in school but we will review this before the end of that week and communicate with you again.

I hope you have the opportunity to enjoy the break with your children.

Best wishes

Mr Johnson



Year 11 Team

Mr Cuss & Mrs Robinson

From welcoming the students back after Christmas and New Year, this half term has been focusing on subject knowledge development from the November exams. We feel students have stepped up to the challenge of their upcoming GCSE's and there is a high level of focus across the year group. It has been a real pleasure to celebrate success both on an individual basis as well as whole class cohorts.

It has been great to see lots of Year 11 students in extra curricular activities and clubs. For example our Netball, Rugby and Football teams have all had success when competing recently. The participation of Year 11 students in the school Christmas concert was excellent. A special mention going to Matthew and Finley for their hard work in performing a complex festive piano duet, which the whole of Year 11 were able to listen to in our Christmas assembly at the end of last term.

Students have now completed their first week of their second mock exams. We have already had feedback from subject staff that many student shave made significant progress compared to their first set of exams.

We would just like to remind you that intervention is still available on Saturday mornings for English and Maths. Please contact the Year 11 office if you would like to put you child forward for this. The second week of mocks exams commence on Monday 28th February. Please can you make sure your child has full equipment, please see checklist below. This is an essential exam requirement ahead of the actual GCSE's in May.

At the end of next half term we will be celebrating the success by hosting a rewards trip to Alton Towers on Friday 1st April 2022. All information has been distributed via a letter that pupils have been given in school.

Thank you as ever for your continued support.

We hope students have a lovely half term break.

Mr Cuss & Mrs Robinson



Exam Equipment Checklist



Item	Tick
Clear pencil case	
Black pen x 2	
Pencil x 2	
Pencil sharpener	
Ruler	
Rubber	
Compass	
Protractor	
Set Square	
Scientific Calculator	
Highlighters	
Clear plastic water bottle (if you wish)	



Year 11 Key Dates

- * Half Term 14th February 2022 —18th February 2022
- * Monday 28th February 2022 —Friday 4th March 2022—PPE’s continue
- * Year 11 Reports to parents Monday 14th March 2022
- * Year 11 Health Check 21st—31st March 2022
- * Friday 1st April 2022—Rewards Day
- * 16th May 2022 GCSE’s begin
- * 29th June 2022 GCSE’s finish
- * Year 11 Prom Friday 15th July 2022

Term Dates Summary

	SPRING TERM 2022	
	<u>Half Term</u>	
Wed 5 th January 2022 to Fri 11 th February 2022	Mon 14 th February 2022 to Fri 18 th February 2022	Mon 21 st February 2022 to Fri 1 st April 2022
	SUMMER TERM 2022	
	<u>Half Term</u>	
Tues 19 th April 2022 to Fri 27 th May 2022	Mon 30 th May 2022 to Fri 3 rd June 2022	Mon 6 th June 2022 to Thurs 21 st July 2022

Training Days & Bank Holidays

Staff Training Days - Friday 22nd October 2021 and Tuesday 4th January 2022.

May Day Closure - Monday 2nd May 2022

Queen’s Jubilee Bank Holidays - Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd June 2022

First day of Summer Holidays- Friday 22nd July 2022



Appendix 1

SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

UNIFORM & SPORTS KIT CHECKLIST

Items marked * can only be bought from the school

**From September 2021, girls in Years 7, 8 and 9 at Springwood High School wishing to wear trousers must wear SHS trousers purchased from the school shop.

<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>
<p>*Blazer White, stiff collar school shirt *House colour school tie Plain black tailored trousers *School jumper Plain black socks Plain black shoes (leather or leather-like) (no boots or black trainers) Optional *SHS Shower proof school coat or Plain coat (no logos or other markings) long enough to cover blazer properly</p>	<p>*Blazer White, stiff collar school shirt *House colour school tie **Plain black tailored trousers or *School skirt *School jumper Knee length plain black socks or plain black tights Plain black (leather or leather-like) shoes (no boots, black trainers, stilettos, ballet pumps, sling backs or toeless) Optional *SHS Shower proof school coat or Plain coat (no logos or other markings) long enough to cover blazer properly</p>
<p>PE KIT</p> <p>Compulsory: *White logo T-shirt Black Shorts *Purple Socks *House colour rugby shirt Trainers (non-marking sole with grip) Football boots</p> <p>Optional: Black Track Suit Shin pads and gumshields</p>	<p>PE KIT</p> <p>Compulsory: *White logo T-shirt Black Shorts *Purple Socks *House colour rugby shirt Trainers (non-marking sole with grip) Football boots</p> <p>Optional: Black Track Suit Shin pads and gumshields</p>

Careers Links –

Virtual Work Experience - <https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/post/virtual-work-experience>

What's Next - <https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/whats-next>

Virtual Work Experience and Inspirational Work –

https://padlet.com/new_anglia_careers_hub/x14s19n317qub3wq

Life Skills - <https://barclayslifeskills.com/young-people/>

New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMQWGt6SdsGQF-KJCq7JTWQ/videos>

I Can Be A Builder - <https://cv.icanbea.org.uk/>



The Springwood Parent, Teacher, Friend Association, PTFA, is an excellent way to bring people together to raise money and help support the school and the pupils of Springwood.

It provides an opportunity for everyone to work together to:

- Raise funds to help the school provide extra resources for the pupils.
- Provide support for school trips and outings and other special events.

We have a new chair of the PTFA, **Paul Blandford**, and we would like to encourage all parents, teachers and school staff to get involved even if you only have a small amount of time available. You may wish to join the committee and be involved in the organisation, or just be available to serve teas and coffees at PTFA events - you may even just like to provide the odd cake here and there! Whatever your preferred commitment, large or small, the Springwood PTFA would be very grateful for your help.

If you are interested in joining us, please email ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk