

## Message from Mr Johnson

As I write this message it is lovely to feel cool again after the recent heatwave! I must say the students have been amazing during this time.

As ever, it has been a hugely busy half term with so much happening. Year 11 Prom was fantastic with hundreds of students enjoying a night of fun and dancing. I am sure the forthcoming Sixth Form Prom will be equally as fun!

Our students have been an absolute pleasure this half term. As I walk around the field at break and lunchtime, it is lovely to talk to each and every one of them. What a fabulous group of young people.

One particular highlight of the term was our four-day outdoor music festival. Our very own Glastonbury! Springwood students played and sang their hearts out with students from our other Trust schools. Similarly, the fashion show was a magnificent celebration of all things haute couture! Ms Markwell, her team and the fabulous students made this one the best ever!

I am sure you will be excited to hear that we have so many plans to make next year even better! Watch this space – there are even plans for a panto!!!

As part of the development and increased importance of the PSHE curriculum, Mr Scoles will be taking on a new role as Director of PSHE. Consequently, Mr Denton will be stepping into the Head of Year 11 role in September. There will also be a change in Year Manager as Miss Wright moves onto pastures new and Mr Fleetham takes up the mantle.

Have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back in September!

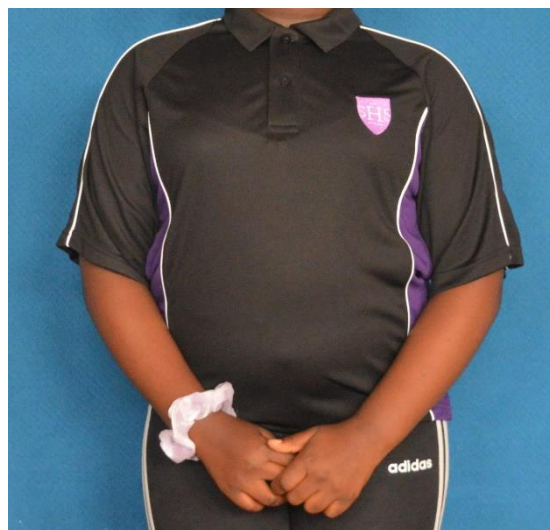
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Attendance - government update:

In September, we will be sending out new government information regarding school attendance, but we would like to make parents aware ahead of the new term that the government is changing the rules around absences from 1st September. The changes in the rules will mean that we will not be able to agree absence for holidays booked during term-time. Likewise, multiple fixed penalty notices can be issued for any unauthorised or unagreed absence and these may now lead to court action.

Uniform:

Just a quick reminder that we have changed our uniform supplier. Orders are now done directly through Price & Buckland. The link is on our school website. I have attached a copy of Springwood's Uniform Policy for your information. The most significant change to the uniform is the new PE kit. We have seen students wearing the new PE top this week and we are really pleased with how it looks. There will also be available to purchase a Springwood sweatshirt that students can wear if they need an additional layer in the colder months. Please note that they are not permitted to wear alternative sweatshirt type tops.



PTFA:

We would love to continue to grow our PTFA committee and look forward to hearing from you if you would like to get involved. Please contact Mr Richard Thompson if you would like further details about our PTFA, the kind of things we do and how you could contribute.

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## Term dates 2022-23:

	<b>First Day of Term</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>
<b>Autumn 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 <b>Years 7 and 12 Only Return to School</b> Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September <b>Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 Return to School</b>	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2022
<b>Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term</b>	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
<b>Spring 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term</b>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
<b>Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
<b>Summer 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term</b>	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
<b>Summer 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023

## School Holiday 2022 - 2023

	<b>First Day of the Holiday</b>	<b>Last Day of the Holiday</b>
<b>Autumn Half Term Holiday</b>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2022
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
<b>Spring Half Term Holiday</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
<b>Easter Holiday</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2023	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
<b>Summer Half Term Holiday</b>	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023
<b>First day of Summer Leave</b>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023	

## Training Days/Bank Holidays

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022  
 Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022  
 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022  
 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

May Bank Holiday – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to extend a very warm hello to you and our new Year 11 students from September. My name is Mr Denton, and from September I will be taking over the position of Head of Year 11. I am fortunate enough to have worked at Springwood High School for the last 3 years. During my time at the school I have got to know your children really well, and already have existing relationships that I am now looking forward to developing even further in September.

Since January, I have been working as a Pastoral Leader at Smithdon High School, which has enabled me to support and impact students across KS3 and KS4. I am now looking forward to the most exciting step in my career, as the Head of Year 11 at Springwood. I can't wait to start working with your children, and helping them to reach their full potential and achieve their very best. Most of all, I am excited to work with a year group full of wonderful students and help to see them over the line, whilst preparing them for life beyond school.

I am also delighted to welcome Mr Fleetham to Springwood High School, who will be the new Year Manager for Year 11. Mr Fleetham brings with him a wealth of pastoral knowledge, having made an excellent impact on young people in schools in his previous job roles.

Mr Fleetham and I will be holding a 'Stepping Up' parent and child information evening on September the 15th 2022. We will send out more information early on in the new term. We are both excited to meet you all on the 15th, and we look forward to working together, with you, for the best of our Year 11 pupils.

Mr Denton.  
Head of Year 11

Mr Fleetham  
Year Manager for Year 11

Hello, I am PC 1858 James Smith and am your new safer schools officer.

I'd like to take the opportunity to explain what my role is in keeping you or your children safe in and outside of school and to introduce myself, starting with the aims of my role.

A safer school partnership has the following aims.

- Safety of pupils, staff and the school site and surrounding area/community
- To help young people to deal with situations that may put them at risk of becoming victims of crime, bullying or intimidation, and to provide support to those who do.
- Focused enforcement to demonstrate that those that do offend cannot do so without facing consequences.
- Early identification, support and where necessary challenge of pupils involved in or at risk of offending
- Improved standards of pupil behaviour and attendance, and less need for exclusions
- More positive relations between young people, the Police and the wider community.
- Effective approaches to issues beyond the school site that negatively impact on pupil safety and behaviour.

A bit about me. I have been a Police officer for thirteen years. I began my career working in response policing in Essex Police before training as a detective working in Child abuse investigations and CID. I transferred to Norfolk constabulary as a detective in 2018 working in King's Lynn CID.

I made the decision to apply to work as a safer schools officer because I have seen first-hand how children, teenagers and families are affected both positively and negatively by the Police and criminal justice system. I believe this role will allow me to use my experience to provide support and advice to students and their families to make our community safer and stronger now and in the future.

I firmly believe in education and crime reduction and want to empower students to make the right decisions throughout their time at school which will give them the best opportunities into their adult lives.

I will be splitting my time between Kings Lynn academy and Springwood high school. I look forward to meeting and engaging with students, parents and staff in school and if you have any questions feel free to contact me via Email on [James.Smith1@norfolk.police.uk](mailto:James.Smith1@norfolk.police.uk)

Further information can also be found online at <https://www.norfolk.police.uk/advice/child-protection/safer-schools-partnerships> and you can follow the safer schools team on Twitter @SaferSchoolsNfk

Kind regards

PC James Smith