

Year 9 Summer Term Newsletter

Message from Mr Johnson

Dear Parent/Carer

The sun has been shining on Springwood this week as we approach the Summer holidays. As always, we have celebrated and rewarded our students' efforts and tonight we end the school year with the first concert in a very long time. I cannot thank Pete Strudwick and his team enough for organising such an excellent event during these difficult times.

This year we have spent a large amount of time in PE kit rather than normal uniform. When we return in September, we will fully revert to full school uniform so please ensure your child has everything they need. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that trainers are not acceptable footwear and children must have school shoes in line with our uniform policy. If in doubt, please check the policy on our website.

Please be aware that the new school year begins on Monday 6th September for our new Year 7 and 12 students: all remaining year groups will return on Wednesday 8th September. Prior to the start of term, we will be carrying out Covid testing on 3rd and 7th September for all students. A booking system will be set up in due course and details of how to make your child's appointments will be sent to you.

I would like to thank the many parents who have emailed, telephoned, or written to us to express their support and gratitude. These messages are always passed onto our staff and are greatly appreciated. In return, I would like to thank you for your continued support.

I wish you an enjoyable and safe summer.

Mr A Johnson

Message from Mr Scoles

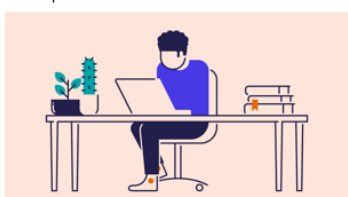
As another academic year ends, our Year 9 students can be very proud of what they have achieved in an unprecedented year. It has been a pleasure to guide them through their Key Stage 3 studies and prepare them for GCSE's. Next year the real work begins!

West Norfolk Academies Trust Fun Run

On Friday 9th July we raised money again for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital by running around our school field during Period two. I was so proud of my cohort who beat every other year at Springwood, including sixth form, by running a total of 761kms in that hour! As a Trust we raised over £4000 for the Hospital.

The GCSE Journey starts now!

The class of 2023



Your GCSE's start here!

You are the first cohort for a while to complete your GCSE choices in just two years. Therefore, it is very important that you prepare for the subjects that you will be studying next year and 'hit the ground running'.

I have asked each of your subjects to provide you with some online learning that you can start now and complete over the summer holidays that will provide you with some basic knowledge of what you need to know by September. It is important that you now take responsibility for your own progress at school and start your GCSE's from a position of strength.

Your subject teachers will check in September to ensure you have completed what is [asked](#) of you.

I have produced an introduction to GCSE subjects' booklet for Year 9 with a simple taster task for most subjects that will prepare students for the subject content to be studied in September. Most tasks can be completed in an hour and are aimed at promoting confidence in the topics taught next year.

It is expected that most students will have completed this before the summer holidays start and staff will check on their return after summer.

Form Competition

This year has seen another close battle to be named the best form in Year 9! Each student is awarded marks for attendance, achievement points and not being late to lessons. Points are deducted for poor behaviour and the shield engraved at the end of each term. This year's results show 9F1 and Mr Childs continuing to lead the way for most of the year with a successful challenge from 9B2 and Miss Livick-Smith this term. Well done to you all!

Christmas

	Form	Mean Score
1st	9F1	36.00
2nd	9S2	34.19
3rd	9F2	33.69
4th	9B2	33.31
5th	9O1	32.68
6th	9H1	30.37
7th	9S1	29.29
8th	9B1	29.11
9th	9O2	29.00
10th	9H2	26.25

Easter

	Form	Mean Score
1st	9F1	44.72
2nd	9F2	44.70
3rd	9B2	42.85
4th	9S2	42.52
5th	9B1	42.39
6th	9O1	42.00
7th	9H2	41.86
8th	9H1	40.96
9th	9O2	39.52
10th	9S1	36.86

Summer

	Form	Mean Score
1st	9B2	33.81
2nd	9F1	33.79
3rd	9F2	33.65
4th	9H1	31.75
5th	9O1	31.63
6th	9S2	31.21
7th	9H2	29.31
8th	9B1	28.21
9th	9S1	28.03
10th	9O2	25.85

Rewards Day



We enjoyed a superb inter-form competition playing rounders in the morning for those of us in school, while a third of the year group visited Norwich for the day shopping.

Mr Childs form again came up top with a stunning victory in the final game. We enjoyed ice-creams on the field, ate pizza for lunch and watched movies in the afternoon. After the tough year that the students have had, the day was richly deserved and enjoyed by both staff and students!

Transition Leaders

In our last newsletter I announced that I was looking for role models with excellent attendance, perfect uniform and a positive attitude towards school and everything that Springwood has to offer, to represent our school and guide the new Year 7 students as they arrive for their interviews and first days at school. We devoted a week during form period to explaining what an application letter should look like and the kind of things to include. I was very impressed with the response from my year group with almost 200 applications for myself and Miss Ashfield to choose from. 40 students were chosen and have been helping out so far. Well done for taking responsibility and being a role model.

Final day of Key Stage 3

We celebrated the end of their Key Stage 3 journey with fun certificates, form photos and fun activities before finishing for the summer holidays. 9O2 also said goodbye to Dr Beltran who has been their form tutor for three years. He is going part-time and unfortunately will not be able to continue the full time form tutor role, which he is so good at. Thank you for being a brilliant form tutor and an excellent member of the Year Team.

Have a safe and restful summer.

Mr Scoles and Miss Wright.