



Year 11

Springwood Newsletter



December 2021

This time last year, I wrote about testing times and the hope that twelve months from then we would be back to normal. We have all had challenges to face and we know there are more to come. However, throughout these times, I remain incredibly proud of our students and our school community.

Recently, we have been able to safely get together for various school events and I have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming parents back into the school. We have also celebrated our passion for music with our Christmas Concerts at St Nicholas' Chapel.

We have been fundraising and through your generosity, we will be donating £687.50 to The Save The Children Fund and £567.20 to The Purfleet Trust along with boxes of food. This is another record-breaking year, improving on last year's record total of £593.34 for Christmas Jumper Day!

When we return in January, we will be continuing our drive to improve punctuality across the school. Please be aware that this drive will include locking all of the additional gates, except the main gate, at 8.45 am.

We have enjoyed celebrating students' efforts to 'get it right' through weekly prize draws for all the students with zero behaviour points each week and we will continue this in the new year. We will also be going the extra mile to reward students who demonstrate high levels of pride in their school work so please encourage your children to do their best in lessons.

And finally, if you haven't already booked an appointment for your child's Lateral Flow test on January 4th, please use the parents evening booking system to do so.

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable festive season and I look forward to welcoming all of our students back on Wednesday, 5th January 2022.



Mr A Johnson

Year 11 Team

Mr Cuss & Mrs Robinson

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to update you with the latest information published by the government regarding exams in Summer 2022.

After a consultation run by Ofqual the government has confirmed that the following mitigations will be in place for next summer's exams -

- Students taking GCSEs in English literature, History and Geography will not need to cover the usual range of content in the exams – the exam boards have published information on their websites on how this will work for each of their specifications in these subjects.
- Students taking GCSEs in all other subjects will be given advance information about the focus of the content of the exams to support their revision

- Students taking GCSE Mathematics will be given in their exams copies of formulae they would in other years have to memorise.
- Students taking GCSE Physics and combined Science will be given in their exams a sheet covering all the equations they might need to apply in the exams.
- The Department for Education has said that advance information for GCSE will be published no later than 7 February 2022.

With regards to the second set of PPEs due to be taken by students in February/March, consideration of the current guidance has been taken in deciding on the order of the exams. As ever we will ensure students are fully prepared for their PPE's and all information will be given to them in advance.

Please note that the latest Year 11 report will be published on Tuesday 11th January 2022 followed by our online Parents Evening on Thursday 13th January 2022. Please book your appointment via the parents evening system on the school website. Appointments will be live from Saturday 18th December.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Year 11 students on their success during this half term. The way students conducted themselves during the November PPE's and their general attitude towards school this term has been excellent. We would also like to thank you all for your continued support you give to the school and we look forward to sharing more success over the next few months.

We would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr Cuss & Mrs Robinson





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)</p> <p>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)</p> <p>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