

Message from Mr Johnson

Dear Parent/Carer

It's amazing how quickly the weeks fly by sometimes and I find it difficult to believe we are already at the end of what has been another very busy half term. Firstly, I would like to thank students for their efforts on keeping the site clean and tidy. There is always more we can do, but they are taking much greater pride in our environment.

Alongside the usual busyness of school life, this half term has seen Mr Cuss and Miss Ashfield visiting all of our new pupils who will be joining us in Year 7 in September. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have been completing assessments. Year 9 have also been choosing which subjects they would like to study over the next two years. And students in Years 11 and 13 started their GCSE and A Level public examinations.

Next half term will see Year 11 and Year 13 students completing their exams and then hopefully enjoying a well-earned rest in the sunshine. It will then be the turn of Year 10 and 12 students to complete their assessments before we all finish for the Summer holidays.

We will have our final Super Learning Day of the year in July where Year 7 students will have the opportunity to create some amazing smoothies. Year 8 will be working on their CREST award for their work in science. Year 9 and 10 students will be learning about how to look after themselves and others. And Year 12 will officially begin planning for their next stage after sixth form.

Rewards Day for our students is Wednesday 20th July and the last day of this school year is Thursday 21st July. Please note that we finish slightly earlier on this day and students will be leaving at 2.20 pm rather than 3.25 pm.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your ongoing support. I hope you and your family enjoy the week off, possibly involving some Jubilee celebrations.

Best wishes

Mr A Johnson

Year 10 Newsletter

Several subjects are now completing coursework that will be counted towards students' final grades. A massive well done to all our PE and Food Technology students in particular who I know have been impressing their teachers with what they have produced so far!

The final Year 10 assessment window for everyone this year will begin on Monday 13th June and last for two weeks. Students will need to revise and prepare for these by going over everything that they have covered so far this year. These assessments will help us predict final grades, but more importantly they will also guide students on what they need to do next to improve.

Head Student Applications

Mr Johnson and Miss Ashfield have now formally launched the process whereby students can apply to be a Head Student. Approximately, 20 students will be selected from the application letters received and after an interview. We are looking for role models, not just students who are good academically and I expect a large number of our year group to apply.

The deadline is Friday 10th June and further details can be obtained from your child's form tutor or Mr Scoles.

Attendance Rewards



Congratulations to Olivia King who won the school 100% Attendance Award and received a gift voucher for WH Smith. I also ran around every form group and handed out 100% certificates and a packet of sweets to every student who has achieved full attendance last term. Well done guys, a super effort especially with Covid still being ever present!

Stem club

We were delighted to have the opportunity to have the Turning Turbines project back at Springwood this half term. The project is sponsored by Ofsted and provides students with the opportunity to make and construct all the key components for a model turbine, nearly 2m wide, that they can use to charge their phones. Some of our Yr10 boys have been challenged to complete this project in just 3 weeks. To do this they will need to shape the blades, build the alternator, attach rare Earth magnets and test the model to ensure it is fault free. We have been very impressed with their efforts so far.



Science camp

Melissa Knight has had her application accepted to attend Science Camp in the summer. This year the University had more applications than ever before, but Melissa had a very strong application supported by experience from STEM activities in Science that she has volunteered for.

U15 Girls Rugby 7's Norfolk Champs



Congratulations to the Year 10 girls who took part in the rugby and became Norfolk Champion! They won all four games played: 50-0, 25-0, 15-5 and 40-0. Our Year 10 girls; Tia Barrett, Tillie Flanagan and Freya Smolen all played extremely well. Their PE teacher said the girls were brilliant and the team have a very strong reputation now.

Springwood Sixth Form Year 10 Experience Day

On Wednesday 22nd June students will have the opportunity to experience a day in the life of a Springwood Sixth Form student. The day will include a chance to experience 'real' sixth form lessons and an opportunity to hear about their existing super-curricular scheme, including the Duke of Edinburgh Award, the EPQ, clubs and societies, work experience, careers advice and much more. This day will help students start to think about post 16 options. Letters have been given out for students to indicate what subjects they would like to experience on the day. Please complete your nominations asap!

College of West Anglia Open Day

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On the 22nd June the College of West Anglia has an Open Day for students to experience the courses that are on offer at the end of Year 11. It's a very important visit as students are required to remain in education until they are 18. The day will aid their decision as to which course is of interest to them. The day starts at 10am and students will be required to make their own way to the College where they need to register with Miss Franks. The day will finish at 2pm when they are free to leave. Students need to be in school uniform or dressed as required by the course, they also need to bring a packed lunch. Letters have been given out with permission slips that need to be returned to the Year office. Students will also need to register for the course that they are interested in via the College Website.

Year 10 Rewards Day - Wednesday 20th July

All Year 10 students who have completed the Aspire Programme to at least a Bronze level will be invited to attend one of the Reward Day Trips. They must also continue to meet Springwood's expectations regarding their punctuality, attendance, behaviour and being fully equipped for lessons and ready to learn in order to participate in the reward trips. There are lots of exciting trips: Norwich Tenpin bowling, Paintballing, visiting the seals at Morston, Pleasurewood Hills, Cambridge punting and Africa Alive. Can you please return your reply slips to the Trip Box ASAP so we can organise who wants to go where. Thank you.



Finally Mr Thurlow and Mr Scoles spent a very enjoyable hour at McDonalds with a select group of students enjoying breakfast, as a reward for their outstanding progress and effort this term. Well done to all of you and we hope to repeat this reward with a different group of students after half-term so please keep working hard, attending every day and making significant progress and it may be you next time!

We wish you a very enjoyable May half-term and Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

Mr Scoles, Head of Year and Miss Wright, Year Manager.