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Message from Mr Johnson

It has been wonderful to have the whole school back and seeing teachers and students around the school and in the classrooms. Although learning continued well under lockdown, it is very evident that both students and staff know that school is really the place to be!

May I take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for supporting the education of their children at home. It really has been a significant team effort all round.

I hope everyone in our Springwood community enjoys a well-earned rest over the next two weeks.

I look forward to seeing what the Summer term has in store for us.

Coping with Covid-19

Year 7 have pulled together and we are back in school having faced a difficult period of home-learning. What was most noticeable was the fantastic turn out and engagement of Year 7 pupils and their obvious determination to continue with their learning despite not being in school. Many thanks to all of the parents for all of the support and encouragement we have all received.

The worst six days of the lockdown had to be the days of mass testing, but, again, this was tackled with maturity and resolve by all of the pupils involved. Mrs Eveson and I were impressed by the spirit and attitude of all who came to be tested. It was also very nice to finally meet some of the parents face to face.

What are we looking forward to?

One of the things we asked pupils on their return was what they are most looking forward to now that we are back in school. The most common comment was that pupils are looking forward to catching up with their friends. After this, they also want to start doing sports and the arts and even going out on visits. Extra-curricular Music will start after Easter and some sports like Cricket and Rounders have already started.

Rewards!!

We have been able to celebrate some of the efforts being made by our pupils. Easter eggs seemed like a good reward for hard work and pupils were entered into a draw under the following categories: achievement points, attendance, Form Tutor Award, Kindness and Subject Achievement. It is a pleasure to report that over 100 pupils have secured their Bronze badge by reaching 100 achievement points. One pupil has over 250 achievement points and has secured her Silver badge.

KS3 Champions

Thursday 25th March saw a combination of excellent knowledge organiser work, and KS3 champion winners. We had a range of knowledge organiser submissions from online quizzes to colourful and creative mind maps and revision cards. One student wrote a fantastic review of the school knowledge organiser, including opinions from students in her form. We have a number of students who have been rewarded for their extra-curricular achievements. This includes sporting success at Peterborough's professional academy, as well as volunteering for charities and musical performances.

The Year Council

Each Tutor group have now held elections and have selected their representatives for the Year 7 Student Council. The speeches made by some of the pupils were outstanding and the Council will be used in many different ways over the course of the Summer Term – not least in helping to plan for the end of the year!

The Harlequin

I am pleased to say that our newshounds have now produced the first edition of “The Harlequin”. Any Year 7 can get involved and be a newshound and the articles on lockdown and coping with Covid were really well written. We are hoping to publish it once a month.

And finally.....

We would like to congratulate James Clifton 7B2 for being “Highly Commended in the Intermediate Age Group” for his entry into the Rotary Young Photographer Competition 2021. Here is his stunning entry:



Year 7 photo gallery



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Well done to some of our amazing Year 13 students. Fantastic article in Your Local Paper #Year13 #Oxbridge



The article, from 'Your Local Paper', dated Friday, February 19, 2021, features two students: Beth Norman and Ezra Nwobodo. It reports that more than 200 professionals and parents have taken part in a series of virtual workshops highlighting the dangers of criminal exploitation of young people in Norfolk. The article mentions that the events, hosted by the St Giles charity as part of its ongoing 500+ Project, took place in November and December and received praise from many of the 254 attendees. It also notes that St Giles, first commissioned by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk in 2019 to run the project, is launching a further series of events to spread the message. The article concludes by stating that by the end of each session, delivered by those with lived experience, it is hoped parents will understand the term County Lines, understand the methods used to exploit young people, recognise key signs and indicators and encourage healthy conversations with their children. Further sessions are planned for March and April. The article can be found at www.stgilestrust.org.uk for more details.

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Great first week back for 8B2, 8F1 & 8O2 100% attendance. Well done 🎉



The first photo shows a group of students sitting at desks in a classroom, some looking at a screen. The second photo shows a student standing at the front of the class, possibly presenting.

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Our "Year 9 Walk for QEH" page was one of the most successful Just Giving pages last month. Out of thousands of fundraisers, we were in the top 10%. Congratulations on raising so much for The Queen Elizabeth Hospital. We smashed our target and have raised over £1000!!!!



The graphic is purple with a large gold medal in the center. The medal has '10%' written on it. Above the medal, it says 'FUNDRAISING LEGEND!'. The background is decorated with white confetti.

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Exciting News – Year 10 Revision Packs are now ready for collection.
If your child is in Blickling, Felbrigg or Holkham - collect between 10.30- 3.00 on WEDNESDAY 24th Feb.
If your child is in Oxburgh or Sandringham - Please collect between 10.30- 3.00 on THURSDAY 25th Feb.



The first photo shows a large number of white plastic bags filled with revision packs, stacked in boxes. The second photo shows a long table in a room, with stacks of revision packs and boxes on it.

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"Year 11 are on a mission! 1120 achievement points achieved in the first 8 days back! Spectacular effort!"

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