

Year 9 Half Termly Newsletter

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.

This has been a Spring Term like no other and thankfully ended with everyone tested and initially everyone back into school for the last two and half weeks. At the time of writing I have just had to send a small group of student's home due to a possible positive Covid test. I fear that this is just going to be the way of it for the foreseeable future and our google classrooms will be an invaluable way of continuing our provision for students who are isolating at home.

Fundraising

Thank you for all your support with our fundraising campaign for the Covid fund at our local Queen Elizabeth hospital. I am so proud of all of everyone in Year 9 and what they have achieved. Not only did they smash our target of a £1000 set by Mr Johnson but we were also rated as one of the top 10% of fundraising groups in the country, a super achievement!



Thank you Team QEH



102%

£1,025
raised of £1,000 target
by 86 supporters

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Fundraising for QEH King's Lynn Covid-19 Support Fund



QEH King's Lynn Covid-19 Support Fund
run by The Queen Elizabeth Hospital
King's Lynn Charitable Fund

Form Competition

After another term of lockdown it was great to see so many achievement points being awarded for the students hard work at home and also the positive way in which they returned for the last two and a half weeks. Well done to 9F1 and Mr Childs, you are definitely the form to beat!

Christmas					Easter				
	Form	Scores	Pupils	Mean Score		Form	Scores	Pupils	Mean Score
1st	9F1	1044	29	36.00	1st	9F1	1297	29	44.7
2nd	9S2	923	27	34.19	2nd	9B2	1157	27	42.9
3rd	9F2	876	26	33.69	3rd	9F2	1153	27	42.7
4th	9B2	866	26	33.31	4th	9S2	1148	27	42.5
5th	9O1	915	28	32.68	5th	9B1	1187	28	42.4
6th	9H1	820	27	30.37	6th	9O1	1176	28	42.0
7th	9S1	820	28	29.29	7th	9H1	1106	27	41.0
8th	9B1	815	28	29.11	8th	9O2	1067	27	39.5
9th	9O2	783	27	29.00	9th	9H2	1071	28	38.3
10th	9H2	735	28	26.25	10th	9S1	1069	29	36.9

Second Assessment window

The second assessment window is beginning for Year 9 students. Please see a copy below of the Assessment Schedule so that you can guide your child on what to revise and when, at home. The knowledge organisers will have most of what they need to know and staff will be preparing the students to achieve.

Subject	Topics to be tested	Dates of assessment
RE	Hinduism - practices and lifestyle (Information in the second term's KO)	Individual teachers will tell their groups - probably next week.
English	Structure as a concept, particularly in relation to Heroes (this term's text)	End of this week or early next week
Maths	Everything covered so far! Please see you emails for the detailed list!	22nd March and 19th April
Spanish	Module 4 (global issues) + a small amount from module 3 (healthy lifestyle)	W/c 19th April
Science	Cells, Health, Atoms and the periodic table, bonding, States of matter, density, energy plus some core questions from year 7 and 8. i have uploaded specific details to SMHW	W/c 12th April
History	Second World War and Holocaust	w/c 22nd March
Computer Science	Topic tests informally on Python	w/c 15th March and w/c 22nd March
Drama	Theatre of the absurd and Gothic theatre	w/c 22nd March
Food	British and International Cuisine	WC 12th April
PE	Warm up/Cool downs, Muscles - location/names, bones - location/names, joints - location/ names, types of movements, short term effects of exercise on the body systems (muscular-	W/C 12 April

	skeletal/cardio-respiratory), components of fitness, exercise intensities	
French	Small amount from Module 3 (music) and module 4 (at home)	W/C 19th April
Geography	Year 7/8 content (import/exports, ecosystems, weather/climate), map skills, year 9 content (glaciation/superpowers)	w/c 22nd March
Art	We will be testing students on PT1:the knowledge organiser information from the spring term with a Pt2 drawing assessment	W/C 19th April
Dance	Practical: rehearsing and collaborating, performing, developing motifs. Written: movement components and hypothetical choreography questions as on knowledge organiser	Theory: Tuesday 23rd March, Practical: Tuesday 20th April
DT	Textiles, natural and synthetic material	WC 12th April

Guided Pathways Programme

Now that we have our year group back with us we have finally been able to launch the guided pathways programme that leads to students deciding on the subjects that they will study for their GCSE's. Students have been placed on one of two pathways depending on their ability, further details can be found in the booklet and covering letter that will be given to students to discuss with you over Easter. Final decisions will be made once they return after Easter and after they have discussed their choices with their form tutors.

Cambridge University Programme



A fantastic well done to all of you who have participated in this programme over the last three years. The feedback from Cambridge University was that "the students have shown real commitment to Insight Discover over the last few years and completed some fantastic work. The school should be really proud."

Cambridge also produced the following graduation video as we couldn't all get together to praise them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Umq7rxkw5y4>

It has been a real privilege to work with such a wonderful group of our students. Well done all of you!

PE superstars rewarded

After such a long time at home our PE Dept were concerned about how active our Springwood students might have been, they need not have worried about Year 9! So many of you have kept active raising money for our Covid charity event that they had plenty of students to choose from. Well done all of you for impressing the PE Team!

Congratulations to this week's PE Stars of the Week!!

Year	Boys	Girls
Year 9	Alex Holford Finlay Hunter Will Cook Tom Manning Dominic Marray-Woods Isaac Kirk	Selena Garner Harriet Shorthouse Charlize Mana-ay Maddy Robinson Hannah Fysh Jessica Beck



Easter celebration assembly



Having spent so much time working remotely and relying on students to develop their own resilience and to be self-motivated enough to keep up to date with all the work set, it was a real pleasure to be able to reward so many of them for everything that they have achieved since Christmas. Throughout lockdown we have used a random name generator to pick out a student who had completed everything asked of them each week and award some Nando's vouchers. We finished the term in the same way and bought 50 Easter Eggs to try and reward as many students as we could. Whether you were lucky enough or not to win a prize, please remember we are very proud of you and what you have accomplished this year.

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

Top students aim for Oxbridge

Star students at Springwood High School in Kings Lynn are celebrating offers from Oxford and Cambridge. This year a record 11 pupils made it to the interview stage at the prestigious universities, and were five of those have received offers of places in the autumn.

Both Angharad and Lucy Henry have both been offered places at Keele College, Oxford, in read engineering and biology respectively.

while Ezra Numbado has an offer from Emmanuel College Cambridge to read maths, and both Norman hopes to study music at Newnham College, Cambridge.

Dorothy headteacher Jamie Watson-Lynn said: "Last year and the year before we carried two students to Oxbridge. This year we had 11 interviews, which is unprecedented, resulting in four offers.

"In the year group below, we have 60 plus students who are interested in Oxbridge Pathways, so the momentum being generated by seeing what other pupils achieve is fantastic."

Lucy, from Hunstanton, attended Sandringham High School before moving to Springwood for her A levels.

Both schools are part of the West Norfolk Academies Trust. Her place is conditional on her achieving grades of A*AA in her exams.

"The interviews were done remotely and before that the school gave us mock interviews, which were hugely helpful," she said.

Both Norman and Ezra Numbado are here their sights set on Cambridge. Pictures: Ian Burt

Josh, who lives in West Lynn, also made top grades for his place and said a career involving Formula One appealed.

Both, from Dickling, hopes her studies at Cambridge will lead to a career in music therapy, while Ezra is keeping his options open.

Ms Watson-Lynn said the school was incredibly proud of the students who had set themselves within teaching distance of places at establishments that attracted the world's finest minds.

"When younger students hear them talk like this, they see it really is an attainable possibility," he added.

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 events, hosted by the St Giles charity as part of its ongoing SCES Project, took place in November and December and received praise from many of the 254 attendees.

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 event to spread the message.

By the end of each webinar, delivered by those with first 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 in March and April. See www.digitaltrust.org.uk for more details.

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

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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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