



## Year 7 Newsletter May 2022

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 20<sup>th</sup> July and the last day of this school year is Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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



Mr Hobbs – Head of Year 7



Ms Craig – Year Manager

It is hard to believe that we will soon be entering our last half term before our fabulous Year 7's becomes Year 8's. This term we surveyed numbers of pupils attending after school clubs and it was great to see just how many of our students are rising to the challenge, going the extra mile and getting involved in a club to further their interests and enjoyment of a particular activity be it Drama, Dance, Rugby, Netball, Football, Languages or any of the many others on offer. This half term some of the clubs have changed, mainly in relation to sports clubs. Obviously, the activities played in summer are now on offer as opposed to winter sports. It is my belief that encouraging children to participate in extra-curricular activities, in or outside of school, enables them to develop many skills, not least teamwork and resilience, two skills that will stand them in good stead when it comes to life in general.

Students have recently been assessed in each of their subjects. This will provide their teachers with a clearer idea of how best to help them in the future. The behaviour in assessments has been impeccable. I have had many teachers feedback on just how wonderful your children are.

Over the next half term it is important that we do not let our standards slip. Please ensure your child is correctly equipped and wearing their uniform correctly with pride.

I wish you an enjoyable, restful and safe half term.

Mr Hobbs



## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION – OPEN TO UNDER 16's.

For further information please email:

[s.empson@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:s.empson@springwoodhighschool.co.uk)



# Photography Competition

To enter go to:  
[norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/gallery/photo-competition](http://norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/gallery/photo-competition)

## Celebrating 25 years of the Trinity Broads Partnership

Your photographs must be taken at the Trinity Broads. The closing date has been extended to 21 November 2021.

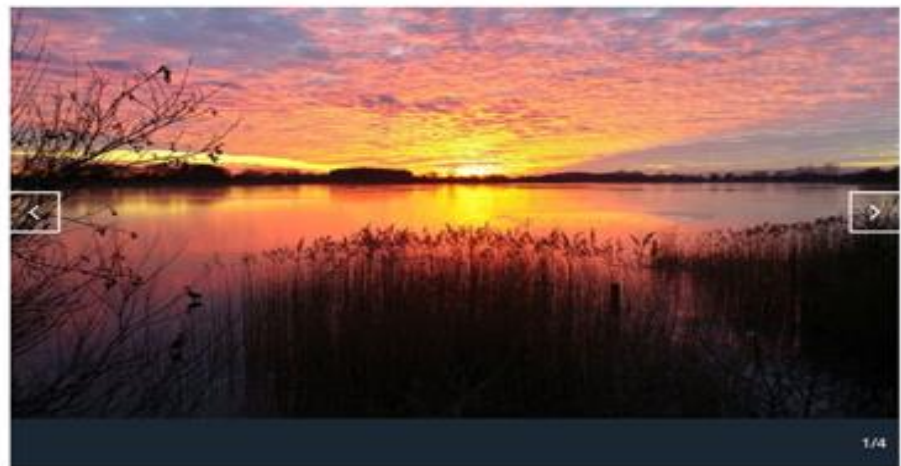
When submitting your entry please remember to include the following details:

1. Your name
2. Contact details
3. Which category and class you are entering

The top 100 photos will hopefully be exhibited at a special event in 2021 where the winners will be announced.

What could you win?

Prizes will include a meal and boat trip on Trinity Broads



Thank you to everyone who has entered our photo competition so far!

With the unprecedented situation in 2020 leading to the cancellation of the celebrations of the 25th anniversary of the Trinity Broads Partnership, we will be extending the photo competition to run next year as well, and hopefully running some of the events next year celebrating restoration and conservation work and the partnership's contribution to wildlife, landscape and the community.

The Trinity Broads are brilliant for wildlife and great places to explore. Help us celebrate them by entering an image from there to our photography competition. We are looking for photographs that capture:

- Trinity Broads - the seasons (set of 2 photos)
- Watery Wildlife of the Trinity Broads (1 photo)
- Living Water for people and wildlife (1 photo)

There are three classes for submission:

1. Open to all: camera photographs
2. Amateur photo taken on a mobile phone
3. Under 16 year olds





**We would like our Year 7s to think about how we can promote our local area.**

**This would involve students submitting something that could go on our school website, this might be photographs, art work, a write up of a particular area/feature of King's Lynn, or something else – maybe even record a short film!**

**A fantastic opportunity for our students to be creative and have their very own work displayed on our website.**

**INTERESTED? Please see Year 7 Office or Miss Ashfield.**



# Passport Of Participation



1. The extra curricular leader can sign before the session starts.

**Who can sign?**  
Club leaders, Form Tutors, HODs and Miss Jay!

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

**How can you earn points?**

- Attending extra curricular clubs at school.
- Completing tasks from your Knowledge Organisers.
- Going above and beyond!
  - Volunteering
  - Picking up after extra work created from what you learnt in lessons.

2. This is work created outside of lessons, such as mind maps and revision notes. Email Miss Jay pictures of your work or hand in it to the year office.  
[c.jay@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:c.jay@springwoodhighschool.co.uk)

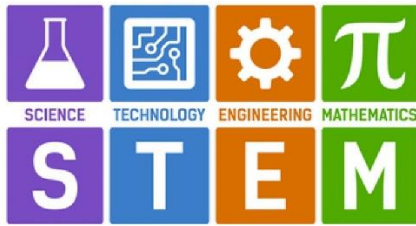
3. Events such as litter picking at lunch time, volunteering to help teachers or the school in any way.

If you go away from your lessons and create work from what you have learnt or been inspired by you can show your teacher to gain pop points.

*Please speak to Miss Jay (art department) with any questions about how to get involved and what you can do to participate.*

[c.jay@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:c.jay@springwoodhighschool.co.uk)





Our Year 7 STEM club members are currently taking part in a STEM and Art competition. They have been challenged to take a photo that shows the importance of nature, ecology or conservation.

This half term they have looked at how to take a good photo, the reason a diverse planet is important to us and had a session on photoshop. We also managed to squeeze in some microscopy and fingerprinting too.

The competition is open to all KS3 and we would love even more Year 7 students taking part. Details attached below. Please email submissions to Mrs Mann.

## THE COMPETITION

- Take a photograph relating to wildlife conservation / biodiversity
- Write a paragraph about the photo — how does it relate to the theme?
- Submit in-person or via Google Classroom





## The Extra Mile



Whilst it's easy to recognise and praise events in school, we are aware that we don't always get to hear about achievements that happen outside school.

We would love you to share any special accomplishments that your Year 7 child has achieved outside of school. This could be a regular activity that they participate in, events that they competed in, anything that they and you as parents are proud to share with us.

Please would you email:

[theextramile@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:theextramile@springwoodhighschool.co.uk)

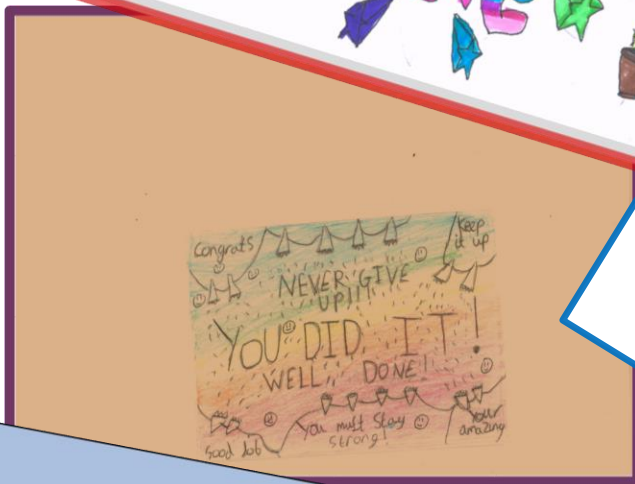
NOTE: Please add into your email if you would prefer us NOT to share this on our twitter page.

We look forward to hearing from you.

A MASSIVE thank you to all those parents who have responded. We have received some lovely photo's and write-ups about what your children are achieving outside of school by going..... **The Extra Mile!**



## Year 7 Postcard collection



Achievement Postcards for YEAR 7 - designed by our students.

How many have you collected for exceptional work?

Speak to your Form Tutor about ways to earn the set.





# West Norfolk Academies Trust

## Half Term Home Challenge



## CALLING ALL YOUNG WRITERS!

Could you write a story of no more than 500 words about the Queen's platinum Jubilee to win a set of commemorative coins?

We are looking for students in Years 5-7 across the West Norfolk Academies Trust to take part in our creative writing competition to celebrate the Queen's 70-year reign.

You can write your story about anything at all connected with the Jubilee.



## *How to Enter:*

Your story must include your **name, year group and school** and be presented as neatly as possible.

Entries can be sent to:

- [storycompetition@westnorfolkacademiustrust.co.uk](mailto:storycompetition@westnorfolkacademiustrust.co.uk) by the deadline.
- Stories can be handwritten and handed into the Year 7 office by the deadline.

**Entries should be submitted by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

The winners from each school will be decided by Lady Dannatt MBE; Lord Lieutenant (the Queen's representative) for Norfolk.





## Short story starting points

If you were King or Queen for the day, what would you do? How would you feel on your coronation day or Jubilee? How would you celebrate the day?

The Queen loves dogs and has many Corgis as pets. What would the Platinum Jubilee look like through their eyes?

Think about all the ways life has changed for people during the Queen's 70-year reign. Which do you think are the most important and why?

Thousands of years in the future, historians will look back on the long reign of Queen Elizabeth II – what will they say?

What would a Jubilee be like thousands of years in the future?  
Would it be on earth or in space? Would aliens be invited?

You are a Royal Mint designer and have been invited to Buckingham Palace to draw a picture of the Queen for a special Platinum Jubilee medal. What is like to meet her?

Street parties are a traditional way of celebrating a Jubilee. What would it be like if your street had a party for the Queen?

GOOD LUCK



Total Achievement points



28,456





We return  
to school on  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June

