



Message from Mr Johnson

We have had an AMAZING term at Springwood High school. The new intake of year 7 and year 12 students are truly wonderful and are fully embracing the Springwood culture, enjoying all that we have to offer. It was a privilege to meet the new year 7 parents and we all want the very best for their children.

Extra-curricular activities are so important at Springwood. It has been fantastic to see the large numbers of students enjoying the wide array of fantastic opportunities at lunchtime and after school. Many thanks to all the staff who give up their time to enable these amazing clubs to run.

Year 11 worked tirelessly for their pre public examinations (or "mock" examinations as we used to call them!). Fingers crossed that Year 11 is on track for another historic year of GCSE outcomes. Fulfilling careers and happy lives follow those students who make progress in academic examinations! Keep up the good work everyone!

The main school and Sixth Form open evenings were undoubtedly the busiest ever! It is always wonderful to meet prospective students and parents to showcase what our school has to offer. Our two weeks of daytime tours allowed students and parents to see the school in operation on a normal day. I was delighted to hear that those who attended the tours saw a happy and hard working school.

We have recently celebrated our annual STEM awards evening where there were approaching 500 awards! Ms Mann and her team provide outstanding STEM opportunities for our students. I was so proud of all of them achieving their awards!

Have a restful half-term

Best wishes.
Mr Johnson





Message from Head of Year

It has been wonderful welcoming back all of the amazing students for the start of their Year 8 journey. I am pleased to report that the Year group has picked up exactly where they left off, producing some inspiring work on a daily basis, and showing their true character with kindness, care, and positive attitudes all being displayed in abundance.

During this year, we will be asking our students in Year 8 to 'Expand your Mind'. Now they have settled in, shown us how well they can do the basic things, and risen to the challenge of the demands on transitioning to KS3, we once again are asking the students to push themselves even further. This comes in the form of encouragement to expand the greatness of their mind through intellectual curiosity both inside and outside of the classroom. This can include selecting more challenging books to read, with a strong focus on educational literature whilst not forgetting the fictional books that inspire our creativity. Expanding your mind can also be done by researching around the curriculum subjects to extend your knowledge beyond what is taught in the classroom. Of course, we must not forget how important attending the many extra-curricular clubs on offer at Springwood is to expanding the amazing minds of our young people.

I must mention how proud I am of all of the Year 8 students who recently attended the STEM awards evening. It fills me with joy to see not only Year 8 pupils receiving awards and certificates for their commitment to our incredible STEM provision, but to also see them going the extra mile to inspire their current and future selves to achieve greatness. A perfect example of expanding their minds!

I would also like to commend the Year group on their conduct on the recent Geography field trip to Happisburgh. The students were a credit to Springwood and were able to develop their practical knowledge of the subject in a way that can only be done outside of the classroom.

Turning our attention to next half term, I am looking forward to launching our 'ENDEAVOUR' programme with students. Endeavour lays out a series of challenges for students to achieve across the year, in a way that builds on Year 7's A HERO award, and enables students to achieve at Bronze, Silver or Gold level. I have no doubt the students will actively engage, and achieve in the way I so regularly, and proudly, see them do.

Many thanks

Mr Denton and Mrs Kempton





Attendance Message

School attendance continues to remain above national averages so far this year, despite us being hit by illnesses this half term, which is great news. Data shows year on year, that students who have good attendance do very well academically and socially.

It is important that if your child is not able to attend school that day that you phone the relevant year office, or email them, directly. Please do not wait for the alert to go out from the school. It is also important that if your child is ill for a couple of days that you continue to contact the school on a daily basis - we need to know how they are, and if the illness/symptoms change, as we occasionally need to make others within the school community aware.

If we do not see your child for a period of time then we are required, for safeguarding reasons, to make a home visit. Please can you ensure that you respond to the home visit when these are made. We cannot give you a time, and so if you are not in we will leave instructions to contact us, which you need to do when you see the card. If we have no answer after a couple of visits we then will ask someone external from the school to make that visit on our behalf. These visits are a requirement that all schools must undertake for students that they have not seen for a little while.

Whilst we understand children may have periods of genuine illness, we wish to share updated guidance from the NHS, which aims to reset expectations to pre-pandemic levels. It recognises that it has been a long time since these guidelines were shared, with mindsets which have understandably altered. With the increase in working from home, there is not necessarily the 'work pressure' to send children to school with minor ailments as it is more common to have adults in the home. The updated NHS guidance for the vast majority of illness and anxiety states that, unless your child has a significantly elevated temperature, they should be in school. The guidance can be found here: Is my child too ill for school? - NHS <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Thank you for your continued support in keeping your child's attendance high.



Year Office Contact Details

Year 8 Office, direct dial 24/7—01553 779405

Email Mr Denton, Head of Year 8—o.denton@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Email Mrs Kempton, Year 8 Manager—s.kempton@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Generic email—classof2028@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

School website—www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Attendance Information

What should I do if my child is unwell? – If your child is unwell, please call the Year 8 Office on 01553 779405 or email classof2028@springwoodhighschool.co.uk before 8.00am and give the specific reasons and symptoms of the illness. You will need to contact the office EVERY DAY that your child is off. The information you give will be recorded on our official register.

Leave of Absence – There may be exceptional circumstances where you need to request a leave of absence for your child. You will need to submit a “Leave of Absence Form.” These can be found on the school website or we have a paper copy in the office. This form needs handing into the Year 8 office. You will then receive a phone call, email or message saying if your request has been granted or denied.

Medical Appointments

If you need to collect your child for an appointment, please can you give the year office 24 hours’ notice of this appointment. We understand this may not always be possible for emergency appointments.

Year Group Key Dates

14th November – Y8 Tutor Evening

School Shop

You are now able to order ties from your MCAS app. If you click on Store you will see ties are available to buy for £7.95. They will be available to collect from the Finance/Admin office.



Dear Parent/Guardian

All homeworks for all subjects are now being put onto the my child at school app. You can now see what homework is being set and when it is due. Within 48 hours after the due date, the teacher will change the homework status to "received" for anyone who has completed their homework. If your child has not completed their homework, please encourage them to complete it or attend the support sessions that we run at school.

Year 8 are currently receiving weekly Maths and English and fortnightly science homework on sparx. After half term, they will also receive fortnightly homeworks from Geography, History and Languages.

The following homework support is available;

Maths

- Breaktimes and lunchtimes in b11
- Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in B11 3.30pm - 4.30pm

English

- Breaktimes in F12 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

All subjects

- Homework club in F10 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- LRC - before school, breaktimes, lunchtimes and after school

Achievement points will be awarded for completion of homework but more achievement points may also be awarded for meeting certain criteria.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly c.loizou@springwoodhighschool.co.uk





MyChildAtSchool has now replaced the SIMs ParentApp and ParentPay

Parents can access details about their child at school by using MyChildAtSchool. This can either be an app on your phone (available from Google Play and the Apple AppStore) or by going to <http://www.mychildatschool.com>

A basic user guide, along with other support materials can be found at:

<https://docs.bromcom.com/article-categories/for-parents/>

If you forget your password to MCAS please click on the Reset Password link on the App, or, using your web browser, go to www.mychildatschool.com and click on the Reset Password link. You must use the email address that you have given the school.

Should you experience any issues with your MCAS account please contact us for support via the following options:

Tel: 01553 773393

email: office@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

When emailing, please provide as much detail about your issue so we can make sure we allocate the right department. Please also provide your full name, school and return phone number.

Students

Your child will also have access to an app that they can log into on their phones (available from Google Play and Apple App Store - please search for Bromcom Student App). It can also be accessed via the webpage:

<https://www.bromcomvle.com/?schoolid=14633>



Sports Presentation – July 2024

Football Player of The Year – Olly N & Mabel D

Netball Player of The Year – Neha B

Rugby Player of The Year-Dominykas V

Cross Country Runner of the Year – Dominykas V

Rounders of The Year – Sofia I



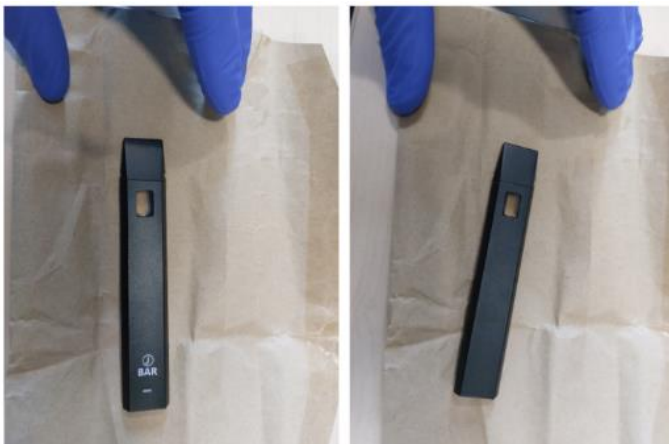
Sports Person of the Year Year 7 Winners

ROLL OF HONOUR	
Kaitlyn A	Dominykas V



Vape Assembly

On Tuesday 15th October, Year 8 students had an assembly with PC James Smith about the dangers of vaping.



The CE and UKCA mark means that the ingredients and chemicals inside the vape are fit for use and have been regulated.



- This vape was seized by trading standards in a raid at a shop in the UK
- It has all the right markings on it namely the CE and UKCA mark which is supposed to mean that the ingredients and chemicals inside the vape are fit for use and have been regulated.
- However this particular vape was examined by a forensics laboratory at the request of Trading Standards
 - It contained nicotine and the usual chemicals expected
 - But it also contained synthetic cannabinoids
 - And it contained a veterinary medicine called Xylazine used on cattle similar to ketamine!



STEM Evening



This half term we spent another delightful evening celebrating our STEM successes. The event welcomed students from Year 7 to Year 13 and their parents, as well as representatives from local STEM businesses, Palm Paper and Rolls Royce at RAF Marham. We congratulated students for participating in projects based around flight, space and robotics. Enjoyed projects designed for our own science fair and the Silver Crest Award. And handed out many certificates for completing the Bronze Crest Award.

A real highlight of the evening was hearing from our guest speaker Mark Richardson CEO of Ocado Intelligent Automation. Mark gave an inspiring talk about his career journey including roles in project management and procurement, created the first shopping website for Waitrose Supermarket and then joining Ocado as it was starting up in 2001. There he ran the technology department for ten years and joined the board as Chief Operating Officer for the next ten before becoming CEO of Ocado Intelligent Automation, which creates and sells advanced robotics to companies all around the world. We have no doubt that all in attendance left inspired, enriched and with lots to think about.





Bisexual Awareness

Elodie B in Year 8 wrote a piece about why it is important to recognise bi sexual awareness and raised the flag.

Bi-visibility is important because it raises awareness of the bisexual community and allows them to be proud of who they are.

Some bi people face effects of biphobia in their daily life, things such as being stereotyped and a general ignorance about bisexual people.

For example, Bisexual women can sometimes be viewed as straight, and bisexual men are sometimes seen as simply 'going through a phase' before coming out as gay.

It is these stereotypes that have made many in the bisexual community feel invisible. But it is important to remember, as Evan Racheal Wood once said: "Bisexuality doesn't mean halfway between gay or straight. It is its own identity."





Sparx Learning

Sparx Maths

Sparx Reader

Form	Maths		Reader	
	Completion %	Top Student	Completion %	Top student
8B1	39	Daisy	58	Angela
8B2	30	Elodie	58	Adam
8F1	31	Riley	64	Austin
8F2	29	Dominykas	52	Neha
8H1	29	Albert	54	Sophie
8H2	22	Charlie	49	Iwan
8O1	26	Abel	55	Amber
8O2	40	Keeley	77	Mya
8S1	36	Oliwia	62	Alexo
8S2	28	George	46	George

Kims Sparx Maths Mya D Neha Sparx Reader Anna S George M
 George M





Achievement Points

Whole Year Group Total



Students with the most achievement points this half term

William R	8O2	68
Chloe C	8O2	64
Kaitlyn A	8S1	63
Sharen S	8O1	58
Neve H	8S1	57
Sofia I	8B1	55
Christina R	8B1	55
Julija M	8F1	54
Samara Z	8H1	52
Freddy B	8O2	51





100% Attendance – 4th September – 24th October

Abel J	Florence H	Olivier W
Abia A	Freida S	Ollie G
Adam A	Gabriele P	Ollie H
Adrianna L	George M	Oskar Z
Aiden R	Hannah M	Patryk K
Aisha G R	Harris G	Persis S
Aleisha B	Harry D	Philippa M
Alexo N	Isaac B	Rasminta B
Amber B	Isabel B V G	Riley M
Anabella P	Isabel E	Ritika H
Andrei G	Isla-Mae H	Seren B
Angel M	Isobel C	Sharen S
Ting	Jemima H	Shreya P
Angelica R	Kadi P	Sofia I
Anna S	Kaitygrace G	Teddy A
Anthony L	Katie T	Thomas F-B
Benjamin J	Keeley T	
Brayden W	Kyla W	
Briseis B	Lacie L	
Chloe C	Libby B	
Corbyn G H	Libby P	
Abel J	Liepa L	
Dale D	Logan C	
Tyler R	Luka V	
Darcia H	Luna M	
Darcie R	Marley B	
David C	Martha M	
Eleanor K	Mary S-Z	
Elisabeth C	Matty T	
Ella T	Mazie R	
Ellie M	Mihai F	
Ellie-Mai N	Milanija Z	
Emelia C	Naledi M	
Erikas F	Nancy Y	
Evie S	Neha B	
Farley W	Oliver S	
Finley G	Olivia C	
Dale D	Tyler P	



Extra-Curricular Activities – Year 8

Monday

Lunchtime:

Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11

Kingsmen - Miss Ashby - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU1

Keyboard Club (all abilities) - Mr Howell - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU3

After School:

Sinfonia (strings grade 2+) - Mrs Sargent - 15:30 to 16:30 - MU1

Tuesday

Lunchtime:

Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11

Senior Woodwind (grades 3+ flute/clarinet/bassoon) - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU1

Junior Woodwind (grades 1-3 woodwind) - Mrs Garford - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU2

Music Theory (all abilities) - Mr Howell - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU3

After School:

Maths Club - Miss Agius/Miss McEvoy/Miss Yeldham - 15:30 to 16:30 - B8/B11

Cantabene (years 8+) - Miss Ashby - 15:30 to 16:30 - Sixth Form Hub

'Joseph' Small Groups - Mr Norman/Mr Quinn - 15:30 to 16:30 - MU1

Wednesday

Lunchtime:

Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11

Environmental Club - Mrs Munns - 12:40 to 13:20 - BL1

Languages Games Club - Miss Andrews/Miss Skipper/Mr Fernandez - 12:40 to 13:20 - F4

Kingsmen - Miss Ashby - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU1

Percussion Ensemble (percussion/drumming) - Mr Westbrook - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU2/MU5

After School:

Maths Club - Miss Agius/Miss McEvoy/Miss Yeldham - 15:30 to 16:30 - B8/B11

Transition Strings (years 7&8, up to grade 2) - Mr Quinn/Mrs Sargent - 15:45 to 16:45 – Sixth Form Hub

Transition Band (years 7&8, up to grade 2 Wind/Brass/Percussion) - Miss Ashby/Mr Wilson - 15:45 to 16:45 - MU1

Soul Band (by invitation) - Mr Norman/Mr Cuss - 15:30 to 16:30 - MU2

Cooking Club (week 1) - Miss Hoare - 15:30 to 16:30 - T5

Photography Club - Miss Garner - 15:40 to 16:40 - B12

STEM Club - Mrs Mann/Miss Colley - 15:30 to 16:30 - JL11

Dance Club - Mrs Paulo - 15:30 to 16:30 - West Gym

Boys Rugby - Mr Denton - 15:25 to 16:30 - Field

Girls Netball - Mrs Sutherland - 15:25 to 16:30 – Astro



Thursday

Lunchtime:

Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11

Brass Ensemble (brass grade 2+) - Mr Maddison - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU2

After School:

Maths Club - Miss Agius/Miss McEvoy/Miss Yeldham - 15:30 to 16:30 - B8/B11

History Club - Mr Harrison - 15:30 to 16:30 - S7

Concert Band (wind/brass/strings/percussion grade 3+) - Mr Norman/Mr Quinn - 15:30 to 17:00 -

Sixth Form Hub

Rock Club (beginner guitar/bass/drums/vocals) - Mr Benefer - 15:30 to 16:30 - MU2

Basketball - Mr Singh - 15:25 to 16:30 - East Gym

Boys Football - Mr Donovan - 15:25 - 16:30 - Field

Girls Football - Mr Baxter - 15:25 to 16:30 - Field

Friday

Lunchtime:

Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11

Guitar Group - Mr Maddison - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU1

Sax Choir (by invitation) - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU2

After School:

Big Band (by invitation) - 15:30 to 16:30 - Sixth Form Hub

'Joseph' Full Cast - Mr Norman/Mr Quinn/Mr Burt - 15:30 to 17:00 - MU1

Girls Rugby - Mr Singh - 15:25 to 16:30 - Field





Music/Drama Events Calendar 2024-2025

Autumn Term

Date	Event	Venue	Ticket Prices	Time(s)	Groups Involved (Provisional)
Thursday 17th Oct '24	WNAT Piano Recital	Recital Room (Mu1) Springwood High School	£2.00 Under 18's Free	6.00pm	Piano Solos and Duets from across all Trust Schools (All levels)
Wednesday 23rd Oct '24	House Music Competition	PHH	All tickets £3	6.30pm	
Wednesday 13th Nov '24	Autumn Recital Evening	Recital Room (Mu1) Springwood High School	£2.00 Under 18's Free	6.00pm	Soloists and Small Ensembles from Springwood High School
Wednesday 11th Dec '24	WNAT Christmas Carol Service	St Nicholas' Chapel	Free (with retiring collection)	6.00pm	c.40 members of Cantabene WNAT cross-trust Orchestra
Thursday 19th Dec '24	Springwood Christmas Concert	PHH, Springwood High School	Adults £5 Under 18s £3 Under 5 years free*	6.30pm	Big Band Cantabene Concert Band Sinfonia Kingsmen Joseph Preview Year 7 Choir Year 9 Rock Band Walkmen

* Under 5s Free of Charge if do not require own seat (i.e. able to sit on parents' lap)

For Ticket Sales nearer the event date please visit

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/springwood-high-school-music-department>



School Term Dates 24/25

	First Day of Term	Last Day of Term
Autumn 1st Half Term	Wednesday 4th September 2024 Years 7 and 12 Only Return to School Thursday 5th September 2024 Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 Return to School	Thursday 24th October 2024
Autumn 2nd Half Term	Monday 4th November 2024	Friday 20th December 2024
Spring 1st Half Term	Tuesday 7th January 2025	Friday 14th February 2025
Spring 2nd Half Term	Monday 24th February 2025	Friday 4th April 2025
Summer 1st Half Term	Wednesday 23rd April 2025	Friday 23rd May 2025
Summer 2nd Half Term	Monday 2nd June 2025	Tuesday 22nd July 2025



	First Day of the Holiday	Last Day of the Holiday
Autumn Half Term Holiday	Monday 28th October 2024	Friday 1st November 2024
Christmas Holiday	Monday 23rd December	Friday 3rd January 2025
Spring Half Term Holiday	Monday 17th February 2025	Friday 21st February 2025
Easter Holiday	Monday 7th April 2025	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Summer Half Term Holiday	Monday 26th May 2025	Friday 30th May 2025
First day of Summer Leave	Wednesday 23rd July 2025	

Training Days

Monday 2 September and Tuesday 3 September 2024
Friday 25 October 2024
Monday 6 January 2025

Bank Holiday

5th May 2025



We have now moved over to Bromcom for all student data and correspondence. If you have not signed up or experiencing difficulties, please go onto the school website and click the Bromcom tab. There are instructions for logging in and an email address for further help.

Useful Email Addresses

Email Mr Denton, Head of Year 8—o.denton@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Email Mrs Kempton, Year 8 Manager—s.kempton@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Generic email—classof2028@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Latest News



For all the very latest Springwood School news please follow @SHSKingsLynn

For all the latest Sport & PE news please follow @SHSS_PE



Equipment Checklist

All students should have the following with them every day –

School bag, Knowledge Organiser, Pencil Case (Pens x 2, Red pen, Pencil x 2, Ruler, Calculator, Rubber)

Failure to have the correct equipment after being reminded once will result in a 2-week EQUIPMENT REPORT.

All students need to be prepared daily.

THANK YOU





School Uniform & Sports Kit Checklist

*Blazer

White, stiff collar school shirt

*House colour school tie

**Plain black tailored trousers

*School skirt

*School shorts

*School jumper

Plain black tights or plain black socks that must at least cover the whole ankle
(Trainer socks, and footless tights or leggings are not allowed)

Plain black (leather or leather-like) shoes

(no boots, black trainers, stilettos, ballet pumps, sling backs or toeless)

Plain coat (no logos or other markings) long enough to cover blazer properly

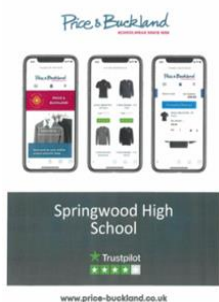
PE KIT

Items marked * can only be bought through the school website from Price & Buckland

**Trousers deemed appropriate by Springwood High School are available for purchase via our website. School trousers can be purchased from other suppliers. However, if the trousers worn by a student are considered unsuitable or inappropriate and a suitable alternative cannot be sourced from elsewhere, parents/carers will be directed to buy the trousers we have available through our website. The school reserves the right to make the final decision on the suitability and/or appropriateness of the school trousers worn by Springwood students.

To view your online shop visit:

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/springwoodhigh>





The PTFA got straight back to business after the Summer break and already has a number of exciting events and new ideas in the planning pipeline.

Our first meeting of the new academic year was held on 11th September and our Annual General Meeting (AGM) took place on Wednesday 9th October. You can read the minutes of both meetings (including the AGM Chairperson's and Treasurer's reports) on the school website or via the links below:

[11th September Meeting Minutes](#)

[9th October AGM Minutes](#)

Our information on the Springwood website has recently had a revamp and on September 28th we launched a dedicated Facebook page ([Springwood High School PTFA](#)) where we'll keep you all up-to-date with events and fundraising activities for the students and school. To date we have approximately 55 followers. Please give us a 'like' and a 'follow' and feel free to spread the word.

Our first event of the new school year was on Sunday 13th October selling refreshments at the year 6 specialist arts auditions.

Upcoming events include:

Year 7 Halloween Disco (fancy dress optional) – Thursday 24th October

Sixth Form Bingo Event – Thursday 7th November

Christmas Craft Fair – Wednesday 4th December. We're still on the lookout for stall holders.

Full details of all events can be found on the Springwood High School website and our Facebook page. Note the Bingo is a bookable event and books (5 games)/strips will be available to purchase in advance via Ticket source on the school website.

And finally, we are always on the lookout for new members..... All parents, teachers and school staff can get involved even if they only have a small amount of time available. We are particularly on the lookout for 'helping hands' at events and we would be very grateful for your help. To get in touch, please email ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk. We would love to hear from you.