



### **Message from Mr Johnson**

I hope you are all feeling festive and looking forward to the Christmas break. Although November has been wet and cold, I definitely sense the Christmas spirit is with us now! As ever, the second part of the Autumn term is one of the most productive of the year. It is good to pause and reflect on the significant achievements this term. First and foremost, our students from all year groups have been working hard in lessons and learning so much. Furthermore, so many students have been taking part and enjoying our exemplary extra-curricular programme.

The Art exhibition, held over several weeks at the Guildhall, showcased the outstanding work of our GCSE and A level students. I was incredibly proud to show the Mayor of King's Lynn, Paul Bland (also a long serving Springwood Governor) around the exhibition to see the high quality work produced. Conversely, the STEM Christmas lectures provided an opportunity for students interested in the world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics to hear first hand the exciting and diverse career opportunities available in these areas too.

It was a privilege to meet and talk with year 7, 8, 9 & 10 parents at the tutor evenings this term. The feedback I received was incredibly positive indeed. Our tutors and year leaders work tirelessly to support your children and it is great to see that this is appreciated by parents.

Every year we remember those who have defended our freedom on Remembrance Day. Our year 7 students showed great maturity in paying their respects, and in how they conducted themselves during the outdoor service. It was wonderful to see all of our students involved in any form of uniformed service wearing their uniforms for the day and taking part in the parade. Similarly, I attended the Air Cadets annual award ceremony at the Town Hall where many of our students enjoy the excellent opportunities provided.

As I write this, I have both the Trust Carol Concert and the Springwood Christmas concert to look forward to. As ever I am sure that all those who attend will have a fantastically festive experience. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!





### **Message from Head of Year**

We have had a jam packed half term in the lead up to Christmas. I am delighted to say that nearly every student in Year 11 has now made an application to a post 16 provider and over 150 students have already had a place offered to them. This will continue to rise as more interviews take place and students are able to show what wonderful additions they would be to any course. I am particularly pleased that a large number of our students are keen to stay at Springwood. I hope that as a result of these interviews and offers students will be inspired to continue to work toward the outcomes they need in the summer.

Our Head students and other wonderful Yr11 representatives have been out in force, supporting the school with parent events, concerts and the wonderful PTFA Christmas Fair. As well as working hard on our school councils, we are extremely grateful for the time they have given up to help show our community what a wonderful year group they are. It has also been fantastic to hear the feedback from staff on how well they have represented the school.

Highlights for me have included joining the students that took part in the Mock Bar competition with our Yr12, hearing the rehearsals for our Christmas show and Carol service, our STEM lectures and speaking to parents and students following the PPE assessments. These conversations followed a mock result day that had an incredible atmosphere that made our Year team so proud.

I am struck that even with so much going on, our students continue to make the most of the opportunities on offer. This is reflected in the increasing number of students attending after school revision sessions and completing their Sparx and Tassomai homework every week. It is also good to see students making use of the Mindfulness sessions on offer. Each week I have the pleasure, in assembly, of rewarding their efforts and the huge variety of students being called out shows the number of them stepping up to the challenge we have set.

I look forward to welcoming you again in January to our subject information evening, of which you will find details within the newsletter.

Until then may we wish you a restful and joyous Christmas Break.

Mrs Mann





## **Attendance**

We have had another good half term with attendance in year groups across the school. A number of students have also been involved with attendance challenges this term and we are delighted to see so many successes with children improving their attendance. In addition to this over 440 students still have 100% attendance, with many more just having a single day or session off this term. For attendance purposes your child needs to be in school at 08:50 and 13:25 to collect their morning and afternoon registrations respectively, so if you do have to take your child for a medical appointment, please try to work around these times if at all possible.

With the onset of Winter, we are now seeing a rise in students off school with bugs. If they have a high temperature or sickness then please keep them at home until it has returned to normal. For colds, your child can attend school. If you need to send in any paracetamol or other medication, please leave this with the year office - the year manager will contact you before any medication is given to your child.

Finally, we would like to introduce you to Wren, our newest member of the attendance team. She will be visiting the school on certain days from January to support students in well-being and attendance. Students may be invited to spend time with her.



We realise that some students may not wish to meet her, for whatever reason. If you would not like your child to meet with Wren, please complete the following form electronically:

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We hope you have an enjoyable holiday and look forward to seeing everyone again on Tuesday 7th January 2025.



### Year Office Contact Details

Year 11 Office direct dial 24/7 – 01553 779408

Year 11 Email – [classof2025@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:classof2025@springwoodhighschool.co.uk)

Head of Year – Mrs V Mann – [v.mann@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:v.mann@springwoodhighschool.co.uk)

Year 11 Manager – Mrs A Rawlinson – [a.rawlinson@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:a.rawlinson@springwoodhighschool.co.uk)

School Website [www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk](http://www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk)

### Attendance Information

**What should I do if my child is unwell?** – If your child is unwell, please call the Year 11 Office on 01553 779408 or email [classof2025@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:classof2025@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 11 office. You will then receive a phone call, email or MCAS message stating if your request has been granted or denied.

### Year Group Key Dates

Return to School ~ 7th January  
Subject Information Evening ~ 16th January  
Quiz and Chips Night ~ 24th January  
PPE's ~ 3rd February - 14th February  
Break up for Half Term ~ 14th February

### Social Media

For all the latest Springwood news, please follow @SHSkingsslynn

For everything Sports & PE, please follow @SHSPE







MyChildAtSchool has replaced the ParentApp and ParentPay

Parents can access details about their child at school by using MyChildAtSchool. This can either be an app or your phone or by going to [www.mychildatschool.com](http://www.mychildatschool.com)

Your child can access the student portal by using the Bromcom Student App on their phone, and can also be accessed by going to [www.bromcomvle.com/?schoolid=14633](http://www.bromcomvle.com/?schoolid=14633)

These apps are both available from Google Play and the Apple AppStore. 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 please click on the Reset Password link on the App, or, using your web browser, go to the relevant website 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 or Bromcom Student account please contact us for support via the following options:

Tel: 01553 773393

email: [office@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto: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.

### **School Ties**

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.



## Subject Information Evening

We would like to invite parents/guardians and students along to our subject information evening on **Thursday 16th January 2025**.

We will provide you with key information regarding the core subjects as well as the opportunity to speak to the leads of our option subjects. Our aim is to ensure you have all the necessary information to support your child with their revision and learning in the run up to the February PPE's and summer exams. This will include detailing after school support available, revision guidance and details, homework and subject expectations. You will also have the opportunities to ask about course requirements and coursework if this is applicable to your child.

We are running two sessions;  
5.00pm to 6.15pm and 6.15pm to 7.00pm.  
Sessions will be held in the Sixth form hub.

To book tickets, please use the link or QR code below.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/springwoodhighschool/e-zvvxja>





## Sport



The year 11 girls netball team took part in the West Norfolk Netball tournament. We played a round robin tournament and won every game. This meant we got through to the next round of the tournament. Every player on the team pushed themselves to the limit and gave everything they had. The night was full of challenging games but we worked together as a team with limited players achieving the end result of coming 1st place in the tournament. It was a fun evening with a great end result.

- Megan A

Earlier this term, me and the boys experienced a 1-0 loss against Heathersett. I think we all put in a great shift but unfortunately we did not leave with the result we hoped for. The game was not easy, it was a great challenge for us. Sadly towards the end we conceded and we were gutted to say the least.

- Nathaniel S-P



This term, Springwood took a combined year 10/11 rugby team to Norwich Rugby club for the girls rugby county cup. Some of the games were challenging but others were easy. Unfortunately we didn't get the result we wanted at the end but we all had a good time.

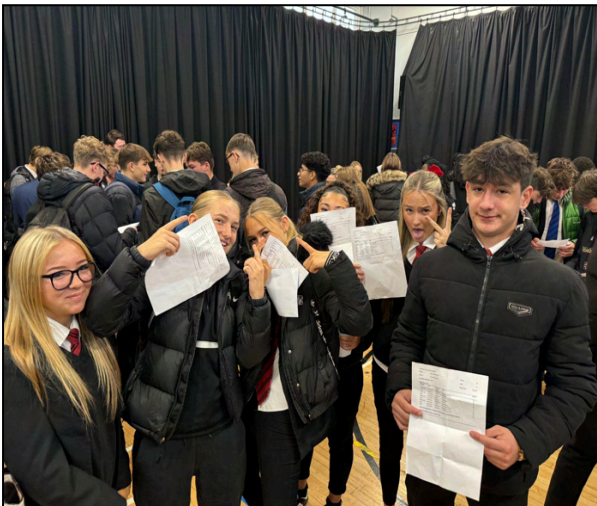
- Fearne R





## **Mock Results Day**

All students have recently received their mock exam results. These results are an important part of their journey, providing both students and teachers with valuable insights into their progress and areas for improvement as we approach the final exams. We encourage students to reflect on their performance, celebrate their successes, and identify any areas where additional focus may be needed. Since receiving their results, it's been a time of mixed emotions, and we are committed to helping every student stay motivated and on track for success.







## December Newsletter



### Trust Maths Lecture

Recently, Springwood High School hosted the wonderful A Level Maths taster day. At this event there were many trust schools, which allowed the students to bond, preparing them for sixth form. All of the schools were carefully spread out to ensure everyone has the opportunity to make new friends. For me, the best aspect was the interactive lectures; the lectures allowed students to be engaged in typically troublesome problems. After the session, everyone left feeling confident in Maths and many students were even convinced to study A-Level maths.

- Ava M



### Autumn Recital

Every November Springwood's music department hosts an autumn term recital. This is a brilliant opportunity for young musicians at the school to showcase what they've been working on. Some of the highlights were for Ethan's brilliant piano recital of a grade 8 standard piece, Benas and his Jazz piece, this blew parents and teachers away alike. I'm sure it will go down as one of the best autumn recitals to date.

- Bramley P







## Pen, Pencil and Ruler

We have continued to celebrate excellent work in the core subjects. This half term has seen us give out plenty of Pencil cases of glory. These are awarded to students who have been highlighted for their efforts in English, Maths and Science. A huge well done to these students!

James C Lily E Josef F

Lacie G Alex G Niamh H

Lin H Lleyton H Aritra K

Josh R Alona R Abel S

Nigel S Ruby S Ty S

Joud A Melody A Lily B

Molly C Poppy H Oscar I

Jake M Gabija M Ese O

Purity Rose O Gabija P Thomas S

James S Ethan S





## **Remembrance Day Service**



The annual remembrance parade at Springwood high school took place a few weeks ago. It involved marching down to the roundabout receiving a talk from the Padre and then doing a minute's silence. We do this to commemorate the sacrifice the brave men and women made during the first and second world war. The Air cadets, Army cadets, Sea cadets, Police cadets, Fire cadets, St John's Ambulance cadets and scouts were all involved.

- George R and Tomin L

## **Anti Bullying Conference**

On the 14th November, I went to an anti-bullying conference meeting with the Youth Advisory Board in Thetford, we had to attend meetings and during them we heard stories of some people who experienced bullying. This involved the police speaking to us, they talked to us about how to wipe out bullying and I learned a lot there.



So we had lunch and then we did activities, so me and 4 other people made a poster to wipe out bullying e.g physical like hitting and kicking, mentally and psychologically.

Then I heard a story of this man, his name was Jordan, about his story on bullying, so he was in foster care when he was two years old until he was eight years old and last year, he was diagnosed with autism, he also produced a film which he will premiere on January next year, it will be at the cinema in town and I'm going to that. Finally I got a goody bag, it had a wristband, a badge, a keyring and 2 bars of chocolate, and I'm not gonna lie, it was really good.

- Nick LT



## **Careers and Post 16**

### **Mock Trials Competition**

A handful of Year 11 students, along with Year 12's recently took part in the mock trials competition. Students were given two specially written cases so they can try the law against their peers in the courthouse. This competition has given students a chance to build on skills, such as critical analysis, public speaking and teamwork. Chloe has written a court report to share, giving you an insight into what they've been working on.



#### **'Respected' Athlete convicted for the possession of performance enhancing drugs.**

*Professional athlete, Vim Speed, received a guilty verdict for the possession of Class B drugs under the Misuse of Drugs Act of 1971.*

*On the 1st of September, Mr Speed was met with security at the entrance of the Velodrome Arena, where he was revealed to have had a Class B drug. Speed claimed these drugs were owned by his former teammate: Ash Morgan; and was reportedly going to 'hand them in to the authorities'.*

*The prosecution barristers claimed Vim Speed was in possession of these Performance Enhancing Drugs out of desperation due to his 'disadvantaged background'. Conversely, Speed claims he discovered the drugs at the athlete's shared accommodation in Ash Morgan's locker and would never jeopardise his career; Vim described it as a 'suspicious' package wrapped in cling film.*

*The security guard reported that Speed never mentioned the police and questioned his intent with the drugs. However, PC Mayflower outlined that they carried out a drug test on the athlete, Vim Speed, and received negative results.*

*In response Ash Morgan, who was described as Speed's rival at the time, shared that he had no evidence to accuse Speed of using the drugs, only 'suspicions'.*

*The prosecution used their rivalry to claim that Vim used this as a perfect motive to plant the Class B drug. Morgan was reportedly a part of the Anti Drug Committee and claimed he is extremely against PED's. However, Morgan is known to have had a reputation for alcohol abuse.*

*After both, Prosecution and Defence, concluded the trial with their closing statements the Judge allowed five minutes for the Jury to decide Vim Speed's verdict. As a result, the Jury revealed that Speed was guilty of the possession of Class B Performance Enhancing Drugs.*

- Chloe Z M





## **STEM Christmas Lectures**



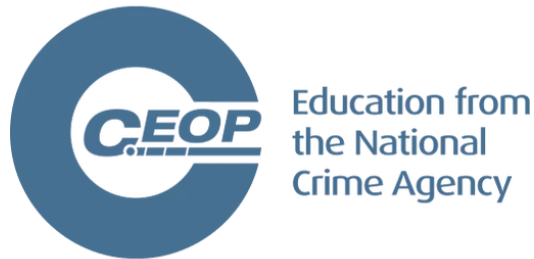
We were delighted to again have students attend our annual STEM Christmas lecture to hear about the diverse range of careers and opportunities in STEM. This year we were very fortunate to have speakers in the fields of ecology and chemical engineering. We would like to give a massive thank you to Martin Tooley and Tom Parks for joining us. The lectures were for all students from Yr7-Yr13 and their parents. With nearly 100 people in attendance it was a wonderful evening.

"I had the great opportunity of attending the STEM lectures on the 3rd December. The two lecturers had established careers in chemical engineering and conservation. Both gave incredibly in-depth talks about their respective fields. Each one of their topics had its feet in the GCSE and A-level courses, this allowed a great introduction to these sciences and careers available to the vast amount of students who attended." - Jaxon W

## **University Talk**

Year 11 students received an inspiring talk from Ayosola Odunlami at Anglia Ruskin University highlighting the opportunities available to them after finishing school. Focusing on the various courses, life on campus, and the long-term benefits of higher education, Ayosola also shared personal stories and experiences. The aim is to motivate students to explore their passions and consider the possibilities that university can offer. This talk was a fantastic chance for students to learn about the exciting paths that await them after leaving Springwood, and we hope it will spark their curiosity and help them think about their future goals with enthusiasm and confidence.





### **A message from Norfolk Police**

In light of the fact it is nearly Christmas and many children may receive mobile phones or other devices that can access the internet, CEOP Education are running a #SaferByChristmas campaign, offering advice on internet safety. Their 12 day countdown started on Monday 9th December and each day for the following 12 days, they are posting snippets of practical advice for parents and carers about keeping children safe online. We encourage parents and students to explore this resource.

Please follow CEOP Education on 'X' (@CEOPEducation) and Facebook (search and follow "CEOP Education").

### **UCL Horizons Award**



Melody A  
Rory D  
Emma L  
Harvey B  
Joud A  
Archie H



We are delighted to recognise the hard work of all the students mentioned above in completing this independent course run by the University College London. The course aimed to inspire students and raise the profile of studying at University.





## Young Writers Competition

**The Rotary Club  
Young Writers Competition**

Students are invited to submit a piece of fiction, non-fiction or a poem on this year's theme: 'Wonderful Water'

Submissions should be no more than 550 words for prose or 40 lines for poetry linked to the theme of 'wonderful water' in any way.

There are two age categories: 'intermediate: 11-13' and 'senior: 14-17' plus an additional award for 'best handwriting'.

Please collect an entry form from your English teacher, Miss Elvin (H3) or the Year 11 office and return with your submission to Miss Elvin in H3 or the Year 11 office or email to:  
[n.elvin@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:n.elvin@springwoodhighschool.co.uk)  
All entries MUST be received by Friday 7th February.

## Mayor's Home Reception

Recently, I was fortunate enough to express myself through playing piano as background music for the Mayor's home reception in the Assembly room at the Town Hall. I believe I set a good atmosphere for the two hour duration I was there for. It was definitely a pleasure to play in such a grand and formal setting for the first time and I felt rewarded for all the practice I'd put in at home.

- Ethan S





## Christmas Fair



Along with the Year team we had to come up with an idea for a stall for the annual Christmas fair. When setting up the stall, we were faced with many problems - what should we name it? What prizes will we give? After many grueling hours of planning, we decided on setting up a 'Snowball Shy'. We did this by creating many podiums with balls (disguised as snowballs) placed on top and having smaller 'snowballs' to knock the balls down with. Shortly after setting up the stall, we had a huge rush of interest. There were many children forming an ever-growing queue! Due to this we ran out of all our prizes. The evening as a whole, raised over £1200 with the help of the incredible PTFA!

- Ava M





### Trust Christmas Carol Service

A Christmas Carol, a truly magical night. I was asked to do a reading at the service. I thought the night was well organised and full of festive cheer. Truly, a lovely Christmas event worth attending.

- Oscar I

## *The 12 Signatures of Christmas*

To help ensure that students continue to get the praise and recognition they deserve for their hard work we have been running a '12 signatures of Christmas' competition.

Students have collected signatures from teachers across the school in lessons where they have gone above and beyond the teachers expectations. All completed signature cards then went into a raffle that was drawn on the last day of the term.

Well done to...

#### **1st Prize**

Amelie J

#### **2nd Prize**

Lily B

#### **3rd Prize**

Jesil J





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## Design and Technology - Day Of Make

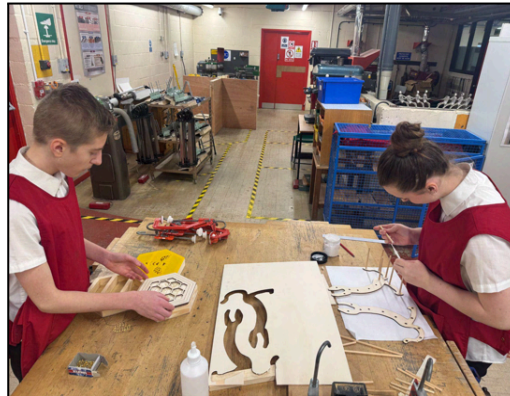


Congratulations to all Year 11 3D design students who all participated in the exam practical last week.

Students have been working on their coursework since Easter, designing and developing ideas for their final make.

Ideas range from furniture design, jewellery and fashion garments. The day was very successful with lots of innovative and creative work.

- Miss Markwell





## **Homeworks and Well done!**

Each week we recognise and reward a wide range of students who have attended after school support sessions to boost their outcomes, or have invested time in the homework set by our core subjects. We are delighted that students continue to take ownership of their learning and invest time outside of lessons to improve. Here is a small selection of some of the students who have received praise this half term.

### **Tassomai**

- Megan A
- Dominik Z
  - Ruby S
  - Leena M
  - Sara M
- Shannen H
  - Melody A
  - Chloe SC
  - Archie H
  - Ramin S
  - Ruby S
- Danny HC
  - Marika C
  - Joanna P
  - Lacey F
  - Ellyza L
  - Josh R
  - Rokas Z
  - Leena M
  - Jaxon W
  - Sophie G
  - Josef F
  - Ruby Sk
  - Zakk G
- Alexander G
  - Rokas Z

### **Uplearn**

- Leena M
- Agnete S



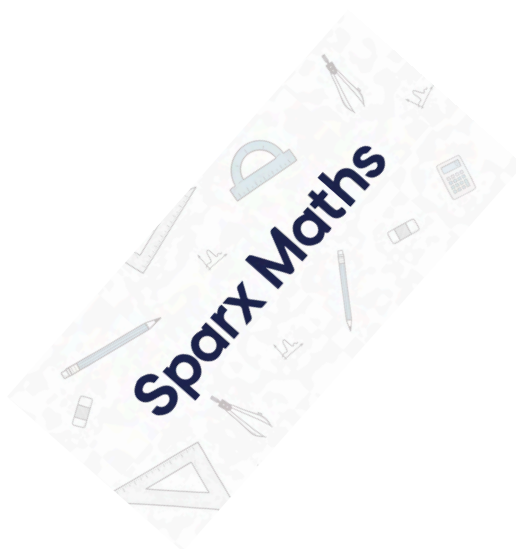




- Sarah K
- Poppy H
- Nathaniel SP

### **SPARX Form Winners**

- Emily D
- Zoe C
- Michal W
- Hette K
- Nathan M
- Rokas Z
- Alfie Con
- Ethan S
- Kornelija C
- Lois B
- Emily D
- Emma N
- Michal W
- Iris D
- Nathan M
- Harvey B
- Rionne E
- Ethan S
- Imogen M



Sparx Maths

### **Year 11 Maths sparx champion of the Month**



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### Spring Term 2025

Date	Event	Venue	Ticket Prices	Time(s)	Groups Involved (Provisional)
Tuesday 28th Jan '25	Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat ('semi-staged' Musical) – <i>with live band</i>	PHH, Springwood High School.	Adults £8 Under 18s £5 Under 5 years free*	6.30pm	
Wednesday 29th Jan '25	Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat ('semi-staged' Musical) – <i>with live band</i>	PHH, Springwood High School.	Adults £8 Under 18s £5 Under 5 years free*	6.30pm	
Thursday 6th Feb '25	WNAT Vocal Evening	Drama Studio, Springwood High School	Free (with retiring collection)	6.00pm	Cross Trust Vocal Solos, Duets, Trios and choirs (all styles and genres)
Monday 10th Feb '25	The 39 Steps	Drama Studio, Springwood High School	tbc	7.00pm	Drama Theatrical Production
Tuesday 11th Feb '25	The 39 Steps	Drama Studio, Springwood High School	tbc	7.00pm	Drama Theatrical Production
Wednesday 12th Feb '25	The 39 Steps	Drama Studio, Springwood High School	tbc	7.00pm	Drama Theatrical Production
Thursday 13th Feb '25	Rock and Pop Evening ( <i>Battle of the Bands</i> )	Drama Studio, Springwood High School	Free (with retiring collection)	6.00pm	Cross Trust Rock and Pop Bands and Performers including voices with guitar etc.



Our new dedicated Facebook page ([Springwood High School PTFA](#)) has been running since September and we now have 61 Followers, but we would love more. Please give us a 'like' and a 'follow' and feel free to spread the word. It's the official place to keep you up-to-date with events and fundraising activities for the students and school.

It has been a busy first term for the PTFA where we have supported the following school events:

- Year 6 Specialist Arts Admission Auditions – 13 October
- Careers Evening – 22 October
- Year 7 Halloween Disco – 24 October
- 6<sup>th</sup> Form Bingo – 7 November
- Christmas Craft Fair – 4 December
- Community Carol Service – 11 December
- Year 8 Christmas Disco - 18 December



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One of the biggest events of our PTFA calendar was the annual Christmas Craft Fair at the beginning of December and this raised a spectacular £1000 for the school. Bigger and better than last year, we had 32 stalls from local businesses with a large number of Springwood students running activities including facepainting and festive games. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event and a special thank you to those local businesses who kindly donated raffle prizes. This included:

- Majestic Cinema
- Philip Tuck Window Cleaning
- Timbos Car Wash
- Javik Lazer Engraving
- Kinks Hairdressing
- Asda, South Wootton
- Reffley, One Stop
- Mortgage Force
- Love Chloe (Florist)
- King's Lynn Roller Hockey Club
- King's Lynn Basketball Club
- Priors Butchers
- Pia Plum Designs & Interiors
- Russen & Turner
- Denny's Fish and Chips
- Winter Wonderland Norwich



**Upcoming events in the New Year include:**

- Quiz & Chips – Friday 24 January
- Year 7 Disco – Friday 14 February
- Bingo - tbc

Full details of all events can be found on the [Springwood High School website](#) and our [Facebook page](#).

And finally, if you have any unwanted Christmas presents you do not know what to do with, please think of the PTFA. We'd gladly take them off your hands for future fundraising opportunities. Please contact via our Facebook page or email [ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk).