



6th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have had a wonderful summer holiday and that your children are fully rested for an exciting term ahead.

Today we have welcomed into school our new year 7 and year 12 students. Along with a number of induction activities all year 7 and year 12 have had their photographs taken today. If you have given consent, you will be sent a link to order these directly (via text or email). Anyone who didn't give consent to be contacted will have a QR code sent home with their child, in case you wish to order any copies.

Tomorrow all other year groups begin the school year and so I would like to remind you of some key points ahead of their return.

Students should be at school by 8:45am. The two field gates are closed at this time (8:45am) and only the main school gate will remain open. It is likely to be busy driving to school in the mornings over the next few days so please allow ample time to drop off your child before school starts.

All students should be in full school uniform. Details on the school uniform can be found at <https://www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=139> ; however, all students should have a blazer, white shirt (with a top button), school clip-on tie, plain black tailored trousers (with black socks covering at least the ankle) or school skirt (with black tights or knee length black socks) and plain black (leather or leather-like) shoes. For wet and cold days students should have a plain coat that is long enough to cover the blazer. Details of the PE kit can also be found at the above link. Please ensure that all items of uniform are labelled with your child's name, particularly the blazer and tie.

All students should also have a sensible sized bag along with a pencil case containing pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, and mathematical equipment along with a scientific calculator.

Key Stage 3 students will again be issued with their new Knowledge Organiser for this term. These should be in the student bags everyday as they will be used at school. These should also be used at home as part of your child's homework, in addition to other homework that is set. Advice on the use of the knowledge organisers is included in it, so please take time to go through these with your child.

You should be able to access your child's timetable using the parent app, and if your child has access to the student app (or online) they should also be able to see it prior to tomorrow. If you are having difficulties accessing the app please contact data@springwoodhighschool.co.uk.

We have some key events this September, including the following:

Tonight – Year 7 parents welcome evening. Please book a place at <https://year-7-parents-welcome-evening.eventbrite.com> if you haven't already done so.

Thursday 7th September – Yr 12 parents welcome evening – 6pm

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Wednesday 13th September – PTFA meeting 4:45pm – new members welcome

Thursday 14th September – instrumental music demonstrations for year 7 throughout the day

Tuesday 19th September – Year 10 and 11 food students to Holkham Hall

18th – 29th September – Year 6 tours during the school day. These can be booked online at <https://SHSopendaytour.eventbrite.com>

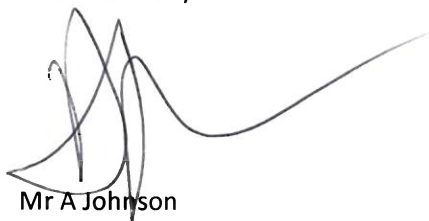
Wednesday 27th September – Year 6 open evening, with presentations at 6:00pm, 6:45pm and 7:30pm. Places need to be booked at <https://SHSyear6openevening.eventbrite.com>

Looking ahead to October we also have our 6th form open evening beginning at 5:30pm on Thursday 12th October, with additional presentations throughout the evening. Further information, including booking a place, can be found at <https://www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk/page/?title=Open+Events&pid=175>.

Attendance at school is currently in the news for being much lower than pre-pandemic levels. You should have yesterday received electronic correspondence regarding attendance. I am proud to say that last year our attendance was above local and national averages and so I thank you for your support in achieving this. Today we have been asked to share information from the DFE and Chief Medical Officer. Parents and carers are asked to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses, including mild cold symptoms such as a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should stay at home if they have a temperature of 38°C or more. If your child is off school please contact the year team and/or attendance team as early as possible. We continue to promote high attendance at school with a number of individual and group rewards in school. Good attendance is key to success in the future, both academically and socially.

We have a wide programme of extra-curricular activities on offer again this year details of which can be found at <https://www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk/page/?title=Extra+Curricular+Activities&pid=93>. This will continue to be updated as the year progresses. Please encourage your child to take part in these activities, and if there is something that isn't on the list that your child is interested in please contact us.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mr A Johnson', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr A Johnson

Executive Headteacher