

# news@springwood

## POETRY BY HEART

On 22-23<sup>rd</sup> April 41 county Poetry by Heart recitation competition finalists gathered at the British Library conference centre for the national final. Our school was enjoying a double success: Springwood High School, King's Lynn, provided Poetry By Heart with its 2017 Norfolk winner/East region finalist in the main two poem competition (Abigail Peters) and also a new Shakespeare sonnet competition winner (national winner Sam Mount). Sam Mount, as the national champion for the sonnet competition, will be invited to recite at the Poetry By Heart 2018 national finals. What a huge achievement for this school, its teachers and students!



Mike Dixon, Regional Development Coordinator of Poetry By Heart, visited Springwood High School to present Sam with prizes and the school Library with a magnificent facsimile Shakespeare folio.

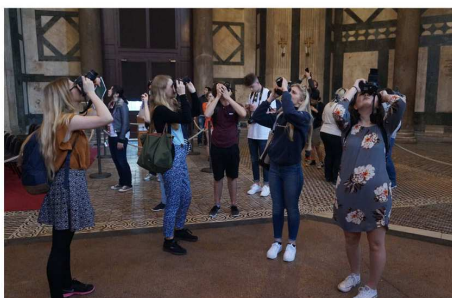


Pictured left to right above: Mrs Morris, Abigail Peters, Sam Mount, Mr Johnson and Mr Dixon.



# art@springwood

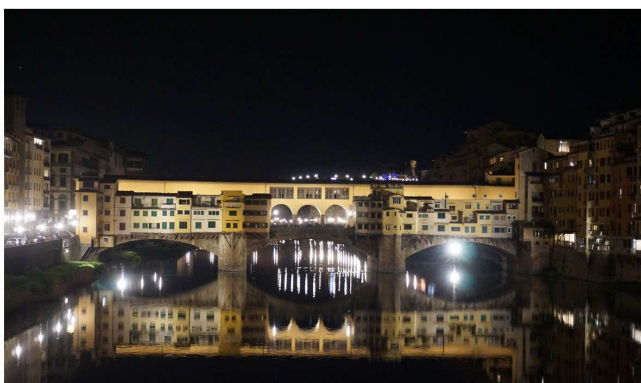
## FLORENCE



### Florence trip 2017

The Art and Photography Department took eighteen students to Florence and Pisa to record and experience the art, culture and architecture of these two great cities. Over the four days students saw a range of works from the Renaissance. As always the students were amazing and came home with a lot of happy memories, photographs, sketches and insights that will develop their learning in the classroom.

Mr Eveson





# year7@springwood

## YEAR 7 CELEBRATION



Mr Johnson with Year 7 celebrating ATL1's they all enjoyed biscuits and drink, Mr Feaviour (Head of Year 7) and Mr Cuss joined them.

## SPELLING BEE



Neyah Laroia (7B2) and Merissa Lawrence (7S1) and Judit Saju (7B2) took part in the Spelling Bee semi-finals which were held at Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge on 26 April. To reach the semi-finals of the Spelling Bee competition, students first had to beat fellow classmates in the first round of the competition by spelling as many words correctly as they could in one minute – all in French or German! The top two competitors from each class then went head-to-head to compete for the three available places in the semi-finals. It was tough competition and all competitors did extremely well, showing their commitment to learning literally hundreds of words in their chosen foreign language. During the semi-final competition, the 3 school champions represented Springwood against school winners from different schools coming from all other the Eastern region.

Congratulations to all three of them and to all students that participated in the earlier stages of the competition too!

# people@springwood

## YEAR 7 HEROES



Merissa and Isabel were our two "Superheroes" at the end of the A HERO programme for Year 7. In order to achieve A HERO status, students had to gain at least 10 points out of a possible 15, with points being awarded for Attitude to Learning, Homework, Equipment, Reading and Organisation. The two Superheroes, however, managed to score maximum marks of 15/15 and earned themselves a box of chocolates, along with their Superhero awards – well done girls!



Merissa Lawrence and Isabel King pictured left

## CAR BOOT SALE

On 1st May the day did not start under a clear and sunny sky but Year 7's were lucky to be allocated a pitch indoors in the sixth form area. Thank you to all year 7's who gave quality items to be sold by volunteers and Council members. They raised £63.65 and this will go to a charity yet to be decided. Well done to those who turned up to help and contributed with items. Special thanks (in no particular order) to Josh Hodgson 7B2, Craig Ward 7S2, Josh Scotney 7O1, Ruben Mathunsa 7O2, Lily Doughty 7O1, Olivia Clark 7O1 who ran the stall.



## MUSICIANS PLAY AT MINSTER

The Concert Band, Big Band and several soloists (Ezra Nwobodo, Keira Samways, Georgia Dawson and Jess Taylor) performed at the Town Hall on Sunday afternoon as part of the rededication ceremony and celebration for the King's Lynn branch of the Royal British Legion. James Playford also played the Last Post and Reveille during the service at Lynn Minster.

The pupils were amazing and played outstandingly. There were many civic dignitaries and members of the British Legion from Lynn and further afield across Norfolk, and all will have gone away with a very positive view of the school and the quality of the music. Several expressed surprise that so many talented musicians could come from one school.

All across our area, we have seen music systematically downgraded and dropped in schools. Music is one of the things that gives Springwood such an outstanding reputation in the community and I am very proud of our pupils and what they achieve. In the next few weeks, Springwood musicians will be performing twice for Festival Too, providing music for a King's Lynn lawyers summer party, taking our choir to the National Festival of Music for Youth in Birmingham and, of course, playing at the Sandringham Flower Show. All of these events are publicity gold-dust for the school.



# sixthform@springwood

## APPRENTICESHIP SUCCESSES

Within the Sixth Form we are dedicated to ensuring that all students achieve their first choice future and this doesn't mean university for everyone. Therefore, a small group of Alternative Ambitions students have been working with Mrs Moore to obtain Apprenticeships or employment.

So far this year, we have had some fantastic successes with Chloe Savory obtaining an Accountancy Apprenticeship with local accountants Mapus, Smith and Lemmon, Rositta Caesar gaining an Engineering Apprenticeship with food production company Bakkavor and Alesha Jones earning a Sales Apprenticeship with Coca Cola prior to undertaking her Business degree in September 2018.

With many other students undergoing assessment and interview processes we look forward to more success in the near future.



## YOUNG ANALYST COMPETITION AT UEA



The Chemistry Department recently had the opportunity to take three promising Year 12 students to The Royal Society of Chemistry's Young Analyst Competition at The University of East Anglia.

The students who attended were Kaveeta Malhi, Shannon Lee and Vlad Venger and they all enjoyed the day immensely. They were pitted against teams from schools all over the East Anglian region and were given a variety of real-life scenarios to work through. These included calculating the caffeine content of coffee and dilutions.

Students were able to have hands-on experience using university standard

equipment such as High Performance Liquid Chromatography and Colourimetry.

It was also great for students to have time to explore the UEA campus and to get a feel for what life at university will be like. The scientific facilities as well as the Student Union were particularly impressive!

Well done to these three students for getting involved in such a rewarding day.