Springwood High School

September—October 2017

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EARL OF WESSEX DROPS IN



Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE), HRH The Earl of Wessex visited Springwood High School on 10th October 2017 to speak to students from across four Norfolk schools about their DofE achievements.

Marshland, Smithdon, St Clements and Springwood High School all come under the umbrella of West Norfolk Academies Trust which holds the licence to deliver the DofE across all schools.







Founded by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh in 1956, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is the world's leading youth achievement programme that develops over 400,000 young people for life and work every year in the UK, including nearly 50,000 from disadvantaged backgrounds. HRH The Earl of Wessex has been deeply committed to the Charity's work since achieving his own Gold Award in 1986. The following year, His Royal Highness became a UK Trustee of the charity and of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, and was chair of its International Council for 17 years.

The Earl was escorted by The Lord Lieutenant Richard Jewson, the Executive Head Andy Johnson, whilst meeting with dignitaries, including the High Sheriff James Bagge, the Mayor of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk and the Director of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award for the Central Region, Mr Phil Brown.

HRH visited different stands throughout the school, depicting all sections of a DofE programme, including volunteering, skills, physical, expedition and residential. . The Earl spoke to groups of Gold Award participants who have recently completed their Expedition section in torrential rain in Yorkshire as well as some who have also completed their Residential section.

DofE participants from Marshland High School and Smithdon High School showcased expedition training and route planning. HRH The Earl of Wessex was invited by Bronze participants to take part in a game of badminton as part of their Physical section.



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St Clements High School DofE participants showcased their volunteering whilst students from Alysham High School read out a poem and sung to HRH. The Earl unveiled a Licensed Organisation plaque at Springwood High School and congratulated the school on becoming an organisation that is now licensed to run the DofE to its students. In his closing speech HRH spoke about the way that gaining a Duke of Edinburgh's Award ensures that any challenges of the future can be overcome and that Award holders will now have the confidence to take future opportunities.

Executive Head Andrew Johnson concluded the afternoon by thanking the volunteers and the DofE Manager, Pauline Petch for their time in making the DofE such a success for the students across the trust.



There are three progressive levels of a DofE programme which, when successfully completed, leads to a Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award,



participants choose their own programme of activities and set themselves objectives.

It's not a competition or about being first. It's all about self -development and its balanced programme develops the whole person - mind, body and soul, in an environment of social interaction and team working.



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SIXTH FORM RESULTS 2017

Springwood High School is proud to announce another fantastic year of A level results for the school. The school has continued to sustain its high level of outcomes and high quality destinations for all students.

The students achieved 77% *A-C grades overall

This year many of the A levels taken were the "new style" A level which had only terminal examinations without coursework, AS examinations or modular examinations. Despite the more challenging examinations our students have performed incredibly well.

The vast majority of students have gained their first choice university offer whilst others have gained high quality higher level apprenticeships with companies including Coca Cola and British Sugar.

George Pettitt, Assistant Headteacher in charge of the Sixth Form said;

"This is another great year for our Sixth Form students. The Sixth Form continues to deliver success in facilitating subjects such as Mathematics, History and English. We have also widened the range of subjects offered in the Sixth Form to include Fashion Design and Photography due to demand, and the students in these subjects have also obtained fantastic outcomes."

Roger Livesey, Chair of Governors and Chair of the West Norfolk Academies Trust said;

"I congratulate all of our Sixth Form students and Staff on another brilliant set of A level results. The Springwood Sixth Form is a beacon of academic success in the area and serves all students of West Norfolk schools well. It is so satisfying so see so many young people achieve their first choice future"

Twenty seven students gained Norfolk scholar status .



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GCSE RESULTS



Andy Johnson, Executive Headteacher said, "This is a fabulous set of results for the students of Springwood. It is great to see so many students enter the Springwood Sixth Form or gain their first choice future elsewhere."



Roger Livesey, Chair of Governors said, "Once again, the students of Springwood High School have risen to the challenge and gained great grades in the new more challenging Mathematics and English examinations. Both the staff and students have worked incredibly hard in all subjects to gain these results".

The school is particular proud of the number of students who gained the new grade 9 in English and Mathematics. The students who achieved a grade 9 in Mathematics are:

Grace Brundle, Georgina Bunting, Keely Doyle, Sara Farrukh, Finnegan Furey-King, Lucy Harrington, Thomas Hitchcock, Molly Paffett, Megan Tomsett

The students who achieve a grade 9 in English are: Caitlin Bugg, Amber Glasel, Rebecca Moyle, Isabel Russen, Kate Ryan.

High achieving students across the board who gained 8 or more *A/A grades and 8 or better in English and Mathematics are: Rachel Ampomah, Grace Brundle, Caitlin Bugg, Amber Glasel, Lucy Harrington, Daniel Harvey, Thomas Hiatchcock, Saffron Kirkpatrick, Molly Paffett, Isabel Russen, Kate Ryan, Lewis Seymour, Megan Tomsett.





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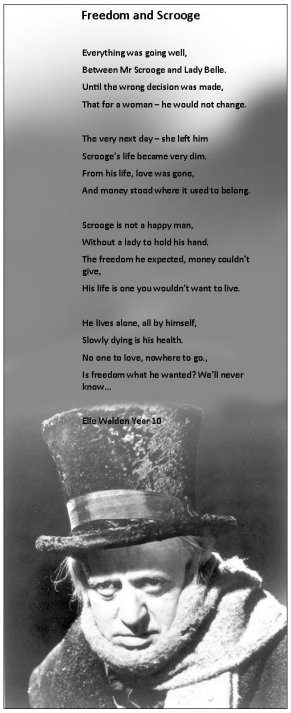
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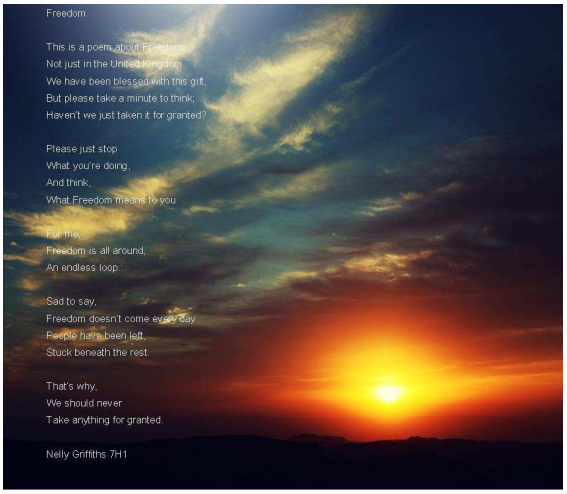
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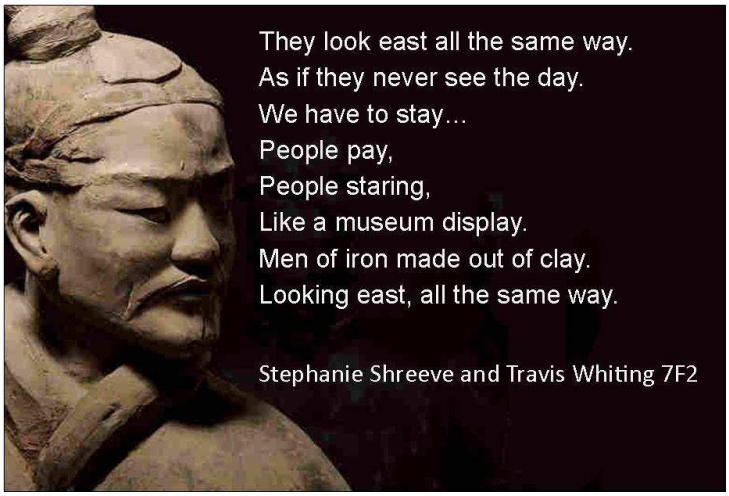
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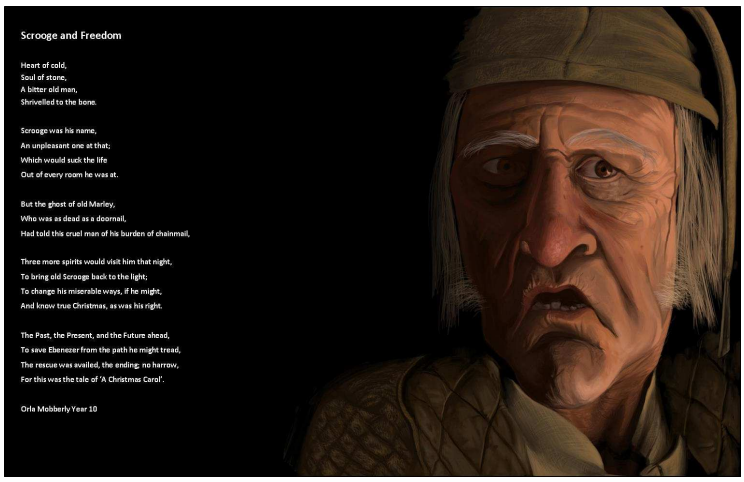
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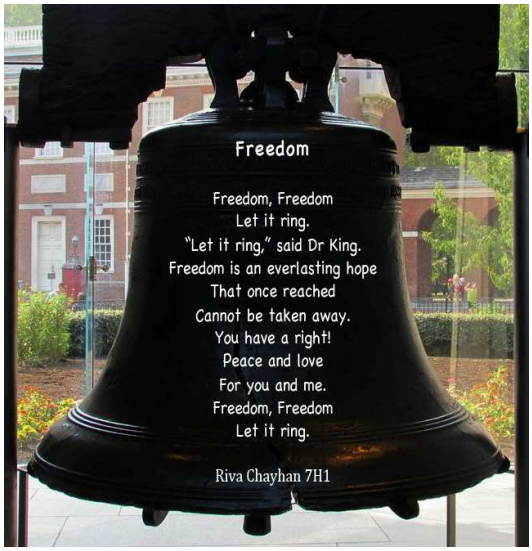












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MESSAGES TO PUPILS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

We are aware that, occasionally, it is necessary for parents to telephone school during the working day to alter the usual arrangement for pupils leaving school at 3.25pm. Any such message can be left with the Pastoral Manager. Sometimes pupils also need to be informed of last minute doctor or dentist appointments. Messages are passed to pupils as promptly as possible, but as this is often excessively time consuming we do ask that these be kept to a minimum. Time constraints on administrative staff can make message delivery very difficult, particularly at the end of the day. We know from experience that many calls to school could easily be avoided if arrangements were made at home before **pupils** leave in the morning. Please contact school only in cases of emergency and be assured that urgent messages are forwarded as promptly as possible.

PUBLICATION OF PUPILS' PHOTOGRAPHS AND NAMES

Our school regularly publishes pupils' names and photographs in the Newsletter and sometimes also to the press, and this is always in connection with some notable achievement on the pupils' part. We would not, however, publish such information against parents' wishes.

No parent has ever objected at Springwood, but if a parent does have concerns about their son/daughter's name and photograph being published, if they let us know we will ensure that this does not happen.



SCHOOL CLOSURES

There are occasions, fortunately very rare, when the school has to be closed at extremely short notice. This could happen because of severe weather conditions which make transport dangerous or because of a breakdown in the heating system.

Any emergency will be broadcast on local radio at regular intervals from about 7 am onwards. This is our only way to notify all of our pupils, parents and staff in time to prevent them coming into school, so we therefore advise everyone to listen to the early morning programmes on KL:FM (96.7) or BBC Radio Norfolk (95.1 or 104.1 FM and 873 or 855 MW) particularly if weather conditions are severe.

SCHOOL CALDENDAR 2017-18		
Autumn Term 2017		
Monday 6 September	-	Tuesday 19 December
Autumn Half Term Holiday 2017		
Friday 20 October	-	Friday 27 October
Spring Term 2018		
Thursday 4 January	-	Thursday 28 March
Spring Half Term Holiday 2018		
Monday 12 February	-	Friday 16 February
Summer Term 2018		
Tuesday 18 April	-	Friday 21 July
Summer Half Term Holiday 2018		
Monday 29 May	-	Friday 2 June

DATA PROTECTION ACT

The School is required to provide pupils and parents with details of the information it retains, concerning the purpose for which is used, and of any third parties to whom the information may be passed.

SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL DATA TEAM

Mrs C Knights
Data Manager

Mrs B Setchell
Data Assistant

- Are you having problems getting into SIMS Parent Gateway?
- Have you forgotten your password?
- Would you be interested in attending a drop-in session where friendly help is available?
- Have you moved house or changed your contact details?

For any of the above please email the Springwood High School data team at:
data@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

IS YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER LEAVING SPRINGWOOD THIS TERM?

If so then please advise their Pastoral Manager in writing, letting them know the following:

- the name and address of their new school.
- the last day they will be at Springwood.

We have to forward this information on to the Local Authority so that their records can follow them on to their new school.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL BY E.MAIL/LETTER

When contacting the school by e.mail/mail please can you include the year and form of your child within the correspondence.

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MEET THE PASTORAL MANAGERS

YEAR 8
Ms J Craig
Direct Dial No:
01553 778099

YEAR 7
Mrs P Moate
Direct Dial No:
01553 778090



YEAR 11
Mrs N Willett
Direct Dial No:
01553 779405

YEAR 10
Mrs R Saxby
Direct Dial No:
01553 778092

YEAR 9
Mrs A Penny
Direct Dial No:
01553 779408

LOST PROPERTY

We get a large amount of lost property, so please name all school uniform and equipment. If they are labelled they can be returned to their owners.



MESSAGE FROM PCSO SMITH





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YEAR 12 VOLUNTEER



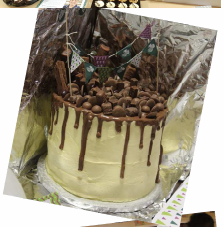


Having spent their first morning as Sixth Formers finding their way around, getting their timetables and meeting their tutors, the new Year 12 cohort spent the afternoon signing up for volunteering activities at the Volunteer Fair. They had a range of charities and organisations to choose from, from West Norfolk Mind to the Rotary Club, Norfolk Libraries to Alzheimer's Society. It was great to see the students so enthusiastic about the opportunities they were being offered.

All students should now be in the process of arranging their volunteering placements with the charities and organisations they signed up with and we look forward to hearing about the experiences they have as a result.

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE









On the 29th September during the break and lunch periods of the Sixth Form schedule, form 13-02 organised a fundraising event to raise money for the Macmillan Cancer Support charity. It was part of their UK based event, World's biggest coffee morning. Available to the Sixth Form were a variety of cakes and hot drinks to be purchased. Some cakes were supplied by members of 13-02 and staff members; Mrs Cusdin's Lemon Drizzle cake proved to be a real winner.

There was outside support from Morrisons, Sainsbury's and Tesco who all kindly donated cakes to be sold during the event; we would like to thank them for their very generous contributions. Thanks also goes to Mrs Rawling, who baked an enormous chocolate cake, which was raffled off and won by Emilia Butcher of 12-09. The money raised more than £225, of which £100 will be put towards the Sixth Form prom and the balance to the Macmillan Cancer Support charity. Thanks to everyone for your support.

Owen Simmonds, 13-02.



Photographs taken by Felicity Webb, Abigail King, Anna Howlett and Tijana

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HISTORY NEWS



On Wednesday 4th October Year10 Historians were delighted to welcome the Historian Andy Robertshaw to Springwood.

Andy is an expert on World War One and has produced several books, worked with Hollywood and currently has a TV series being shown on Sky. The GCSE exams contains a section on medical care on the Western Front and Andy explained the changing nature of the battles British soldiers fought and the various wounds and treatments that were developed during the war. His enthusiastic talk involved video clips, pictures from the time and artefacts to show students how soldiers were treated. It was wonderful to gain an insight from such a well respected and knowledgeable expect.

Springwood sixth formers joined Andy Robertshaw for lunch to discuss research methods. They were treated to a master class of how professionals build a fuller picture of an event from very basic beginnings. This expert analysis included the merits of various sources and how these need to be layered and combined to produce an accurate account of the past.

YEAR11 NEWS

Thank you to all those parents who attended our planning for success evening on Thursday 5th October. The key dates from this are included below.

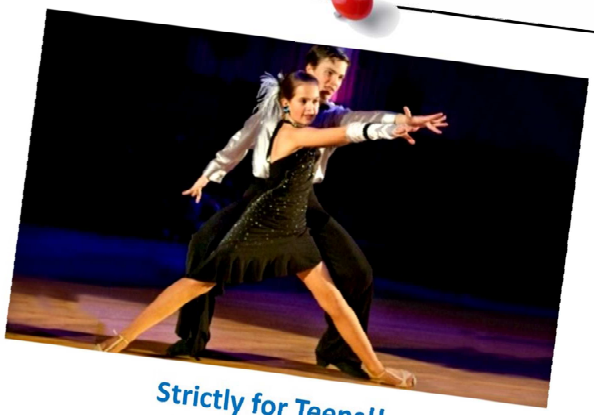
Date	Event
11th October 2017	SLD; HYC, Study Skills, Time Management, Post 16 options, Revision Techniques, Well being/stress, interview techniques.
12th October 2017	Sixth Form Open Evening
17th October 2017	Careers Event 4pm to 7pm
20th November 2017	English and Maths PPE's
4th December 2017	Science, RE and PE PPE's
29th January 2018	Full PPE's
8th March 2018	Progress Evening

Yr11's have quickly got into the new routine attending intervention sessions and beginning the 'Help you Choose' programme to register for new courses and apprenticeships next year. The current revision timetable is now available on the website for you to see. Mr Johnson is also meeting with every Yr11 student before half-term to discuss their plans and encourage them to attend all of the intervention and revision session that we have on offer.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY



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Starting Saturday 18th November Every week 11am-12pm

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Six weeks and Six dances Come along and give it a try!

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WEST ACRE

Bonfire & Halloween Night

Saturday 28th October

Adults £4 6pm Children £1

Fancy Dress Competition (7pm)

Fireworks (7.30pm) - Bonfire,

BBQ, Bar, Soup & Raffle.

Charity No. 1163696

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FIREWORKS CASTLE RISING

MEET THE... DRAGON QUEEN!

MEET THE... WIZARD!

SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER

GATES OPEN AT 5PM AND DISPLAY STARTS AT 7.15PM

ADVANCE TICKETS: ADULTS - £7 / CHILDREN - £3 AVAILABLE AT CASTLE SHOP

ON THE NIGHT ADULTS - £10 / CHILDREN - £5 CALL: 01553 613 330

Dear Pupils

..I would like to say a big thank your for your donation of £60.45. Your support is much appreciated. ..

Yours sincerely

Charlotte Coulsey

Rainforest Concern