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## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

On January 19<sup>th</sup>, Concert Band and Cantabene were asked to perform at the memorial service for Pete Hopkins at St Nicholas Chapel. This was both a moving and uplifting occasion and both ensembles performed with professionalism and helped make the occasion a very fitting tribute to our former Head Teacher.

Three of our musicians, Emma Carnell, Megan Byatt and Emily Carter have been selected to perform with the European Union Chamber Orchestra in the premier of a piece by Anna Disley Simpson as part of a concert for local schools at St Nicholas Chapel on February 20<sup>th</sup>. This will be an exciting concert and reflects our excellent relationship with the King's Lynn Festival who are organizing the event.

Our Spring Concert will take place in the Music Sound Foundation Concert Hall at 7pm on March 16<sup>th</sup>, and this will give the ensembles taking part in the annual Music for Youth Festival on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March the chance to perform their programmes in advance of the festival. On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be welcoming over 300 musicians from the age of 6 to 18 to Springwood for a day of varied and exciting music making. Six of our ensembles will be taking part this year.

Peter Strudwick  
Director of Music



## RETIREMENT (36 YEARS) FOR MR BALLMAN



A farewell celebration was held for Mr Mark Ballman on the last day of the winter term. He took his first job at Springwood in 1981 when he joined the school as a teacher of Classics. He then went onto work with pupils who needed alternative provisions. In 1991 he became Head of Sixth Form after ten years he then became a Deputy Headteacher and associated Headteacher.

The secret to his teaching was having "passion, enthusiasm and knowing how to motivate teenagers to learn".

Mr Ballman will be joining the board of Trustees.

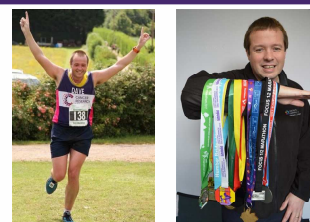


Mr Ballman with retired colleagues

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## CHARITY

Springwood It Technician Dave Walton completed a half-marathon every month of the year for Cancer Research, he raised £1700.00, his just giving page is still open for donations: [www.justgiving.com/daves12](http://www.justgiving.com/daves12)



Dave writes a quick low down on his year of running. of all his runs:

Jan 2017	Victoria Park - London	01:44:18	Perfect Start - Chilly Conditions ideal for running
Feb 2017	Thorpe	02:04:07	Developed stomach problems at mile 3 still persevered to finish although wasn't happy with time
Mar 2017	Silverstone	01:59:57	Very ill building up to this one, was on medication up to a few days before, pleased to dip under 2 hours just
Apr 2017	Norwich	01:58:17	27 Degrees, little shade and not enough water stations, but still managed to get around
May 20-17	Milton Keynes	01:51:14	Great finish line inside a football stadium, wonderful atmosphere pleased to get a decent time.
Jun 2017	Humber Bridge	01:49:32	Wonderful views! Twice over the Humber Bridge once at the start and again at the end, very hilly route delighted with time
Jul 2017	Risby - Nr Bury St Edmunds	01:55:11	Smallest race (by participants) I took part in but still a good atmosphere a very hot one again, uphill finish but good to aim for as you could see it for the last 800 metres
Aug 2017	Great Yarmouth	01:56:37	Very warm day struggled at the end but happy to get round
Sep 2017	Great North Run	01:53:44	Great atmosphere, at the 3rd attempt of this race finally got below 2 hours
Oct 2017	Royal Parks	01:53:15	Not a great build up, had hip injury and also a cold on the day of the race, but very pleased with the time (10 mins slower than my best) but the way I was feeling I thought I would struggle to get below 2:30
Nov 2017	Snetterton	01:45:56	Chilly day, So pleased with my time.
Dec 2017	Watton Virtual race	01:49:45	An unusual way to finish but it was nice to finish in my home town

## THANK YOU!

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December Springwood High School held a festive jumper day to support and raise funds for Mark Fitzpatrick, West Norfolk Academies Trust, who is competing in the Marathon des Sables in April 2018.

The school raised a whopping **£1163.93p** for the charity, Walking With the Wounded.

Mark would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support as this will spur him on across the desert when the going gets tough!



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## JESS GOES THROUGH TO FINAL

### YOUNG CHEF COMPETITION

On Tuesday 16th January, the girls competed against Marshland and College students. Jessica Moore has gone through to the Regionals taking place on Saturday 3rd February. As the youngest competitor she did brilliantly and now has to plan and deliver a 3-course menu in 2 hours. They all deserve a huge pat on the back.



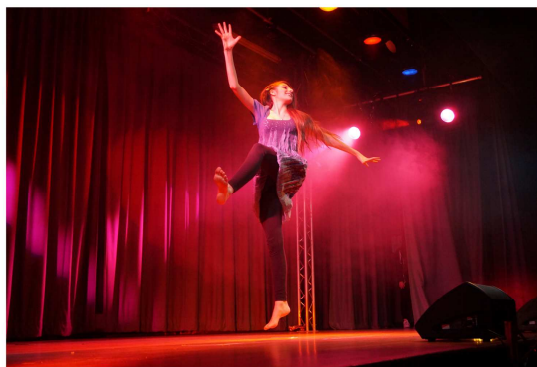
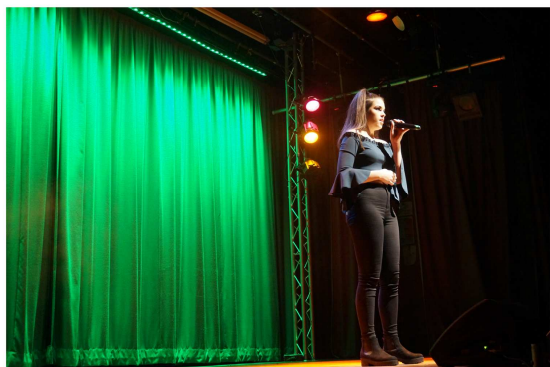
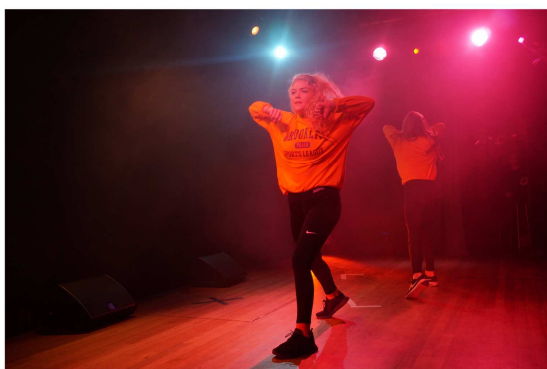
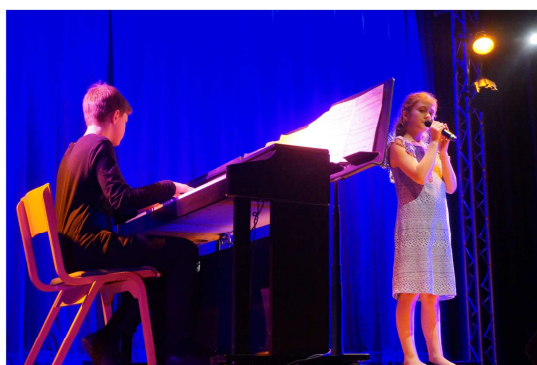
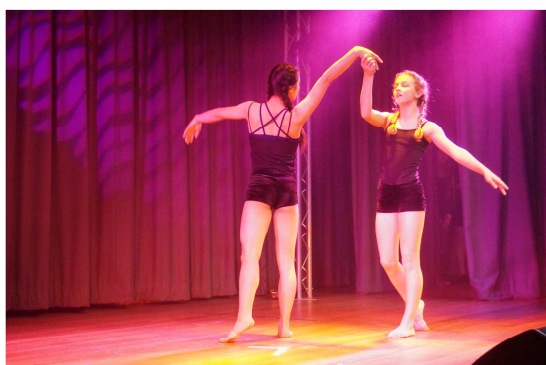
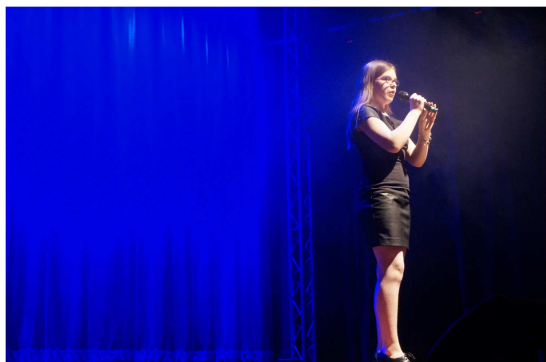
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February was NSPCC Number day and the Maths department spent the preceding week entertaining pupils with Maths challenges at Lunchtime. Pupils played magnetic darts, guessed the number of sweets in a jar, baked mathematical themed cakes, and played 3d Snakes and Ladders during lunchtimes.

The final event was the Teachers V Pupils maths quiz in the Drama Studio at Lunchtime on Friday. The teacher's team, following on from their success in previous quizzes, put up a gallant fight against the pupil's team and after a blistering mental maths round looked guaranteed a win. However the pupils surged forward with a winning answer in the final estimation round to win the competition.

A fun week was had by all with funds raised for the NSPCC



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## YEAR 10 ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to the five year 10 forms who won their Inter-tutor group competition for gaining the highest number of achievement points across their House.

The winning tutor groups were:

10S2, 10O1, 102B, 10H2 ,10F1

Cakes were enjoyed by all.

The next round will be at the end of term. Good luck!



## FRENCH PLAY—" Les Voisins "



Ranging from year 8 to year 11, all of our students really enjoyed and found highly amusing the French play , " Les Voisins " [KS5 students were able to follow the storyline and did not have too many problems understanding the vocabulary]

All in all a successful event.



## YEAR 11 SUCCESS

The pupils above achieved fantastic results in the last set of PPE's before Christmas. These pupils had the highest combined scores from the Maths and English exams and have put themselves in a great position to have a very successful set of GCSE results. We have another set of PPE's in February and we will be hoping for even more success to celebrate.

The pupils are;

Malu Nair, Alvin Jaison, Shayan Shaikh, Rosie Huang, Abdullah Farrukh, Megan Tarry, Loreta Paliakaite, Nikki Rastogi, Areej Khatri and Hitesh Srikantha.

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## ERASMUS SPAIN MOBILITY COMPETITION

A competition based on "Economic Sustainable Development in the UK" was organised by the Computer Science Department for Year 9 & 10 students as part of the Erasmus Plus project. 25 entries were received and a panel of judges had the difficult task of picking the top four students to take part in this year's Erasmus Spanish Mobility trip.

A huge congratulations to the following students:

Joshua Ampomah

Zara Bek

Kyle Hill

Nichola Mathew

These students produced some excellent research to win a place on this year's Erasmus mobility. The four students will travel to Spain (Coruna) on 18th – 24th March, 2018 to take part in our Erasmus project. These students will travel by air, with accommodation provided by host families and pocket money will be given to each student while on the trip. They will get the opportunity to work and make friends with other students from Italy, Spain, Germany, France and Greece.

This is the final Erasmus trip before we leave the EU. The project has enabled the school to take a number of students to various countries in the EU and experience life and cultures of our neighbouring countries.

Well done to all!

