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GCE RECORD BREAKING RESULTS

Springwood students are celebrating a record year for A' Level results

21% of students gained *A/A grades

45 students, the highest in the school's history, gained Norfolk Scholar status which is awarded to students who achieve ABB grades or higher in their A levels

73% of the A' level students gained *A-C grades

The highest performing student was Florence Chung who gained 4*A grades in her chosen subjects who will now study at a prestigious Hong Kong University.



There have been many fantastic individual performances including 4 students who are off to study medicine (Kaveeta Malhi – Oxford University, Sam Reynolds – University of East Anglia, Joseph Lawrence – **King's College**, London and James Wilkinson – Hull University) and one student, Rebecca Sedgwick who will study Veterinary Medicine at Nottingham University.

Springwood students are also seeking International Challenges with Abigail Peters gaining a full scholarship **to study at Columbia University in New York!** Executive Headteacher, Andy Johnson said; "This has been a phenomenal year for Springwood Sixth Form students. They have all worked incredibly hard alongside our dedicated staff and have seen the fruits of their labour today. The Sixth Form aims to be world class and with **two students gaining places to study at world renowned Universities we are achieving this goal**"

Chair of Governors, Roger Livesey said; "The success story of Springwood High School Sixth Form continues. The results achieved by our students this year are simply breath taking. I congratulate all students and staff"



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SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATE GCSE SUCCESS

Springwood High School is celebrating another fantastic year of GCSE success. This year all subjects moved across to the more challenging GCSE content and grading system with a grade 9 representing a new standard of high achievement above that of the old *A grade.

In total 37 students gained at least one grade 9 in their GCSE grades, the vast majority of subjects had 1 or more students attaining a grade 9.

The highest performing student, Malu Nair, gained a grade 9 in all 12 of her GCSE subjects. In Maths and English, 60% of students achieved the standard pass of grade 4.

Executive Headteacher, Andy Johnson said "This is a fantastic set of results for our students. The new GCSE set a new standard and I am so pleased that **our students and staff have risen to this challenge**".

Chair of Governors, Roger Livesey said "Springwood places a high emphasis on academic study alongside its excellent extra-curricular offer. It is **great to see so many students achieve so well**".



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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 the school only in cases of emergency and be assured that urgent messages are forwarded as promptly as possible.

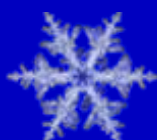
DATA PROTECTION ACT

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. For further information please visit www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk where you can find the school's full privacy notice.

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.



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 EMAIL/LETTER

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

Moving house? Need to update your contact details?

Please contact the Data Team to advise.

SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL DATA TEAM

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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.



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Year 7—Direct Dial 01553 779405

Mr M Scoles and Mrs N Smith



Year 8 - Direct Dial 01553 778090

Mr P Cuss and Mrs P Moate



Year 9—Direct Dial 778099

Mr D Hobbs and Ms J Craig



Year 10—01553 779408

Mr A Bliss and Mrs A Penny



Year 11— 01553 778092

Mrs K William and Mrs R Saxby

TERM DATES 2018-19

Autumn Term 2018		
Thursday 6 September (Year 7 & 12) only	-	Tuesday 18 December
Friday 7 September (Years 8,9,10,11,13)		
Autumn Half Term Holiday 2018		
Thursday 18 October	-	Friday 26 October
Spring Term 2019		
Thursday 3 January	-	Friday 5 April
Spring Half Term Holiday 2019		
Monday 18 February	-	Friday 22 February
Summer Term 2019		
Monday 23 April	-	Tuesday 24 July
Summer Half Term Holiday 2019		
Monday 27 May	-	Friday 31 May
TRAINING DAYS/BANK HOLIDAYS		
Tuesday and Wednesday 4–5 September 2018—Training Day		
Thursday 18 October 2018—Training Day		
Monday 6 May 2019—Bank Holiday		

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JAMES NICOL—AUTHOR RETURNS



We were recently delighted to welcome back local author and former Springwood High School student, James Nicol.

The author of *The Apprentice Witch*, James spoke to students about his inspiration and his writing process. He also ran a *Mystical Monster* workshop, where students could create their own magical creature.

James signed copies of *The Apprentice Witch* and his second novel, *Witch Alone*, for students and staff during break and lunch time.

Staff and students alike enjoyed James' visit immensely.



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SPRINGWOOD VISITS ECUADOR



I had the great pleasure this summer spending four weeks in Ecuador with thirteen students from Springwood. We left on the 19th July after an 18 month period of fundraising just shy of £5000 each to cover the cost of their trip. During the four weeks we travelled around Ecuador going deep into the Amazon rain forest and up into the Andes near Volcán Cayambe. We were also lucky enough to spend four days in the Galapagos islands. At all turns during the trip we were surrounded by natural beauty and vast biodiversity.



The reason for the trip is not only for the students to travel and gain experience of different cultures, but for them to help the local communities by building storage blocks, roads, water collectors, cesspits and community centres. We also helped out environmentally by creating orchid gardens, organic farming sites and coffee bean planting.



The students took every activity in their stride, getting involved with tasks that most of them have never done at home before. Our time in Galapagos was to allow us to relax and enjoy such an iconic place. We were able to walk with Giant tortoises, visit the Darwin centre, and snorkel around the islands where we swam with sea turtles, sharks, penguins, sea-lions and a large array of different fish.

The students have all returned with stories that they will be telling for a long time along with friendships that will last a life time. I look forward to the next adventure in 2020 to Costa Rica. Miss Davis



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ART EXHIBITION AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

I wanted to create a small exhibition in my church for Open Churches Fortnight in the summer holidays, but I wanted it to be strikingly illustrated. So I approached the Art department. Towards the end of the summer term, pupils from years 7 and 8 guided by Miss Simons produced wonderful larger than life torsos of various characters from the past of East Winch Church, and these were propped up round the church in places which seemed to suit them best. Hugh Rose the master mason was next to his tombstone; Church Betty sat in the pew nearest to the ruined chapel where she'd lived; Elizabeth Howard and her husband the Earl of Oxford were together at the entrance to the church whose building they had funded.

People liked the exhibition. One woman asked me to keep it in church for longer. Several commented how spooky it was to come in and suddenly see Church Betty sitting there. **I thought she was spooky too, even though I'd put her there.**

You can see from the photos of the pupils how much hard work was put into the project. If you want to see the paintings, they are still there!



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11F1 TOP CLASS



11F1 and their form tutor, Mrs Blandford, earn't the honour of Top Yr 10 Form for 2017/18. This was due to having the highest total number of points awarded for their achievements, attendance, ATL/ Homework Grades and the Aspire Award.

YEAR 7 HEROES

Harry Potter



On 23 July, the Year 7 HEROes had a magical rewards day at Harry Potter studios. They saw many of the actual film sets and props. The students were fabulous all day and there was such an excited buzz in the air, we thought it sounded like an actual golden snitch! Well done to all the students for earning this reward!

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YEAR 8 EXHIBITION



Year 8 Exhibition—On Thursday 20th September a select number of students worked tirelessly throughout the day to host an Exhibition of Work for family and friends. Students took control of all aspects of the evening from designing invitation letters and award certificates, creating a PowerPoint of pictures, setting up the venue, acting as stewards and first point of contact on the evening, baking with Miss Thompson and Ms Beech as well as working in the canteen with Mr Johnson.

Kosy-Lee Kandjou, Ashleigh Webster, Lynton Onwuchekwa and Lance Graham were brilliant hosts, introducing their peers performances and making sure the evening ran smoothly. Ahmed Nirabi, William Proctor, Chardy Desouza and Alina Durilova were among the chefs who created a variety of buffet food items for parents.

The students all behaved immaculate throughout and are looking forward to a positive academic year

SIXTH FORM BAKE SALE

On 25th September during break and lunch periods the Sixth Form committee organised a very successful cake sale. They raised £100.95 with 60% going to Macmillan Cancer Support Charity and 40% for the Sixth Form Prom fund.



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KS3 CELEBRATE AT ST NICHOLAS



The end of KS3 was celebrated at St Nicholas' Chapel on Wednesday 12th September and what a lovely evening it was.

186 pupils were invited to receive awards for:

- Individual Subject Awards
- Top Overall Academic Progress
- Pupil Attendance
- Achievement Points
- Top ATL's
- Do It Anyway (Year 8 Motto) Competition Winners
- Prefect Award

Mr Hobbs presented the evening to an audience of 552 Parents, Grandparents, relatives and friends who arrived to watch the proceedings. We have had comments back from parents who have said "amazing" "fabulous" "lovely choice of venue" "well organised".

Keira Samways 902 - captivated the audience with our DO IT ANYWAY poem which she recited to a piece of music, such was the emotion in her performance it brought tears to the eyes of many pupils, staff and parents.

Mr Hobbs Quote:

"We are so proud of all of the achievements of our year group. Our pupils are progressing their character and extra curricular interests as well as their academic ability. This evening was the perfect way to showcase this."



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KS3 CELEBRATE AT ST NICHOLAS



Comments from staff who attended, wrote the following messages to Mr Hobbs and Ms Craig:-

'Great Evening, Great Year Group' Andy Johnson

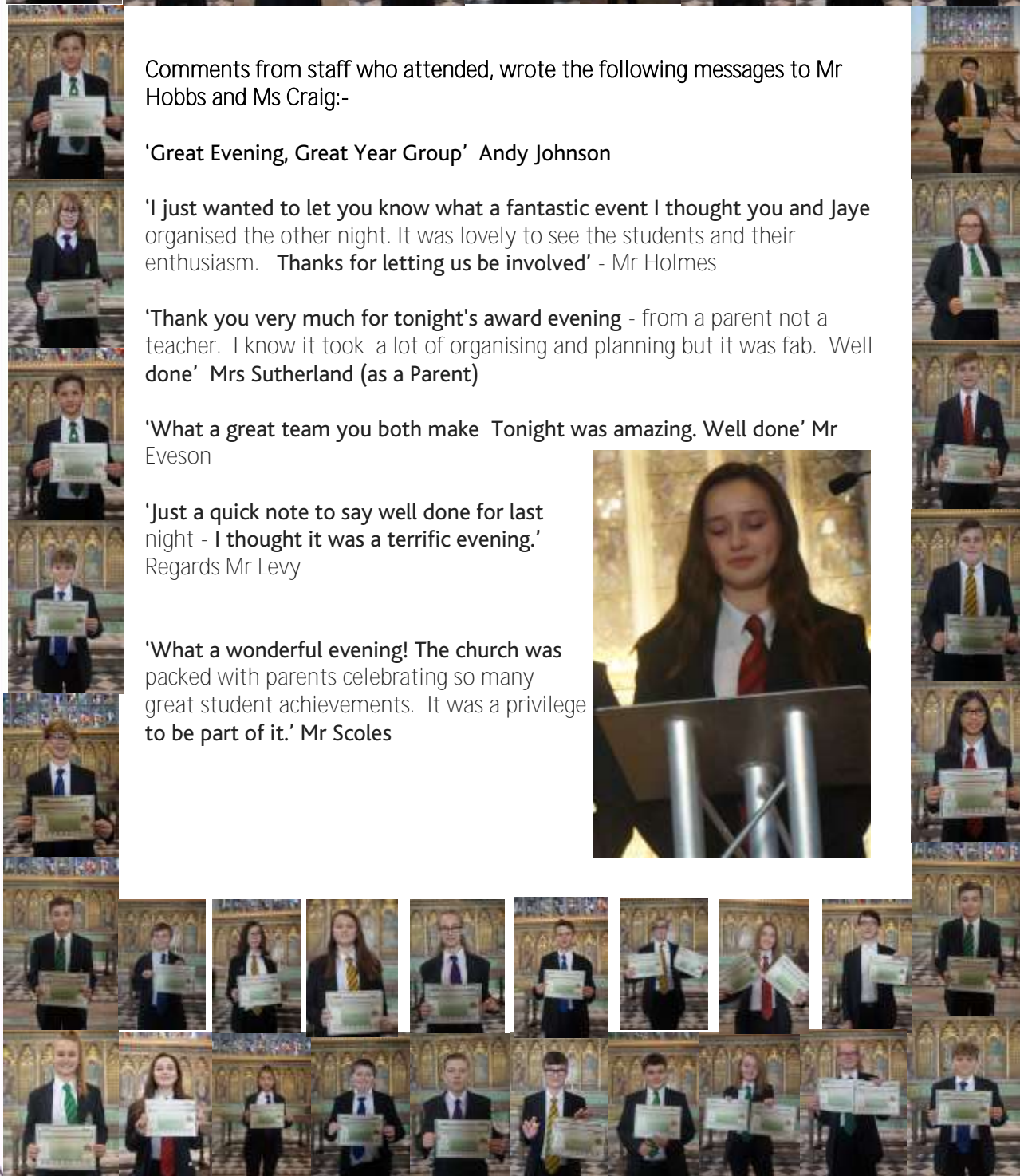
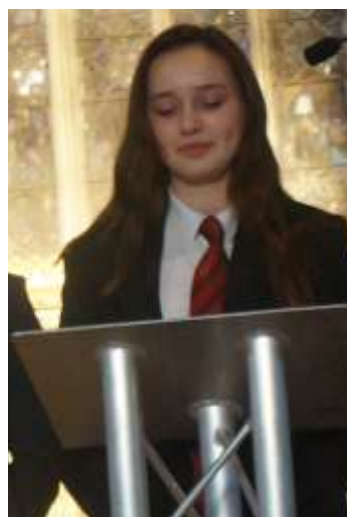
'I just wanted to let you know what a fantastic event I thought you and Jaye organised the other night. It was lovely to see the students and their enthusiasm. Thanks for letting us be involved' - Mr Holmes

'Thank you very much for tonight's award evening - from a parent not a teacher. I know it took a lot of organising and planning but it was fab. Well done' Mrs Sutherland (as a Parent)

'What a great team you both make Tonight was amazing. Well done' Mr Eveson

'Just a quick note to say well done for last night - I thought it was a terrific evening.'
Regards Mr Levy

'What a wonderful evening! The church was packed with parents celebrating so many great student achievements. It was a privilege to be part of it.' Mr Scoles



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COMING TO SPRINGWOOD IN DECEMBER



Operating Theatre Live is the UK's only live travelling operating theatre experience for students studying in the UK and Europe. Our rigorously academic dissection based surgical events are aligned to cover content in the main GCSE, National 5, A Level, Higher's and Advanced Higher's qualifications. Through the live dissection of real specimens students will be taken on an incredible surgical experience that will leave them stretched, challenged and inspired.

"Sam and his team are incredible, this is exactly what students need to learn anatomy. Even I have learned something myself today."

*Lead Clinical Anatomist
MSc Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
The University of Sheffield*



Springwood is pleased to announce that we will be hosting this amazing experience open nationally to students aged 14-18 on Saturday 1st December right here at Springwood High School. This is a ticketed event and students can choose 1 of 2 options;

Main Event Ticket £69.00 (Excl Booking fee) (9.00am – 5.00pm)

Includes scrub hire, stethoscope hire, full PPE, 7 workshops and lunch

Trauma Ticket £139.00 (Excl Booking fee) (9.00am – 8.00pm)

Includes scrub hire, stethoscope hire, full PPE, 8 workshops, lunch and hot evening meal

The in-depth sessions will show you how anatomy and physiology translates into disease. You'll learn how doctors use cutting-edge technology to treat disease

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You'll dissect real specimens! we are the only provider of dissection based programmes where you will explore all anatomy including the stomach, intestines, gall bladder, pancreas, colon, head, spinal cord and neck.

Have a go at administering anaesthetics to our patients, try your hand at intubation on real thoracic blocks as well as attempting real heart transplant surgery.

Take away a curriculum linked workbook pack and certificate for applying to medicine -enhance your application and expand on your dissection based surgical experiences.

There are a limited number of tickets available and this will be advertised to all schools in the 20 mile radius of springwood, so hurry and book your ticket to secure your place at this unique and inspiring event.

For more information and to book your ticket please visit

<https://www.operatingtheatre.live.co.uk/publicevents>



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WNAT INAUGURAL SUMMER SCHOOL



During August, year 10 students from across the trust spent time at Springwood High School where they took part in Maths, English, Science and Mental Health, well-being sessions.

This was an opportunity for them to boost their learning in the lead up to the start of year 11, but also an opportunity for them to have fun and meet other students within the trust.

Sessions were led by teachers from across the schools and the week culminated in a reward trip to Tallington Lakes where students spent the day banana boating, zorbing, waterboarding and raft building.

The students finished each day with practical team building activities and games with our very own Mr McGee and Mr Thurlow. School Chef Mr Johnson and his team were also on hand each day, to provide brunch which was a hit with both staff and students!

All of the staff involved were duly impressed by the commitment of the students that took part. An opportunity not to be missed for this year's year 10 students!



BLAINE SUPER CHEF



When I was asked to help out in the kitchen I was very happy and excited, it was fun making Christmas dinner because I love cooking.

After a few weeks went past and the Chef asked me again and I **couldn't believe I was allowed to do it for a second time.** When I was in the kitchen I was cutting and making things for a three course meal and I tried so hard to make it right. The Chef was happy with what I had done. I was cooking and helping the dinner ladies out with the serving of food. Over all I was so happy and chuffed to be in the kitchen. The Head and the Chef rewarded me with a gift voucher for doing so well and staying in my own time till late to help out. My goal is to become a Chef and eventually have my own restaurant.

Blaine English

FOOD TECHNOLOGY



The Food Technology Department would be delighted to receive any unwanted empty (or full) biscuit, sweet containers, also pyrex dishes (casserole, lasagne) as pupils often forget containers to take their products home in. If your son/daughter has to borrow a container, please could you ensure that it is returned. Thanks Mrs Beech

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SMOOTHIE MAKING FOR YEAR 7

Year 7—Super Learning Day, 10 July 2018

The brief was to design a smoothie and packaging for their smoothie in groups of 4 or 5. They had to base their smoothie taste, price and packaging ideas on market research (questionnaires) completed in maths lessons prior to Super Learning Day.

On Super Learning Day they needed to sell their product using a pitch, advertisements, jingles and slogans - this was presented and judged. The pupils also had to make their smoothie to be judged on the taste and make their packaging to be bright and colourful. The team with the tastiest and the best pitch was the winner!



YEAR 7 VISITED FRANCE IN JULY

Leah Yeldham writes – I liked kayaking on the lake because I love water sports especially ones involving boats. It was especially fun because the instructors helping us kept tipping us into the water. We also had to do things like swap kayak with someone-else in the middle of the lake. They also challenged me to sit back as far as I could without falling off. I managed to sit on the very back so then they told me to try when I was **standing but that didn't go so well...** whilst I was in France I learnt lots of new French words!

I liked the pods we slept in because although they were hot they were small and cosy with seats just outside the door.

The frogs legs looked very nice and also tasted very nice. **The snails looked nice but I didn't try them.** **What I didn't like:** was having to get up so early to catch the bus to France but it was still worth it.

Overall France was really good and I really enjoyed it. I think the only thing that could make it better was if the pods were a bit bigger. It was very peaceful. The trip was amazing, I enjoyed learning about the French people and food.



Maisy Beales writes

What I liked

The places went to: All the activities ie Kayaking, Wasy Olympics and being able to do our own thing

Looking at all the famous landmarks.

What I learned

The cultures, I picked up some new French words. We ate frog legs and snails.

The types of markets and what they sell in France like silhouettes of the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame and painting

I learned about all of the landmarks and their history

I learned about Montadider's history and why it is so important

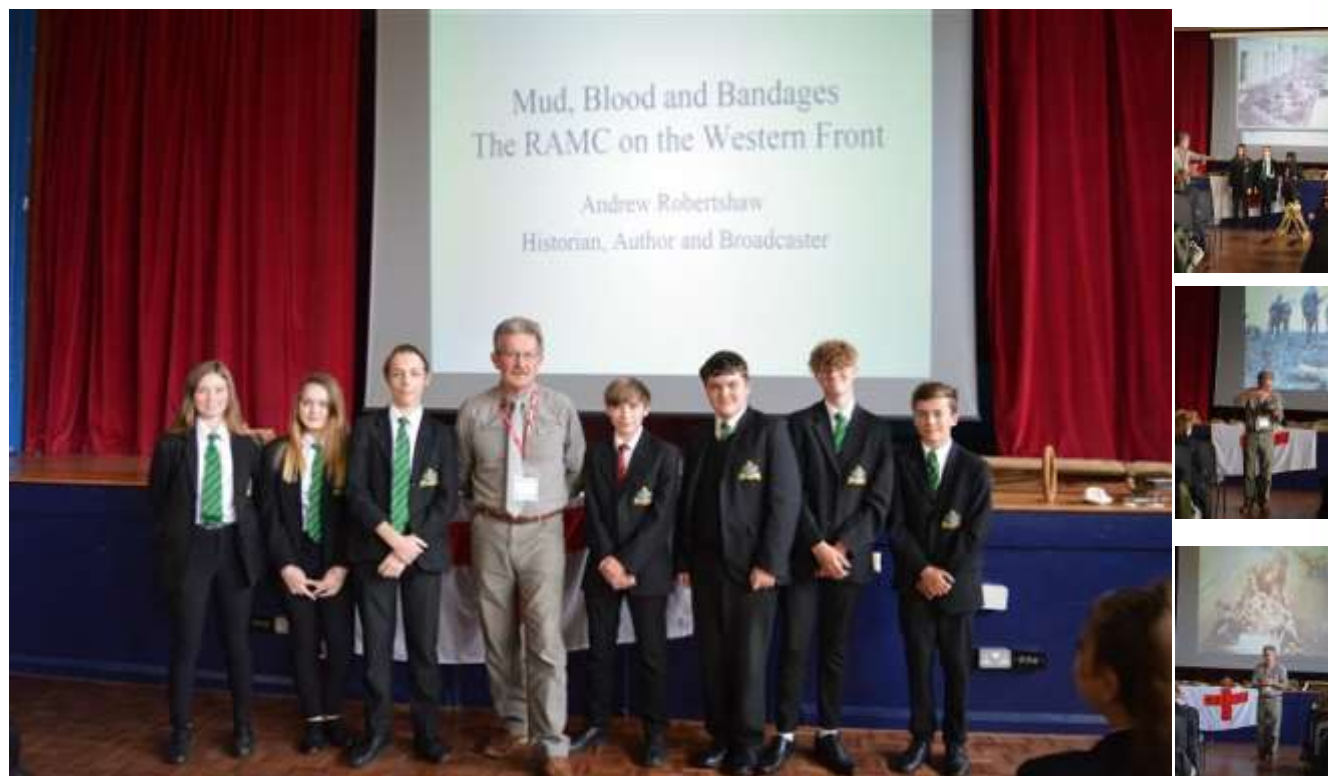
What I didn't like - Getting up early - The small portions of food - All my nose bleeds

The places where we went Mondidier, Chateau de Wasy, Paris, The Eiffel Tower, La tourmont parnasse, A traditional bakery.



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ANDY ROBERTSHAW RETURNS



On Thursday 4 October, the History department welcomed back Historian Andy Robertshaw to Springwood. Andy is an expert on World War One and has produced several books, worked with Hollywood on the film War Horse. 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 expert. Year 9 students write:

Judit-The thing I found interesting was how much risk some stretcher bearers had to go through trying to find the badly wounded and take them to safety. Some even had to go into no man's land.

Tegan Bird- I enjoyed seeing all of the historical bits of equipment and learning about how they used them during the world war. Especially the Thomas Splint that pulled the bones apart.

Tom Osborne—I learned something new about medics in the First World War. Also how when you were better you were sent back to the battle front. Some of the things he brought in were interesting,

Kayleigh Rudd-I found the history lecture interesting because he brought items related to the first world war and used them as props in his speech.

*Lily Doughty-I found that his grandparents were alive and survived the war, very interesting. I also found the items he brought in fascinating because of the fact that they **were in the war and haven't been broken or damaged is incredible.***

Jacob Grimes, Mollie Lemman and Olivia -We found the little stories he told were quite interesting.

Oliver Turner Bunting-I found the items that Andy showed us very exciting and helped me understand what he was talking about.

Jacob Watson, Tally Reed, Melisa Burakeviciute -It was really good especially when he brought every-thing in to show us. It showed how much technology has advanced.

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NEW YEAR 7 CHOIR



The new Year 7 choir practising for the Open days.



GUIDE DOG JANDY

Guide dog Jandy visited assemblies with his owner Mr Gordan Steward, who spoke to the students about how best to support them on the cycle paths and foot paths.

NEW LIBRARY FOR GAYWOOD PRIMARY



The first job for two of our assistant Head Girls, Evelyn Perryman and Amelia Spindler was to return to their former school Gaywood Primary. They are pictured left with Borough Mayor Counsellor Mr Daubney, Gaywood Headteacher Mr Mindham and Springwood Headteacher Mr Johnson

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Erasmus+

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The school has been successful in the bid to participate in another ERASMUS project following our participation in the Phoenix project over the past 2 years. This means we will work with schools from Germany, Spain, Latvia, Croatia, and Italy sharing ideas, experiencing cultures and meeting new friends.

The first mobility takes place during the week commencing 26th November when we will host 4 students from each country and 2 staff to experience our heritage and school life.

We are offering students in years 9 and 10 the opportunity of being actively involved by either participating in a logo competition (see requirements below) and or offering to host 1 or 2 students during that week!

If anyone is happy to assist with the hosting please contact either Mrs Churchyard or Mr Manu for further details.

Logo competition

Students need to create a logo for innovation=motivation against early school leaving. (The ethos is about methods to encourage students to stay in school). Students need to:

Prepare a presentation showing:

- 2 hand drawn ideas for the logo
- 1 Hand drawn detailed plan of the logo to be made justifying your decisions showing: Colour and Size
- Sources of images to be imported Fonts
- At least 3 stages of development of the logo in a software package of your choice
- Final logo saved as a .jpeg or .png format
- The deadline is Thursday 1st November! Entries should be brought to F13 or 07.
- The judges will look at the best 3 from each country during that week using the following criteria:
- Appropriate font
- Appropriate use of images
- Ability to resize without pixellating
- Eye catching
- Recognisable in colour or black/white

Watch this space for further information about this exciting opportunity!



CAMBRIDGE ARCHEOLOGISTS



Students in Yr10 received congratulations and certificates from Mr Johnson and the University of Cambridge for completing the Independent Learning Archaeology Field School (ILAFS) program. Students took part in digging test pits around the village of Hilgay in search of anything of archaeological interest: old pots, shards of glass; anything that suggests human activity. Springwood High School has for many years been a "Beacon School" for Cambridge University's Archaeological department and students worked alongside those from King Edward VII to form an effective team discovering new skills and make new friends whilst digging up the past. Mr J Smith

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ROUNDERS TEAM UNBEATEN

Last seasons Year 7 rounders team unbeaten—well done



	St Clements	Smithdon	KLA	KES	TOTAL ROUNDERS SCORED
Riva	0.5	3	4.5	2.5	10.5
Alexandra	1	1	4.5	2	8.5
Vinethmi	1	1	2.5	1.5	6
Ava	1.5	2.5	3	2.5	9.5
Laila		1.5	1		2.5
Olivia	3	1.5	4	0.5	9
Alina	1	0	1.5	1	3.5
Jea	2.5	1.5	2	4	10
Amelie	3.5	0.5	2	2	8
Elizabeth	0	0	0	1.5	1.5
Kaylee			0		0
Louisa				6	6
	W 14-11	W 12.5-11	W 25-12	W 23.5-10	75

'Man of the Match'

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MESSAGE FROM MR JOHNSON

Welcome back to another year at Springwood High School! As the first half term comes to a close it is great to reflect on all the great happenings here at Springwood

Firstly, I must congratulate our new year 7 cohort. Under the fantastic leadership of Mr Scoles and Mrs Smith the year 7 students have settled in really well indeed. They have quickly acclimatised to our large site and are enjoying their lessons. The vast majority of the year 7 are taking full advantage of our considerable extra-curricular offer and I am sure that will continue. The highlight this term was the new 7 choir singing at the school open evening. Close to 100 students took part in a fabulous 3 song performance under the leadership of Mrs Marshall. Our prospective new parents could not help to be impressed by such a confident display. I stood in awe of our wonderful students!

In their final year of study, our year 11 have come back firing on all cylinders! It was a pleasure to meet our newly selected Head Boys and Girls. All are proud to wear their new ties and I am sure that all of them will make a valuable contribution to the successful leadership of the school. The year 11 will have much to do over October half term in preparation for their forthcoming mock examinations or Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) as we now call them. It was a pleasure to see so many of our Year 11 students at the Sixth Form open evening. Mrs Williams and her tutor team are working hard with every single year 11 to ensure they have a "plan A" and "plan B" secured for their post 16 future by Christmas at the very latest.

Andy Johnson

Executive Headteacher

Springwood High School and West Norfolk Academies Trust



HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL

In September we advertised the roles of Head Boy and Head Girl to our Year 11. A staggering 25 people applied and we interviewed them all. They were amazing and it was a pleasure to chat to these young adults and to hear what they have achieved both in and out of school. They were enthusiastic, polite, interesting, dedicated and fantastic ambassadors for the school.

It was a tough decision but we made our two choices:

Phoebe Claxton as Head Girl and Ezra Nwobodo as Head Boy. Well done to them. They really deserve it, having contributed so much already to school life. Ezra and Phoebe have started their roles already, representing Springwood at functions and they will speak at the year 11 parents' evening on 4 October.

With great pleasure I can announce that we appointed an additional 20 students to be deputies. They bring many talents to their new roles and I know will be a credit to the school. Everyone will be given a new Springwood tie and will be the faces of Springwood High School. Well done to all. Good luck in your new role. Mrs K Williams (Assistant Headteacher)

