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SHS MOCK TRIALS TEAM DO IT AGAIN!

Around 0720 on Saturday 9th March, our Springwood Mock Trials Team arrived at school ready to take part in the first round of the Magistrates Mock Trial competition in Peterborough. As in the past, we always use the minibus trip there as an extra rehearsal to practice with those that we will work with in court. Naturally everyone was nervous and our levels of nerves began to rise as we approached Peterborough Court.

We arrived with time to spare, which allowed us time to practise in a court room before the other schools got there. After a while our parents started arriving, alongside Mr Johnson who had come to watch for the first time. The other competitors shortly arrived and we had to introduce ourselves and swap team genders for the witness characters that we had all been practising to prevent a loss of marks.

The time came for our first round out of two. The team never perform together because it would mean cross examining people from the same team, which wouldn't work. Therefore every team that takes part is split into two; Prosecution and defence.



When our team's courtroom door opened, we all rushed in to find out how they had done. They had finished performing and were just awaiting the guilty or not guilty verdict which meant a bit of a breather for everyone! Many handshakes and highfives were exchanged between the two sides of our team and with the competing school.

After that first round it was time for the defence team to relax as their job was done, and it was time for the prosecution to go up against Peele Community College. I was part of the prosecution team and we waited nervously outside the courtroom with sweaty hands and shaking knees before taking our places.

We did our best, let out a sigh of relief and all ate our lunch. We received lots of lovely comments from the other schools and their students and we knew that whatever the result, that we had tried our best.

The Judges gathered all schools downstairs in the court and gave a speech and certificates to each school. Then it was time to announce the winner. "And the winners of the 2019 Magistrates Mock Trial are!.... Springwood High School!!!" A huge shout out and applause erupted and we were all ecstatic.

It was a great experience for us and it means that now we move on to round 2, the regional heat in Mansfield on the 18th May. We will receive the case for this on the day that we break up for Easter holidays, so we are all preparing to come in over Easter to practise!

One final highlight of the day was that Mr Johnson promised that he would show us how he dabbed after having to produce a quick dance move on a recent course he went on. As you can imagine, we all held him to his promise and it finished the day off with more fun and laughter! Unfortunately we don't have any photos of that part to share though!

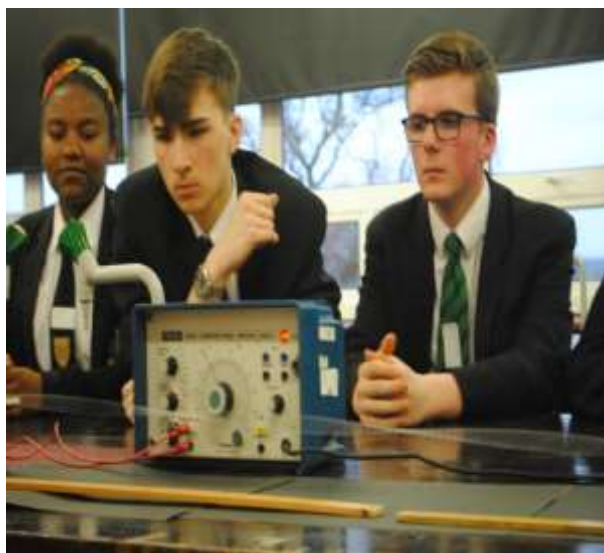
A celebratory McDonalds on the way home made the day even more fun and now we await the next case for the next lot of hard work! Jannis Koulman

Our defence side of the team were competing first against Prince William High School. Each side of our teams consists of two lawyers, two witnesses, three magistrates and a member of court staff. The prosecution half of our team waited outside the courtrooms while the defence were up and used the extra time to practise (and to get more nervous!)

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WEST NORFOLK ACADEMIES TRUST SCIENCE HIGH ACHIEVERS CONFERENCE – MARCH 7TH

Triple science students from across the trust congregated at Springwood High School for four hours of activities to prepare them for their upcoming Science GCSE's. The sessions included both Mathematics and Literacy in Science, challenging required practical tasks and chemistry calculations. The students received a resource pack including knowledge organisers on both content and required practical tasks. I would like to thank all Science Staff across the trust for their hard work to make this such a success. Good luck to all students across the trust in their Science public exams in the summer. Mr. Thompson.



GRADE 9 STUDENTS



Thirty three Year 11 pupils achieved the amazing feat of obtaining a grade 9 in at least 1 subject in the recent PPE's. These were from a wide range of subjects including, Maths, English, Science, Business, French, History, PE and Computing. Mr Johnson, Mr Wills and Mrs Williams were on hand to congratulate them on this achievement. Good luck to all Year 11 pupils in their GCSE exams which begin on May 13th.

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SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER!



Wow what a super start to 2019 for Year 7. We had our well attended celebration evening at the end of January where we paused and reflected on the huge leaps and bounds forward that this year group have made since September. Thank you for all your support with this and a special thanks go to our popular Year 7 choir and those talented individuals who sang and played instruments on the evening.



The biggest challenge of the evening was how to celebrate so much achievement by so many fantastic pupils! . I am very proud of you all!



Leaderboard				
	Form	Scores	Pupils	Mean Score
1st	7B1	951	27	35.22
2nd	7S2	787	28	28.11
3rd	7F1	895	28	31.96
4th	7F2	847	27	31.37
5th	7H1	969	31	31.26
6th	7B2	747	27	27.67
7th	7O1	766	27	28.37
8th	7H2	675	26	25.96
9th	7S1	706	27	26.15
10th	7O2	650	28	23.21

The form competition continues to be hotly contested, however despite the points being re-set at Christmas, Mr Eveson's form continues to work their magic and are leading again. However Mrs Dal-limore and 7S2 are catching them up!

Accelerated Reader continues to deliver some fantastic improvements in children's reading ability and Miss Archdale had a final assembly with Year 7 to hand out almost 200 certificates to students who have improved their reading age! We wish Miss Archdale well as she leaves us to join her fiancé and get married.



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Miss Smith and I were lucky enough to escort some of our year group to Cambridge University where we attended a lecture and met their mentors; all of whom are current students studying at the University. Their role is to inspire and encourage them to achieve their potential and aim for a place as a student at Cambridge in six years time!



Finally we are finishing the term by visiting the zoo on super learning day. I will add some pictures in our next newsletter! Mr Scoles and Miss Smith

SCIENCE—YEAR 7 CELLS



As part of the cells topic, Year 7 students were given the task of making a labelled 3D model of a plant or animal cell. These pictures show the amazing models made by Miss Dawson's Year 7 class.

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A FLIPPING GOOD TIME HAD BY ALL AT PANCAKE RACE

Springwood sixth form has once again played host to the annual pancake relay race whereby teams of four competed for the coveted golden frying pan trophy. With three semi finals resulting in an exciting three way final for the first time in pancake history you'd batter believe it was a good one.

A surprise entry; the so called year 13 "plastics" eased their way into the final but were up against it were the past winners "The Maths Teachers" looking to add another pan to their trophy cabinet. Even with the fastest time of the day being recorded by Mr Rawling it wasn't enough and the "Plastics" crêped into first place and secured themselves all of the fame and glory that come with winning the golden frying pan trophy.



Congratulations to all that took part in this year's race and a special mention to Olivia Jeffery, Olivia Steel, Charlotte Clark and Lewis Seymour who claimed the winning prize and Darcy Hillard, Kathryn Stiff-Tompkins, Alex Warrington and Reiss Shepperson who won the fancy dress award.

Photographs taken by Simon Rowe from KLFM



CROCUS PLANTS

The interact club hosted a plant potting sale whereby all contributions were donated to the Purple 4 Polio charity. We felt this charity was one that needed some more attention and therefore decided to all come together as a group and pot the crocuses. They were sold around the school and we managed to raise over £50 which will be sent off along with all the other fundraising money we have raised over the last year. We would like to thank everyone for their contributions and especially Mrs Cusdin for providing us with the help and resources to make this a success.



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SPRINGWOOD PERFORM AT YOUTH SPEAKS REGIONAL FINAL

On Saturday 9th March, we (Nicky Mathew, Elsa Mathew and Lexie Ampomah) made our journey to Romford in Essex for the Rotary Club Youth Speaks Regional Final competition. This was the third round of the competition and began with an early start!

Whereas in previous rounds, we had to choose numbers out of a hat to determine the order of schools speaking, this time it was different as it was already decided before our arrival.

We were on first which is not the position we wanted, but the positive element was that we would be able to relax for the rest of the competition after performing!

We felt that we performed well and it was by luck that the 'planted' question asked in the audience from the Rotary club, presented us with a question that Miss Roberts had tested us on during our last rehearsal, the night before the competition!

This time we were able to find out the result by lunchtime, whereas in the past we had to wait until all of the senior teams had performed. This meant that the day wasn't so long and that we wouldn't have a long wait for the result.

We had no idea at all where we would place as all of the teams were very good. Once again we were competing against private schools who are always very good in these competitions. This meant that we were completely overjoyed when Nicky won best speaker of the day! We are all really proud of this achievement as although we didn't win the overall competition, we bagged the main individual prize of the day.

We wish all of the other schools well in their last round at the national final. Nicky will now move back into the mock trials group (who also performed on the 9th March and someone had to cover for her!).

It has been a great experience for us and something we will have on our CV's for life.

Nicola Mathew, Elsa Mathew and Lexie Ampomah



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FRENCH SPELLING BEES



Congratulations and thanks to all who got involved with the French Spelling Bees. The winner was Jeremy Matthews closely followed by Robbie McHale.

The runners up were Keira Hawes and Nancy Harvey. An enthusiastically fought finale for well-deserving y7 pupils! Well done from the French Department

HISTORY



Isabelle Bek of 7S1 drew and painted her interpretation of Elizabeth I for homework. Excellent work Isabelle. Her painting is framed in the LRC.



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AFTERNOON TEA WITH LILY



As part of Lily Edwards FoodWise course she had to plan and host a tea party. She invited her parents, Mrs Bunting, Miss Walker and Mr Johnson to have tea with her. She made a Victoria sponge and biscuits for everyone. "It was delicious" said Mr Johnson. Well done Lily.

YEAR 9 HEADUCATE



Year 9 are taking Mental Wellbeing extremely seriously, 28 year 9 students have become ambassadors and have received training by the UEA on how to spot the signs and address the issues. During the UEA training KLFM, The Lynn News and Local Newspaper came in to interview Mr Hobbs, Head of Year 9 and some of the students involved. Both papers did featured articles and KLFM aired student comments live on their show.

Mr Hobbs commented,

Pupils were more likely to discuss issues with each other initially rather than go directly to staff. The ambassadors would be supported so they knew when to seek the help of staff and hand issues over. The new ambassadors are already planning sessions with fellow pupils on how to stay mentally healthy and have in fact, delivered numerous sessions throughout the day to other year 9's during the recent Super Learning Day, taking themselves out of their comfort zone in doing so. The pupils have been really impressive, we are so proud of them. Mr Hobbs and Miss Craig

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Welcome to Mr Alan Wisniewski who has taken over from Miss Archdale as Accelerated Reader Co-ordinator. Miss Archdale has moved to Lincoln, we wish her well.



BISHOP LYNN VISITS YEAR 9

On Wednesday 20 March Jonathan Meyrick, the Bishop of Lynn came to talk to a group of Year 9 students, below is a brief outline of his visit.

A Bishop is below an Arch-Bishop, he works in a church.
Hollie Jay

I really enjoyed meeting the Bishop of Lynn it was an amazing opportunity, he talked to us about what his job involved. For example he talked about helping the Muslim community after the New Zealand attack. He also gave us a really good insight into the diversity of his religion. The Bishop helped me with some tips for my GCSE's.
Willow Turner

Meeting with the Bishop was a very interesting experience as it told us a lot about how Christianity operates in the modern day. He focused on how Christianity works in the community and how his job works. Another interesting thing we discussed was how science and religion differ and are the same; he told us religion is more about why, whereas Science focuses on how and the two concepts can coexist quite easily. Overall, the meeting and questions were very interesting and a very valuable experience.
Alex Bryan

The Bishop of Lynn was a kind, talkative person. I asked a question about the purple robe-like clothes with the golden embroideries, his hat is called a mitre that shows he is a bishop; and a cane that looks like a Shepard's crook is meant to guide people on behalf of God. I thoroughly enjoyed my talk with the Bishop and I am glad I got to speak with him as I feel it has given me an insight into Christianity. I do wish I could speak with the Bishop of Lynn again.
Michael Huang



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CAKE SALE FOR CHARITY



Freya, Elisha, Maddie and Melissa did their second bake sale for Diabetes UK and they raised £30, earlier in the term they did another bake sale this was for Cancer Support and they raised £45, all the cakes were made by the girls.

HARVEY IS TOP BOY



Harvey Isle (pictured) was named top boy over the weekend of the 16th March.

He swam 12 races...8 golds and 4 silvers in his age group. He also achieved another regional time giving him 6 in total where he will compete in May.

He was extremely happy as it's a tough job to get top boy. Your points add up over the weekend and he got the highest points out of all the boys competing having consistent top places in his races.

He is giving up a week of his Easter holiday to attend an intensive swim camp in preparation for Regionals.

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GIRLS AT TWICKENHAM



It was amazing to be able to play on the same pitch as the national teams would play on later. We then went back to the changing rooms to prepare for the guard of honour. We walked out on the pitch through the tunnel before the players and stood on the pitch and waved flags as the England and Scotland teams ran out on the pitch. First we watched the men play.

The first half of the game was very exciting with the England team leading 31-7 at half-time. Unfortunately, England let their lead slip away with the final score a draw, with 38 points each. Although this was disappointing for England, it was an international rugby union record for the highest points scoring draw in history.

We were then the guard of honour for the women's match. The woman showed the men how it was done and they celebrated with a win of 80 points to 0. This meant they won the Six Nations Championship and achieved the Grand Slam (meaning they won all their matches throughout the championship). This day was so fun and inspired me to play even more rugby. Iorwen Engledow



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MESSAGE FROM MR JOHNSON



I hope everyone had a great Easter break. I am sure that Year 11 and 13 students were using their time wisely and preparing for the imminent public examinations. We are now in the final weeks of preparation and already the new term feels very focused. Many of the Year 11 students have been attending our Sixth Form Saturday schools. The feedback has been excellent and I am sure that this experience will provide significant encouragement for our students to aim for the very highest grades.

With our outstanding Assistant Headteachers and Year Managers leading each Year group, I feel that every year is highly focused on academic progress, engaging positively with the school and taking part in extra-curricular activities. It is fantastic to see so many positive and engaged youngsters enjoying their schooling.

Andy Johnson
Executive Headteacher
West Norfolk Academies Trust