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LONDON HERE WE COME!

After successfully winning the first round of the Young Citizens Mock Trials competition in Peterborough on the 9th of March, our focus turned to the second round in Mansfield on the 18th May. We received a new case which we had to prepare during the Easter holidays, and had around 3-4 weeks to rehearse for what was going to be a much trickier round.



The case for this round was concerning an assault on a taxi driver on the 26th January

2019, after the first case which was to do with the alleged stealing of a mobile phone with the defendant riding a moped. This case was harder to get our heads around, but after a few weeks in the Easter break of familiarising ourselves with what was going on, we had a month to crack on with getting ready for the competition. Unfortunately, we had less rehearsals to practice this time around, but everyone independently learnt their pieces so it could all be put together on a trip to King's Lynn Court on the 17th May. The experience was extremely helpful as we got to have full-length run throughs and get feedback from our teammates. We also got this opportunity before the first round and it certainly helped!



So, everyone was prepared for the day. It wasn't as much of an early start as last time as the competition day was split into AM and PM, but we arrived at school ready to leave at 10:15am. It took two and a half hours to get to the Court House in Mansfield.

Our prosecution team was made up of Jannis (Lawyer), Anoushka (Victim/witness), Finley (legal advisor), Craig (witness) and Nicola (lawyer) plus the three magistrates (Harry Alex and Shereen), who were in court and taking notes for prosecution and defence. They were up against St. Grahams Academy and performed very well throughout. Then it was up to the defence, which consisted of Emily (lawyer), Merissa (lawyer), Myself (Mackenzie, witness), Neyah (usher), and Mia (defendant) – and again the three magistrates – as this time we were against Cedar Mount Academy. The school that we didn't get to compete against but where taking part was Littleport. Overall, we felt we performed well and didn't make any mistakes which is always the biggest worry.

It is worth noting that the verdict of the case does not determine who wins the competition, but the way that it is presented and the character you show, so if one team won the case, it may not be that team who win the round overall.

Once all the 'acting' was over (as the court room is known as being a 'show', we were playing the waiting game, eager/ nervous to find out the results. And when we found out, we were over the moon and screamed "we are HEADING TO THE FINALS!!!!" It was down to a team effort and full commitment since being picked to compete over three months ago.

But, as always, as a team we have to thank everyone who has supported us or helped us in any way, shape or form. Most importantly Miss Roberts, who without her, we wouldn't have entered this competition at all and has helped us win with her tireless commitment to the cause. On top of that, we'd like to thank Young Citizens for hosting the competition and Miss Howell for looking after us at all times! So, onwards and upwards to the Royal High Courts of London on the 15th June, where we will be competing against the best from across the country! Mackenzie year 8.



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ALFIE RUNS

Each year Alfie 8O2 chooses a charity to run for, this year it is Nelson's Journey this will be the second time he has ran for them, in the past he has ran for NSPCC, Reach for a Star, Water Aid he has been doing this since he was five, he usually runs with his Step Dad or other family members.

Here's an action shot! Alfie (and his sister Molly) ran a 5K inflatable obstacle course in Peterborough for Nelson's Journey and has raised £265 so far (gift aid will be added on top). There were 15 different obstacles; Storm The Walls and Bish Bash Bosh to name a couple!

It was fun to watch them

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TYLER RUNS FOR CANCER RESEARCH





Well done to Tyler 801 who ran in the MiniGEAR on Sunday 5th May This year he decided he wanted to raise money for charity, and because cancer has affected his family, he chose Cancer Research UK. Family and friends have been very supportive, and he raised over £250!



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SCHOLARSHIP FOR OWEN

After many auditions, exams and a lot of hard work, Owen has been offered a scholarship at The Hammond School (of Performing Arts) in Chester. Owen will leave Springwood at the end of the academic year.

This is a great loss for Springwood as he is a fantastic young man who is an asset to every class. It is an amazing opportunity for Owen and very much his dream come true! The competition for places and, in particular, scholarships (fees for the school are £30,000 per year!) is immense so this really is a huge achievement and highlights just how talented Owen is in dance.

We wish Owen all the best At The Hammond School and we hope he keeps in touch!



LILY WINS TRIPLE GOLD



On Saturday 11 May 2019 Lily participated in the Norfolk Track and Field Championships 2019. She won three gold medals (long jump, 100 metre sprint, shot put). Lily also managed a personal best in shot put 4.06 metres.





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GIRLS WIN 3-D PRINTER



Alina, Sruthi and Anoushkha took part in the 2018-2019 Cleantech challenge. The girls successfully managed to get through to the final where they were triumphant. The girls had produced a project that focused on creating a Bio-fuel car. The girls visited a research and development centre as part of the presentation process where they also picked up their prize which was a 3D printer. We are immensely proud of them. Miss R Davies

YEAR 8 SCIENCE PROJECT

Groups of year 8 students have recently completed their science projects. Investigations included testing the absorbance of sanitary towels and tampons, measuring the rate of water uptake in a flower and finding out the best material to make parachutes out of.







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SUMMER NEWSLETTER



We finished the Spring Term with a super day out to Banham Zoo, the weather was good and our students were a pleasure to spend the day out with. We had fun watching Miss Dallimore shepherding goats back into the petting area that they had escaped from!









Congratulations to James who won this year's Easter Egg Hunt competition and Tilly who won four medals (2 gold, a silver and a bronze) at a junior Taekwondo competition.



This term started with a rewards assembly where we praised so many of our fantastic Year 7 students who have achieved so much this year. We handed out Bronze achievement badges for those students who have received 100 achievement awards and silver achievement badges for those who have gained over 250 awards. I have set our year group a challenge to be the best Year 7 cohort ever at Springwood. The AHERO and SUPERHERO awards will show if they have risen to that challenge!

I was ably assisted in rewarding so many students by Mr Eveson and Miss Smith who enjoyed the occasion!





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This week in school (w/c 10.6.19) is the Year 7 assessment week and students are being put through their paces in classroom based assessments to give them a taster of what Year 11 are currently going through. I have explained to the students in assembly that the actual assessments will not be very different from what they have already completed, but that we plan a week where they will have multiple assessments so they experience what this is like and how best to prepare for it. Next year, as they progress through the school we will introduce them to sitting some of their assessments in the two main exam halls.



Mr Thurlow organised an afternoon of fun and games at Sandringham for some of our Year 7 students who have shown improvements on their school reports. All involved had been set a challenge of improving their attendance, behaviour, attainment or ATL's. Well done to you all; keep up the good work!



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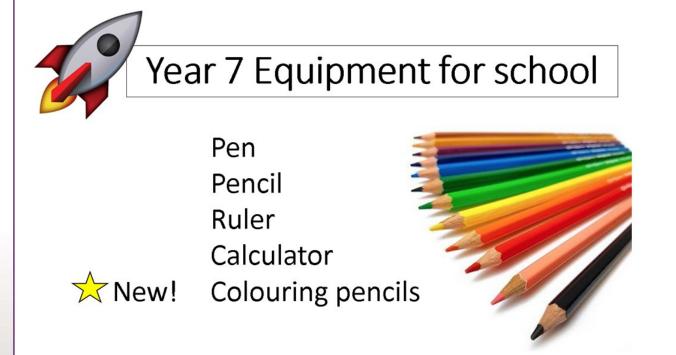


The Cambridge University programme for this year was completed by another group of our Year 7's who impressed us no end with their commitment, hard work and imagination. They all completed the course by producing a shoe box about themselves, these were put on display at the Kings Lynn Museum and parents were invited along by Cambridge University for a presentation evening. Congratulations to Freya who's shoe box was judged by Cambridge to be the best!





Finally please note that we have added colouring pencils to the list of equipment that Yr7 students should have with them every day.





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Sponsored Leg Wax









Students from 12.10 opted to organise a 'Waxathon' as a charity fundraiser. Brave teacher volunteers Mr McGee, Mr Warner-Lynn, Mr Hobbs, Mr Ellin, Mr Durham and Mr Rawlings submitted to waxing by Mrs Sutherland in front of a packed drama studio. Mr Bliss - with support from the music department - compered the event, which also included courageous sixth formers who agreed to be waxed for a good cause. Photography and filming were carried out by Mr McKenzie and Mrs Frost. Many thanks to all that supported our form and helped to raise £104 for Versus Arthritis and the Prom fund. Mrs Wills-Gillings and Mrs Sutherland





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TWO DAY TRIP TO FRANCE AND BELGIUM



The History department, languages department and 80 students went on a two day trip to Belgium and France. Teachers and students left Kings Lynn at 1.30am on Wednesday morning and returned late Thursday night. Both language and history students visited many cemeteries of both sides that fought in the First World War. On the second day the language students visited a school in France and spent the morning with them before re joining the history students to travel home. The group also visited Tunnels in





Arras, trenches in Ypres and a museum at Passchendaele showing how the men had lived underground. Not to mention a visit to a local chocolate show and taking major role in the Menin gate ceremony that is held every evening in ypres. Two students laid a wreath on behalf of Springwood High school in memory of those who lost their lives for the freedom of others.

Tegan —"I enjoyed staying in a room with my friends and exploring new places) with them"



Kayleigh —"I really enjoyed visiting the different memorials"

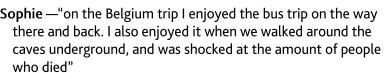
Jacob—"I liked the place we stayed at. that the rooms were open and we had some free time"

Oliver — "I really enjoyed the Belgium trip, especially the places we visited: the cemeteries, trenches and underground mines. I also really enjoyed where we stayed in the hostel and how we were responsible for breakfast, getting up and making our own beds"

Poppy & Lily — "Both of us enjoyed the coach journey because we could socialise with people we wouldn't normally. We also really enjoyed the Wellington tunnels it was all very interesting"

Mollie —"I really enjoyed the Menin gate ceremony because it was interesting to see how it worked"

Ella, Poppy and Kala—" What I enjoyed was the bus rides because that is when we actually got to go to sleep. We also enjoyed the museum where you got to go around it seeing different things and smell the different gasses used in the war"



Oscar —"I liked it when we were on the bus journey on the way to Folkstone"









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MESSAGE FROM MR JOHNSON

As we approach the final furlong of the school year it is great to look back and appreciate all the wonderful things our students and staff have done. As ever, there are too many things to mention individually but i would like to personally thank everyone who has contributed to making Springwood the good school that it is. Whether working hard in lessons, taking part in sport, contributing to our arts events or entering a national competition our students are making the most of what Springwood offers.



Today we had said "farewell" to our year 11 at the annual leavers assembly and barbeque. Guest of honour (as ever!) was our very own Mr Singh who was busily supporting the food preparation. It was great to be able to thank our year 11 students for being a fabulous year group. Importantly, we also had chance to thank Mrs Williams, Mrs Saxby, Mr Redman, Mr Thurlow and our fantastic Year 11 tutor team. This year we gave away more prizes than ever which the winning students seemed to really enjoy. The students will now be anticipating the Year 11 prom which they have worked hard to organise

As one year group leaves, we then prepare for the new year intake. The staff have thoroughly enjoyed their 1:1 interviews with the students and their parents. This is an important part of our induction process. Tomorrow, our new year 7 will have their two day induction. I am looking forward to seeing them as a group for the first time.

This has been a great achievement for our Year 13 students who have diligently and effectively worked through the year. I cannot wait to see them all on results day as they move to the next stage of their life either at University, as a an employee or a higher level apprentice

Andy Johnson Executive Headteacher West Norfolk Academies Trust 24 June 2019