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A Level Results



Springwood students are once again celebrating another record year for A level results.

- ◆ 78% of students achieved A* to C grades—a 5% increase on last year
- ◆ 45% of students achieved A* to B grades
- ◆ 21% of students achieved A* to A grades
- ◆ This years highest achieving students were Ellie Chen & Megan Tomsett with A*, A* & A grades

Head of Year 13 Mrs Cuss said “I am very proud of all the students achievements this year. It is my favourite day of the year, seeing so many happy faces go off to their first choice destinations”.

Eight students achieved Oxbridge, medicine or law places, the highest in the schools history.

Norfolk Scholar Status (A, B, B or higher) was also awarded to 35 students.

Well done to all our hardworking A Level students!



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GCSE Results



This year we celebrated our best ever results since the new GCSE framework was introduced in 2017.

- ◆ There was a 6% increase in students gaining a pass in both English and Maths, rising to 66% overall.
- ◆ The highest performing student was Phoebe Claxton who achieved seven grade 9's, three grade 8's and one grade 7.
- ◆ Other standout performers were Ezra Nwobodo who gained 4 grade 9's, three grade 8's and two grade 7's. Joshua Ampomah achieved four grade 9's, six grade 8's and one grade 7.

Executive Headteacher, Andy Johnson said "This year our students have been exceptional. I am so pleased that they have gained such great grades."



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TERM DATES 2019– 2020

Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 5th September (Year 7 & 12) only

Thursday 6th September (Years 8,9,10,11,13)

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Friday 20th December

Autumn Half Term Holiday 2019

Thursday 17th October

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Friday 25th October

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January

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Thursday 2nd April

Spring Half Term Holiday 2020

Monday 17th February

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Friday 21st February

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April

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Friday 17th July

Summer Half Term Holiday 2020

Monday 25th May

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Friday 29th May

TRAINING DAYS/BANK HOLIDAYS

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September 2019 - Training Days

Friday 18th October 2019 - Training Day

Wednesday 22nd January 2020 - Training Day

Friday 3rd April - Training Day

Friday 8th May 2020 - Bank Holiday

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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 Year 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.

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)

Moving house? Need to update your contact details?

Please contact the Data Team to advise.

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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 email/mail please can you include the year and form of your child within the correspondence.

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.

Lost Property—in the LRC



We have a lot of lost and unnamed property in the LRC.

If you notice anything of yours or your child's please send them to the LRC to collect their item as soon as possible.

Please remember to name all of your child's belonging , as anything that has been left around school is taken to the LRC and if it's named the LRC staff will return it to your child.

Thank you.



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U15 Netball Team off to a great start!

vs The Nicholas Hamond Academy

Tuesday 24th September saw Springwood U15 Netball team host their first league match against The Nicholas Hamond Academy (Swaffham).

Both teams were slow to score in the first quarter, Springwood gaining their first goal by Mia Sutherland. In the next quarter, excellent defending was made by the Springwood Defence, keeping a 'clean sheet' whilst Ellie Clark was able to establish 3 more in the hoop to maintain a 4-0 lead by half time. Both Ellie and Kasha Burgess were able to increase the score to 7 – 1 by three quarter time; the game ending with a victorious 11 – 4.

This game demonstrated some excellent team work throughout all thirds of the court with 'player of the match' being awarded to Ellie Clark due to her shooting skills.



vs KLA

Tuesday 8th October was away at KLA.

A very fast paced and physical game with 2 very matched performances from both teams, 3-3 in the first quarter. By half time with a few changes in positions we pulled away scoring 6 goals to their 2, with a 9-5 lead. The second half was very tense as KLA pulled back with again a well matched 3rd quarter, both teams scoring 3 a piece to a 12-8 lead. However, the girls kept their heads with some lovely flowing passes up the court to increase the lead to finish 18-11.

'Player of the match' was again awarded to Ellie Clark.



Megan makes County Squad

Megan Palmer has been playing netball for Springwood since Year 7. Her passion for the sport led her to play in the Wisbech league for the team Rookies from the age of 11, with weekly training and fixtures. Five years later she continues to play as a defender and is Captain for Rookies 4, training every Monday and playing Wednesday fixtures within the adult league. In addition, Megan is Captain of her Rookies U16 team that plays on a Sunday.

Megan attended the U18 Cambridgeshire County trials and has earned her place, representing them as a defending position. She trains every other Thursday in Peterborough and is due to play her first tournament in December. Her performance within this U18 squad could potentially lead to a Performance Pathway which in turn could prepare her for the England Squad.

Well done Megan!

Art Club News

Art Club is in full swing, the pupils have completed their first project, experimental notebooks. Pupils have used different experimental painting techniques to create one of a kind notebooks. In the next project students will be experimenting with Shrinky Dink to create their own jewellery or badges. If you are interested in making and creating please come along on a Thursday after school in Room BA3, 3.30—4.30.

Year 's 7 & 8's only.



Spelling Bee

Inter-Trust Schools Spelling Bee

Elizabeth Mathew in Y9 won the inter-Trust Schools' Spelling Bee final. She beat off competition from Smithdon, Marshland and St. Clement's and won the top prize: an Amazon Kindle.

Zara Collins (Y8) and Lexi Ampomah (Y9) also took part and did Springwood proud. The standard was incredibly high so congratulations to all three girls for this amazing achievement.



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European Day of Languages Posters

Tutors and forms across the school took part in a competition to design a poster for European Day of Languages. Staff and pupils made posters and displayed things on their class doors.

The winning tutor group was Miss Jay's 7F2!

Congratulations to them. They have received some sweets as a prize for winning.

Below is the winning poster they produced.



Year 10 Trust Wide Raising Aspirations Visit Cavendish Laboratories, Cambridge University



We were delighted to be able to take 100 of the brightest students from across the West Norfolk Academies Trust to Cambridge University. The students visited six exhibits at the Cavendish laboratories over a period of about three hours, which included Quantum matter, superconductivity, how to see with atoms and how Jet Engines work with Rolls Royce. It was a fabulous day and it was great to see young minds engaging with cutting edge technology at an amazing location. The students particularly enjoyed the exhibit where they used super conductors at very low temperature, achieved by cooling with liquid nitrogen, to levitate objects magically.

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Duke of Edinburgh Award

The DofE gives you the chance to do something completely new and improve on things you're already doing. It takes you out of your comfort zone and into a place where you'll push yourself and have amazing new experiences. You'll build confidence, resilience, skills for work and friendship groups

A life-changing experience. A fun time with friends. An opportunity to discover new interests and talents. A tool to develop essential skills for life and work. A recognised mark of achievement; respected by employers.

14-24 year-olds can do a DofE programme at one of three progressive levels which, when successfully completed, leads to a Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

There are four sections to complete at Bronze and Silver level and five at Gold. They involve helping the community/environment, becoming fitter, developing new skills, planning, training for and completing an expedition and, for Gold only, working with a team on a residential activity.

Any young person can do their DofE – regardless of ability, gender, background or location. Achieving an Award isn't a competition or about being first. It's all about setting personal challenges and pushing personal boundaries.

Through a DofE programme young people have fun, make friends, improve their self-esteem and build confidence. They gain essential skills and attributes for work and life such as resilience, problem-solving, team-working, communication and drive, enhancing CVs and uni and job applications. Employers recognise the work ready skills that Award holders gain.

2019 -20 Registrations for Bronze, Silver and Gold are still available until half term for this years expeditions .

See Mrs Petch or Mrs Churchyard - applications and all forms available on the website

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Year 13

Evening Wear

Collection

The theme is embellishments (surface decorations).

Molly Bramham contrasting black and white long elegant evening dress with a side split was inspired by the 1920's Deco Art movement. The embellishment represents the repetitive semicircles and has used laser cut shapes.

Grace Skinner's evening wear was inspired by nature and she has used laser cut embellishments sewn onto a satin fabric with delicate beads to finish the overall look for the elegant evening dress.

Louise Goddard has designed and made a evening dress inspired by weddings. The long cream lace layered dress has been photographed in a church setting.



Year 11 News

Year 11 Intervention

As they enter Year 11 our aim is for every pupil to reach their maximum potential. In order to provide Year 11 pupils every possibility of success we deliver a number of interventions and twilight sessions. These sessions have proven in previous years to significantly improve pupil performance in exams

Form Time Intervention

During form times in the morning, targeted pupils will be having 6th form mentoring in specific subjects. These are 1-1 tuition sessions in which pupils will have 20 minutes of direct intervention once a week. We currently have these sessions for; Maths, Science and Sociology with Computing and History following in the coming weeks.

PE Bubble

On your child's timetable every other Tuesday periods 4 and 5 they have double PE. This time can be assigned by faculties to offer subject specific intervention where required. This has been used previously to help students catch up on coursework, prepare for exams and exam techniques. It should be made clear to your child that they only do PE during these times if they are not required by other subjects and have not been requested.

Saturday Maths

Last Saturday we had 36 Year 11 pupils attend a one hour Maths session which was lead by a 6th form mentor. These sessions focus on pupils specific area of weaknesses from past exams and from teacher feedback in order to maximise the potential of these sessions. If your child has been invited to one of these sessions we would really appreciate your support in helping them to attend, results have shown in previous years that pupils Maths grades significantly improve by attending these sessions.



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SPRINGWOOD SIXTH FORM NEWSLETTER

September Issue

As newly elected Head Boy and Head Girl, we wanted to take the opportunity to wish you a warm welcome to Springwood sixth form and wish you all the best for the year ahead. We are excited to work with you and look forward to creating the best possible environment for both our academic and personal development.

Sammy Leet and William Coase



I recently have been on a 4 week expedition to Borneo for which I had to individually fundraise £4080. During the 4 weeks, whilst living from a rucksack, my team and I managed to plant over 250 trees in areas of the rainforest affected by wildfires which in the long term will support the diverse wildlife that lives within the Borneo rainforest. More work included: plastering the walls of a central community centre for the village, bricklaying the walls of a public toilet and storage for the whole community to use, digging the foundations for an educational centre and digging and installing drainage systems for monsoon season to reduce the amount of stagnant water and therefore mosquito population within that village. More cultural tasks included teaching English to the local children and coaching sport including lots of tug of war which is taken very seriously within Borneo. The 4 weeks was concluded with a 5 day trek through the jungle sleeping in hammocks.

Georgia Snape

Fundraising

To commemorate the Macmillan Coffee Morning 2019, a group of Springwood Sixth Formers, with the goal of collectively raising £1000 for various charities throughout the next two years, held a bake sale over the course of the day to raise a total of £78.83.

The sale included various cakes, cookies and brownies. This donation will most likely go towards funding healthcare professionals and giving financial support to families/individuals struggling with the financial cost of cancer. Sixth form is not only about furthering your education but becoming a more rounded person in general. This could be through volunteering, mentoring or fundraising.

This was only possible due to the few people who put aside their time to run the sale, those who brought in food and the generosity of both the students and teachers.

Daniel Plumb

Early applicant progress

Building on the success of our students last year we have more students than ever before on our early applicants list with 28 students applying for places at Oxford, Cambridge and Medical courses. Working closely with these students we provide regular one to one help with personal statements and mock interviews with experts from both universities. One particular student, Alvin, has his fingers crossed to study Medicine at Cambridge after being predicted A*A*A*A* in his subjects. Alvin has attended many medical lectures, done various work experience placements and even performed live surgeries during his time at Springwood.



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Last Monday, two weeks into joining Springwood Sixth form, I attended a careers fair in Cambridge all about attending universities abroad, particularly focused on Europe and North America. I knew I had an interest for studying abroad but I had no clue about the application process, scholarships or how to go about it. The Careers fair was so helpful, not only did I talk to representatives from different universities in America, but I discovered a programme I would like to apply for later this year called the Sutton Trust Programme, which specialises in helping students make the right decisions about US study. I know the school has a history of students working with the Sutton Trust and gaining university places abroad. This has really motivated me and and given me something to strive for during the next two years.

Work Experience

The sixth form team gave me the opportunity to gain work experience with a reputable law firm in London; Allen & Overy.

My experiences afforded me the insight in to how such a large law firm operates; starting from the inner workings of the HR department to the everyday working life of a CEO. I am looking forward to applying to one of the many apprenticeship opportunities the sixth form and Allen & Overy have available.

Karim Barka

Springwood high school was lucky enough to have 45 Czech Republican students join the school for the morning of 2nd October. From a small town in the Czech Republic called Jičín, they were greeted, on arrival, by multiple springwood students happy and willing to show them around.

They were given a tour of the school and shown various places each student would be interested in. The students were shocked at the different techniques of teaching and the size of the school itself. It was a great experience, not only for us but for the Czech students. Friendships were made and they got to see what school and learning was like from our perspective.

When taking my group of six to two of my lessons they were shocked by the amount of technology and high tech equipment we have here. They expressed to me and others how much they loved the dynamics of the school and how everyone treated them kindly.

In the afternoon, after leaving Springwood High School, the Czech students had the opportunity to meet the Mayor of Kings Lynn West Norfolk and also visited Kings Lynn jail. One of the Czech students, who I have stayed in contact with, said how different it was here than in the Czech Republic.

Over all I believe it was a valuable experience for both schools benefitting different students in multiple ways.

Grace Hughes



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Half term events

Local & Events What's On

Halloween Spooktacular

Supporting East Anglia's Children's Hospices

About:

18th-25th October - Widdershins Witch Hunt

Hunt the witches hidden around Hunstanton - pick up a competition form from the Library, Tourist Office, Keelie's Salon or the Salad Bowl Café for a small donation.

25th October - We'll be joining the Halloween Kidz event on the Heritage Gardens for the last day of the witch hunt.

26th October 2pm til 4pm - Spooktacular Fun Afternoon

Join us in the Library for activities, learn more about Halloween and take part in our fancy dress parade.
Donations gratefully received.

To book a place on the Spooktacular Fun Afternoon please call the Library on 01485 532280 or for further information email Celia on heartbeatmatters@hotmail.com

All donations to go to East Anglia's Children's Hospices



Local Bonfire & Firework Events

Event	Date	Time
West Acre Bonfire & Halloween Night	Saturday 26th October 2019	Starts at 6.00pm Fancy Dress Competition 7.30pm Bonfire & Fireworks 7.30pm
Fawkes in The Walks Kings Lynn	Friday 1st November 2019	Stalls & rides open 6.00pm Bonfire lighting 6.30pm Firework Display 8.00pm
Downham Fireworks by the Round Table Stradsett Hall	Saturday 2nd November 2019	Gates open 5.00pm Bonfire lighting 5.30pm Firework Display 7.30pm
Cliff Top Fireworks & Bonfire Hunstanton	Saturday 2nd November 2019	Gates open 5.00pm Bonfire lighting 6.00pm Firework Display 7.30pm
North Wootton Scout & Guides Bonfire & Fireworks Scout Hut—North Wootton	Tuesday 5th November 2019	Gates open 6.00pm Firework Display 7.15pm



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MESSAGE FROM MR JOHNSON

It is fantastic to look back on a brilliant first half term. The new Year 7 have settled well, finding their way around and smiling profusely! They are enjoying the Year 7 field whilst also being able to explore the rest of the school during break and lunchtime. Mr Thompson and his band of Sixth Form volunteers are organising a large selection of different lunchtime activities for them too.

As one year group arrives we have begun the process of welcoming the next year 7 cohort for 2020. The open evening was, in my humble opinion, the BEST EVER! So much great work from our staff and student ambassadors. I was so proud to see over 120 new Year 7 students sing to our visitors. Many thanks to Mrs Aviss and all the team who put this together. This weekend we have the Arts entrance process, this has been popular again this year. The daytime tours have shown our school to be a calm place of learning with polite students working hard.

I had the pleasure of meeting our early entry University students with their parents. These students are applying for Oxford University, Cambridge University or Medicine. I have been so impressed with their academic brilliance and love for their subjects. I wish them well with their applications and look forward to all of our students gaining their "first choice future".

Springwood was proud to host the inter-trust spelling. This competition made for a fantastic spectator sport alongside challenging our talented entrants. It was also great that the overall winner was Elizabeth Matthew from Springwood!

This week is our Sixth Form Open evening. I am sure it will be a busy evening with many Springwood students attending alongside others from the local and wider area. This year Springwood Sixth Form was more popular than ever and we strive to continue this.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to Mr Rudd, our Construction Teacher, who sadly passed away this term. He was a valued colleague and a superb teacher. He will be missed by us all we send our condolences to his wife and family. We will commemorate his contribution to the school later this year.

Andy Johnson
Executive Headteacher
West Norfolk Academies Trust