



CLASS OF 2013

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Class of Year 13 with (left to right) Mr M Ballman Deputy Headteacher, Guest of Honour Mr R Livesey, Headteacher Mr A Johnson

The class of 2013 were presented with their GCSE certificates by Chair of Governors Mr Roger Livesey, Mr Livesey has been Chair of Governor as long as the students had been in school. His theme for his speech was very 'Strictly Come Dancing' and was very inspiring for the students, as he mentioned that his career mirrored theirs. A very enjoyable and memorable evening was had by all.



ALL ONE'S FOR ANDREA



One of Holkham Harlequins, Andrea Chua Hk-06 has achieved all ATL 1s (this is not an average), in all her subjects. She is the only pupil in Yr9, 10 and 11 to do this. Andrea was presented with a book voucher in the Holkham Assembly. Andrea pictured above having tea and cakes with Mr Johnson, Mrs May and Mrs Penny.





Elizabeth Bibb Yr9
FB01 raised
£16.10 with her
Pudsey Cakes.

Well done



Harvey Bunton
Yr8 OX01 raised
over £500 in
under 24 hours,
which he is going
to split between
the Philippines
Disaster Fund
and Children-in-
Need. Well done



The Oxburgh Social Area was full to watch Harvey having his head shaved by Mrs Auker



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GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP OMISSION

Unfortunately in the last edition of the Newsletter, it was not mentioned that Michael Playford in Year 13 also attended the Geography Field trip to Cranedale. He was most upset about this, so here is an image of him enjoying the trip! Sdm



YEAR 12 VISIT SPACE CENTRE

The UK Space Industry has an annual turnover of £9.1bn and employs close to 29,000 people. It is a very healthy sector with projected growth to £14bn by 2020. In order to meet this growth target the industry needs young people to choose science and engineering options and decide to work in this area. The variety of jobs available within the space industry is vast and many companies work on international projects highlighting the importance of collaboration. Our year 12 science students took the opportunity to meet some of these companies and find out about the potential careers available to them when they attended a Careers event at the National Space Centre in Leicester on Monday 18th November.



INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER

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Paralympian inspired Year 12 and Year 13 students. Steve Brown, who captained the wheelchair rugby team in the 2012 games, spoke movingly for an hour about his extraordinary life since he suffered a life-changing neck injury after falling from a balcony in Germany in 2005. He passed on a message of optimism and positivity during his speech and also answered youngsters' questions. Assistant director of sixth form Mr Pettitt said: "We are delighted to have heard Steve's talk and many of the students were moved by his positive attitude and lively style. They also enjoyed him staying in the social area at lunch time to speak to him informally and have photos with him. We are very grateful to have an Olympian from London 2012 spend a morning with us at Springwood."

Pupils Jasmine Bowerman and Beth Wright wrote: "He was inspiration, he captured everyone's attention from the word go. The fact that his training was based in our town before the 2012 Paralympics brought it so much closer to home and gave everyone a real connection to his story. He showed us that nothing is impossible."

Anti-Slavery Day falls on **18 October** each year. Mrs Renwick and Mrs Pearson from the King's Lynn branch of the Soroptimists* spoke to Year 12 and 13 about modern day slavery and trafficking. It was quite shocking to realize that it is still going on even today.

In tutor time Mrs Renwick went onto speak at a Sandringham House assembly about Anti-Slavery Day.

This day is dedicated to draw attention to the subject and to pressurise government, local authorities, public institutions and private and public companies to address the scale and scope of human trafficking.

*Soroptimist International is a worldwide service organisation for women. We are committed to a world where women and girls together achieve their individual and collective potential, realise aspirations and have an equal voice in creating strong, peaceful communities worldwide.



Year 13 and 12 pictured with Mrs Pearson and Mrs Renwick



RIDE FOR RUDHAM



On Thursday 24th of October at 1.00 pm, a group of nine Year 13 cyclists started our twenty-four hour static cycle ride in aid of the Rudham children's ward at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Our aim is to help buy games and toys to keep the children entertained on the ward whilst they are there.

The team of riders were Daniel Brock, Ben Craske, Nick Hayes, Alex Garford-Turner, Marcus Ward, Josh Luther, Eleanor Payne, Toni Emery and Jazmin Pierri.

Our aim was to keep all four of our exercise bikes in motion for the full twenty four hours. We had originally set ourselves a

target to hit 1000 miles over the 24 hours and we thought to ourselves we were very optimistic. As everyone gathered to see us start, the enthusiasm was high and there was a great atmosphere. We were averaging near 80 miles per hour on the bikes.

As the time progressed we were joined by Mrs Churchyard, Mr Ward and Mr Donovan. At 7.00 pm we started to take turns to eat our meal of either curry, chilli or pasta all helped by local support from Tesco's and Mars Foods who

gave us 48 bars of chocolate.

This all went down very well indeed. As the evening progressed and food was being eaten at a rapid rate, some of the members were starting to feel the effects of the saddle. By 2.00 am some team members were in need of a well earned rest.

As morning approached we had exceeded our target of 1000 miles and were



focused on trying to achieve our new target of 1500 miles and with the help of bacon rolls and drinks, the group's morale once again increased. As people started to arrive for school, the noise soon built back up and everyone was geeing us on. As 12:55 pm approached myself, Marcus, Toni and Ben took on the final sprint as the final four

riders. With a full sixth form social area and Mr Merritt leading the cheers on, each of the bikes was hitting between 28 and 34mph as we finished the event. The final total we had cycled was 1547 miles, way over our set target at the beginning.

I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who donated to us and to a fabulous team, who made the event so memorable. Without the team of riders we had and the staff and sixth forms support, we wouldn't of stood a chance of hitting out target. It has been an honour to cycle with so many great people.

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NOW OPEN SPRINGWOOD SCHOOL SHOP

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Springwood welcomes Mrs Featherstone, who will be running Springwood's own school shop, which is open to parents and students. It stocks the full range of uniform, and students can now try on before purchasing. Debit and credit cards are accepted as well as cash.

The shop also sells a wide range of stationery at affordable prices. Revision guides are also available.

We aim to provide a quality service at the lowest possible prices. Opening times as below:


Springwood Shop
High School

For all your uniform requirements along with revision guides, Maths and Art equipment and much, much more!
OPENING TIMES ARE MONDAY-THURSDAY

8.30 am-9.30 am
10.45-11.45 am
12.30-13.30 pm
15.00-16.00 pm

On Parents Evenings the shop will be open

Holkham Harlequins High Flyers



Holkham Harlequins shown above having milkshake and cakes for having Average ATL 1s following recent reports for Year 9, 10, 11 pupils.

Pictured above: Ben Steel HK-10, Emily Morphus HK-08, William Hillier HK-08, Charlotte Wilson HK-06, Ella Bone HK-06, Lauren Carson HK-04, Jennifer Curry HK-03, Penny Carter HK-03, Jyothis Tom HK-02, Laren Smith HK-02, Olivia McKenzie—HK-02. Not in the photo: Brett Cossey HK-06. Andrea Chua, Ieva Sceponyte HK-03, Jenny Scott—HK03, Becky Hunt Hk-02 Congratulations to you all.

Blickling Stars



Congratulations to the October's Blickling Stars chosen by their form tutors for their achievements, they all had hot chocolate and bacon rolls, well done to you all. Letters will be sent home to parents.

Pictured above:
Ashley Stoddart BG-02, Bonny Mayhew BG-09, Bradley Wills BG-10, Matthew Starling BG-08,
Hannah Hodgson BG-07, Ellora Howard BG-06, Hannah Gordon, Lydia Mccrory BG-04, Oliver Simpson BG
-03, Edward Aves BG-01

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NSPCC Number Day 2013

Springwood High School is excited to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on Tuesday 3 December 2013.

Number Day is a fun-packed event, where schools take part in a range of exciting maths activities to raise money and make a real difference to the lives of vulnerable children across the UK.

This year we will be holding lots of events and competitions based in and around the Blickling Building from 28th November through to 3rd December. This includes guessing the age of the teachers in the Maths department and a "Head vs Pupils" competition. There will also be lots of other challenges with many exciting prizes such as signed autographs and tickets to the London dungeons.

There will be a small charge for pupils to enter these competitions but all proceeds will go to charity. With your help the NSPCC can continue to be there to protect even more children from abuse and neglect. We hope your child enjoys Number Day and that together, we can raise as much money as possible for the NSPCC.



Maths Challenge

40 students recently took part in the UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Senior Maths Challenge, which combines mathematical and problem solving skills in different contexts. Congratulations to the following students for achieving a Silver award:



Matthew Tuttle (Highest in the school)
Edward Borrmann
Joshua Barnes

Eleanor Neill
James Hawes
Kieran Jakings

Congratulations to the following students for achieving a Bronze award:

Harry O'Connor
Samuel Bannister
Ashley Norman
Jake Watson
Joseph Dean
Alex Garford Turner
Toni Emery

Imogen Insley
Benjamin Cooper
George Williams
Benjamin Craske
Samuel Sanders
Thomas Eastwood
Ben Berwick
Zoe Yeung

The remainder of the school will have the opportunity to take part in one of the challenges next year. The Intermediate Maths Challenge is on 6th February 2014 and the Junior Maths Challenge is on 1st May 2014

The VI Form Challenge Cup

The VI Form Challenge Cup was presented for the first time in an assembly on 12th November. The Challenge Cup is a general knowledge quiz that every student in the VI Form takes part in. The questions are set by the VI Form Tutors. The Challenge Cup was presented by Mrs Clark (Assistant Director of VI Form) to the winning team 'The Quizzly Bears.'

When Mr Pettitt (Assistant Director of VI Form) was asked about the new quiz he said: 'The Challenge Cup has become an important part of the Pastoral Curriculum in our VI Form because it allows students to learn about general issues and current affairs in a less formal way. Many VI Formers look forward to quiz day and thoroughly enjoy pitting their wits against other teams in their group.'

The battle to win the Challenge Cup at the end of this half term has begun with tutors providing the questions before Christmas including: Miss O'Connell, Miss Markwell and Miss Fletcher.



Lush came in to the school and took part in two separate workshop sessions with pupils in year 9 and 10 studying Hair & Beauty. They talked about their products and minimal packaging as they tend not to use plastic. They taught the pupils to giftwrap and make bags out of scarves. All pupils were able to get hands on in a practical session to make bubble bath. At lunchtime, Lush set up a shop in the LRC.



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**£1406.68 raised
for
Children in Need**



show your
spots
lets make local

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At 4.45pm on a cold autumn Thursday, 38 students and four teachers stood waiting for Dave, the coach driver to arrive 30 minutes later he turned up and the 2013 French trip to Ambleteuse began.

Ambleteuse is a small town situated right on the coast in Northern France. We stopped at the beach for a picnic lunch which many of the students particularly enjoyed.

We then went on to visit Boulogne and the Castle Museum which the students said was 'very interesting'. We later arrived at our accommodation, split into groups of 4 or 5 and we were then given a key to our own chalet, with two bedrooms, a toilet and a shower room. Swimming followed the unpacking and settling in and then we went to the reception area for dinner.

We had an early start on day two as we have to travel for two hours to get to the French School in

KS4 Trip to France and Belgium



Lille. We talked to the students in French and they talked to us in English. Many students have swapped emails and numbers with the French students. It was a great experience says Joseph. 'I couldn't stop smiling at the children'. We all enjoyed two lessons in different subjects, for example 'l'arts plastiques' Theatre, Maths or 'Français'.

After our visit we all said goodbye and then returned to Ambleteuse. Later that evening there was a disco.

Day three was our chocolate dipped trip to Belgium (and also Charlotte's birthday). We saw the Menin Gate and WW1 cemetery before being lured into several shops serving nothing less than 'Belgium's finest' chocolates with promising special offers of 'free bags of marshmallows. "C'était délicieux". The museum was very modern but still contained the ancient historical artefacts of WW1. After the museum we all got on the bus and travelled back to our Chalets. We had a quiz and a prize giving ceremony

There was an early wakeup call on Sunday at 6.30 am for our long journey ahead. We all packed our bags and strolled towards the coach. Last minute shopping and a quick journey through the Tunnel was followed by our final journey to Springwood where we were welcomed by families and friends.

Olivia, Jenny and Co.

MFL day at Springwood

Superlearning day on November 4th saw all our Modern Languages students taking part in activities co-organised with local businesses. Students had the chance to visit

companies such as Palm Paper and Listawood, which are linked with Springwood School. They had tours around the premises and attended talks on the importance of learning a Foreign Language in today's global economy. Staff of the businesses were impressed with the excellent conduct of the students and the interest they showed.

Back at school students worked in teams with staff from two of our other business links, Learning Resources and SealSkinz. Students were given a product to sell and had to come up



with a Dragons Den style sales pitch, presentation and power point display. These were judged by our guests and points were awarded for skills in research, languages and presentation. Students again impressed the judges by

conducting their presentations in French and German and by making jingles and business cards. Thanks to our hard-working, enthusiastic students, all four companies are keen to work with Springwood again and we are planning further opportunities for our language students.

Well done to everyone involved and to SealSkinz, Listawood, Palm Paper and Learning Resources for their time, expertise and, last but not least, the wonderful prizes they donated.

RELIGION & SCIENCE: THE TEST OF FAITH



Involved—a D.J. , a singer/song writer and a scientist who are Christians, lots of noise, bits of dancing and a vacuum cleaner which doubled as a rocket launcher!

Over the course of two days several RE groups were treated to a presentation, learning; 'how does it work? Bits of science, listening to a talk about Christianity and hearing from a scientist about how religion and science don't necessarily have to oppose each other.



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VISITORS FROM AMERICA

The RE department had eight American visitors in school—all were students at a Bible College and visiting the UK as part of their course.



Some students were able to quiz them about their religious beliefs in RE lessons.



Ceylon Onurlu OX02 asked two questions 'Who do you think created God? When did you start believing in God?'



'I thought it was interesting to hear a strong Christian's opinion on Christianity. It was beneficial too, and I liked the singing. They way they spoke you understood and they made it interesting'

Thank you messages received from the Visitors:

Thank you guys, you were amazing. - Matt

Thanks you Guys! You were all awesome and it was so nice meeting you all! - Sadee

.....We cannot thank you all enough for taking the time to listen and ask questions. - Shane

You Guys are awesome! I had such a good time talking and singing with you all. Thank you for letting us come in! -Mac

Thank you guys so much for letting us come and share and answer questions... Beks

To all the students of SHS, thank you for your brilliant questions, your willingness to ask them.... Spencer

To all the students in the RE department of Springwood high school—thank you so much for your brilliant and well thought out questions! - Mindi

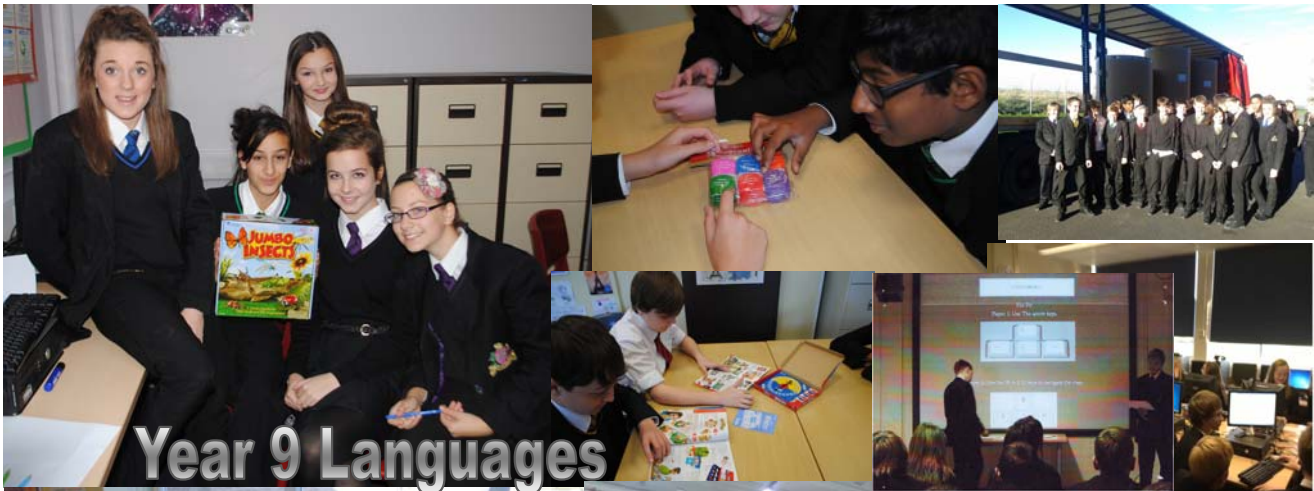


Year 7 Prejudice



Year 8 Space





Year 9 Languages



Year 10 Technology

Year 11 English



Year 12

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We Remember

On November 11th at 11am students stood in silence as a sign of respect for Armistice Day .

Cadets from the three uniformed services in the Town, who are also students at the school, along with the Commanding officer of 42F Kings Lynn Air Training Corps organised a short remembrance service at the lower school.

Joined by Mr Gerry Tann from the British Legion, the cadets marched out to the flagpole and stood to attention as Ian Fraser Barker played the last post and the Union Flag was lowered. After two minutes silence, the exhortation was read by cadets. Reveille was then sounded and wreaths laid by cadets from the school included: Ian Fraser Barker - ACF, Josh Tinkler , Lauren Simpson and Luke Tice - ATC and Aubrey Clack SCC.



Poppies & Poets

Boomerang Theatre Co. was started in 2002 allowing young performers to experience the challenges of mounting a full-scale, original piece of musical theatre. We are now planning our fifth tour of the UK and Australia with "Poppies & Poets", helping to commemorate the 100 years that has passed since the outbreak of World War 1 in 1914 .

The piece will be a collection of stories that are perhaps not often told. It highlights some of the lesser known poets and some of the women who volunteered as either nurses or munitions workers in WW1. Told through drama, dance and song, it is a thought-provoking piece designed to educate the young performers and the audiences who come to see them.

The youngsters involved will perform the piece in the UK at different venues before embarking upon a three week tour of Australia, performing in Melbourne, Mallacoota, the Blue Mountains and Sydney. This will be a unique and life-changing opportunity for them that requires not only skills in performance but an ability to commit to a project that involves teamwork and dedication. All of the students involved commit to a series of fund-raising events over an 18 month period and have raised over £10000 towards the tour already.

Performances will take place in the Drama Studio at Springwood High School during July.

1914 the War begins

- ♦ June 28 - Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to Austria-Hungary's throne, and his wife, Sophie, are assassinated, Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia.
- ♦ August 1 -- Germany declares war on Russia.
- ♦ August 3 - Germany declares war on France.
- ♦ August 4 - The United Kingdom declares war on Germany, after Germany invades Belgium.
- ♦ August 6 - Austria-Hungary declares war on Russia and Serbia declares war on Germany.
- ♦ August 26 - The Battle of Tannenberg begins.
- ♦ September 5 - The First Battle of the Marne.
- ♦ October 19 - Battle of Ypres begins.

1915

- ♦ February 19 - The Dardanelles Campaign
- ♦ April 22 - The Second Battle of Ypres begins. It is during this battle that the Germans first use poison gas
- ♦ April 25 - The Battle of Gallipoli begins.
- ♦ September 5 - Tsar Nicholas II takes personal control over Russia's armies.

1916

- ♦ February 21 - The Battle of Verdun begins, one of the longest and bloodiest battles.
- ♦ May 31 - The Battle of Jutland, the major naval battle of the war.
- ♦ July 1 - The Battle of the Somme begins - tanks are first introduced into battle.

1917

- ♦ January 19 - Germany sends the secret Zimmerman Telegram to Mexico in an effort to entice Mexico to join the war. The British intercept and decipher the coded message.
- ♦ March 15 - Russian Tsar Nicholas II abdicates.
- ♦ April 6 - The United States declares war on Germany.
- ♦ July 31 - The Battle of Passchendaele begins.
- ♦ November 7 - The Bolsheviks successfully overthrow the Russian government.
- ♦ December 17 - The armistice agreed upon between the new Russian government and the Central Powers goes into effect.

1918

- ♦ January 8 - U.S. President Woodrow Wilson issues his Fourteen Points to peace.
- ♦ March 3 - Russia signs the Treaty of Brest Litovsk,
- ♦ March 21 - Germany launches Spring Offensive.
- ♦ July 15 - The Second Battle of the Marne
- ♦ November 9 - German Kaiser Wilhelm II abdicates and flees Germany.
- ♦ November 11 - Germany signs the armistice at Compiègne, France. Fighting ends on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month

1919

- ♦ June 28 - The Treaty of Versailles officially ends World War 1.



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



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I am pleased to report that the second half of the autumn term has started well. Students have adopted the winter uniform and look very smart. The latest group photograph of Year 11 now has pride of place on my office wall and they look a very bright bunch of students!

For the second year, the school has its own Remembrance service to pay tribute to the fallen: this year two tutor groups from each house attended at the school memorial alongside representatives from the Sixth Form. I would like to thank Mr Tann who attended from the Royal British Legion, Mrs Petch and our cadet students who performed the formal part of the ceremony. This included the laying of a poppy wreath, bringing the flag to half-mast and also playing the last post. This is a very important event for Springwood.

I have been very impressed with our Year 7 and Year 8 students. Mr Dawson has led two very successful parent information evenings where parents spoke favourably regarding their children's education at Springwood. It is very pleasing to see our youngest students taking advantage of all the opportunities open to them.

The Junior Talent show preparations are in full flow; it is great to see our Sixth Form students helping to mentor our acts from the lower school. I am looking forward to attending and helping to judge the Junior Talent Show Final on Tuesday 26th November.

*A Johnson
Headteacher*

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.