



Tri-Schools Maths Mastermind Challenge HAT TRICK!!!



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On Wednesday 11th December, which was notably 11/12/13, Springwood High School hosted the third annual Maths Mastermind Challenge between Springwood, KES and KLA. Having won for the last 2 years, the pressure was on!

During lunch, the drama studio soon filled with contestants and supporters from the three schools, being greeted by Mr Johnson's big black chair standing ominously at the front of the drama studio, while the Mastermind music played. The atmosphere was tense – until Mrs Aviss messed about with the microphone!

Mrs Aviss was genial host, while Mr Strudwick made a fantastically intimidating question master, firing a minute's worth of mental arithmetic questions at each contestant.

The pupil from each year group with the highest number of correct answers won their round and an engraved calculator. To make it completely fair, the running order for the year groups and then the order for each school were randomly selected. We also allowed the contestants to choose their set of questions.

The rounds went as follows:

Year 7 – **Hitesh Srikantha** BG-08 **won** with 7 points, with his nearest rival from KLA scoring 5 points, while KES scored 2.

Year 8 – **Daniel Rowbotham** OX-10 made a valiant attempt, scoring 3, but the other schools both scored 8, so it came down to the number of passes. KES won the round with no passes, and

KLA had 2 passes.

Year 9 – **Lewis Watson** BG-03 **won** with a score of 10. The other schools both scored 9, but with no passes KLA won the round.

Year 10 – **Nathaniel Amoaku** BG-10 **slaughtered** the other contestants, scoring 10 with no passes, whereas KES scored 7 and KLA scored 6.

Year 11 – **Daniel Pacey** FB-01 and the contestant from KLA both scored 12 with no passes in the round, so it went to extra time. Both students then scored 3 points each, but Daniel passed on 1, meaning KLA won the round.

The winner of the school trophy was determined by giving points as follows: 3 points for a win, 2 points for 2nd and 1 point for 3rd place. At the end of the competition, the scores were totalled and announced as follows:

In 3rd place was KES, with 8 points.

In 2nd place was KLA with 10 points.

So, in **FIRST PLACE YET AGAIN** was Springwood with 12 points. Mr Johnson proudly presented the trophy to the team.

Thank you to Mr Strudwick, Mr Bliss and Molly Hardy for all their help; and Mr Johnson for the use of his chair.

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!!

Miss Cook



Headteachers thrashed by students!



Senior management team Mr Johnson, Mr Hutton, Mr Hirst and Mr Ballman were once again beaten by five of our best at the annual "Heads vs Pupils" challenge. Mr Johnson is yet to see victory at our annual Maths style game show and was this year beaten for not knowing how far away Mars is! (Shocking I know...)

The week leading up to the game show, which takes place on Number Day every year, saw students from Blickling house running lots of fundraising activities to raise money for the NSPCC. Competitions included: guessing the amount of sweets in a jar, balancing a coin on a floating lemon, a "keepy-uppy" contest and the very dangerous "Guess the age of the teachers in the Maths department" competition. Lots of prizes were kindly donated for these competitions including London Dungeon tickets, signed football tops, autographs and lots of vouchers.

Despite looking much younger the combined age of

the department totalled 509 which was guessed by student Oliver Simpson (good luck in your next Maths lesson Oliver!). Other winners of the week included Thomas Coupland, Christopher Scamble, Ryan Higgins, Owen Bell, Billy Flaherty, Ruby Platt and Jose Amauri.

Despite the best efforts of our students and the high level of interest in all of their events we managed to raise a total of only £85 for the NSPCC and would like to raise much more next year!

We would just like to thank the following for kindly donating prizes for such a good cause: The London Dungeon, Kings Lynn Football Club, Strikes bowling, Sweet Temptations Downham Market, Stephen Fry, West Norfolk Rugby Club and Kings Lynn Speedway

Thank you to everybody that donated and attended any of the events and thank you to members of staff that helped out in any way, especially Miss Craig who managed to source such fabulous prizes! Maybe next year Mr Hutton will learn that 75×6 is NOT 300....



Sweet Temptations
treat yourself.





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**ST JOHN AMBULANCE
CADET OF THE YEAR**

I have been in the St John Ambulance since I was aged 6 years, I worked my way up from being just a cadet to a Sgt and have a BTEC peer education certificate. I really enjoy the challenge and the commitment, I attend the Norfolk show, fetes, banger racing and other seasonal events and have achieved 200 duty hours. On the 23rd November 2013 I took part in a competition to win Cadet of the Year for a district within the East of England. The competition took place in Newmarket and I was up against two other people. We had many challenges to do throughout the day including; team tasks, interviews, uniform inspections, first aid assessments and presentations. I really enjoyed the day. When they were reading out the winners from each of the districts I didn't think it was going to be me. I was over the moon to win this and I'm happy for the year ahead as it is my year to make a difference. I am looking forward to the National competition in March 2014.

Zoë Hembling FB-06





TANNING FOR HAIR & BEAUTY

On Wednesday December 11th we invited Sienna X, a well known professional spray tanning company to come to the salon and hold a spray tan training day with our 6th form Hair and Beauty students. This was a great success and now all the students hold a professional qualification which will enable them to carry out spray tanning treatments in the workplace or as a mobile therapist.

We are offering Sienna X spray tanning to clients at Creations Hair and Beauty Salon, if you are interested please call the salon to make an appointment.

B.E.F.A The Buckingham Emergency Food Appeal



BEFA is a locally founded, locally operated charity with roots in the farming community and a strong commitment to the people of Norfolk. It has a 28 year history of bringing good food from the people of Norfolk to the homeless and needy. We work through established shelters, supported accommodation projects etc. and with other experienced agencies, such as the Salvation Army, which have daily contact with the people who need our help. Last year our donors made it possible for about 10,000 people in England to have a proper Christmas dinner. In all, BEFA provided food for more than 100,000 meals!

Pictured left are staff and students with a representative of BEFA Mrs Miriam Cairns and the donated 25 kilos of sugar.



DofE 100 Club—looking for more members

Springwood GOLD Duke of Edinburgh Group runs a 100 Club which is drawn on the 25th of each month. There are 3 prizes each monthwith an extra one in July and December.

Cost for this works out at £2 per month paid yearly at £24 or half yearly at £12 Forms are available from the school website school or by contacting Mrs Petch.



SPRINGWOOD STUDENTS SET UP TOURING PIECE OF VIKING THEATRE FOR LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Mesha Wright 13ViKmr

Year 13 Performing Arts students have spent their last few weeks of term touring their work to local primary schools.



The BTEC students toured their Theatre in Education (TIE) project to Sandringham and West Newton and St Martha's Primary schools where they

performed to years three and four students. The students began devising their TIE piece in September and opted for a pantomimic style which allowed for audience participation and kept the children energised.



'Fill the Seats Theatre Company' (as the Springwood students named themselves) performed a piece of educational theatre on the subject of Vikings, where primary students had the opportunity to watch the piece of theatre before taking part in a Viking Training workshop.

Their project was influenced by street theatre artist Mark Tillotson (director at *MarkMark Productions*), who ran a workshop with the Springwood students in preparation for their assessment.

Both Primary schools were grateful for the experience and many of the students left with new-found knowledge of Viking History!



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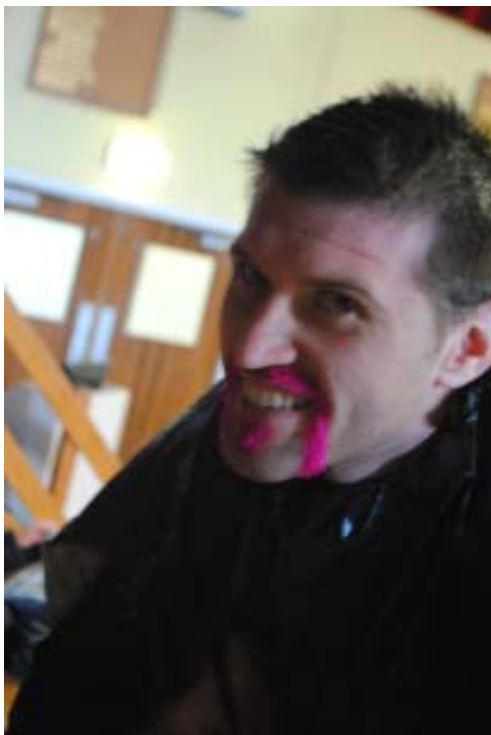
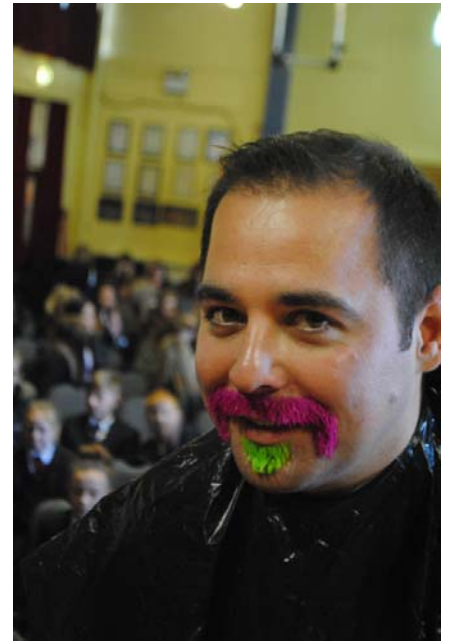


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This November members of staff tried to change the face of men's health by growing Moustaches. Staff grew Mos to help raise money for Movember - a charity aims to spread awareness for men's health, specifically testicular and prostate cancer as well as mental health.

Springwood pupils have been fantastic in helping to raise money for the charity by supporting staff members in growing their Mo's. All your kind donations not only raised £268 for the charity but also changed the colour of Mr Ward's and Mr Modica's Mo who donned a pink Mo for the last week of Movember. It was also a pleasure to see many Springwood students turn out at West Norfolk rugby club for the charity rugby game. Mr Ward would like to say a massive thank you for all of your fantastic support of such a great cause. Here's to Movember 2014 when we shall do it all over again...



HIGH FLYING HOLKHAM HARLEQUINS



Year 7 Holkham Harlequins flying high with Average ATLs of 1—fantastic first term at Springwood. Well Done



More Holkham Harlequin High Flyers Years 9 and 10

A new after school club for a small group of Year 7 pupils started after half term called Springwood Stars. The pupils have been meeting on Thursday evenings for six weeks under the guidance of Mrs Anne Gardner, former lead tutor of the recently closed Stars Study Centre – a centre which benefitted many Springwood pupils over the last few years. The pupils have enjoyed a variety of activities such as a visit to Linnets Football Club and designing a new

SPRINGWOOD STARS

product for the Linnets shop, presenting the design to their peers in the style of “Dragons Den”. They have decorated T shirts to represent themselves, played some fun team games in the gym, made pizzas (selecting their own combination of toppings) and created a Christmas table decoration to take home. Pupils have been awarded stars at the end of each session according to their attendance, good behaviour,

enthusiasm, effort and standard of work. The two pupils who achieved the most stars by the end of the term will each receive a family football ticket for any Kings Lynn Town Football Club home game this season, kindly donated by Buster Chapman – Chairman of the football club. All pupils who completed the course will be awarded certificates.



Year 7 make ‘Haunted Houses’!

This half-term Year 7 have been working on using their bodies as props and bringing objects to life in the form of ‘Physical Theatre’. They have been using their imagination to create scenes where doors can speak, floorboards can creak and paintings can come to life! Having given the students the homework task where they could either draw, describe or model

the Haunted House I did not expect so many detailed creations to come into my next Drama lesson. Some needed two people to carry them and were made up of wood, card and even clay.

I was pleasantly surprised and somewhat overwhelmed when I realised the students had made a whole ‘Ghostly Street’. Well done to Year 7 students and particularly those in 701.
J. Catmull [Drama]



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Poetry By Heart Competition at Springwood High School

Talented students **Maya Engledow** and **Catherine Reeve** are participating in a pioneering national competition designed to encourage pupils at schools and colleges in England to learn and to recite poems by heart. We want it to be fun, as it encourages pupils to discover new pleasures and fulfilments, but we want it to be serious as well: an excitement and a dare.

Maya and Catherine took part reciting two poems from the 200 available in the online anthology which supports the competition at www.poetrybyheart.org.uk.

The School competition was judged **Ms Cripps**, **Mrs Morris** and **Miss Locke**. They were very impressed by strong performances and how

both contestants clearly conveyed the meaning of the poems. After a school round our winner, **Catherine Reeve**, will progress to the county finals.

A Poetry By Heart spokesperson explains the thinking behind the competition: "Throughout the Poetry By Heart competition, young people have amply demonstrated the power of memorisation in arriving at a committed, textured and heartfelt understanding of a poem. They have showed no fear in choosing poems, constantly surprising us with the ambition of their choices. Poetry By Heart provides a pioneering public demonstration, by young people, of the act of encountering, inhabiting and sharing a poem.

We wish Catherine and Maya good luck during county finals.

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Maya Engledow HK-03

Remembrance (1846)
Emily Brontë

Cold in the earth – and the deep snow piled above thee!
Far, far removed, cold in the dreary grave:
Have I forgot, my only love, to love thee,
Severed at last by Time's all-severing wave?

Now, when alone, do my thoughts no longer hover
Over the mountains on that northern shore;
Resting their wings where heath and fern-leaves cover
That noble heart for ever, ever more?

Cold in the earth, and fifteen wild Decembers
From these brown hills have melted into spring –
Faithful indeed is the spirit that remembers
After such years of change and suffering!

Sweet Love of youth, forgive if I forget thee
While the World's tide is bearing me along:
Other desires and other Hopes beset me,
Hopes which obscure, but cannot do thee wrong!

No later light has lightened up my heaven;
No second morn has ever shone for me;
All my life's bliss from thy dear life was given –
All my life's bliss is in the grave with thee.

But when the days of golden dreams had perished,
And even Despair was powerless to destroy,
Then did I learn how existence could be cherished,
Strengthened and fed without the aid of joy.

Then did I check the tears of useless passion,
Weaned my young soul from yearning after thine;
Sternly denied its burning wish to hasten
Down to that tomb already more than mine!

And even yet, I dare not let it languish,
Dare not indulge in memory's rapturous pain;
Once drinking deep of that divinest anguish,
How could I seek the empty world again?



Catherine Reeve OX-09

Envy (1861)
Adelaide Anne Proctor

He was the first always: Fortune
Shone bright in his face.
I fought for years; with no effort
He conquered the place:
We ran; my feet were all bleeding,
But he won the race.

Spite of his many successes
Men loved him the same;
My one pale ray of good fortune
Met scoffing and blame.
When we erred, they gave him pity,
But me – only shame.

My home was still in the shadow,
His lay in the sun:
I longed in vain: what he asked for
It straightway was done.
Once I staked all my heart's treasure,
We played – and he won.

Yes; and just now I have seen him,
Cold, smiling, and blest,
Laid in his coffin. God help me!
While he is at rest,
I am cursed still to live: – even
Death loved him the best.





Springwood High School year 7 boys lifted the annual West Norfolk 5 aside championship taking place at Lynnsport on Tuesday the 26th November. The competition involved seven schools from the West Norfolk area. Having entered two teams in the event the teams were placed into separate groups. Springwood A played against KLA, Litcham, Downham B and KES A. With some resolute defending from Chesley Mayes and Kieran Knox, along with Harry Campbell showcasing some fine goalkeeping saves and some fantastic attacking moves and finishing from Harvey Neale, Dlyan Ess and Luke Johnson Springwood A finished the four games top of the group winning all of their games progressing them into the semi-final. Springwood B were placed in the same group as KES B, Smithdon, Downham A and St Clements, and started well with two wins helped by superb interplay from Brandon Tuttle, Kai Mayes, Jack Utteridge and Liam Mitchell coupled with dominant performances from Finley Griffin and the goalkeeper Isaac Samuel . However suffering a loss to Smithdon and only managing to draw with KES B, Springwood B were eliminated in the group stages.

Springwood A faced KES B in their semi- final. After a close affair with both teams having their chances Springwood arose victors with Harry Campbell again pulling off some fantastic saves and the other boys applying the finishing touches to what in the end was a comfortable win. The final was contested between Springwood A and KES A, a highly competitive game which saw Springwood take a 2-0 lead; however KES A fought back to make it 2-2, but through great all round defensive and attacking play from all the boys they managed to secure the win with the score line being 3 -2 to Springwood A, the scorers being Luke Johnson, Dylan Ess and Harvey Neale, topping off a great night for the Springwood teams.

Special thanks to Kings Lynn football in the community and Dan Buhleman for organising the event.



MY FAMILY TREE

French Homework 7VF1

We were set a task to create a lovely French family tree. We had two weeks to do it, we all worked really hard and it was very fun piece of homework. We learnt all the words from school and chose suitable images and words to describe our family members.

by Hima, Shannon, Alisha and Ellie



Springwood dominate Cross Country Championships

On Thursday 28th November, Springwood High School organised the West Norfolk Cross Country Championships at Lynnsport. Alongside St Clements High School, Springwood was the only other school to have 6 athletes per gender/age group to cross the finishing line. Our teams dominated 5 of the 6 races, particularly the Junior Girls and Inter Boys. Unfortunately, most of the U13 boys had to save much of their energy for an important Football County Cup match against Hellesdon, which had to be played less than an hour after their race – however they beat them 11-1!!

	INTER GIRLS	INTER BOYS	JUN GIRLS	JUN BOYS	U13 GIRLS	U13 BOYS	TOTAL	POS
DOWN	DNCI	DNCI	160	71	124	49		4th
HAM	DNCI	DNCI	125	242	83	252		5th
KES	91	DNCI	102	139	93	103		3rd
KLA	0	0	218	168	213	DNCI		6th
MARSHLAND	DNCI	136	DNCI	DNCI	DNCI	DNCI		8th
ST CLEMENTS	177	122	149	171	233	204	1056	2nd
SMITHDON	DNCI	DNCI	209	165	DNCI	DNCI		7th
SPRINGWOOD	71	26	51	64	79	89	380	1st

*DNCI - Did not close in (did not have 6 runners finish the race)

A Big Well done to all, but especially to the list of pupils below that demonstrated exceptional performances. They have qualified for the West Norfolk Cross-Country Team for the forthcoming Cross-Country Championships being held at Norwich in Jan 2014.

U13 Girls			Inter Girls		
2	Maddie Dawson	FB-02	3	Ebony Wiseman	SD-03
4	Ellie Twite	SD-05	6	Hollie Nelson	FB-07
U13 Boys			Inter Boys		
1	Brandon Tuttle	OX-10	1	Nathan Wells	OX-06
10	Dylan Ess	FB-02	2	Ben Edge	HK-07
Junior Girls			3	Archie Holman	OX-07
2	Beth Shaw	HK-05	4	Adam Tomlinson	SD-08
3	Caitlin Bugg	SD-02	6	Connor Legett	OX-03
8	Caitlin Clark	BG-03	10	Jack Massingham	FB-04
Junior Boys			Senior Boys		
2	Dan Harvey	HK-04	1	Oliver Freeman	ViFR
7	Joe Wells	OC-02			
8	Harry Thompson	BG-08			
10	Callum McDermid	FB-02			

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.



Springwood swims their way to Second Place

On Monday 25th November, 18 pupils from Years 7-9 competed in the Key Stage 3 West Norfolk Schools Swimming Gala. It was a very close contest between Springwood and the other 5 schools, namely Downham Market, KES, Marshland, Smithdon and St Clements.

There were many exceptional individual performances, in particular, Jacob Isle (SD06), Jonathan Ivanov (SD03), Harry Thompson (BG08), Joe Wells (OX02), Zachariah Oglesby (HK07) and Luke Bryan (HK03). These boys have been selected to represent the West Norfolk Swimming Squad in the Norfolk Games held in Norwich in March 2014. Overall School Positions were as follows:

EVENT	Girls	Finishing Position	Boys	Finishing Position
Year 7 - 50m Frontcrawl	Kayleigh Rye	3rd	Jacob Isle	2 nd
Year 7 - 50m Backstroke	Anjeli Diack	3rd	Jacob Isle	1 st
Year 7 - 50m Breastroke	Kayleigh Rye	4th	Jonathan Ivanov	1 st
Year 7 - 50m Butterfly	Anjeli Diack	4th	Jonathan Ivanov	3 rd
Year 7 - 4 x 25m Freestyle Relay	1. Kayleigh Rye 2. Anjeli Diack 3. Jonathan Ivanov 4. Jacob Isle			2 nd
Year 8 - 50m Frontcrawl	Maggie Howlett	5th	Joshua Gadsbey	4 th
Year 8 - 50m Backstroke	Olivia Jeffery	4th	Thomas Hitchcock	5 th
Year 8 - 50m Breastroke	Dulcie Hovell	3rd	Thomas Hitchcock	5 th
Year 8 - 50m Butterfly	Olivia Jeffery	4th	Joashua Gadsbey	4 th
Year 8 - 4 x 25m Freestyle Relay	1. Olivia Jeffery 2. Joshua Gadsbey 3. Dulcie Hovell 4. Thomas Hitchcock			4 th
Year 9 - 50m Frontcrawl	Jemma Jarvis	2 nd	Harry Thompson	1 st
Year 9 - 50m Backstroke	Lydia Appleton	3 rd	Joe Wells	1 st
Year 9 - 50m Breastroke	Katherine Playford	2 nd	Zachariah Oglesby	1 st
Year 9 - 50m Butterfly	Klaudia labuz	4 th	Luke Bryan	1 st
Year 9 - 4 x 25m Freestyle Relay	1. Jemma Jarvis 2. Joe Wells 3. Klaudia Labuz 4. Harry Thompson			1 st

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POSITION	POINTS	SCHOOL
1 ST	120	Downham Market Academy
2 ND	113	Springwood High School
3 RD	93	KES
4 TH	80	St Clements High School
5 TH	75	Smithdon High School
6 TH	74	Marshland High School



L-R

Harry Thompson (BG08), Lydia Appleton (SD10), Katherine Playford (BG07), Jemma Jarvis (HK06), Klaudia Labuz (BG05), Thomas Hitchcock (FB08), Joe Wells (OX02), Jonathan Ivanov (SD03), Maggie Howlett (HK09), Dulcie Hovell (SD02), Luke Bryan (HK03), Joshua Gadsbey (HK02), Olivia Jeffery (OX10), Zachariah Oglesby (HK07), Anjeli Diack (SD05), Harmony Savage (HK04), Kayleigh Rye (SD06), Jacob Isle (SD06)





MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Seasonal greetings to all!!

After Springwood's best ever results days in August, I am pleased to report that we have had a busy and productive Autumn term!!

To end the term on a high note as we began it, there was a concert by KS3 musicians followed by the carol concert which was a sell out. The junior Kinetic Theatre, Kick-Start had their inaugural performance of the Anansi Tales. I am looking forward to the Kinetic Theatre performance in January. We celebrated two presentation evenings for KS4 and KS5 of awards and certificates, and the KS5 prizes were presented by Edward Barrett a former student.

The examinations halls have been busy with different years gaining practice in important examination technique. As you know, Springwood aspires for the best academic examination results for all students; however, we also have a huge focus on extra-curricular activities. The numerous clubs have been very busy - many thanks to all the staff who use their free time to run them. Furthermore, Mr Calow has been ensuring that our younger students have been taking part in their Endeavour activities. This has been a runaway success and is really helping to build confident citizens of tomorrow.

We have now been within vertical tutor groups for over a term! Every member of teaching staff is working hard with their 14 students. I have to say I enjoy meeting with my students and encouraging further success. As I visit other successful schools, I have yet to find one with such small tutor groups. I really think that this will ensure that every student feels known by the school.

I recently wrote to you regarding our relationship with St Clement's High School. I have been spending some time there this term before we officially join them after Christmas. I can report that the trustees and I remain confident that both schools can flourish together. I have been blessed with a great team of staff at Springwood already and with the appointment of Mr Scoles in Humanities we have increased our leadership capacity even further.

Have a well-earned rest and I will see you next year!!

*A Johnson
Headteacher*

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TEA AND CAKES

Well done to Bethnay Egginton SD-02, who had tea and cakes with Mr Johnson, Mrs Dixon and Mr Ballman. She has achieved ATL's of 1 in all her subjects. Bethnay was talking about what she would like do when she left school, and that is to be a zoo keeper.

