

### Message from Mr Johnson

### Welcome

I hope you have all enjoyed this term as much as I have! Both students and staff have worked so hard in both lessons and extra-curricular opportunities.

### **Athletics Team**

I am delighted to report that Springwood were the overall winners of Town Sports 2024. This is the eleventh time we have secured that accolade since 2011 which is testament to the hard work of the PE department and our talented students.

### Year 6

It has been amazing to meet all of our new year 6 students with their parents. Every member of the teaching staff has been involved and we have all been blown away by the enthusiasm to attend Springwood. My key message to all year 6 is GET INVOLVED!!!!

### Year 11 Final Assembly and Prom

Year 11 has been a fabulous year group under the excellent leadership of Mrs Davies-Mayes and Mrs Isle. They have conducted themselves brilliantly during the examinations and fingers crossed this could be a bumper year for GCSE results, if their feedback is anything to go by. The final assembly was very emotional as we said goodbye to such a superb set of young people. Similarly, the Year 11 Prom was a fitting tribute to them. They all danced the night away and had a brilliant time. I wish them all the very best for the future!

### Year 13

Well done to our year 13 students and their teachers. They have all been exceptional. I cannot wait to see them all again on results day. I am sure they are all looking forward to receiving their results and celebrating at the prom in the evening.

#### WNAT Community Music Festival

We did not let the intermittent weather affect the music at the community festival. I loved every one of the four evenings, showcasing Springwood's talent alongside other Trust schools and community groups. I am so proud of every Springwood student who took part. It was also great to be able to join the staff band to play a few songs on the Monday evening "Rock Night"!

#### **WNAT Chess Tournament**

This term also saw Springwood take a team of 12 students (from year 7 to year 10) to the second West Norfolk Academies Trust Chess Tournament. Last year we came away with the trophy, and this year again repeated the feat. All of the students involved did incredibly well, and are a credit to the school. Looking forward to the Triple Crown next year!

#### KS3 Presentation Evening at St Nicholas' Chapel

The annual Key Stage 3 celebration evening was a resounding success. Well Done to Mr Hobbs and Mrs Savage for organising this event. It was a pleasure to see so many students receive awards for their academic and other achievements.



#### **Fashion Show**

As ever, the Fashion Show was SPECTACULAR! Well done to Ms Markwell and her team for organising such a superb event. The quality of the outfits alongside the excellent modelling skills of students and staff was superb. The Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, who attended the event were duly impressed.

#### **Sports Day**

It was great to hold a whole school finale afternoon for Sports day this year. Every competitor gave their very best, supported by their respective house supporters. Well done to Mrs Honey and her team for organising it so well. The staff relay was also another highlight for all of our spectators!

### **Arts Presentation Evening**

Springwood has an excellent reputation for extra-curricular activities. We do not want to rest on our laurels or be complacent so it was great that Mr Cuss organised our very first Arts celebration evening. A mixture of Art, Photography, Dance, Drama and Music experiences alongside awards for our most committed in each of the artistic disciplines. Onwards and upwards for the Arts team!

#### **PE Presentation Evening**

Mrs Honey and her PE team also hosted the PE Presentation Evening last Friday night. Mark Ballman (former Associate Headteacher of Springwood, and ex-president of West Norfolk Rugby Club) was the guest speaker for the event. It was a wonderful celebration of the hard work and dedication that the students and staff, with the support of the parents, have put into achieving an incredibly successful year of sporting achievements. Well done to everyone involved.

#### September 2024 - Year 6

Looking forward to September, if you have a child going into Year 6 this coming September and would like to come for a tour and/or attend the open evening please follow the link below or use the QR code to book your place(s).

#### **Daytime Tours**

Monday 16th to Friday 27th September 2024 Daily tours available at 9.25am, 11.45am & 2.30pm To book a place(s) please use the link https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/springwoodhighschool/e-jdqjpq

#### **Open Evening**

Thursday 26th September 2024 Presentations at 6.00pm, 6.45pm & 7.30pm To book a place(s) please use the link https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/springwoodhighschool/e-oqepvd



I wish you all a fantastic summer holiday and I am very much looking forward to September.

Best wishes. Mr Johnson



### **Attendance Message**

### July 2024

Once again thank you for your support with attendance this year. Springwood has remained over 1% above the national average with our attendance, across the school.

You will be aware from the press that there are significant changes to school attendance that will become statutory for schools from 19th August 2024.

Some of the changes will be:

- Live attendance data is shared directly with the DoE
- Attendance codes that appear on registers will change
- Restrictions on granting leave of absence
- There will be a national framework for Fixed Penalty Notices

For leave of absence there are now only a few possible options for this to be granted - schools can grant exceptional circumstances, but the DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance. Likewise, all schools are expected to restrict leaves of absence to the specific circumstances set out in regulation 11 of the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024. Please can you also be honest with the school. If we don't see a child for a number of consecutive days we are required to complete a home visit - it wastes a lot of staff time when we do home visits only to then find that the family has gone on holiday.

Please continue to contact the school if your child is ill, or if they have a medical appointment. Contact should be made to the relevant year office prior to the start of school. Where possible, please make medical appointments later in the day.

As ever, please continue to contact the year office or attendance team if you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance.

We will communicate all of the changes in more detail in an attendance specific communication at the start of next term.



### Message from Head of Year

Well, what a year! I cannot believe how quickly it has flown by. Little less than a Year ago, Mrs Kempton and I stood in front of 280 very nervous faces who were all keen to make a positive first impression, and what an amazing impression they have made! I am so proud of the Year group and how they have developed and grown over the last 11 months. The way in which they have thrown themselves into the culture and ethos of Springwood has been nothing short of inspiring, along with the amazing commitment they have shown to their studies and extra-curricular engagement.

This week, I have had the pleasure of reporting to the school Governors on the progress Year 7 have made over the course of the year. I am pleased to tell you this report, which all but wrote itself with the positive statistics and information available, was met with delight, and it is clear the year group have a bright future ahead.

After a long first year at secondary school, it shows the amazing the commitment and resilience of the Year group that this has been our busiest half term yet. Rather than concede to the inevitable physical and mental fatigue often visible this late in the year, the students have thrown themselves into a whole host of projects and activities with desire and purpose. You will see throughout this Newsletter all the wonderful things the students have been doing, but to summarise, students have been creating memorials in Art; participating and spectating in Sports Day (the first time since pre-covid the whole school has come out to watch); sailing at Snettisham; dancing at the Hawaiian Disco; building and racing Rocket propelled cars; researching and making homemade smoothies; watching a professional cricket match; enjoying an assembly from an Olympic Shotputter; and learning about careers in the RSPCA from a member (and his Dog Daisy) of the local charity. WOW.

I hope you enjoy looking through the many pictures of all the amazing things that have happened in just the last 7 weeks. It really gives a feel for the wonderful and positive things happening within year 7.

All that leaves me to say, is please congratulate your children on a wonderful first year at Springwood High School, we hope they enjoy the 6 weeks holiday and get some well deserved rest. We will hit the ground running in September when they will no longer be the youngest!

First day back for Y8 will be Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Many thanks



Mr Denton and Mrs Kempton







### **Year Office Contact Details**

Year 7 Office, direct dial 24/7—01553 779405 Email Mr Denton, Head of Year 7—o.denton@springwoodhighschool.co.uk Email Mrs Kempton, Year 7 Manager—s.kempton@springwoodhighschool.co.uk Generic email—classof2028@springwoodhighschool.co.uk School website—www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk

### **Attendance Information**

What should I do if my child is unwell? – If your child is unwell, please call the Year 7 Office on 01553 779405 or email classof2028@springwoodhighschool.co.uk before 8.00am and give the specific reasons and symptoms of the illness. You will need to contact the office EVERY DAY that your child is off. The information you give will be recorded on our official register.

**Leave of Absence** – There may be exceptional circumstances where you need to request a leave of absence for your child. You will need to submit a "Leave of Absence Form." These can be found on the school website or we have a paper copy in the office. This form needs handing into the Year 7 office. You will then receive a phone call, email or message saying if your request has been granted or denied.

### **Medical Appointments**

If you need to collect your child for an appointment, please can you give the year office 24 hours' notice of this appointment. We understand this may not always be possible for emergency appointments.

### Year Group Key Dates

Y8 back to school – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September Yr8 Information Tutor Evening – 14<sup>th</sup> November





### My Child At School

On September 1st we will no longer be using SIMS as our management information system, and will instead move to BROMCOM. One of the advantages of this for parents is that you will have access to the MCAS app (My Child At School). This is an APP that you can download to you phone via the relevant app stores, or access online at https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin

We will be publishing communications to MCAS and you will be able to access information about your child at school. However, you will also be able to check and update your data collection form as soon as your details (address, phone number etc) changes. It can also be used to enrol your child into school clubs, book parents' evening appointments, check homework, and in the future will also be used for dinner money and other online transactions (we will inform you when this change occurs). This should be the only app you then require to access everything about your child at Springwood.

You will initially receive an activation code along with instructions on how to access your account. This will be sent to the email address we currently have on file for you on 1st September - you will need to activate the account within a couple of days of this being sent.

For further information regarding this please see: https://docs.bromcom.com/knowledge-base/mcas-parent-guide/

### **Uniform and Equipment**

I would like to say a big thank you to all students and parents who have upheld the highest quality of uniform standards, as well as ensuring all pupils are well equipped for every day. I look forward to seeing all students maintaining these amazing standards next academic year. If you are at all unsure on uniform and equipment expectations, please refer to the uniform and equipment checklist later in the newsletter, or the full policy on the school website.



### Autumn Term

Date	Event	Venue	Ticket Prices	Time(s)	Groups Involved (Provisional)
Thursday 17th Oct '24	WNAT Piano Recital	Recital Room (Mu1) Springwood High School	£2.00 Under 18's Free	6.00pm	Piano Solos and Duets from across all Trust Schools (All levels)
Wednesday 23rd Oct '24	House Music Competition	PHH	All tickets £3	6.30pm	
Wednesday 13th Nov '24	Autumn Recital Evening	Recital Room (Mu1) Springwood High School	£2.00 Under 18's Free	6.00pm	Soloists and Small Ensembles from Springwood High School
Wednesday 11th Dec '24	WNAT Christmas Carol Service	St Nicholas' Chapel	Free (with retiring collection)	6.00pm	c.40 members of Cantabene WNAT cross-trust Orchestra
Thursday 19th Dec '24	Springwood Christmas Concert	PHH, Springwood High School	Adults £5 Under 18s £3 Under 5 years free*	6.30pm	Big Band Cantabene Concert Band Sinfonia Kingsmen Joseph Preview Year 7 Choir Year 9 Rock Band Walkmen

\* Under 5s Free of Charge if do not require own seat (i.e. able to sit on parents' lap)

For Ticket Sales nearer the event date please visit

https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/springwood-high-school-music-department



Every member of Year 7 produced a chair in support of people who have been displaced by war. The piece is titled **Hope for a Better Future**.









Hope for a Better Future

Year 7 art students have been studying the work of Colombian-born artist Doris Salcedo. Salcedo's work addresses the question of forgetting and memory, which is apparent in her installation of 1550 chairs (2003). In Chairs, she takes a stack of chairs and transforms them into memorials, particularly for the history of migration and displacement in the city of Istanbul. Year 7 wanted to create their own version of this work, to show their support for all of the people who have been displaced across the world because of war. We have Titled the work: Hope for a Better Future.

**Mr Eveson** 



The Year 7s were fortunate to have a visit from Team GB's Sophie McKinna, who spoke to the students about her journey into professional sport. Pictured here is a small group of our best shotputters who got the honour of experiencing a coaching session with her.







## **Sailing at Snettisham**







### <u>Sailing</u>

A small group of students got the opportunity to experience a sailing session at Snettisham! The kids were impeccably behaved, and the only person to fall in was Mr Denton!







### Y7 Disco

Another successful disco saw our very summery students impressively raise in excess of £700 for the PTFA.









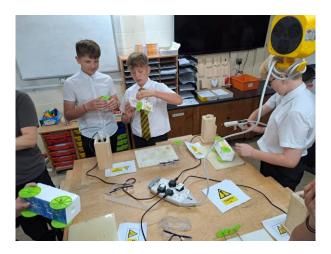




### **Rocket Car Racing**









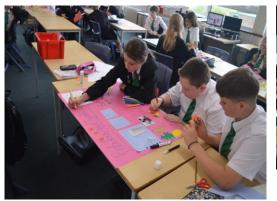


A big well done to Mr Cunningham and the Year 7 students for successfully building (from scratch) rocket propelled cars and racing them. An awesome project which perfectly encapsulated our STEM provision.





















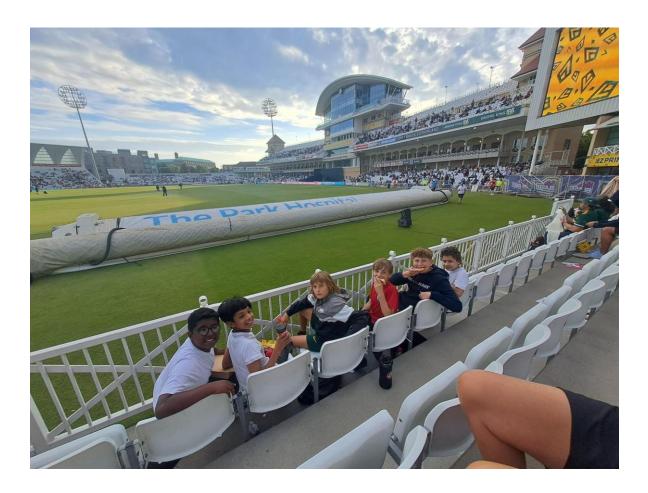




### **Super Learning Day Smoothies**

Our final Super Learning Day of the year saw the Year 7s doing some market research, designing and making their smoothies. Judges Mr Barrett, Mr Wells, Mr Denton and Mrs Kempton were very impressed, especially with the winning team – pictured to the left.





### Cricket Trip to Trent Bridge

Members of the Year 7 cricket squad enjoying a sunny and fun filled evening in Nottingham watching the Nottingham Outlaws. They even got to go on the pitch and get signatures from the players at the end of the game.



### **Sparx Reader of Week Winners**

Abel J Angel M Libby P Freida S Kim S Sharen S Kaitlyn A Charlie-Roy B Ollie G Isaac M Alexo N Ella T Otis B Ollie H Grace M Samara Z Libby B Daisy C Isobel C Hartley E Harry E Aisha G-R Jasmine H Sofia I Christina R Angela S Dominick Y Ava A Ava W Philippa M Marley B Neha B

Mihai F Dominykas V Logan C Cody G Eleanor K Anna S Annabel W Amelia C Florence H Kai H Alex H George M Chloe C Harsha D Mya D Anthony L Olly N Morgan R

All of these students have completed 100% of all Sparx reader tasks this half term! Well done!



### **Achievement Points**

Whole Year Group Total





# Well done to these students who have received their Gold Badge this term!

Christina	7B1	Harsha	702	Rose	7H1
Dominykas	7F2	Abia	7B1		
Oluwafemi	7B1	Ollie	7H1		
Ava	7F1	Anthony	702		
Keeley	702	Oskar	7H1		
Libby	701	Kaitlyn	7S1		
Sofia	7B1	Isobel	7B1		
Муа	702	Aronas	7H1		
Ritika	7H1	Erikas	7B1		
Angela	7B1	Liepa	7H1		
Tioluwalashe	7F1	Chloe	702		
Sharen	701	Nichita	7H1		
Daisy	7B1	Roberta	702		
Isabel	7H1	Katelyn	7B1		
Adam	7B2	Philippa	702		
Elisabeth	701	Logan	7B2		
Angel	701	Isla-Mae	702		
Chloe	7H2	Morgan	702		
Harry	7B1	Nicole	701		
Liliana	7H1	Sienna	7B1		
Aisha	7B1	Frankie	701		

A very big WELL DONE to Christina in 7B1 who has received her Platinum Badge!









### 100% Attendance 3<sup>rd</sup> June – 16<sup>th</sup> July

Alizey	7F1	Vanesa	7S2	Riley	7F1	Christina	7B1
Oluwafemi	7B1	Ellyse	7S2	Sophie	7S1	Angela	7B1
Frankie	7B2	Mihai	7F2	George	7S2	Anna	7B2
Kaitlyn	7S1	Alexander	701	Ellie	7S2	Oliwia	7S1
Teddy	7H2	Kaitygrace	7S2	Ellie-Mai	7B1	Ignas	7H1
Nichita	7H1	Ollie	7S1	Alexo	7S1	Evie	7S1
Ava	7F1	Bradley	7H2	Isla	7B2	Oliver	7H2
Oliver	7F2	Harris	701	Tioluwalashe	7F1	Sharen	701
Vilte	7B2	Achilles	7H1	Kadi	701	Harvey	7S1
Isabel	7H1	Isla-Mae	702	Shreya	7F1	Austin	7F1
Aanlin	7S2	Kai	7S2	Libby	701	Craig James	7S1
Neave	7H1	Alex	7S2	Albert	7H1	Taylen-Leigh	7B2
Aleisha	7H2	Ermanas	702	Tyler	7S1	Keeley	702
Amber	701	Abel	701	Darcie	7F2		
Sophie	7H1	Benjamin	7H2	Mazie	701		
Marley	7F2	Keanna-Marie	7F2	William	702		
Elodie	7B2	Emilis	7S2	Libbie	7S2		
Libby	7B1	Eleanor	7B2	Felix	702		
Freddy	702	Patryk	702	Naledi	7S1		
Bradley	7F2	Liepa	7H1	Hannah	7H2		
Ava	7S2	Liyana	7H1	Riley	7S1		
Iwan	7H2	Adrianna	7F2	Isabel	7F2		
Isobel	7B1	Lacie	7S2	Grace	7F2		
Logan	7B2	Lexie	7S2	Katie	701		
David	7F2	Yi Ting	7F1	Benjamin	7F2		
Olivia	7F2	Matty	7F2	Luka	7S1		



### 100% Attendance

### 1<sup>st</sup> September – 16<sup>th</sup> July

Aanlin	7S2
Sophie	7H1
Ellyse	7S2
Mihai	7F2
Kaitygrace	7S2
Eleanor	7B2
Adrianna	7F2
Yi Ting	7F1
Isla	7B2
Libby	701
Sharen	701
Craig James	7S1
Matty	7F2
Katie	701
Kyla	7S1
Olivier	7F2



### **Ambitious Board**

A new reward incentive launched this term across the school. Students are awarded cards from staff in acknowledgement of their Acts of Ambitious. Students are given a card and they place it in the AMBITIOUS box in the Year Office. One student is then picked out of the box in assembly and they win a treat.

These rewards are different to achievement points. Students can earn one of these for various things they do throughout the school day to show they are....

<u>A</u> RTICULATE	Able to communicate confidently with peers and adults alike in a range of settings
<u>M</u> OTIVATED	Determined and enthusiastic to achieve
<u>B</u> RAVE	Unafraid to challenge themselves
<u>I</u> NDEPENDENT	Responsible for their own success
<u>T</u> HOUGHTFUL	Kind, considerate and respectful to others
INQUISITIVE	Curious to learn
<u>O</u> RGANISED	Good managers of their own time
<u>U</u> NSTOPPABLE	Resilient to the challenges they encounter
<u>s</u> erious	About fulfilling their potential

### WINNERS



Our winners so far have been....

Liepa L	Ruben B
Aimee-May	Thomas FB
Brayden	Dominykas V
Vanesa F	Tanya
Harry E	Benjamin
Erikas	Ritika
Logan C	Liyana
Chloe D	Oskar Z
Pranav	Mihai
Oliver A	Abia
Violet	Lee
Leighton	Florence H
Charlie P	



### **Extra-Curricular Activities**

### Monday

Kingsmen - Lunchtime - MU1 Keyboard Club - Lunchtime - MU3 Junior Woodwind (Woodwind Grades 1-3) 3:30pm to 4:30pm - MU1

### Tuesday

Music Theory - Lunchtime - MU3 Senior Woodwind (Flute/Clarinet/Bassoon Grade 3+) - Lunchtime - MU1 Art Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – BA3 Year 7 Netball – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – Astro Turf Concert Band (Wind/Brass/Strings/Percussion Grade 3+) - 3:30pm to 5:00pm - 6th Form Hub Year 7 Choir - 3:30pm to 4:30pm - DR1

### Wednesday

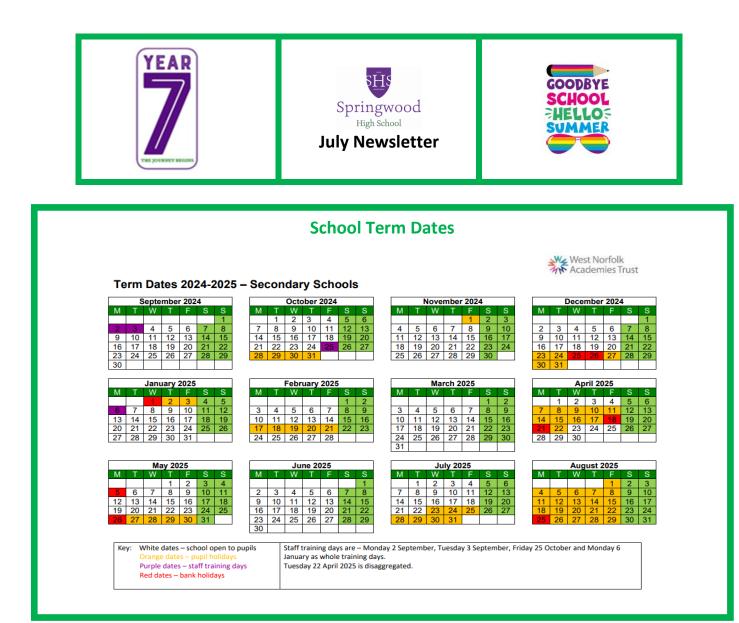
German Club – Lunchtime – F4 Kingsmen - Lunchtime - MU1 French Board Game Club - Lunchtime - F7 STEMM Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – JL11 Year 7 Rugby – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – Sports Field Girls Rugby – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – Sports Field KS3 Dance – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – Dance Studio Sinfonia (Strings Grade2+) - 3:30pm - 4:30pm - MU1 Brass Ensemble (Brass Grade2+) - 3:30pm to 4:30pm - MU2 Transition Orchestra (Wind/Brass/Strings/Perc to G2) - 3:45pm to 4:45pm - 6th Form Hub

### Thursday

History Club - 3:30pm to 4:30pm - S7 Year 7 Football – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – Sports Field Year 7-9 Girls Football – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – Sports Field School Musical (By Audition) - 3:30pm to 5:00pm - DS&MU1 Rock Club - 3:30pm to 4:30pm - MU2 Walkmen (Student Led) - 3:30pm to 4:30pm - MU4 Chess Club - 3:25pm to 4:30pm - LRC

### Friday

Guitar Group (Beginner to Grade2) - Lunchtime - MU1 Sax Choir (By Invitation) - Lunchtime - MU2 All Years Fitness Club – 3:25pm to 4:30pm – Sports Field School Musical (By Audition) - 3:30pm to 5:00pm - PHH Big Band (By Invitation) - 3:30pm to 5:00pm - 6th Form Hub



### **Useful Email Addresses**

Email Mr Denton, Head of Year 7-0.denton@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Email Mrs Kempton, Year 7 Manager—s.kempton@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Generic email—classof2028@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

### **Latest News**



For all the very latest Springwood School news please follow @SHSKingsLynn

For all the latest Sport & PE news please follow @SHSS\_PE







### **School Uniform & Sports Kit Checklist**

\*Blazer White, stiff collar school shirt \*House colour school tie \*\*Plain black tailored trousers \*School skirt \*School shorts \*School jumper Plain black tights or plain black socks that must at least cover the whole ankle

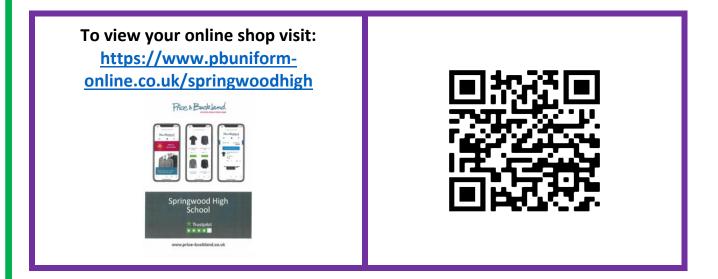
(Trainer socks, and footless tights or leggings are not allowed) Plain black (leather or leather-like) shoes

(no boots, black trainers, stilettos, ballet pumps, sling backs or toeless) Plain coat (no logos or other markings) long enough to cover blazer properly

PE KIT

### Items marked \* can only be bought through the school website from Price & Buckland

\*\*Trousers deemed appropriate by Springwood High School are available for purchase via our website. School trousers can be purchased from other suppliers. However, if the trousers worn by a student are considered unsuitable or inappropriate and a suitable alternative cannot be sourced from elsewhere, parents/carers will be directed to buy the trousers we have available through our website. The school reserves the right to make the final decision on the suitability and/or appropriateness of the school trousers worn by Springwood students.





### **Equipment Checklist**

All students should have the following with them every day – School bag, Knowledge Organiser, Pencil Case (Pens x 2, Red pen, Pencil x 2, Ruler, Calculator, Rubber)

Failure to have the correct equipment after being reminded once will result in a 2-week EQUIPMENT REPORT.

All students need to be prepared daily.

THANK YOU





### Springwood Parent, Teacher & Friend's Association (PTFA) Who's who and what do we do?

Springwood's PTFA disbanded during the covid years, but this academic year has seen an intake of new committee members who have bought with them a fresh vigour and enthusiasm for fundraising ideas, events and activities.

The PTFA meets once every half term at the school - usually on a Wednesday (around 5pm).

It is made up of parent volunteers, we work closely with the teaching staff to support extra-curricular activities and often one-off projects that the school's budget does not cover.

Since our first meeting in September 2023, the current PTFA has organised, run or supported the following events/activities and has a number of other ideas in the planning pipeline:

Events					
October	Sale of refreshments at the year 6 Specialist Arts Auditions				
December	Christmas Craft Fair and Raffle				
	Year 7 Christmas disco				
February	Year 8 Valentine disco				
	Bag2School collection (in conjunction with the school's Environment				
	Committee)				
	Beauty & The Beast – selling of refreshments	Springwood Tear 11 Pre	om Fundi		
March	Quiz Night – year 11 prom fundraiser		Z		
	Bingo – year 11 prom fundraiser		iΗ		
May	Bingo – 2025 prom fundraiser (current year 10)	E 22 Ma	day arch		
July	Springfest	SIXTH FO	RM HL		

### **Provision of funding**

New frames to support the display of artwork around the school. Heavy-duty trolley for the Drama Department. Funding towards both Springfest and the Year 11 Prom.



We are always on the lookout for new members......

All parents, teachers and school staff can get involved even if they only have a small amount of time available. You may wish to join the committee and be involved in the organisation, or just be available to serve teas and coffees at PTFA events. Whatever your preferred commitment, large or small, the Springwood PTFA would be very grateful for your help.

To get in touch, please email <u>ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk</u>. We would love to hear from you.

Our current PTFA committee members are shown below:

Chair	Vice Chair	Secretary	Treasurer
Fez Williams	Emma Norris	Rachel Curtis	Geoff Martin
Member	Member	Member	Teacher
Laura Farr	Suzi Pimlott	Leena Prins	Richard Thompson
		Picture not available	
Member	Member	Member	
Gem Coady	Jody Bunting	James Hoyland	