



October Newsletter



Message from Mr Johnson

We have had an AMAZING term at Springwood High school. The new intake of year 7 and year 12 students are truly wonderful and are fully embracing the Springwood culture, enjoying all that we have to offer. It was a privilege to meet the new year 7 parents and we all want the very best for their children.

Extra-curricular activities are so important at Springwood. It has been fantastic to see the large numbers of students enjoying the wide array of fantastic opportunities at lunchtime and after school. Many thanks to all the staff who give up their time to enable these amazing clubs to run.

Year 11 worked tirelessly for their pre public examinations (or "mock" examinations as we used to call them!). Fingers crossed that Year 11 is on track for another historic year of GCSE outcomes. Fulfilling careers and happy lives follow those students who make progress in academic examinations! Keep up the good work everyone!

The main school and Sixth Form open evenings were undoubtedly the busiest ever! It is always wonderful to meet prospective students and parents to showcase what our school has to offer. Our two weeks of daytime tours allowed students and parents to see the school in operation on a normal day. I was delighted to hear that those who attended the tours saw a happy and hard working school.

We have recently celebrated our annual STEM awards evening where there were approaching 500 awards! Ms Mann and her team provide outstanding STEM opportunities for our students. I was so proud of all of them achieving their awards! Have a restful half-term,

Mr Johnson





Message from Head of Year

Welcome to the Year 10 Newsletter!

We're thrilled to share the highlights of what has been a really promising start to the Key Stage for our Year 10 pupils. This term, students have shown outstanding behaviour and focus in lessons, which bodes well for this crucial stage in their educational journey.

In PSHE, the pupils have been exploring the topic of **relationships**, gaining valuable insights into building and maintaining healthy connections with others. This has been an important part of their personal and social development, encouraging them to reflect on communication, respect, and empathy.

A major event this term was our **Super Learning Day**, themed around **Careers and Futures**. Students attended three pathway talks—covering **6th Form, apprenticeships, and college**—which gave them time to reflect on their future options. They also had the opportunity to visit a careers fair, where they engaged directly with employers, gathering first-hand information about various industries and career paths.

With such a positive start, we're excited to see the continued growth and success of Year 10 as they move forward in their educational journey. Enjoy reading the rest of the newsletter!

Mr Hobbs

Head of year 9

Assistant Headteacher



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School Website www.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 Term Dates

First Day of Term	Last Day of Term
Monday 4 th November	Friday 20 th December 2024
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Friday 14 th February 2025
Monday 24 th February 2025	Friday 4 th April 2025
Wednesday 23 rd April 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025
Monday 2 nd June 2025	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025

School Closure & Staff Training Days

Staff Training Day	Friday 25 th October 2024
Staff Training Day	Monday 6 th January 2025
May Day Closure	Monday 5 th May 2025

Year Group Key Dates This Term

Date	Event
Friday 15 th November	Year 10 & 11 Flu Vaccination
Wednesday 4 th – Saturday 7 th December	Cologne Trip
Thursday 12 th December	Year 10 Info Tutor Evening (In person)
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Jumper Day



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Attendance Information

What should I do if my child is unwell? – If your child is unwell, please call the Year 10 Office on 01553 778099 or email classof2026@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.

If you are unsure whether to send your child to school please see the flowing link:

[https://67aa.educdn.net/e/n57iy8/dsNF7c? \\$u &nk=NjU2NGE3Yzk0NDE3ZTQyOTY5YTAxZjBjLGthdGllLmdyaWZmaXRoc0Bub3Jmb2xrLmdvdi51azo6OjRneGZkd2dnc3VpeG11cGQ](https://67aa.educdn.net/e/n57iy8/dsNF7c? $u &nk=NjU2NGE3Yzk0NDE3ZTQyOTY5YTAxZjBjLGthdGllLmdyaWZmaXRoc0Bub3Jmb2xrLmdvdi51azo6OjRneGZkd2dnc3VpeG11cGQ).

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 10 office. You will then receive a phone call, email or SIMS message stating if your request has been granted or denied.

Attendance Message

School attendance continues to remain above national averages so far this year, despite us being hit by illnesses this half term, which is great news. Data shows year on year, that students who have good attendance do very well academically and socially.

It is important that if your child is not able to attend school that day that you phone the relevant year office, or email them, directly. Please do not wait for the alert to go out from the school. It is also important that if your child is ill for a couple of days that you continue to contact the school on a daily basis - we need to know how they are, and if the illness/symptoms change, as we occasionally need to make others within the school community aware.

If we do not see your child for a period of time then we are required, for safeguarding reasons, to make a home visit. Please can you ensure that you respond to the home visit when these are made. We cannot give you a time, and so if you are not in we will leave instructions to contact us, which you need to do when you see the card. If we have no answer after a couple of visits we then will ask someone external from the school to make that visit on our behalf. These visits are a requirement that all schools must undertake for students that they have not seen for a little while.

Whilst we understand children may have periods of genuine illness, we wish to share updated guidance from the NHS, which aims to reset expectations to pre-pandemic levels. It recognises that it has been a long time since these guidelines were shared, with mindsets which have understandably altered. With the increase in working from home, there is not necessarily the ‘work pressure’ to send children to school with minor ailments as it is more common to have adults in the home. The updated NHS guidance for the vast majority of illness and anxiety states that, unless your child has a significantly elevated temperature, they should be in school. The guidance can be found here: Is my child too ill for school? - NHS <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Thank you for your continued support in keeping your child's attendance high.



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100% Attendance



5TH SEPTEMBER – 21ST OCTOBER 2024

Kira	10B1
Bella	10B1
Hager	10B2
Angelina	10B2
Poppie	10B2
Emily	10B2
Alfie	10B2
Jack	10B2
Ruby	10B2
Aiden	10B2
Isabella	10B2
Maisie	10B2
Aidan	10F1
Lexi	10F1
Freya	10F1
Abdullah	10F1
Maksymilian	10F1
Hendrix	10F1
Poppy	10F2
Charlotte	10F2
Lorrelle	10F2
Esther	10F2
Faith	10F2
Traian	10F2
Cherry	10F2
Hui	10F2
Laeila	10H1
Daisy-Louise	10H1
Isabelle	10H1
Millie	10H1
Charlie	10H2
Lucia	10H2
Kayleigh	10H2
Jeshaun	10H2
Moayad	10H2
Felix	10H2

Joe	10O1
Emily	10O1
Ava	10O1
Lily	10O1
Daisy	10O1
Ruby	10O1
Sandra	10O1
Lois	10O1
Imogen	10O1
Mary	10O1
Brooke	10O1
Leila	10O1
Scarlett	10O1
Shiloh	10O2
Khloe	10O2
Samanta	10O2
Ella-Louise	10O2
Riley	10O2
Jewel	10O2
Kristers	10O2
Kaden	10O2
Roxanne	10O2
Elizabeth	10O2
Georgie	10O2
Nelia	10S1
Lilly-Ann	10S1
Ella	10S1
Lola	10S1
Aimee	10S1
David	10S1
Daisy	10S1
Daniel	10S2
Emily	10S2
Olivia	10S2
Lewis	10S2
Gregory	10S2





YEAR 10 FORM GROUP ATTENDANCE

10O2	96.11%
10B2	95.20%
10O1	93.78%
10F1	93.47%
10S2	93.12%
10F2	91.77%
10H1	91.62%
10S1	90.50%
10H2	88.27%
10B1	84.40%



ACHIEVEMENT POINTS

6,956

**Six Thousand, Nine Hundred
and Fifty-Six**

A great start to the academic year.

Keep up the good work.





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Music/Drama Events Calendar Autumn Term

Date	Event	Venue	Ticket Prices	Time(s)	Groups Involved (Provisional)
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
Date Tbc	Rotary Young Musician, Regional Heat	Recital Room (Mu1) Springwood High School	Free	4.30pm	Open to soloists grade 7+ standard

* 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>

Transition Leaders



A huge thank you to our Year 10 Transition Leaders for their dedication and support in helping our new Year 7 students adjust to their new environment. Their hard work in guiding the new cohort around the school, sharing valuable insights has made a significant difference. Your efforts are truly appreciated!





SPORTS NEWS

FOOTBALL

Year 10 Boys Football



SHS v Marshland 4 – 2 Win

Year 10 Girls Football



HOUSE STANDINGS

Felbrigg	4
Oxburgh	10
Holkham	18
Blickling	12
Sandringham	12

GCSE Subjects

Year 10 settling into their new timetables and learning new things.

Construction



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I chose construction because I've always loved the idea of creating things that will stay standing and help as many people as it can building something permanent which will be seen by many others. Choosing construction GCSE has been an amazing decision as I've really enjoyed studying about the different parts to residential and non-residential buildings and seeing what I could potentially be working on in the future really is a great part of learning construction.

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3D Design

Mileja





Hair & Beauty



“ I study hair and beauty because if you are looking to be a hairdresser it is a good qualification to have. It is fun because you get to have fun with your friends. The things we have been doing in hair and beauty is putting rollers in a mannequin and learning how to wash and style other people’s hair e.g. curling and straightening. It covers the business side and if you take Business as well you will understand better.

I think people should choose Hair and Beauty because you will have lots of fun.

Faith G ”





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STEM Awards Evening



This half term we spent another delightful evening celebrating our STEM successes. The event welcomed students from Year 7 to Year 13 and their parents, as well as representatives from local STEM businesses, Palm Paper and Rolls Royce at RAF Marham. We congratulated students for participating in projects based around flight, space and robotics. Enjoyed projects designed for our own science fair and the Silver Crest Award. And handed out many certificates for completing the Bronze Crest Award.

A real highlight of the evening was hearing from our guest speaker Mark Richardson CEO of Ocado Intelligent Automation. Mark gave an inspiring talk about his career journey including roles in project management and procurement, created the first shopping website for Waitrose Supermarket and then joining Ocado as it was starting up in 2001. There he ran the technology department for ten years and joined the board as Chief Operating Officer for the next ten before becoming CEO of Ocado Intelligent Automation, which creates and sells advanced robotics to companies all around the world. We have no doubt that all in attendance left inspired, enriched and with lots to think about.



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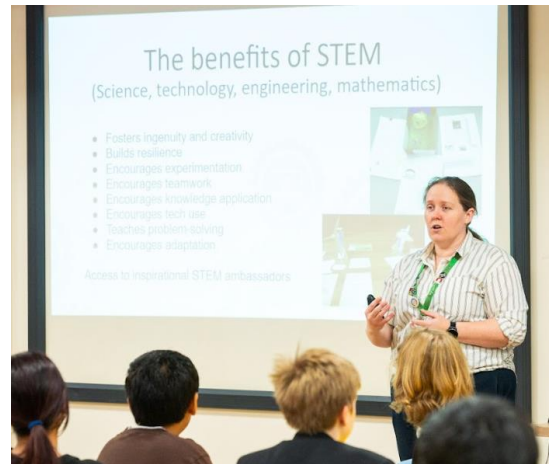


“ I do STEM club at Springwood High School. I really enjoy STEM club because you develop lots of skills that you can use in later life. In year 9 you complete the Silver Crest Award. This is where you do a project of your choice. I chose to create a bionic hand to help develop better prosthetic limbs that people can use. We then had to show our projects at a STEM evening. Someone from Ocado came to talk to us about our project and to give us feedback. They then talked about what they do in Ocado, which is building robots. This fitted in nicely with my project.

This year I am starting CanSat, which is run by ESA. This is where you create a Satellite in a can and launch it up 2,000 feet. I am really looking forward to this project.

I would recommend STEM club to anyone who wants to have some fun and to build their skills.

Jack H ”





Super Learning Day – Careers

It was fantastic to see our students actively engaging with our careers led Super Learning Day. The focus on exploring post-16 options, identifying individual skills and values, and addressing potential obstacles was invaluable for their future career paths. The session on UNIFROG provided great insights and resources to help them navigate their choices.

We were thrilled to host guest speakers from the College, Apprenticeships, and Sixth Form during the day. According to student feedback, their insights were incredibly informative and prompted deep reflection on future options.

After lunch, students had the chance to visit the Careers Exhibition, where they met with exhibitors and asked questions about various careers and job opportunities. It was a fantastic way for them to explore their paths and gain valuable information. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this event a success.



“ I found it very fun because I got to talk to a lot of people about jobs and learn stuff I didn't know before. We did that for like 30 to 45 minutes and for the rest of the day we were in our form rooms or the Drama studio. In the Drama Studio there were people talking about College, what we can do in college and the other people was talking about A levels and + levels. It was nice to see someone who does that job to tell me about it.

Caidan ”





Act of AMBITIOUS Nominations

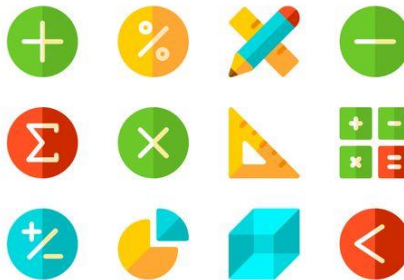
- A**rticulate
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- I**ndependent
- T**houghtful
- I**nquisitive
- O**rganised
- U**nstoppable
- S**erious



Sparx Maths

Winner in each Form

B1	Mileja
B2	Angelina
F1	Ava
F2	Poppy
H1	Nyasha
H2	Moayad
O1	Ashlen
O2	Elizabeth
S1	Alvin
S2	Sophia



Top Form

10H1
10O1
10S1
10H2
10B2
10B1
10S2
10F2
10F1
10O2



HOMEWORK



Dear Parent/Guardian

All homeworks for all subjects are now being put onto the my child at school app. You can now see what homework is being set and when it is due. Within 48 hours after the due date, the teacher will change the homework status to "received" for anyone who has completed their homework. If your child has not completed their homework, please encourage them to complete it or attend the support sessions that we run at school.

The following homework support is available;

Maths

- Breaktimes and lunchtimes in b11
- Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in B11 3.30pm - 4.30pm

English

- Breaktimes in F12 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

All subjects

- Homework club in F10 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- LRC - before school, breaktimes, lunchtimes and after school

Achievement points will be awarded for completion of homework but more achievement points may also be awarded for meeting certain criteria.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly c.loizou@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Kind regards

Ms C Loizou





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Extra-curricular Activities 2024-25

Mon	<p>Lunchtime: Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11 Kingsmen - Miss Ashby - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU1 Keyboard Club (all abilities) - Mr Howell - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU3</p> <p>After School: Sinfonia (strings grade 2+) - Mrs Sargent - 15:30 to 16:30 - MU1 Warhammer Club - Miss Jay - 15:25 to 16:30 - BA3</p>
Tues	<p>Lunchtime: Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11 Senior Woodwind (grades 3+ flute/clarinet/bassoon) - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU1 Junior Woodwind (grades 1-3 woodwind) - Mrs Garford - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU2 Music Theory (all abilities) - Mr Howell - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU3</p> <p>After School: Maths Club - Miss Cook/Miss McEvoy/Miss Yeldham - 15:30 to 16:30 - B8/B11 Cantabene (years 8+) - Miss Ashby - 15:30 to 16:30 - Sixth Form Hub 'Joseph' Small Groups - Mr Norman/Mr Quinn - 15:30 to 16:30 - MU1 Boys Football - PE Staff - 15:25 to 16:30 - Field KS4 Science Support - Mrs Dawson - 15:25 to 16:30 - O7 CANSat STEM - Mr Moore - 15:25 to 16:30 - JL12 Art Club - Miss Jay - 15:25 to 16:30 - BA3</p>
Wed	<p>Lunchtime: Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11 Environmental Club - Mrs Munns - 12:40 to 13:20 - BL1 Kingsmen - Miss Ashby - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU1 Percussion Ensemble (percussion/drumming) - Mr Westbrook - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU2/MU5</p> <p>After School: Maths Club - Miss Cook/Miss McEvoy/Miss Yeldham - 15:30 to 16:30 - B8/B11 Soul Band (by invitation) - Mr Norman/Mr Cuss - 15:30 to 16:30 - MU2 Photography Club - Miss Garner - 15:40 to 16:40 - B12 Dance Club - Mrs Paulo - 15:30 to 16:30 - West Gym Boys Rugby - Mr Hobbs - 15:25 to 16:30 - Field</p>
Thur	<p>Lunchtime: Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11 Brass Ensemble (brass grade 2+) - Mr Maddison - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU2</p> <p>After School: Maths Club - Miss Cook/Miss McEvoy/Miss Yeldham - 15:30 to 16:30 - B8/B11 History Club - Mr Harrison - 15:30 to 16:30 - S7 Concert Band (wind/brass/strings/percussion grade 3+) - Mr Norman/Mr Quinn - 15:30 to 17:00 - Sixth Form Hub Rock Club (beginner guitar/bass/drums/vocals) - Mr Benefer - 15:30 to 16:30 - MU2 Basketball - Mr Singh - 15:25 to 16:30 - East Gym Girls Football - Mr Baxter - 15:25 to 16:30 - Field Girls Netball - Mrs Honey - 15:25 to 16:30 - Astro Chess Club - Mr Wisniewski - 15:25 to 16:30 - LRC</p>
Fri	<p>Lunchtime: Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11 Brass Ensemble (brass grade 2+) - Mr Maddison - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU2</p> <p>After School: Maths Club - Miss Cook/Miss McEvoy/Miss Yeldham - 15:30 to 16:30 - B8/B11 History Club - Mr Harrison - 15:30 to 16:30 - S7 Concert Band (wind/brass/strings/percussion grade 3+) - Mr Norman/Mr Quinn - 15:30 to 17:00 - Sixth Form Hub Rock Club (beginner guitar/bass/drums/vocals) - Mr Benefer - 15:30 to 16:30 - MU2 Basketball - Mr Singh - 15:25 to 16:30 - East Gym Girls Netball - Mrs Sutherland - 15:25 to 16:30 - Astro Chess Club - Mr Wisniewski - 15:25 to 16:30 - LRC</p>



The PTFA got straight back to business after the Summer break and already has a number of exciting events and new ideas in the planning pipeline.

Our first meeting of the new academic year was held on 11th September and our Annual General Meeting (AGM) took place on Wednesday 9th October. You can read the minutes of both meetings (including the AGM Chairperson's and Treasurer's reports) on the school website or via the links below:

[11th September Meeting Minutes](#)

[9th October AGM Minutes](#)

Our information on the Springwood website has recently had a revamp and on September 28th we launched a dedicated Facebook page ([Springwood High School PTFA](#)) where we'll keep you all up-to-date with events and fundraising activities for the students and school. To date we have approximately 55 followers. Please give us a 'like' and a 'follow' and feel free to spread the word.

Our first event of the new school year was on Sunday 13th October selling refreshments at the year 6 specialist arts auditions.

Upcoming events include:

Year 7 Halloween Disco (fancy dress optional) – Thursday 24th October

Sixth Form Bingo Event – Thursday 7th November

Christmas Craft Fair – Wednesday 4th December. We're still on the lookout for stall holders.

Full details of all events can be found on the Springwood High School website and our Facebook page. Note the Bingo is a bookable event and books (5 games)/strips will be available to purchase in advance via Ticket source on the school website.

And finally, 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. We are particularly on the lookout for 'helping hands' at events and we would be very grateful for your help. To get in touch, please email ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk. We would love to hear from you.



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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

Compulsory:

*Springwood PE shirt

Black Shorts

Black Socks

Trainers (non-marking sole with grip)

Football Boots

Optional:

*Springwood sweatshirt

Black Track Suit Bottoms

Plain Black leggings

Plain Black 'skin' can be worn under PE shirt

Shin pads and gumshields

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

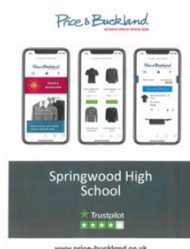
**Trousers deemed appropriate by Springwood High School are available for purchase via our website. School trousers can be purchased from other suppliers. However, if the trousers worn by a student are considered unsuitable or inappropriate and a suitable alternative cannot be sourced from elsewhere, 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.

You are now able to order ties from your MCAS app. If you click on 'store' you will see ties are available to buy for £7.95. They will be available to collect from the Finance/Admin office.

To view your online shop visit:

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/springwoodhigh>





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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



MyChildAtSchool has now replaced the ParentApp and ParentPay

Parents can access details about their child at school by using MyChildAtSchool. This can either be an app or your phone (available from Google Play and the Apple AppStore) or by going to <http://www.mychildatschool.com>

A basic user guide, along with other support materials can be found at:

<https://docs.bromcom.com/article-categories/for-parents/>

If you forget your password to MCAS please click on the Reset Password link on the App, or, using your web browser, go to www.mychildatschool.com and click on the Reset Password link. You must use the email address that you have given the school.

Should you experience any issues with your MCAS account please contact us for support via the following options:

Tel: 01553 773393

email: office@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

When emailing, please provide as much detail about your issue so we can make sure we allocate the right department. Please also provide your full name, school and return phone number.

Students

Your child will also have access to an app that they can log into on their phones (available from Google Play and Apple App Store - please search for Bromcom Student App). It can also be accessed via the webpage:

<https://www.bromcomvle.com/?schoolid=14633>



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***Have a lovely half
term break***

