

Message from Mr Johnson

I hope you are all feeling festive and looking forward to the Christmas break. Although November has been wet and cold, I definitely sense the Christmas spirit is with us now! As ever, the second part of the Autumn term is one of the most productive of the year. It is good to pause and reflect on the significant achievements this term. First and foremost, our students from all year groups have been working hard in lessons and learning so much. Furthermore, so many

students have been taking part and enjoying our exemplary extra-curricular programme.

The Art exhibition, held over several weeks at the Guildhall, showcased the outstanding work of our GCSE and A level students. I was incredibly proud to show the Mayor of King's Lynn, Paul Bland (also a long serving Springwood Governor) around the exhibition to see the high quality work produced. Conversely, the STEM Christmas lectures provided an opportunity for students interested in the world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics to hear first hand the exciting and diverse career opportunities available in these areas too.

It was a privilege to meet and talk with year 7, 8, 9 & 10 parents at the tutor evenings this term. The feedback I received was incredibly positive indeed. Our tutors and year leaders work tirelessly to support your children and it is great to see that this is appreciated by parents.

Every year we remember those who have defended our freedom on Remembrance Day. Our year 7 students showed great maturity in paying their respects, and in how they conducted themselves during the outdoor service. It was wonderful to see all of our students involved in any form of uniformed service wearing their uniforms for the day and taking part in the parade.

Similarly, I attended the Air Cadets annual award ceremony at the Town Hall where many of our students enjoy the excellent opportunities provided.

As I write this, I have both the Trust Carol Concert and the Springwood Christmas concert to look forward to. As ever I am sure that all those who attend will have a fantastically festive experience. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!



Best wishes. Mr Johnson



Message from Head of Year

Before I reflect on what has been one of our busiest terms to date, I would like to offer a big Merry Christmas to all of our Year 8 parents and wider community. This term is notoriously one of the longest and most tiring, but I am so impressed with how well the Year group have engaged, and thrown themselves into all of the wonderful events and opportunities that have presented themselves over the last 2 months.

In my Christmas assembly, I spoke to all of the students about the things that have made me proud of my Year group this term – there were so many! I asked teachers of Year 8 to feedback all the positives, and I was overwhelmed by the responses. I had reports ranging from amazing reading in English lessons, to wonderful acts of kindness from some of our students. It was a lovely assembly to end the Year, and I thoroughly enjoyed randomly selecting 8 of our students mentioned to receive prizes. The students also loved seeing their embarrassing pictures on display – so a big thank you to the many parents that sent them in.

I hope you enjoy looking through this edition of the Newsletter. We have got pictures and information about; An educational assembly on racism deliver by PC James Smith; a Find My Futures event at Norwich for some of our STEM students; a Planetarium display; a Stop the Clock Assembly; the Christmas Craft Fayre; our new Year Council members; a STEM lecture; a Remembrance Assembly; and finally, our wonderful Sparx winner (take a breath!). On top of all this, there have been many other amazing things happening, in which students are showing their dedication, hard work and positive attitude to the ethos of the school. I know I say it in every newsletter, but I really am so proud of them!

You may have read in the last Newsletter about the launch of our 'ENDEAVOUR' programme. Endeavour lays out a series of challenges for students to achieve across the year, centred around a number of things such as; reading, extra-curricular clubs, fundraising, presenting, as well as a few other things. I am pleased to see this is now well under way, with a number of students already hitting the gold criteria in certain areas, most notably, Lilianna and Neave who did their very own bake sale and raised an impressive £82 for the Little Princess Trust. Well done girls!

Once again, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Please enjoy some time with your family, and some well-deserved rest if you can. I look forward to seeing the children back on the 7th of January.

Many thanks

Mr Denton and Mrs Kempton









Attendance Message

Attendance Matters - Winter 2024

We have had another good half term with attendance in year groups across the school. A number of students have also been involved with attendance challenges this term and we are delighted to see so many successes with children improving their attendance. In addition to this over 440 students still have 100% attendance, with many more just having a single day or session off this term. For attendance purposes your child needs to be in school at 08:50 and 13:25 to collect their morning and afternoon registrations respectively, so if you do have to take your child for a medical appointment, please try to work around these times if at all possible.

With the onset of Winter, we are now seeing a rise in students off school with bugs. If they have a high temperature or sickness then please keep them at home until it has returned to normal. For colds, your child can attend school. If you need to send in any paracetamol or other medication, please leave this with the year office - the year manager will contact you before any medication is given to your child.

Finally, we would like to introduce you to Wren, our newest member of the attendance team. She will be visiting the school on certain days from January to support students in well-being and attendance. Students may be invited to spend time with her.

We realise that some students may not wish to meet her, for whatever reason. If you would not like your child to meet with Wren, please complete the following form electronically: <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdM1iwo9aXA-</u> TvOkFhxV2wLoaYJum79yRud6oXggmegmsUK7Q/viewform?usp=sf link



We hope you have an enjoyable holiday and look forward to seeing everyone again on Tuesday 7th January 2025.







Year Office Contact Details

Year 8 Office, direct dial 24/7—01553 779405 Email Mr Denton, Head of Year 8—o.denton@springwoodhighschool.co.uk Email Mrs Kempton, Year 8 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 8 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 8 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.

School Shop

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.

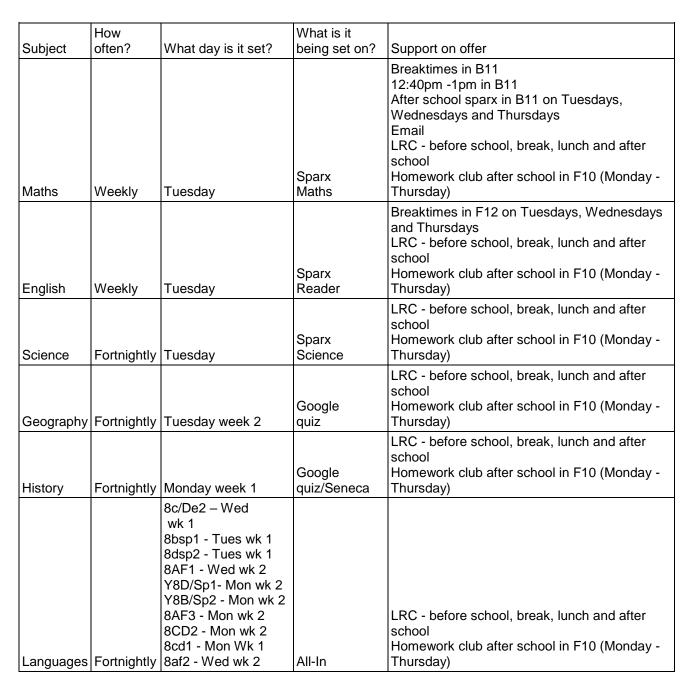




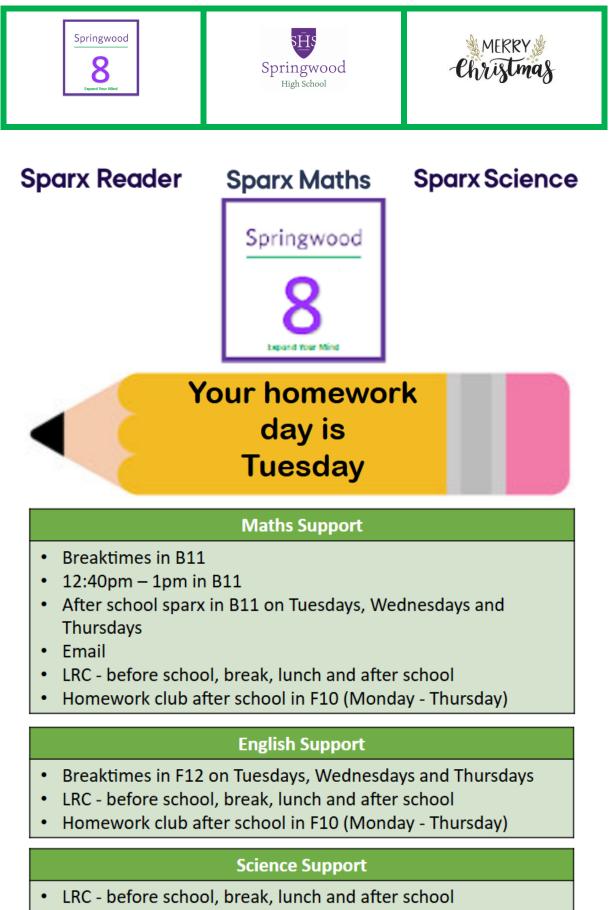


Year 8 Homework

Year 8 have been receiving Sparx Maths and English homework and fortnightly homework from Science, Languages, History and geography. Below is a summary of the homework they will receive and the days they will be set. All homework will be set and tracked on the my child at school app.







Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)

Sparx Reader S

Sparx Maths

Sparx Science







MyChildAtSchool has now replaced the SIMs ParentApp and ParentPay

Parents can access details about their child at school by using MyChildAtSchool. This can either be an app or your phone or by going to <u>www.mychildatschool.com</u>

Your child can access the student portal by using the Bromcom Student App on their phone, and can also be accessed by going to www.bromcomvle.com/?schoolid=14633

These apps are both available from Google Play and the Apple AppStore. 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 please click on the Reset Password link on the App, or, using your web browser, go to the relevant website 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 or Bromcom Student 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.







PC James Smith Assembly

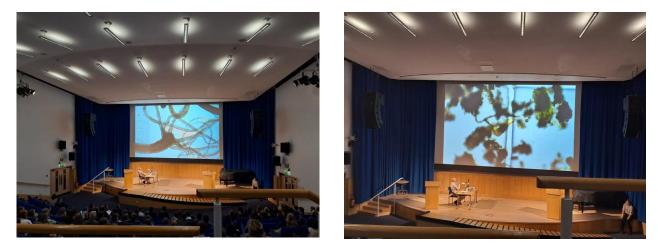


PC James Smith continued all the wonderful work he does at Springwood, by delivering an assembly to help educate students on the use of racist language, amongst other protected characteristics. The Year group engaged so well and had some really thoughtful questions.





Find my Futures Trip





12 of our high achieving students took the amazing opportunity to attend a Find my Futures event at the UEA, where they engaged with some inspiring employers from the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths.







Planetarium Day





Every student in Year 8 got an insight into the world of space, with a company delivering a Planetarium day. The technology was awe-inspiring and our students were amazed to learn about just how vast our universe is!



Stop the Clock Assembly



Mr Johnson delivered a really important Stop the Clock assembly to Year 8, as well as other year groups, highlighting the importance of kindness.







Christmas Fayre



Members of our amazing Year 8 council worked together to put on 2 stalls at the Springwood Christmas Craft Fayre, helping to raise money for the PTFA.

We had a face painting stall and a 'guess the amount baubles in the jar' stall.







Year Council



Pictured above are the new members of the Year 8 Council, just after they received their Year Council badges.



STEM Lecture



We were delighted to again have students attend our annual STEM Christmas lecture to hear about the diverse range of careers and opportunities in STEM. This year we were very fortunate to have speakers in the fields of ecology and chemical engineering. We would like to give a massive thank you to Martin Tooley and Tom Parks for joining us. The lectures were for all students from Yr7-Yr13 and their parents. With nearly 100 people in attendance it was a wonderful evening.

"I had the great opportunity of attending the STEM lectures on the 3rd December. The two lecturers had established careers in chemical engineering and conservation. Both gave incredibly in-depth talks about their respective fields. Each one of their topics had its feet in the GCSE and A-level courses, this allowed a great introduction to these sciences and careers available to the vast amount of students who attended." - Jaxon W



Y8 Remembrance Assembly



Back in November, History teacher Miss Smith presented a really informative assembly about Remembrance to Year 8. Once again, the Year group engaged so well and asked some thoughtful questions.



Reading Celebration

Top Sparx Reading Points Winners - Neha and Christina



100% Sparx Reading Completion Prize Draw Winners - Pranav and Sophie



A few pictures of some our award winners from our end of term reading celebration. These students have exciting futures ahead of them!







Aiming for Excellence

Pictured here are a selection of students who are part of our 'Aiming for Excellence' programme.

These students have been set a number of tasks to complete over the course of the year. We held our first check in with these students and Mr Denton and members of the Senior Leadership Team were overwhelmed by the high standard of work already completed, including book reports, essays about the Holocaust, the Suffragette movement, and population growth.

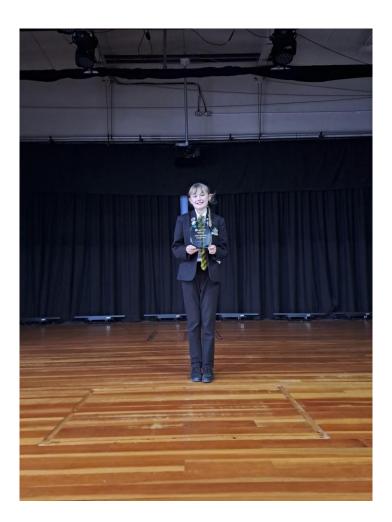








West Norfolk Schools Speaking Competition



A huge congratulations to Eleanor, who was part of a team of 3 who went to the West Norfolk Schools Speaking competitions. The Springwood team went on to be overall winners! Mrs Clarke said "Awesome speaker: she did everything she could to ensure her speech was well-constructed, and she delivered it beautifully." Well done Eleanor!



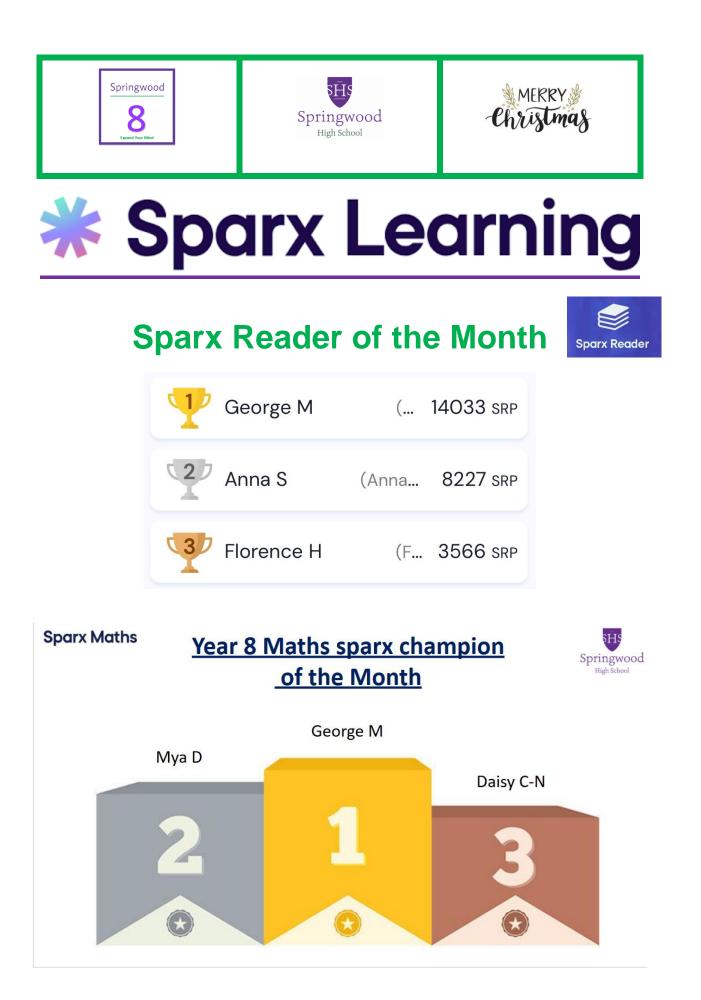




Y8 Christmas Disco

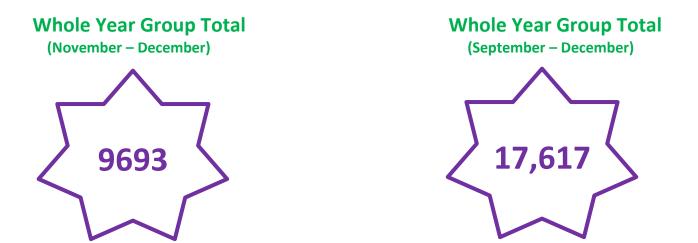


We had our Y8 Christmas Disco on Wednesday 18th December. It was a great night and we raised over £500 for the PTFA! A BIG thank you to all the students that came along.





Achievement Points



Students with the most achievement points this half term

First Name	Tutor Group	Points
Ava W	8F1	76
Adrianna L	8F2	75
Logan C	8B2	71
Ritika H	8H1	71
Angel M	801	71
Daisy C-N	8B1	70
Kaitlyn A	8S1	68
Amber B	801	67
Ollie H	8H1	66
Benjamin J	8H2	66





100% Attendance – 4th September – 16th December

Kyla W	Persis S	Isaac M
Austin T	Riley M	Anna S
Benjamin J	Ellie-Mai N	Briseis B
Chloe C	Isaac B	Evie S
Harris G	Harry D	Anabella P
Ollie G	Logan C	Abel J
Tyler P	Libby P	Nichita A
Adrianna L	Angelo H	Andrei G
Alexo N	Nancy Y	Isabel B
Erikas F	Shreya P	Katie T
Mihai F	Angelica R	
Ollie H	Amber B	
Anthony L	Kaitygrace G	
Marley B	Neha B	
Martha M	Dale D	
Philippa M	Keeley T	
Tyler R	Ollie F	
Ellie M	Aiden R	
Olivia C	Sophie B	
Ritika H	Ava W	
Freida S	Ramona B	-)-)*
Pranav H	Adam A	· Well *
Olivier W	Oluwafemi A	



Extra-Curricular Activities – Year 8

Monday

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 **After School:** Sinfonia (strings grade 2+) - Mrs Sargent - 15:30 to 16:30 - MU1

Tuesday

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

After School:

Maths Club - Miss Agius/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

Wednesday

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 Languages Games Club - Miss Andrews/Miss Skipper/Mr Fernandez - 12:40 to 13:20 - F4 Kingsmen - Miss Ashby - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU1 Percussion Ensemble (percussion/drumming) - Mr Westbrook - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU2/MU5 After School: Maths Club - Miss Agius/Miss McEvoy/Miss Yeldham - 15:30 to 16:30 - B8/B11 Transition Strings (years 7&8, up to grade 2) - Mr Quinn/Mrs Sargent - 15:45 to 16:45 -Sixth Form Hub Transition Band (years 7&8, up to grade 2 Wind/Brass/Percussion) - Miss Ashby/Mr Wilson - 15:45 to 16:45 - MU1 Soul Band (by invitation) - Mr Norman/Mr Cuss - 15:30 to 16:30 - MU2 Cooking Club (week 1) - Miss Hoare - 15:30 to 16:30 - T5 Photography Club - Miss Garner - 15:40 to 16:40 - B12 STEM Club - Mrs Mann/Miss Colley - 15:30 to 16:30 - JL11 Dance Club - Mrs Paulo - 15:30 to 16:30 - West Gym Boys Rugby - Mr Denton - 15:25 to 16:30 - Field Girls Netball - Mrs Sutherland - 15:25 to 16:30 - Astro



Thursday

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 After School: Maths Club - Miss Agius/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 Boys Football - Mr Donovan - 15:25 - 16:30 - Field Girls Football - Mr Baxter - 15:25 to 16:30 - Field

Friday

Lunchtime:

Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11 Guitar Group - Mr Maddison - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU1 Sax Choir (by invitation) - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU2 After School:

Big Band (by invitation) - 15:30 to 16:30 - Sixth Form Hub 'Joseph' Full Cast - Mr Norman/Mr Quinn/Mr Burt - 15:30 to 17:00 - MU1 Girls Rugby - Mr Singh - 15:25 to 16:30 - Field





Music/Drama Events Calendar 2024-2025

Spring Term 2025

Date	Event	Venue	Ticket Prices	Time(s)	Groups Involved (Provisional)
Tuesday 28th Jan '25	Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat ('semi-staged' Musical) – with live band	PHH, Springwood High School.	Adults £8 Under 18s £5 Under 5 years free*	6.30pm	
Wednesday 29th Jan '25	Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat ('semi-staged' Musical) – with live band	PHH, Springwood High School.	Adults £8 Under 18s £5 Under 5 years free*	6.30pm	
Thursday 6th Feb '25	WNAT Vocal Evening	Drama Studio, Springwood High School	Free (with retiring collection)	6.00pm	Cross Trust Vocal Solos, Duets, Trios and choirs (all styles and genres)
Monday 10th Feb'25	The 39 Steps	Drama Studio, Springwood High School	tbc	7.00pm	Drama Theatrical Production
Tuesday 11th Feb'25	The 39 Steps	Drama Studio, Springwood High School	tbc	7.00pm	Drama Theatrical Production
Wednesday 12th Feb'25	The 39 Steps	Drama Studio, Springwood High School	tbc	7.00pm	Drama Theatrical Production
Thursday 13≞ Feb '25	Rock and Pop Evening (Battle of the Bands)	Drama Studio, Springwood High School	Free (with retiring collection)	6.00pm	Cross Trust Rock and Pop Bands and Performers including voices with guitar etc.

* 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







School Term Dates 24/25

	First Day of Term	Last Day of Term
Spring 1 st Half Term	Tuesday 7th January 2025	Friday 14th February 2025
Spring 2 nd Half Term	Monday 24th February 2025	Friday 4th April 2025
Summer 1 st Half Term	Wednesday 23rd April 2025	Friday 23rd May 2025
Summer 2 nd Half Term	Monday 2nd June 2025	Tuesday 22nd July 2025

	First Day of the Holiday	Last Day of the Holiday
Christmas Holiday	Monday 23rd December	Friday 3rd January 2025
Spring Half Term Holiday	Monday 17th February 2025	Friday 21st February 2025
Easter Holiday	Monday 7th April 2025	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Summer Half Term Holiday	Monday 26th May 2025	Friday 30th May 2025
First day of Summer Leave	Wednesday 23rd July 2025	

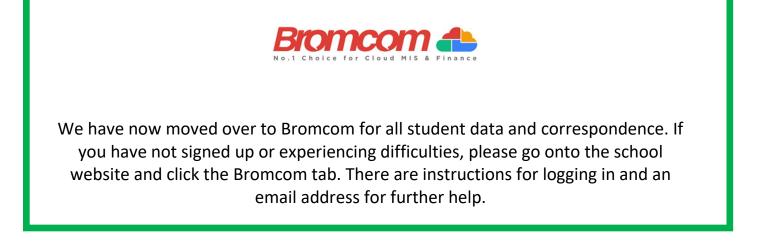
Training Days - Monday 6 January 2025

Bank Holiday -5th May 2025









Useful Email Addresses

Email Mr Denton, Head of Year 8-0.denton@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Email Mrs Kempton, Year 8 Manager—s.kempton@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Generic email—<u>classof2028@springwoodhighschool.co.uk</u>

Latest News



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

For all the latest Sport & PE news please follow @SHSS_PE







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



Lost Property

If your child loses any property during the school day, they can check in the following places –

- Year Office
- Lost Property basket in the canteen near the music rooms
- Lost property basket in the LRC near the teacher's desk
- Go to reception and ask if anything has been handed in

If they do not find it, please tell them to ask the Year Office to send an email to the Lost Property email address







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

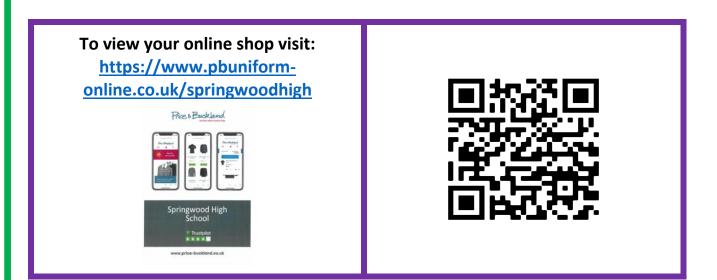
Plain black tights or plain black socks that must at least cover the whole ankle (Trainer socks, and footless tights or leggings are not allowed) Plain black (leather or leather-like) shoes (no boots, black trainers, stilettos, ballet pumps, sling backs or toeless)

Plain coat (no logos or other markings) long enough to cover blazer properly

РЕ КІТ

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.













Our new dedicated Facebook page (<u>Springwood High School PTFA</u>) has been running since September and we now have 61 Followers, but we would love more. Please give us a 'like' and a 'follow' and feel free to spread the word. It's the official place to keep you up-to-date with events and fundraising activities for the students and school.

It has been a busy first term for the PTFA where we have supported the following school events:

- Year 6 Specialist Arts Admission Auditions 13 October
- Careers Evening 22 October
- Year 7 Halloween Disco 24 October
- 6th Form Bingo 7 November
- Christmas Craft Fair 4 December
- Community Carol Service 11 December
- Year 8 Christmas Disco 18 December



One of the biggest events of our PTFA calendar was the annual Christmas Craft Fair at the beginning of December and this raised a spectacular £1000 for the school. Bigger and better than last year, we had 32 stalls from local businesses with a large number of Springwood students running activities including facepainting and festive games. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event and a special thank you to those local businesses who kindly donated raffle prizes. This included:

Majestic Cinema ; Philip Tuck Window Cleaning Timbos Car Wash Javik Lazer Engraving Kinks Hairdressing Asda, South Wootton

Reffley One Stop Mortgage Force Love Chloe (florist) King's Lynn Roller Hockey Club King's Lynn Basketball Club Priors Butchers

Pia Plum Designs & Interiors Russen & Turner Denny's Fish & Chips Winter Wonderland Norwich



Upcoming events in the New Year include:

- Quiz & Chips Friday 24 January
- Year 7 Disco Friday 14 February
- Bingo tbc

Full details of all events can be found on the <u>Springwood High School website</u> and our <u>Facebook page</u>.

And finally, if you have any unwanted Christmas presents you do not know what to do with, please think of the PTFA. We'd gladly take them off your hands for future fundraising opportunities. Please contact via our Facebook page or email ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk.