



## 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-jdqjppq>



#### **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





## Message from Head of Year

This year has been very enjoyable for us as the Year 8 team, seeing our cohort achieve great things from academic success to extra-curricular triumphs. We now feel that students are ready for the next step of Key Stage 3 as they move into Year 9 and prepare to select their GCSE option subjects, more information on this will follow next year.

Particular highlights from this year include Super Learning Days, STEM events, Beauty & the Beast Production, House Dance Competition, various sporting events, Community Music Week, the whole school Sports Day and Springfest.

As we come to the end of our summer term, students have been reminded about the dangers of swimming in open water, particularly places like Bawsey Pits and Leziate. Please can parents reiterate this message to students over the summer holiday.

When we return in September, please can you make sure your child has the correct uniform and is fully equipped. Please see the checklist further down.

It has been lovely to see our students mature into polite teenagers who are a pleasure to be around.

We hope they have a lovely summer break.

We return to school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Mr Cuss & Mrs Robinson





# Achievement Points

## Whole Year Group Total



## Achievement Point

## Award Badges

100 = Bronze

250 = Silver

400 = Gold

600 = Platinum





## Uniform Expectations in September

Please can we remind all parents/guardians of the Uniform Expectations for all students when we return in September.

### 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.



## 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.

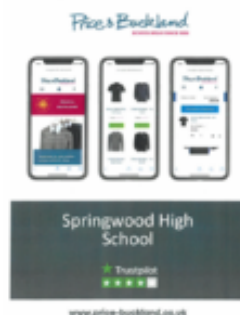
All students need to be prepared daily.

THANK YOU



To view your online shop visit:

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





## **\*Important update about our new school system\***



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/>





## Year 8 100% all year!

A massive well done to the following students who have had 100% attendance for the whole of Year 8!

Georgia	8B1
Rea	8B1
Josh	8B1
Leon	8F2
Marcus	8F2
Kajus	8H1
Jeron	8H1
Samuel	8H1
Ella	8H2
William	8H2
Adedayo	8S1
Cole	8S2



## Insight Discover Graduates

This cohort of students have completed a programme working with Cambridge University. Students were set challenges and explored what life is like at higher education. They even had a trip to Cambridge and visited a museum.

Well done.



## STEM Excellence



### Engineering Success

We are very proud to announce that Angelina in 8H1 was selected as the winner for the Engineering Award recently. She entered a STEM based competition which had

tens of thousands of entries. She has been invited to the Anglia Ruskin University rewards ceremony later in June. Well done Angelina!

## Bookmark Winners

All Year 8's have been learning to sew and develop their design and practical skills in Design & Technology. The task was to design and make a felt hand embroidery bookmark encouraging "Love of Reading". Collaboration with the English Department and Waterstones in King's Lynn. These are the Competition winners for Best Design, Best Effort, Best Sewing. Well done to all.

#waterstones #reading





## Maths Challenge

122 students from year 7 and 8 took part in a junior maths challenge in April organised by Miss Brown.

It was a 60 minute, 25 multiple choice Challenge. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make students think. The problems on the Junior Maths Challenge are designed to make students think  
4 achieved gold. 18 achieved silver. 33 achieved bronze.



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## Sports Presentation Awards





Congratulations to our Year 8's who were commended at the Sports Presentation Evening. They were recognised for their commitment to various extracurricular activities and sporting teams.

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Date	Event	Venue	Tickets	Time	Notes
Thursday 17th Oct '24	<u>WNAT</u> Piano Recital	Recital Room (Mu1) Springwood High School	£2.00 Under 18's Free	6.00pm	(Provisional) 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	<u>WNAT</u> 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/>

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## Museum Events

# Summer Events at Lynn Museum

EXPLORE HISTORY WITH  
HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES,  
CRAFTS, AND A FUN FAMILY TRAIL.

**10AM-4PM**  
**BOOKING RECOMMENDED**  
£3 FOR ADULTS, £2 FOR CHILDREN,  
50P FOR UNDER 4S



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## Attendance Message

### Attendance Update - 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.

### Year Office Contact Details

Year 8 Office direct dial 24/7 – 01553 778090

Year 8 email – [classof2027@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:classof2027@springwoodhighschool.co.uk)

Head of Year – Mr Cuss – [p.cuss@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:p.cuss@springwoodhighschool.co.uk)

Year 8 Manager – Mrs Robinson – [j.robinson@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:j.robinson@springwoodhighschool.co.uk)

School Website [www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk](http://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 778090 or email [classof2027@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:classof2027@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 SIMS message stating if your request has been granted or denied.



### Lost Property

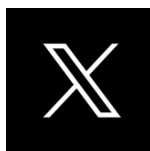
If your child loses any property during the school day, they can check in the following places –

- 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

	First Day of Term	Last Day of Term
<b>Autumn 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday 4th September 2024</b> Years 7 and 12 Only Return to School</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday 5th September 2024</b> Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 Return to School</p>	Thursday 24th October 2024
<b>Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term</b>	Monday 4th November 2024	Friday 20th December 2024
<b>Spring 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term</b>	Tuesday 7th January 2025	Friday 14th February 2025
<b>Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term</b>	Monday 24th February 2025	Friday 4th April 2025

### Latest News





**Parent Pay:** allows you to make payments to the school via a secure online account.

For enquiries please email:

[finance@springwoodacademistrust.co.uk](mailto:finance@springwoodacademistrust.co.uk)



## Parent, Teacher & Friends Association

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 brought 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

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| February | Year 7 Christmas disco<br>Year 8 Valentine disco<br>Bag2School collection (in conjunction with the school's Environment Committee) |
| March    | Beauty & The Beast – selling of refreshments<br>Quiz Night – year 11 prom fundraiser<br>Bingo – year 11 prom fundraiser            |
| May      | Bingo – 2025 prom fundraiser (current year 10)   |
| July     | Springfest   |



**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 [ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk). We would love to hear from you.

Our current PTFA committee members are shown below:

			
Chair Fez Williams	Vice Chair Emma Norris	Secretary Rachel Curtis	Treasurer Geoff Martin

			
Member Laura Farr	Member Suzi Pimlott	Member Leena Prins	Teacher Richard Thompson
		Picture not available	
Member Gem Coady	Member Jody Bunting	Member James Hoyland	