



Message from the Head Teacher:

Welcome to the first newsletter from Spring Hill High School. We will keep you informed of all the wonderful learning and special achievements that are happening in our school. Spring Hill High School is a special and unique place in which to learn and we look forward to sharing with you the students' achievements and future learning opportunities.

Exam Success!

Congratulations to all students who took the GCSE exams in June 2015. The results were very good. We had 100% A-G grade and all Year 11 and 13 students got a Grade C in their foundation maths. One student got a C in English and a distinction in Spanish.

The grades were also good in Functional Skills and ICT. The students who were entered for Entry Levels in different subjects all met their targets. A massive well done to all students for 'having a go'. We know how nervous some of you were before the exams. We are very proud of you.

Good luck to all students who completed their GCSE exams in the November 2015 entry.



Work Experience success!

Congratulations to those students who successfully completed work experience at the employers listed below:

- West Midlands Fire Service
- K B Hair Design, Sutton Coldfield
- St Barnabas Church, Erdington - Harbour Cafe.
- University College Birmingham - Catering Department.
- Mondelez International, Minworth Distribution Centre, Sutton Coldfield

College Placements Successful!

One of our students went on to study at 'The Glasshouse' Specialist College, Stourbridge. The Glasshouse is harvested from Rudolf Steiner's curriculum for Waldorf Education and tailored to the unique needs, talents and aspirations of every student.

<http://www.rmt.org/glasshouse/#.Vjo3Q4TT1UQ>

Other students went on to :

Birmingham Metropolitan College - Level 2 Performing Arts.

<http://www.bmetc.ac.uk>

City College, Coventry - Level 2 Performing Arts.

<http://www.covcollege.ac.uk>

University College Birmingham - Hospitality and Events.

<http://www.ucb.ac.uk/further-education/home.aspx>

Attendance:

The Government target for attendance is 95%. **Congratulations to the 9 students who have 100% attendance so far this term.**

We monitor attendance very closely and require a valid reason to be given for any absence. If for any reason a student cannot attend school please get in touch with the deputy of the site that your child attends. All unexplained absences will be followed up. Please help us maintain our ever improving attendance figures.

Remember..

Good attendance=Good exam results=success!!



SHHS Site Expansion

Our school is expanding and we are very excited about it! The Slade Road site has been refurbished during Summer 2015 to include two new classrooms, a science lab and a Design and Technology workshop. The students' play area at the rear of the building has also been resurfaced, much to the delight of the students who love to have a kick about during their break and lunch times. The Wood End Lane site also boasts two new classrooms to right of the building.



Learning beyond the classroom - School Trips

Balfour Beatty

The Careers trip to Balfour Beatty was a success. All students who visited the construction site came back with a better understanding of the career opportunities that the construction industry offers.



Our GCSE history group will be heading off to the cinema to deepen their understanding of the suffragettes as a part of their controlled assessments.



Yes! Yes! Yes! It is that time of year again. Between 19th-20th November 2015 we will all head off to the NEC to have a day packed with fun and excitement. This will be a great opportunity for students to explore their future career choices in a fun environment. Many thanks to the school's careers specialist Vickie Collins for organising this. Look out for an information letter coming home with the students very soon.

Looking Ahead

Friday 6th November - Local MP, Jack Dromey will be visiting our school.

Wednesday 11th November - Observing Remembrance Day - students, teachers and staff on all sites will stop working at 11am to observe a minute of silence and reflection for our current and past heroes.



Friday 13th November - Supporting 'Children In Need'. The theme is 'dress like your hero'. So on Friday, 13th November, 2015 the students (and the staff!) can dress up like their childhood hero for a small donation to the charity. Start getting your Spiderman and Wonderwoman and other appropriate costumes, headgear, badges ready now!



Friday 18th December - The school will hold its traditional end of term celebration at St Barnabas Church. The event will start at 11.00 and finish around 12:30. It is always a very special occasion and we hope as many students, parents and carers as possible will be able to attend.

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SHHS An Act of Kindness made a Difference!

Dear Spring Hill High School and Thoughts of Others,
I just wanted to say a huge thank you for your very generous donation to the Orphanage School project. Your money will go a long way to secure a brighter future to many orphans and I couldn't be more grateful to the PE department and Jim....
Natasha (October 2015)

Our school supports three other charities. Let us continue to give our donations are changing lives!!

SHHS Team Around the Child

Board of Directors: Jim Sullivan (Managing Director), Sean Gilligan (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Desmond Allen
Acting Responsible Individual: Marlon Greene
Headteacher: Sheraine Reid-Ferguson
Deputy Headteachers: Chris Selvin (Stuart Court-The schools Post 16 site), Michele Darke (Wood End Lane), Gary Edmund (Orchard Road.)
Assistant Deputy Headteachers: Zoe Kaur Johal (Slade Road), Faria Alam (Hunton Road)
Careers Advisor: Vickie Collin
Speech and Language Therapist: Claire Johnston
SENCO: Robert Goldthorpe
Designated Safeguarding Lead: Gemma Gall
Music Therapist: Abby Stain
Mental Health Nurse: Sinead Sullivan
Learning Disability Nurse: Rebecca Billingham
School Counsellor: Rebecca Kearns
Thoughts of Others Parent Partnership (TOOPS) - Cross Cultural - Terrence Powell
Life Skills Coach/Counsellor: Gary Anderson
Consultants:
 Barbara Scrivens (Executive Headteacher)
 Juliet Stafford (Teaching and Learning Consultant)

Dates For Your Diary - Term Dates

Autumn 2 - 2015

02th November - School reopens for students.
18th December - End of Term Celebrations at St Barnabas Church Hall - School closes for Christmas break at 12:30

Spring 1 - 2016

04th January - Teacher training day
05th January - Teacher training day
06th January - School reopens for students
12th February - School closes for the half term

Spring 2 - 2016

22nd February - School reopens for students
24th March - End of Term celebrations on individual sites - School closes for the Easter break

Summer 1-2016

11th April - Teacher training day
12th April - School reopens for students
27th May - School closes for the half term

Summer 2-2016

06th June - School reopens for students
22nd July - End of Term Celebrations. School breaks up for Summer.

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For more information about the school please our website: <http://www.springhillhighschool.co.uk/>



For our most recent OFSTED report:

<http://www.springhillhighschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Ofstead2015.pdf>