



Spring Hill High School Newsletter Autumn 2023

Our Core Values: TRUST COMMITMENT SAFETY RESPECT



Message from the Headteacher






Welcome to our Christmas Newsletter 2023.

This has been an excellent year for the school with our pupil number growing. We are so excited about being able to support more children across the West Midlands.

This term has seen new initiatives like Thrive embed in the school as well as all staff gaining a Certificate in Autism Good Practice. We are always striving to be the best trained staff we can be so that the needs of the children are met.

I would like to take a moment to thank outgoing Deputy Chris Delahaye for all his hard work over the last 10 years. He has played a massive part in our journey and we are all going to miss him. Thank you Chris.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all at Spring Hill High School
Gary Edmunds

<u>Careers Update</u>	<u>British Values</u>
<p>As part of our Careers Programme, pupils across year groups have taken part in virtual work experience opportunities with <i>Springpod</i>, across a range of career sectors including retail (Pret), engineering (Network Rail), marketing, technology and network solutions (Vodafone)</p> <p>Also, pupils across year groups with aspirations in engineering and technology attended the <i>EqualEngineers</i> Careers Fair at Millennium Point where they engaged with a wide range of employers and learned about apprenticeship and internship opportunities, qualifications and entry routes, including <i>Rolls Royce</i> and <i>Colas Rail</i>.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>	<p>This term, KS3 students participated in UK Parliament Week (6th-10th November). We were visited by Clare Mullin, Senior Education and Engagement Officer who delivered a workshop about parliamentary democracy, bicameral parliament and the role of local representatives and lords. Student also took part in a parliamentary debate about a proposed new law in relation to daily limits on screen time. All participants were a credit to themselves and the school, demonstrated confidence and made thoughtful contributions to the debate, carrying out a range of House of Commons roles including government and opposition MPs, Speaker and the Monarch!</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>

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Autumn Curriculum Snapshot



<u>English</u>	<i>Our term began with a whole school poetry focus to coincide with National Poetry day. During Autumn 2, KS3 pupils have enjoyed their novel study unit which included Lord of the Flies, Ghost Boys and The Graveyard Book. KS4/5 pupils have been busy exploring Writers' Craft and a few have even had some of their writing published in a book after winning a national writing competition!</i>
<u>Maths</u>	<i>Students have been working on numbers, operations, shapes, space. This has included fractions with food for some students and other practical activities to ensure that students are embedding and applying the theory of knowledge they gain. Pupils are also engaging well in weekly competitions.</i>
<u>Science</u>	<i>This term in science, our GCSE pupils have been learning about plant structure and photosynthesis. Our Entry level pupils will be moving on to a Physics topic and learn about electricity and magnets, a favourite with all pupils. Trips next term include the ThinkTank in Birmingham.</i>
<u>Computing</u>	<i>KS3 pupils have been learning about how to navigate the online world. Key stage 4 and 5 have been looking at how to set up an IT system and understanding social media platforms.</i>
<u>PSHE</u>	<i>Pupils across Key Stages have explored key aspects of mental and physical health including sleep hygiene and 'screen time', strategies to maintain wellbeing and sources of help and support.</i>
<u>PE</u>	<i>KS3 pupils have been participating in Football, Golf and Fitness. This has involved working on developing basic skills such as how to pass, shoot and dribble. KS4 pupils have been participating in Football, Fitness and Table tennis. This has involved small sided games and developing team play. KS5 pupils have worked on fitness sessions to increase both strength and fitness.</i>
<u>ADT</u>	<i>Students have been making planters for all sites as part of an initiative to 'Grow your Own'. Students have also been working hard towards their Art Awards and Photography GCSE.</i>
<u>Humanities</u>	<i>Key Stage 3 pupils have been studying Geography. Year 7 pupils have explored what Geography is and completed a local study of their local school area. Year 8 pupils have built their understanding of tectonics and considered how industry may impact the environment. Year 9 pupils have learnt more about the role and importance of tourism in Britain, and current geographical affairs in the world.</i>
<u>Citizenship</u>	<i>Pupils have: explored British values, multiculturalism and identity debates; investigated the role of the media and free press and evaluated a case for stronger press regulation.</i>

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Student Experience

Photography



Wake up Shake up!



Wellbeing



Black History Month

Halloween



Odd Socks Day



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Term Dates

Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4th September	Inset Day 1 - School CLOSED to Students
Tuesday 5th September	Inset Day 2 - School CLOSED to Students
Wednesday 6th September	Students Return to school
Friday 27th October	End of Term
Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November	Half Term (1 Week)
Monday 6th November	School return to school
Tuesday 7th November	Students Return to school
Monday November 27th	Inset Day 3 School CLOSED to students
Friday 22nd December	End of Term Whole School Celebrations
Monday 25th December to Friday 5th January	Christmas Holidays (2 Weeks)

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8th January	Inset Day 4 - School CLOSED to Students
Tuesday 9th January	Students Return to school
Friday 9th February	End of Term
Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February	Half Term (1 Week)
Monday 19th February	Students Return to school
Friday 22nd March	End of Term Onsite Celebrations
Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April	Easter Holiday (2 weeks)

Summer Term 2024

Monday 8th April	Inset Day 5-School Closed to Students*
Tuesday 9th April	Students Return to school
Monday 6th May	May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tuesday 7th May	Students Return to School
Friday 26th May	End of Term
Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May	Half Term (1 Week)
Monday 3rd June	Students return to school
Friday 19th July	July End of Term Celebrations

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Monday 22nd July	Inset Day 7 - School CLOSED to Students
Thursday 24th August - Exam Results Day	Wood End Lane Open 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

**** Autumn 2024 Term Starts: September 4th**

Monday 2nd September	Inset Day 1 - School CLOSED to Students
Tuesday 3rd September	Inset Day 2 - School CLOSED to Students
Wednesday 4th September	School open to Students

Mental Health and Wellbeing Services:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

<https://www.annafreud.org/resources/family-wellbeing/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/>

<https://mindedforfamilies.org.uk/young-people>

<https://www.papyrus-uk.org/>

<https://www.samaritans.org/>

<https://giveusashout.org/>

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

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