



Sheffield Springs Academy Newsletter

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Message from the Principal

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding half term, I want to say how proud I am of everything our students and staff have already achieved since September.

Our new year 7s, or Class of 2031, have made a fantastic start to life at Springs. Starting secondary school is a huge milestone, but our Year 7 students have thrown themselves into school life with excellence, confidence and ambition. They have settled in incredibly well and have quickly become an important part of our school community.

Our Year 11 students have also been setting a brilliant example. The commitment they are showing towards their studies is inspiring, with huge numbers attending revision sessions, interventions and Saturday Schools. Their hard work is already paying off, and they are making excellent progress as they prepare for their mock examinations next half term.

I am also incredibly grateful to our Student Council, who continue to work hard on behalf of their fellow students. Their ideas, honesty and determination to make Springs even better are helping to shape the future of our school.

On the sporting field, we have had plenty to celebrate too. Both our Year 7 and Year 8 football teams won their first matches of the season, giving them the perfect start and providing some memorable moments for players and staff alike. We look forward to seeing what they can achieve over the coming months.

Finally, I would love to welcome more parents and carers into school. Every Friday at 9.15am, myself and other leaders host a relaxed walk around the academy where you can visit lessons, see the school in action and get a real feel for what daily life at Springs looks like. There is no presentation or formality, just an opportunity to have a look at what our students are achieving and chat with me about the school. If you haven't joined us before, please do come along. You will be made very welcome.

Thank you for your continued support. Working together, we can ensure every young person at Springs flourishes, and I hope this newsletter gives you a small glimpse into the many successes we have enjoyed this half term.

**Warm regards,
Claire Cartledge
Principal**





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Key Dates for your Diary

- Monday 2nd November** - INSET Day (no students at school)
- Tuesday 3rd November** - Students Return to School
- Tuesday 3rd November** - Year 11 Mock Exams Start
- Wednesday 18th November** - Year 9 Nebula Trip
- Monday 30th November - Friday 4th December** - Careers Week
- Thursday 3rd December** - Christmas Markets
- Wednesday 9th December** - Year 11 Parents Evening
- Tuesday 15th December** - Winter Showcase
- Friday 18th December** - Final Day of Term - Non-Uniform Day

Year 11 Preparing for Success Evening!

A huge thank you to all Year 11 students and families who attended our recent Preparing for Success Evening. With over 75% of Year 11 families joining us, it was a fantastic opportunity to discuss the year ahead and how we can work together to help every student achieve their very best.

Year 11 mock examinations begin on Tuesday 3 November, and we encourage all students to start preparing now. Good revision habits, strong attendance and a positive attitude can make a real difference. Please ensure students arrive on time, fully equipped and ready to do their best. **Be sure to view the full mock exam timetable using the button below.**

We wish all of our Year 11 students the very best of luck as they begin this important stage of their exam journey!

[Year 11 Mock Timetables](#)



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Celebrating Our Y6 Open Evening!

This term we held our Year 6 Open Evening and invited families from the local area to join us and it was fantastic to welcome so many families through our doors and give them a glimpse of life at Springs.

From exploring our facilities to meeting staff and students, it was a wonderful opportunity to showcase what makes our academy such a special place to learn, grow and thrive. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the evening such a success.

If you're now thinking about your child's next step, we'd love for you to consider Springs. Applications are now open, and we encourage families to place Springs as their first-choice school when submitting their application.

If you have any questions about the academy, the admissions process, or student life, our team is always happy to help. You can visit our website to find out more about Y6 Transition here at Sheffield Springs and be directed to the best place to find help.

We look forward to welcoming the next generation of Springs students! ❤️





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LSE Bridge Programme Success

Students from Sheffield Springs Academy, Sheffield Park Academy and Barnsley Academy recently took part in the LSE Bridge Programme, delivered in partnership with The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

The programme brought together more than 200 students for an inspiring day of keynote talks, interactive workshops and breakout sessions focused on higher education, careers and entrepreneurship. Students heard from expert speakers and industry professionals, gaining valuable insight into the opportunities available to them beyond school.

The programme provided a fantastic opportunity for students to broaden their horizons, raise their aspirations and take positive steps towards their future ambitions. A huge thank you to all the guests and speakers who helped make the experience so impactful!





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Character Education at Springs

Character opportunities are truly thriving at Springs, with more than **33 extra-curricular activities currently on offer for our students**. From crocheting to boxing, and from mountain biking to anime club, there is something for everyone to enjoy, develop new skills, and discover new passions.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all parents and carers to sign their children up for these fantastic opportunities using the **Arbor app**. Participation in extra-curricular activities plays a vital role in helping students build confidence, resilience, friendships, and a sense of belonging within our school community.

Already this term, students have enjoyed a range of exciting educational visits and enrichment experiences. We have taken students into the Peak District, visited the Houses of Parliament, travelled to Hornsea, and supported our Year 11 students on their residential trip to Kingswood. These experiences provide invaluable opportunities for personal growth, learning beyond the classroom, and creating lasting memories.

Our dedication to serving the wider community also remains a key priority. We are incredibly proud of the students who have volunteered their time at the Spires Community Garden and the Dementia Café, demonstrating kindness, compassion, and a real commitment to making a positive difference. You can expect to see much more of Springs students out and about in the local community over the coming months, so please do come and say hello when you see us.

Finally, please make sure you add our **Christmas Market on 3rd December** to your diary. It promises to be a fantastic event, and we would love to see as many parents, carers, friends, and members of the community there as possible.





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Careers Education at Springs

A key focus this term has been our Year 11 Careers Guidance Interviews, with Year 10 interviews due to begin shortly. We have refined our interview reports to provide more detailed and personalised information for both students and parents. Once your child's interview report has been uploaded to Arbor, you will receive a notification. If you have any questions about the report or would like further careers support, please contact the Careers Team.

This is also the time of year when many post-16 providers are holding **open evenings and information events**. We strongly encourage parents and carers to attend these events with their child. They provide an excellent opportunity to explore courses, tour facilities, meet teaching staff, and gain a better understanding of the pathways available after Year 11. **These evenings are also opportunities for any Year 10s to attend if they would like to!**

We are currently finalising the date for our Year 11 Futures Day, and further information will be shared with students and families once arrangements have been confirmed.

Looking ahead, **Sheffield Springs Academy Careers Week** will take place during the week commencing 30 November 2026. Alongside a range of careers-focused lessons and activities, we are arranging for inspirational guest speakers, including successful entrepreneurs and business owners, to share their experiences, career journeys, and advice with students.

Finally, we would love to hear from former students. If you are an ex-student and would be willing to share what you are doing now, or would like to join our growing alumni network, please contact the Careers Team or complete the alumni form by scanning the QR code below. Your experiences can help inspire and guide the next generation of Sheffield Springs students.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our young people explore their futures and achieve their ambitions.



Post-16 Open Days



21st October - Tapton

22nd October - All Saints

22nd October - Sheffield College

4th November - High Storrs

11th November - Meadowhead

11th November - Sheffield College

12th November - King Edward VII

14th November - Notre Dame

18th November - Forge Valley

19th November - King Ecgbert

19th November - Silverdale

3rd December - Sheffield South East VI Form



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You Said, We Did!

Over the past half term, students have continued to share their ideas through the suggestion box outside the Principal's office. We value student voice and are committed to listening to feedback that helps shape positive changes across the academy.

It's been fantastic to see so many students getting involved. Below are some of the suggestions we've received, along with the actions we've taken in response. Thank you for helping us make our academy even better.

Can we have an alternative to queue jump passes for homework rewards?

This is a great idea, I will speak to Mr Awan to look into this. Please let us know what rewards you would like!

Can we have a shorter break and lunch so we can finish earlier?

No, the reason for this is to make sure all 1100 pupils get time to eat, relax, and use the toilets. If breaks were shorter there wouldn't be time for this.

If we have signed up for a club, can we choose a different one?

Yes, just speak to the teacher running the club to make this change for you.

Why are Sheffield Park copying some of the things we do?

It might feel like copying but we call it 'stealing with pride'. All schools are constantly looking for things to make learning better, and when they see it they take it back to their school. Don't forget, we got TBZ from another school too!

Can we start using the lockers?

The lockers aren't secure, and most feedback we get is that pupils don't want to use them. We are looking at turning them into something more useful.

Can we have more fresh fruit in the canteen?

Yes! I will ask Taylor Shaw to make sure this happens.



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Make a Difference

Become a Parent Governor

Role of a governor...

- ✓ To help shape the future of the school by supporting and challenging leaders.
- ✓ To contribute to strategic decisions.
- ✓ To help ensure the best possible education for your child and all students at Sheffield Springs.

Rewards of being a governor...

- ✓ Contribute to the wellbeing of the community.
- ✓ Participate in a range of activities in school.
- ✓ Cultivate new skills, establish networks, and receive top-quality training.
- ✓ Collaborate as part of a team.

Email sianne.wilson@sheffieldsprings.org.uk to register interest or to find out more about the role.



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