



# Sheffield Springs Academy Newsletter

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**Students return to school - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Yr11 ICT Pizza Night - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Yr9 Options Evening - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Yr11 Preparing for Success Evening - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**  
**February Half Term - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**  
**Students Return to School - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February**



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## Message from the Principal

Hello and welcome to this half term's newsletter, it's been a busy and brilliant term at Springs.

We have ended the term in style with our annual Christmas Markets, followed by the Winter Showcase, and finally our Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day this week!

I am incredibly proud to be the Principal at Springs and the main reason for this is leading a school full of such inspiring, ambitious, and caring pupils.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your support so far this year. I hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing Christmas break spent with family and friends and we look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Tuesday 6 January 2026.

Warm Regards,  
**Claire Cartledge**  
*Principal*





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## Sheffield Youth Awards 2025

On 10th November, our students from **Healthy Minds and Eco Squad** took part in the third annual Sheffield Youth Awards, held at The Pavilion, Sheffield United Football Club. The event honoured young people who go above and beyond in their schools, communities, and good causes.

**We are proud to announce that Healthy Minds won the Health & Wellbeing Award, recognising their dedication to mental health and emotional wellbeing.**

The evening was more than just an awards ceremony: it provided a chance for young people to connect, share ideas, and explore new ways to work together for positive change.

A special thank-you to Jane Newton and Karen Fereday for their outstanding leadership and support — your contribution has truly made a difference. We also extend our gratitude to the families and staff who attended to support our students. Your presence and encouragement meant a great deal.

We are incredibly proud of our academy community and look forward to continuing to nurture resilience, creativity, and compassion in our students.





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## Community Highlights

As Christmas approaches and the dark nights seem to be getting longer, its nice to look back at what our wonderful students has achieved during the first term at Sheffield Springs Academy.

We welcomed our year 7 students to begin their journey at Sheffield Springs with a Halloween disco, the students really 'bought into' this, with an array of fantastic costumes.

Staff at Springs have increased our character offer and there are now well **over 30 after school clubs students can attend**. Ranging from a world film club to anime and manga and from textiles to Mandarin lessons. We look forward to seeing even more students at our clubs and sessions next year.

Highlights of the academic year so far include our students being more visible in our local community. Students have visited local residential care homes and volunteered to help local charities, this will continue well into the new year. If you have a good cause that you need support from our students and staff, do not hesitate to get in contact.

Our annual **culture day** was also a massive success with our students and staff displaying their cultural dress. Lessons were tailored to enable students to learn more about British values and the diverse community we are central to. Students also had the opportunity to watch cultural dancing and sample different foods from across the world.

It was so nice to see many of our students and their parents/carers at our **Christmas markets**. It was lovely to see the enjoyment on the children's faces. Highlights included a visit from Santa and his elves as well as the lovely food on offer. It is also worth thanking our fantastic year 10 students who ran 8 stalls, raising a significant amount of money for local charities. Well done and thank you to all involved.

Please continue to follow us on socials and keep an eye on our notice boards and website. We would like more parental involvement in the new year so please '*watch this space*', if you are interested in joining our parent steering groups, please contact [sean.greaves@sheffieldsprings.org](mailto:sean.greaves@sheffieldsprings.org).



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## Duke of Edinburgh

Our recent Duke of Edinburgh expedition was a fantastic success, with students conquering heights, navigating trails, and embracing every moment of adventure along the way. Their teamwork, determination, and resilience shone through as they tackled each obstacle with enthusiasm and pride.

A special congratulations goes to our four Year 11 students who have officially achieved their Bronze DofE certificates—an outstanding accomplishment that reflects their commitment and growth. Well done to all involved for representing our school with such spirit and dedication!



## Year 9 Volunteering

On Friday 10 October, we were delighted to support several primary schools in our community during their Cross Country event. Our fantastic Year 9 students volunteered their time to marshal the course, ensuring the event ran smoothly and safely for all participants.

We extend our thanks to Craig Malkin for his organisation. Well done to everyone involved for representing Sheffield Springs Academy so positively!





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## Winter Showcase - *Let it Snow!*

Well, what can I say, these two terms have been wonderful in Performing Arts. From afterschool clubs full of creativity and ambition to the Winter Showcase 2025!

67 students participated in this year's showcase to a sell out audience and we couldn't be prouder of them! They worked extremely hard to put on the best show for our Springs community and now our hearts are filled with festive joy!

It was a spectacular event that showcases just how fabulous our students are. Lastly, we would like to thank to all who came to support us; staff, students, family, friends, the community...we appreciate you. We will see you in 2026 with even more outstanding performances up our sleeve! ★



Winter Showcase 2025

The SSA Way



## Year 11s - Life Beyond GCSEs

As our Year 11 students look ahead to life beyond GCSEs, now is the perfect time to reflect on their next steps and begin exploring applications to colleges, sixth forms, and training providers. With a wide range of pathways available, we encourage every student to consider the opportunities that best match their ambitions, strengths, and interests.



This term some of our year 11s attended **Sheffield South East VI Form Open Evening**, their VI Form offers a supportive environment, excellent facilities, and a broad selection of courses to help students thrive in their chosen future careers.

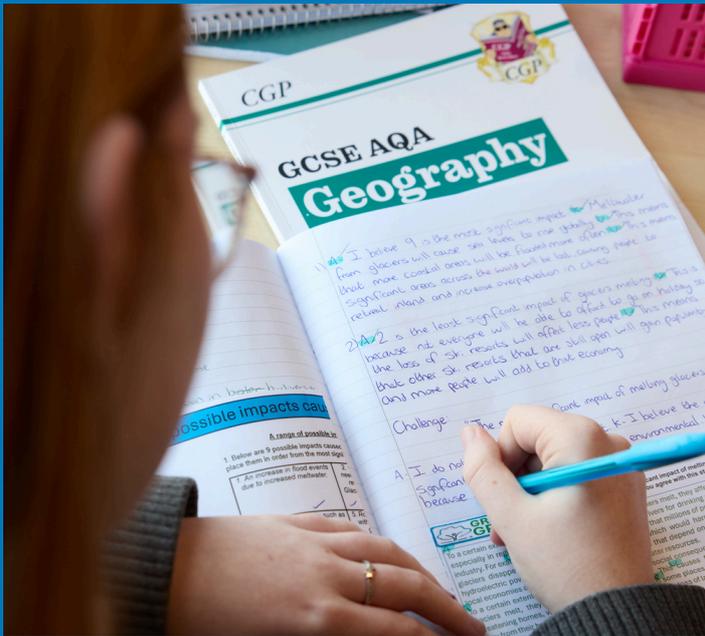
Whatever route they choose, we are here to guide and support them every step of the way.



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