



Dear Parents / Carers,



Welcome to the latest Springwell Harrogate newsletter!

I hope that you will enjoy reading about everything that has been going on over the last half term, continuing our journey out of the pandemic in all aspects of life including school. I am sure that you are all relieved that some of the restrictions on everyday living that have been in place are now, slowly and carefully being lifted. At school, we continue to follow the Government guidance carefully with a full COVID risk assessment in place. We continue to encourage pupils to wash their hands regularly and maintain social distance where they can.

Although we are coming out of this pandemic gradually, we are not there yet. I ask that you continue to support your children to take regular Lateral Flow Tests, as our staff do, to ensure the safety of all the school community. I ask also that you understand that if we do get a positive test, we will still have to close classes and send pupils home to isolate, again for the protection of all the school community. I am sure you find this as frustrating as we do, but understand why we have to do it. We really appreciate your help and patience in this matter.

As we head towards the end of another school year, we will be in touch soon to share with you arrangements for pupils in Year 11 as we move towards their date for leaving Springwell. Staff teams have been working hard to ensure each and every pupil leaving us has a clear plan for next year. If you have a child in Y11 and are not yet clear about their plans for next year, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Enjoy the rest of the newsletter



Scott Jacques

Executive Principal





A round up from Mr Bentley

Greetings from Springwell Harrogate!

It's been a busy and fun term here in Harrogate! We started the term welcoming our new STEM teacher Mr Bharj! Watching him make an impact has been a privilege! Making shoes out of cereal boxes is certainly an interesting way to make a start!

We have seen students go back to mainstream school, and long term students finding the placements which they deserve.

We have made a push on staff and student wellbeing, with Mrs Renfrew taking the role of Wellbeing Champion, and appointed her deputy from year 11!

Our very own WWE superstar completed his rewards sheet and got to meet the wrestler Braun Strowman (cardboard version) and watch WWE Backlash with me (Mr Bentley) he has gone from 0% weekly attendance to half a term of 100%, and is attending more and more in-class lessons every week, needless to say we are proud of his achievements!

Group B have taken advantage of our highly skilled team and began a dress making textiles project! They went out to buy their own materials from the remnant house, primark and charity shops, demonstrating skills ranging from budgeting, effective social interactions and sewing. The girls learnt to tie die and went on a shopping trip for research. They bought fabric and used different types of ways to pay. The girls are now making their items after learning to use a sewing machine.

At the end of last term we saw our very first "Hat Show" where students made hats to raise awareness for Brain Tumor research ending in a catwalk show which everyone took part in, planning, modelling, creating the catwalk and coming up with the routes taken.

Group D (who Cody has tried to name the devil group have written their classroom rules on the window along with a range of helpful cheat sheets to help remind them how to achieve gold every day!

Mrs Kersey has been focusing on folklore and Aboriginal art in her lessons.

Next term will see our staffing complete with two new TAs who come with some very exciting skills and ideas!



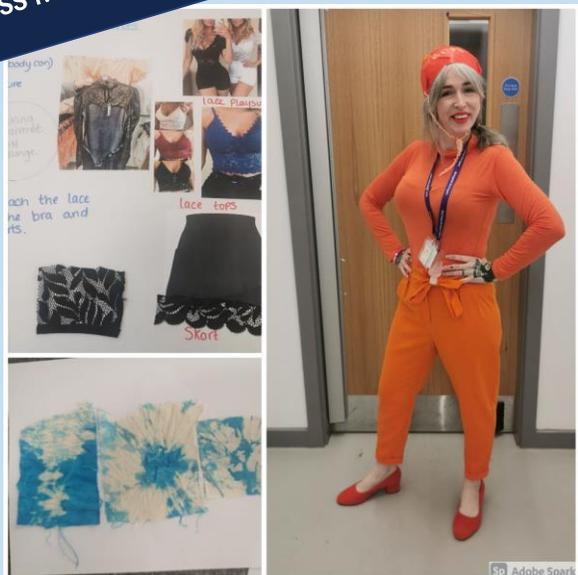
Alex Bentley

Head of Centre



Summer term at Springwell Harrogate

Dress Making Project



The group B girls worked to an amazing standard while dressmaking! They learnt how to toile, which is a technique usually reserved for degree level dressmakers! They marked at the toile, ironed it flat and will be able to use this as their own bespoke pattern. I am extremely proud of how the girls engaged within the lesson and the standard of work they produced. It reminded me of my own work in a previous career!



Wear a Hat Day

One of our students had a brain tumour removed when they were younger, and we felt we should raise money for a charity which was close to home and dear to our hearts! We thought and we thought and the wear a hat day was the obvious choice for us to get involved in!

The kids learned about hats and the different styles there were, eventually the kids made hats for Mr Bentley and Miss Gilmore, A viking helmet for Mr B, and an orange for Miss Gilmore! They were hilarious! The kids worked really hard to poke fun at their teachers in a respectful way! (I think Mr Bentley has kept his!) They then put on a fabulous fashion show for the end of term! Which was FABULOUS! And included outfit changes galore from staff and students! It really was special!



Our Half Term in Pictures

