

## Spring Hill High School Newsletter Summer 2023

### Message from the Headteacher



Hello and welcome to our Summer 2023 Newsletter. This has been an excellent year for the school with us achieving an OFSTED Good in October 2022. Since then the school has continued to go from strength to strength with an increased interest in pupils wishing to join our school.

Such has been the demand we will be actively seeking to expand our capacity over the next few years.

However I am determined that 'our personal touch' will be something that isn't lost and all of you as Parents and Carers will continue to feel we are working alongside you to improve the lives of our children.

We look forward to seeing you all again in September. Have a great summer.

Gary Edmunds

#### Exams News

Many of our KS4 and KS5 pupils have taken formal examinations this academic year, most recently in May and June 2023.

Examinations are a stressful time for most young people. Therefore, we continue to be amazed at the levels of resilience our young people showcase when taking exams. We congratulate them all, and thank parents, carers, guardians and other professionals for supporting our young people during this time.

Our Summer 2023 results day is Thursday 24th August 2023, taking place at our Orchard Road site.

If you require further information on examinations and results, please contact the exams officer at [smcgowran@springhillhighschool.co.uk](mailto:smcgowran@springhillhighschool.co.uk)

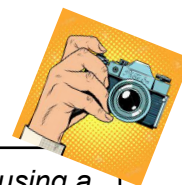
#### Careers update

This term, Year 8 pupils took part in a 'Guess My Job' workshop at Wood End Lane. They interviewed a range of employers, including Bevan Brittan LLP, Willmott Dixon and the DWP, learning about their job, the work they do, the skills and qualities that are needed and qualification routes. Well done to all the Year 8s for their great engagement!

In the final weeks of term, all pupils in KS4 and 5 shall have the opportunity to take part in *IGD Virtual Work Experience Week*, gaining an introduction to industry, sales and marketing, food science and engineering and learning how to showcase their employability skills.

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## Summer Curriculum Snapshot



<b><u>English</u></b>	<i>KS3 pupils have been developing their descriptive writing skills by using a range of literary devices. KS4/5 pupils have been analysing key documents such as contracts of employment and exploring a range of professions as part of their careers topic. We have also had the chance to enter a Young Writers competition - thank you to those who have entered!</i>
<b><u>Maths</u></b>	<i>In KS3 pupils have been learning about Measures, including time and distance. KS4 pupils have been learning about Handling Data and how to represent data in different forms using the mean, median, mode and the range. All pupils have enjoyed our weekly maths quiz and have done well. The winners are congratulated during the head teacher's assembly.</i>
<b><u>Science</u></b>	<i>Pupils have enjoyed exploring fun facts in science for example, 'If we connect all our blood vessels end to end can it go around the world?' Their learning has been focused on the function and structure of the heart and the path that blood takes through the heart to get to the head and body.</i>
<b><u>IT</u></b>	<i>Students have been engaging in the world of stop motion animation. This hands-on project combines art, technology and critical thinking skills to create captivating short movies and requires animating objects and characters using a frame-by-frame technique.</i>
<b><u>PSHE</u></b>	<i>Pupils have accessed sex and relationships education at age-appropriate level, consolidating their understanding of sexual health, contraception and consent. More recently, pupils have begun to explore media literacy and digital resilience.</i>
<b><u>PE</u></b>	<i>KS3 pupils have been developing their skills playing Tennis focusing on forehand, backhand and serving. KS4 pupils have been participating in singles and doubles games and using volleys and introduction of spin to try and outwit opponents. Unfortunately the Tennis trip to the Rothersay Classic in Birmingham was cancelled due to the weather.</i>
<b><u>Humanities</u></b>	<i>Pupils studying GCSE History have been engaging in revision activities that have helped them prepare for examinations that have taken place this term. Well done to those who have sat their exams!</i>
<b><u>Art</u></b>	<i>Students have been creating their final piece of art work for display and they have enjoyed working with the graffiti artist Panda to help create two large graffiti murals at Woodend. Ks4 students have been learning about digital art and how they can manipulate photographs.</i>
<b><u>Citizenship</u></b>	<i>Pupils have focused on rights and responsibilities, exploring the UK justice system including civil and criminal law, UK court structure and sentencing powers, using guidelines to 'be the judge' and evaluating the effectiveness of custodial sentencing. They have also explored human rights, assessing how well they are protected around the world and investigating situations where rights are in conflict.</i>

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## Student Experience

Some of our events and trips this term have included...

### **National Sports Week**



### **Great British Bark Off!**



### **Graffiti workshop**



### **World Mental Health Day**



### **Lego Discovery**



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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
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

**The date for the 6th INSET day of the year is still be confirmed**

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**\*\*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

\*Please be mindful INSET days are still yet to be confirmed.

### **Useful links for over the Summer break:**

Keeping children safe online during the Summer holidays -

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#search/keeping+children+safe+online/FMfcgzGsnLNNPRFXkqWxFrXXXwWJfvSL?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1>

Educational activities -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Online safety -

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

Activities in Birmingham -

<https://www.bringitonbrum.co.uk/>

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<https://www.thefloodgate.co.uk/digit/post/kids-summer-holiday-activities-birmingham>

Places to visit -

<https://www.parkregisbirmingham.co.uk/blog/10-free-things-to-do-with-kids-birmingham/>

Mental Health Services -

<https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/mental-health-services/#>

Mental Health Services -

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/explore-mental-health/get-help>

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