



— Summer '24 Edition —

Spring Hill High School

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another year is nearly over and it is a good time to reflect on all the pupils have achieved this year. There have been so many excellent initiatives this year. Thrive has been embedding the school's practices and we have been working hard to produce Behaviour plans that support the pupils' progress in school.

Careers' work and personal development are at the heart of the work we do. We want the pupils not just to have a happy time with us but to be able to progress successfully into the next steps of their lives. I am so proud of the pupils who have completed their exams this year and moving on. We wish them so much luck for the future.

The school is of course not just about academic work. This summer we visited as a whole school 'Go Ape' in Cannock. This was a very successful day and it was great to see the whole school on a trip together. Many memories were made and relationships strengthened. Experiences like this all go in the student passports. These documents show the range of experiences the children have while they are in school.

More memories will be made next year I'm sure.
Until then have a great summer and thank you as always for your amazing support

Gary Edmunds



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Curriculum Snapshot

English - In KS3 students have been exploring different genres by reading and enjoying short stories and poems. Students have also learned about the conventions of a genre putting this to good use by developing their own creative writing within a sensory creative writing unit. KS4 & KS5 students have prepared for and taken their examinations, and in Summer 2, they will be practising their English skills with a careers focus.

Maths - Key Stage 3 students have been working on their fractions and time skills before moving on to designing their own music festival, using skills such as budgeting. KS4/5 students have worked really hard to prepare and complete their exams - well done all!

Science - Key Stage 3 students have worked really hard to finish off their curriculum content and build the confidence in their skills. A big congratulations is in order for KS4/5 students for finishing their exams!

Computing - In computing, students have been using image editing software to manipulate and blend selected images together,

DT/Art - In Art students have been creating artwork inspired by a range of artists using methods such as painting and sculpting. In DT, students have been using the 3d printer for computer aided design and learning about food hygiene in cookery.

PE - KS3/4 have been participating in Basketball and Tennis this term. They have learnt the rules of the game and developed a range of skills and developing gameplay. KS5 have participated in Golf and Table Tennis recreationally participating in competitions and development of skills.

Humanities - Year 7 pupils have been learning about Anglo-Saxon England, Year 8 pupils have explored the British Empire, and Year 9 pupils have been exploring key moments of the Second World War. In GCSE Citizenship, the focus this term has been on exam preparation and project-based learning. GCSE Religious studies has explored the themes of religion, peace and conflict.



Careers

A massive well done to our KS4/5 students who have completed their work experience placements this term including Animal Care work at Riverside Farm. Other work experience opportunities this year have included childcare at a local nursery, internal placements supporting teaching and learning at SHHS and virtual placements via Springpod. Careers week has also given all students the opportunity to get involved with activities such as 'Guess My Job' where they had to interview professionals from a range of industries and CV workshops where they have worked hard to develop skills which will help them prepare for adulthood.

Events

Some of this year's events include...

Go Ape - Cannock Chase

All students were invited to attend an end of year trip to Cannock Chase in June where they bravely participated in an assault course up in the trees! Luckily the weather was on our side and the staff at Go Ape were very attentive and looked after us well. After watching the safety brief, students begun their climb up in to the trees where they had to face and overcome a range of hurdles, obstacles and zip lines - they showed fantastic resilience and support for one another! It was a proud moment for Gary who watched from below - to make sure everyone was ok of course! We look forward to doing something similar next year.



"I didn't think I'd be able to do it, but I did!" Student RC

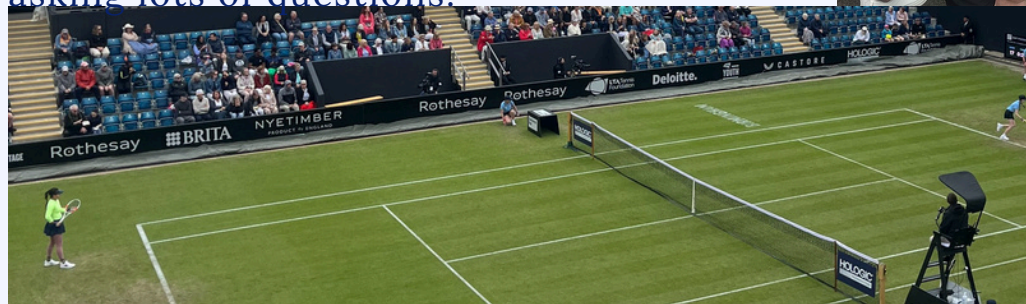
"It was the best thing I have ever done!" Student CM

Rothesay Tennis Trip

Well done to all pupils and staff who represented us so well at the Women's Wimbledon warm up event today. Pupils behaved impeccably and engaged really well asking lots of questions.



Thank you for helping us raise £977 for Autism Awareness in June!!!



In May and June, students helped raise money for Mental health and Autism awareness by participating in a sponsored walk at Wood End Lane. Staff also took part in this year's Sutton Coldfield Fun Run where they raised money for Autism Awareness.

Parent/Carer Corner

Please find below some useful links for help and support via different charities and websites set up to support families:

Family Fund

Helping disabled children

National Charity Family Fund have launched a new search tool on their websites which gives access to over 100 organisations that offer support with money and benefits, mental health, education and learning and disabilities:
<https://www.familyfund.org.uk/>



Changing childhoods.
Changing lives.

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



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

Working Families

<https://workingfamilies.org.uk/articles/cost-of-living-support-for-families/>

Exams

June 2024 saw the end of another year of exams taking place at SHHS. This year, we have had 15 pupils within key stages 4 & 5 entered for exams or certification across 10 different subjects, across four different qualifications.

Exam periods are stressful periods for any young person, so all of us at SHHS are proud of those pupils and learners who have engaged with their exams and qualifications, and we wish all students the best of success when results are released this Summer.

Summer GCSE & Functional Results Day is Thursday 25th August 2024. Pupils and learners are welcome to attend our Wood End Lane site to collect their results, which will be open from 9 am-2 pm. The address for Wood End Lane is: 141 Wood End Lane, Erdington, Birmingham, B24 8BD

Exam certificates from the Summer 2024 exam series will be released by exam bodies at a later date in the year. The school has received several certificates for qualifications that have been completed during the year, which will be handed out to pupils & learners in the final week of term. I must remind you all of the importance of keeping certificates safe and in good condition, as exam bodies charge for replacement or lost certificates.

If you wish to discuss any queries relating to examinations at SHHS, please feel free to contact our Exams Officer: Sean McGowran, smcgowran@springhillhighschool.co.uk



Dates for your diary...

Parents/Carers Evening - Thursday 11th July - WEL
End of Year Celebrations - Friday 19th July - TBC



Term Dates 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2nd September	Inset Day 1 - School CLOSED to Students
Tuesday 3rd September	Inset Day 2 - School CLOSED to Students
Wednesday 4th September	Students Return to school
Friday 25th October	End of Term
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	Half Term (1 Week)
Monday 4th November	Inset Day 3 School CLOSED to Students
Tuesday 5th November	Inset day 4 School CLOSED to Students
Friday 20th December	End of Term Whole School Celebrations
Mon 23rd December - Fri 3rd January	Christmas Holidays (2 Weeks)

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January	Inset Day 5 - School CLOSED to Students
Tuesday 7th January	Students Return to school
Friday 14th February	End of Term
Mon 17th February - Friday 21st Feb	Half Term (1 Week)
Monday 24th February	Students Return to school
Friday 11th April	End of Term Onsite Celebrations
Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April	Easter Holiday (2 weeks)

Summer Term 2025

Monday 28th April	Students Return to school
Monday 5th May	May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tuesday 6th May	Students Return to School
Friday 23rd May	End of Term
Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May	Half Term (1 Week)
Monday 2nd June	Students return to school
Friday 18th July	July End of Term Celebrations
Monday 21st July	Inset Day 7 - School CLOSED to Students

August Exam Results Day 21st August 2025

Wood End Lane open from 9:30AM

Inset Day 6 to be confirmed.

****Autumn 2025 Term Starts: September 3rd**

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