



## SPRING COMMON ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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### From the Head Teacher

As we approach the end of the first half term of this academic year it is useful to reflect on the school's position.

This half term has felt difficult, with a broken hoist and high levels of staff absence. I value the staff's continued 'problem solving' approaches and working as a team of classes to ensure a positive curriculum is maintained.

The classes feel settled and we are ready to explore how the key stages function. We want the key stage pupils to mix and learn together in different ways and times, more so from a social perspective. I will be tasking each key stage to explore how this occurs and each key stage will write to parents, explaining how this works.

At the end of the month we say goodbye to our long serving Swimming Teacher, Hazel. Hazel has been at the school for over 20 years and has many memories to share. She has a passion for swimming and always explores how to get every pupil to enjoy time in the water. We are fortunate though, to welcome back Amanda Collins to the role after half term, as an experienced past colleague and qualified Swimming Teacher. I am sure she will offer new approaches and ideas to take the pool provision further.

We have carried a couple of TA vacancies this term and I am glad to announce these have been filled in our last round of interviews.

I know many parents have been waiting for information about our hydro pool's hoist. I am happy to share we have commissioned a replacement to occur ASAP. I hope for this to be replaced between now and the end of the Autumn term.

Next term I'll be sharing a Parent/Carer survey and we have a TEAMs presentation and Q & A on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm and 7pm. This will explain our development plan for the year, sharing successes and other changes expected in the future.

We will welcome back our students on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

I hope you are able to have restful half term break.

Alex





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### EY & KS1

Wow, what a fantastic start to the new year! It has been amazing welcoming our new pupils to their Spring Common Academy journey. Walking around, it is lovely to see everyone so settled and happy.



As the nights draw in, I would encourage you to ensure that your child is wearing something reflective either on their coat or bag. Please make sure that all coats, hats, scarves and gloves (and lunchboxes, bags, chewy toys etc.) are clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

We will be having an Early Years & KS1 Christmas performance in December. More information will be sent home by the class teams shortly after we return from the half term break.

Please stay safe and I hope you all have a relaxing and warm half term break.

Simon

### Years 2 to 5

This first half term back is always a busy seven weeks.

We had a very well supported sports afternoon with lots of you coming in to see the activities the pupils were taking part in and even joined in yourselves! It was a chance to chat to staff and other visitors.



We have had an opportunity to have coffee and cake with the post 16 MacMillan event as well this half term. We finished the last day of week with 'Yay Day' on the Friday and our pupils enjoyed a day of art, dance and music.

Have a good week off and see you on the Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

Take care, Mandy

### Years 6 to 11

Another great year is underway at Spring Common Academy and as ever, our pupils are all doing us proud! Our new class groups have settled down quickly and it is superb to witness so much calm and productive learning around the Upper School. It has also been wonderful to see many new faces, and how quickly these young people have settled into life at school.



As always, it is incredible to see how our more established pupils have been wonderfully supportive of new students, as well as demonstrating their increasing maturity as extraordinary role-models for others in the school. Spring Common Academy feels such a safe place for us, with everyone welcomed and everyone ready to learn.

The weather is turning now, and soon the Christmas season will be upon us, and we are already starting to look forward to our festive performances.

Take care! Leigh

### Years 10 to 14

A busy half term has included raising £547 for MacMillan coffee morning. It was fantastic to see the school community come together, along with Parents & Carers to raise vital funds for this worthy cause. Thank you for your support!



One of our Post 16 classes has begun a project with Paxton Pits Nature Reserve, involving activities to help preserve the environment and prepare for the winter months ahead. Finally, we were delighted to welcome back two past students, Steph and Matthew, who delivered a Q & A session with our identified school leavers this year. They both gave personal insights and advice about what it's like 'Moving On' from school into college. After half term, we will be holding a "Moving On from School Evening" on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 5-7pm in the upper school hall. A number of support services, social care and further education colleges will be present to provide face-to-face information for parents considering options for their child once moving on from school. We hope to see you there!

Tom



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### Lower PMLD



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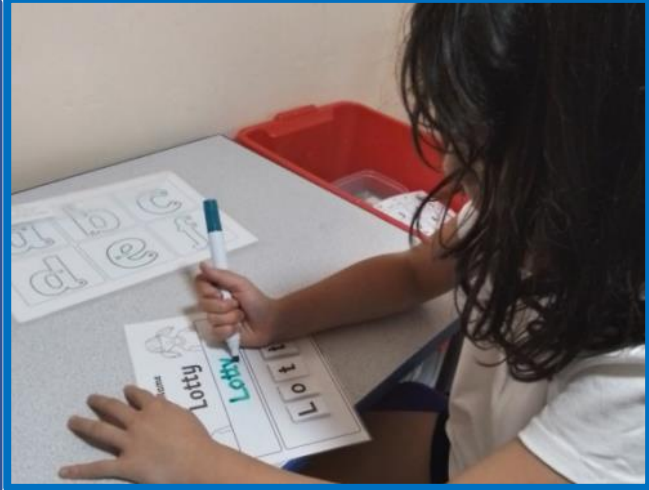


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