

8 September 2023

Dear Year 5/6 Pupil and Family

Re: Springfield School Open Evening – Thursday, 21 September 2023

You are warmly invited to attend Springfield's Open Evening on Thursday, 21 September during which you will be able to look around the school campus and meet students and staff. There will also be the opportunity to attend a brief presentation which I will lead with some of our current students.

Our Open Evening runs from 4pm to 7.30pm, with the Headteacher's presentations taking place at 4.15pm, 5.15pm and 6.15pm. If you would like to attend our Open Evening please register using the link below by Wednesday, 20 September. You should then receive a confirmation email and further information about the event. Kindly note that our Open Evening is always a busy event; as parking is limited, we advise families to walk to the school or use public transport, if possible.

<https://bit.ly/3sMB9a9>

Springfield has high expectations of its students; we encourage every member of the school community to 'aim for excellence' in and enjoy all areas of school life. Our students consistently attain good GCSE results across the subject range. The school's provisional results for 2023 (only the second cohort of students to have sat examinations since 2019 due to the disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic) indicate a good performance by the year group as a whole, and some truly impressive individual achievements.

Notably, 72% of students achieved a grade 4 or above in an English GCSE and 61% of students achieved a grade 4 or above in the mathematics GCSE (grade 4 is the standard pass, approximately equivalent to the former grade C, and is the minimum entry requirement for the majority of A Level/Level 3 courses). Over half of the year group achieved *five or more* GCSE passes including English and mathematics; and over a third of students achieved a strong pass (grade 5 or above – approximately equivalent to the former grade B) in *English and mathematics*. This year's top performing subject was *Biology*, with 95% of the students achieving a grade 4 or above. We are very proud of our Year 11 students' achievements!

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We have an engaging, broad and balanced curriculum, which promotes sport, science, the arts and languages. A range of qualification routes is on offer at Key Stage 4 including GCSE, BTEC and applied options. Our students' performance in the English Baccalaureate GCSEs is impressive, with Springfield consistently entering more students for the EBacc than the national average. In 2023, 55% of students were entered for EBacc.

We offer excellent care, support and guidance for our students, with expert Pastoral Managers and a qualified on-site nurse supporting the work of the teaching and leadership teams. In 2019 Ofsted wrote, 'Pupils are happy and safe at this school'. An NSPCC audit in June 2022 complimented the 'strong child centred safeguarding culture' in our school. Our two therapy dogs, 'Bonnie and Clyde' are also much loved by the children!

Our Open Evening is undoubtedly the best way in which to find out more about the opportunities that Springfield has to offer. However, if you are unable to attend the school will be offering Open Mornings on Tuesday 3, Wednesday, 4 and Thursday, 5 October 2023. These will run from 10am to 11am and consist of a brief tour of the campus with a senior member of staff. Places for the Open Mornings are limited and will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis; places are limited to two per family. If you are unable to attend the Open Evening and would like to attend an Open Morning, please telephone Alison Norum, Marketing and Support Assistant, at the school to reserve your place as soon as possible.

There are a number of short films about the school which you can enjoy watching with your child available on the homepage of our website; we suggest that you watch these prior to your visit. We hope these will give you an insight into the extremely positive learning environment that we have at Springfield and encourage you to make Springfield your first choice. (Kindly note that the impressive refurbishment of our Science Block is now complete!)

Please visit the school's website to view the films, review Springfield's prospectus and access further information about the school and its exciting curriculum offer: www.springfield.uk.net.

We look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely

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