



Dear Parents and carers

Welcome to the June edition of the Springwell Leeds Academy Newsletter. Once again, it has been a very busy month at our sites across the city and I hope you enjoy reading about all the fabulous things that have been going on.

This month, I will start by celebrating our Y11 students who have just completed their GCSE exams and will very soon be leaving us. It fills me with great pride to say that every single one of them turned up for and sat every single one of their exams. 100% across the board. This is a fantastic achievement in its own right, whatever the outcome of the exams may be. We all know how worrying and stressful sitting tests and exams can be and being brave enough to come in and give them your best effort is the first step to success. All those young people demonstrated the resilience and courage to have a go that we want to develop in every single one of our young people. Well done to them all and to the staff at the East site for supporting them through it.

I am sure that you have noticed the wonderful summer weather that we have been experiencing over the last few weeks - it only seems like five minutes ago that I was writing to

## Greetings from our Executive Principal

you, apologising for having to shut the school due to snow! We do not cope with extremes of weather in this country and the hot weather therefore brings its own problems. When we are hot we don't function at our best and that certainly is the same for our children. It's hard to concentrate when you are hot and sweaty, so we have been doing our best to help prevent this. We have encouraged staff to ensure that children get regular access to drinks to stay hydrated and that there are opportunities to stay out of the sun at break times. In some cases, lessons have moved outdoors into cooler, shady areas and in the worst effected rooms – those that get the hottest (this is mainly at the Primary site) we have hired portable air-conditioning units to help keep the temperature down.



We are just a few weeks away now from the handover of our third and final Springwell Leeds Academy site in North Leeds. Mary Ruggles, the Associate Principal and her team have been meeting with students and parents in preparation for the move there in September. If you know your child will be moving to the North Site in September and you have not been contacted about it,

please get in touch with the site your child attends straight away.

The building is still on course to open on time and as planned and you can see photos and video of the progress here :

<http://www.markzaccariaphotography.co.uk/InterserveNorth.html>



Finally, as the summer holidays near and the good weather continues,

the temptation for children not to attend school increases, so, I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the importance to all of our young people of regular attendance. I am sure you will understand that a high rate of attendance at school, as well as being a legal requirement, is also essential to enable your children to achieve and reach their potential.

Kind regards,  
*Scott Jacques*  
Executive Principal

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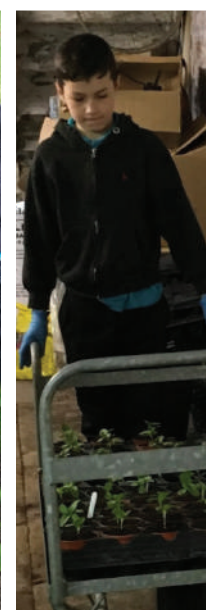
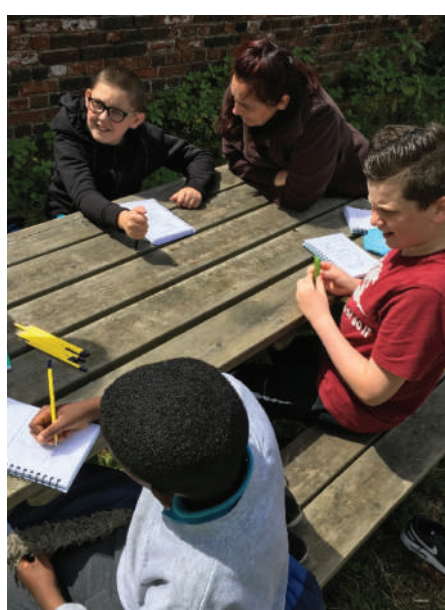
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# Oakwood News



## HAREWOOD

Our Harewood House gardening project is proving to be very industrious and informative for our students.



## Ukelele

This month at Oakwood students have had great fun learning how to play the Ukulele.

The enthusiasm has been exceptional !





# Leeds South News



In order for our pupils to continue to develop their social skills, we provide plenty of opportunity for them to play together as part of our personalised learning. We focus on developing the social skills aspect of SEAL. Pupils are given the opportunity to interact appropriately with others, take turn and share and participate in appropriate conversations and respond courteously with their peers and adults.



On the 24th May pupils and staff went to Rothwell Park for a picnic. All the food was prepared by the pupils with the help of Mrs Grice-Binns and a fantastic time was had by all.



Josh at Springwell South has been designing and building a box in his intervention time. He has used various joints and joining methods to hold his box together and developed skills around laser imaging. This will hopefully help Josh to develop skills and attributes that will lead on to a vocational pathway when he leaves Springwell.





# Leeds East News



We launched our new Heroes and Villains Elements theme this half-term. Pupils have been busy writing scripts to help them to produce their own super-hero movies. Hope O'Nions and Alex Cressey won prizes for the best dressed super heroes both of whom had designed and created their costumes



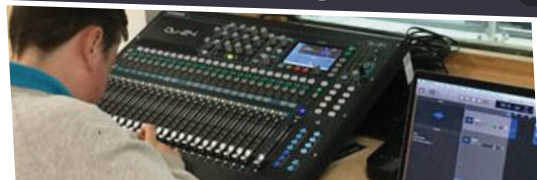
The year 6 7 B class went on a trip to Herd Valley Farm; it was nice to get out of the class and explore. We fed the animals (and ourselves!), got a bit lost in the woods- we had to make a shelter, and generally had a great time just hanging around. Good times had by all.



Springwell Radio podcast is here! At the East site we have had a weekly episode broadcast in our pods. Presented by our students featuring shout outs, quiz questions, staff interviews. You can listen to a short version on our website.

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**East Radio**

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## Exams

We are very proud of our Year 11 pupils who sat their GCSE exams over the past few weeks. Congratulations also to some Year 10 pupils who also sat their GCSE maths exams. They were all an achievement to credit to the school.





# Springwell Arts



A busy week this week at Springwell South. At long last students went to DJ school in Leeds where they had their first go at mixing and DJing. All students had a great time and couldn't wait to go again this week. All the staff were brilliant and really helped the student to start making great music and talking about songs and mixes. Brilliant!

Modroc 3D characters created by year 6 looking at the artist Jon Burgerman & anthropomorphism Year 7 have been looking at Russian symbols (such as the bear and wolf) and the Artist Farid Reuda who has created murals for the 2018 World Cup. The students have then created their own symbolic artworks with geometric shapes inspired by Reuda and starting writing their names in Russian. Zahra Year 9 ~ looking at positive/negative negative space and silhouettes as part of her level 2 award



Well done to Year 6 & 7 pupils on their 'Wooden Toy Project' in DT at the East site. All three pupils were very happy with their product and proud to show off what they had accomplished.



12 students at Oakwood have achieved their Discover Arts Awards! Certificates will be handed out at our Pass it on Concert 10th July.

