

Big enough to challenge. Small enough to care.

With a growing reputation for academic excellence, life-changing experiences and outstanding pastoral care, Springwood Sixth Form in King's Lynn is now the first choice for students in west Norfolk...



ABOVE: Director of Sixth Form Studies and Deputy Head Teacher at Springwood Jamie Warner-Lynn with members of his inspirational team - who are constantly encouraged and motivated to achieve more and reach their ultimate ambition

There's a very good reason why Springwood is one of the very best sixth forms in the area. Actually, that's not true - there are several very good reasons. As part of the West Norfolk Academies Trust it has access to a huge amount of shared resources and teaching expertise. It offers a huge range of courses and specialist subjects. It has fantastic facilities - and is soon to open some more. And it provides students with a high-value enrichment programme designed to enhance life experiences and enable students to achieve their dreams.

"We take a very proactive and purposeful approach to each and every student, and we've built an atmosphere that's full of desire and ambition," says the inspirational Jamie Warner-Lynn, Director of Sixth Form Studies and Deputy Head Teacher. "We combine all the structured benefits of school with all the freedoms of college, and we're exceptionally good at helping students reach their first-choice destinations. We're even better at helping them identify those destinations in the first place."

The choice of courses at Springwood sixth form is truly extraordinary. In addition to traditional subjects such as

biology, maths and English, the options include criminology, psychology and music technology.

This is an educational environment that's always pushing boundaries and always building key skills such as confidence, awareness and resilience.

"Springwood's courses were really interesting and they helped me redirect my career focus, and I have to thank the incredible staff for helping

me become the person I am today," says former Head Student Holly. "It's not just about academic studies. I built fantastic relationships with my teachers, I enjoyed a rewarding social environment, and I have several friends for a lifetime. I couldn't recommend Springwood Sixth Form enough."

Much of that is down to the staff, which includes the recently-appointed Academic Mentor Nicky Thompson



(who comes from a wide-ranging business background), dedicated careers advisor Christine Walton, Head of Art (and acclaimed artist) Lee Eveson, and the two Heads of Year - the youthful and dynamic Jessica Cuss and Luke Rawling.

"It's also important not to overlook the importance of our Head of Pastoral Lynne Franklin and her assistant Sandra Williams," says Jamie. "They play an absolutely crucial role in what we do here, and work tirelessly to provide an enriching and supportive environment for our students."

The facilities at Springwood Sixth Form are no less impressive - with drama and dance studios, a hair and beauty salon, and dedicated suites for art, photography, science and construction. They'll be even more impressive early next year with the completion of a state-of-the-art café.

"It's always been our aim to ensure that every single student is developed and reaches their full potential," says Jamie Warner-Lynn. "Naturally we push academic excellence, but we also work very hard to provide our students with an exceptional extra-curricular programme."

A case in point is the group of 20 students who'll be travelling to Peru at Easter and the 20 who'll be visiting Cambodia in the summer. These trips don't just help build the idea of global citizenship - they also give local students life-changing experiences.

"Sixth Form enabled me to become super-independent and take control of my own learning," says former Year 13 student Georgia. "It allowed me to grow academically and personally, taught me to be resilient, and to understand the importance of hard work."

For students who decide not to continue their education in top-end universities, Springwood Sixth Form has increasingly strong links with the local (and national) business community - and many former students are currently enjoying rewarding apprenticeships in a wide range of industries.

"We offer lots of challenge, we offer a huge curriculum, and we provide a very diverse experience," says Jamie Warner-Lynn. "We're really proud of the fact we're now the first-choice sixth form for the area, but that doesn't mean we're resting on our laurels. We've got a lot of exciting things planned for the future, and to be honest I'm rather envious that I can't look forward to joining Springwood sixth form as a student."



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