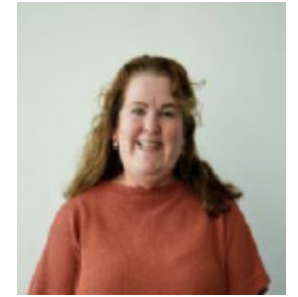




Secondary School Weekly Update Friday 25th April 2025



Dear Parents,

This week did not only mark St George's Day on 23rd April, but it is also that day that William Shakespeare was born and subsequently died on many years later. It is wonderful to see that our English department are reflecting this in their Y7 curriculum. Please see the detailed information from Mr Archibald.

Many of our students went to the Museum of the Future this week. Educational opportunities like this are a wonderful way to supplement the learning in class. Many thanks to our Arabic Department for planning and organising this.

Last week I mentioned that some of our students were attending the final of ME Maths Challenge. I'm delighted to say that they not only represented SVS brilliantly, but they were amongst the top winners of this competition. Ms Griffin gives further details in this newsletter.

Following the news you received today about my departure at the end of this term, I would like to congratulate Mr. Macpherson on his new appointment as Head of Secondary. Mr. Macpherson is an outstanding leader, and he will guide and direct SVS into the next stage of its development. I am delighted for the students, staff and community of South View School.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Woulfe – Head of Secondary



Upcoming key dates

South View School – 6th Quran Competition: Hafez Al-Quran - Tuesday, 29th April and Wednesday 30th April



Pastoral Update



Dear Parents,

I am absolutely delighted and incredibly honoured to have been appointed Head of Secondary for the next academic year. Having been at the school for nearly five years as a Teacher, Assistant Head, and in my current role as Deputy Head, I have had the privilege of seeing the school grow and evolve from many different perspectives.

Having served as Acting Head during Term One, I feel well prepared to take on this role permanently. I know the school inside and out, and I am confident that this deep understanding will allow me to lead with both clarity and care during what has been a period of transition.

What excites me most is the opportunity to shape the future of our secondary school through a clear and purposeful vision, one grounded in academic excellence, student wellbeing, character development, and a culture where every student can flourish.

I have been genuinely overwhelmed by the kind messages of support and congratulations from colleagues and parents today. The sense of community at South View is unlike anything I have experienced, and it is a true privilege to be part of it. In the coming weeks, I will be inviting parents to meet with me to hear more about my vision for the school. I want to hear your ideas and thoughts as well. I would love to see as many of you there as possible.

Thank you again for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated. Wishing you all a wonderful and restful weekend.

Stuart



Academic Update - Ms Stevens



Firstly, I would like to add my congratulations to Mr. Macpherson on his appointment as Head of Secondary here at South View School. I am incredibly excited to be working alongside him to help support his vision for our school moving forward.

As always there is lots going on Academically here at the school.

Firstly, information has been sent to Parents by Ms Coy with regards to preparation for Assessment Week 3 which will be taking place 26-30 May (19-30th Year 10). In addition, GL Testing will also be held during this period for Y7-10. Please note no revision is needed at home for the GL tests as they are a snapshot of knowledge on the day.

In addition, South View School also took part in PISA Testing this week which was completed successfully. These tests were administered across school in the UAE and will support the Government Vision to situate the UAE among the 20 highest performing countries in the world for PISA.

Best Regards Tina Stevens

Assistant Head Academics



Literacy Update – Louise

This week, in tutor time, students were identifying the correct homophone in the sentence.

What is a homophone? Homophones are words that sound the same but have different meanings?



Task 2: Homophones

Can you circle/ write on a white board the correct **homophone** in these sentences?

1. Thank you. I would be delighted to accept/except your invitation.
2. Can you please write/right a letter to the Prime Minister?
3. Mum said we are not allowed/aloud to go to the cinema tomorrow.
4. Sally told Alice that she did grate/great in the dance show tonight.
5. I tried to stop the car but the breaks/brakes did not work properly.
6. Can I please order the steak/stake and chips with a glass of orange juice.
7. When you hurt your elbow it can take a long time to heel/heal.
8. When we left out hotel room the maid/made came and cleaned the room.
9. Ben asked Charlie if he would meat/meet him on the football pitch.
10. Oliver Twist was a very poor/pour boy who asked for more porridge.
11. I went to The Bodyshop because they had my favourite shower gel on sale/sail.

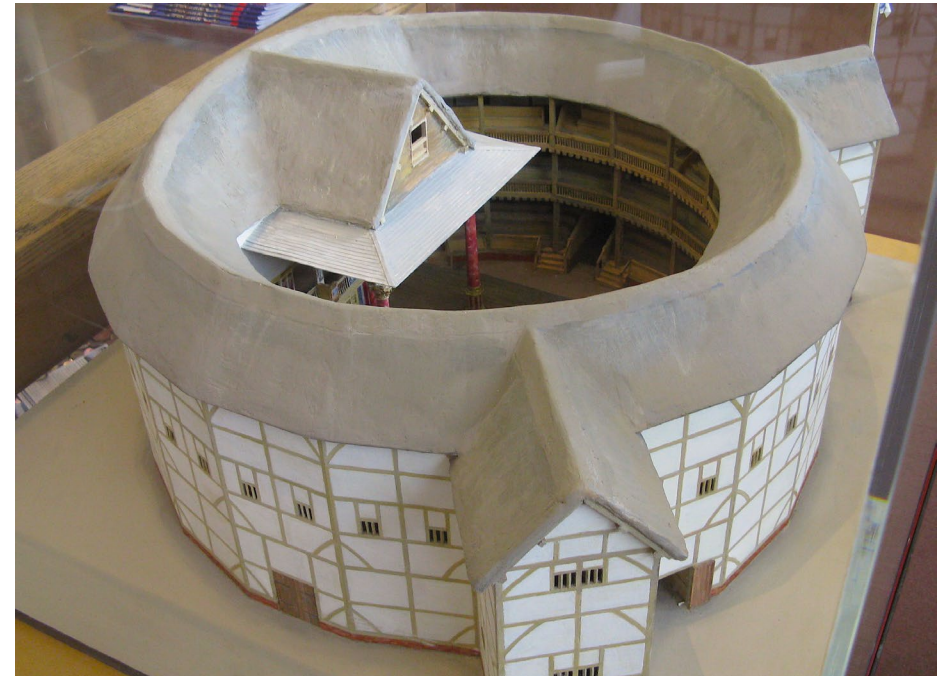
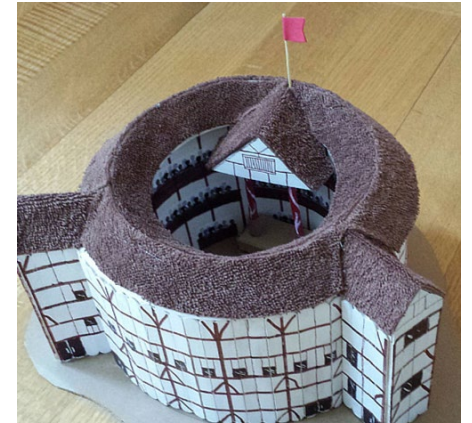
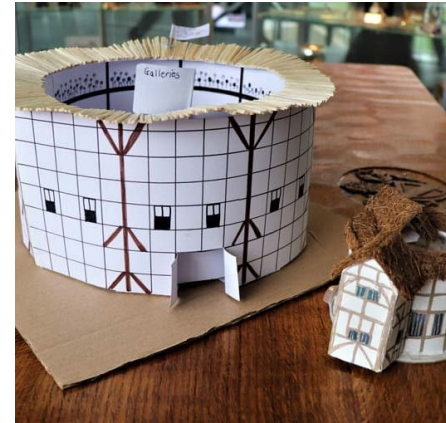


English Update – Mr. Archibald

Year 7: **Next week** in English, our Year 7 students will be putting their creativity to the test as they design and build their very own models of the **Globe Theatre**. To help make these models, we'd really appreciate **students bringing in any of the following materials** from home:

- Cardboard (boxes, packaging, cereal boxes, etc.)
- Recyclable materials (plastic tubs, tubes, bottle caps)
- Craft supplies (string, lolly sticks, pipe cleaners, felt, foam, etc.)
- Paper towel or toilet rolls
- Scrap paper, newspaper, or tissue paper
- Small containers (e.g. yoghurt pots, egg cartons) Glue, tape, or any other useful crafting materials

Thank you in advance for your support.





English Update – Mr. Archibald

Year 10:

- Today, **Year 10** students submitted their second piece of coursework. They will now begin working on their **third piece of coursework (worth 20% of their final International GCSE Literature grade)**, which focuses on a Shakespearean text. We're looking forward to seeing their analytical skills continue to develop through this next challenge.

Year 11:

- A reminder of the **additional support** sessions available to Year 11 students as they prepare for their upcoming exams:
- **Monday Lunchtime** – Masterclass
- **Thursday After School** – Masterclass
- **Saturday (10:00am – 12:00pm)** - Practice Exam Session (please note, only two Saturday sessions remain) We strongly encourage students to make the most of these opportunities.



Mathematics Update – Ms Griffin



In September Challenge ME started with approximately 41,000 students across the Middle East Region all competing in the Challenge ME Maths competition.

Last weekend, the finals took place to determine who would win the entire competition, and six of our amazing South View students competed: Y7 - Nikita Shibayev and Martin Al Ashkar, Y8 - Roqia Shetiah and Talya Gouda, and in Y9 - Layan Hassan

All five students achieved a certificate, congratulations to all!

We will be entering again next year, watch out for Challenge ME 25-26!

Talya and Nikita were in the top 50 students in their year groups, receiving Silver!

Roqia and Martin placed in the top 20 students in their year group, receiving a Gold award!!

Layan was in the top 100 students in her year group, receiving a Bronze award!

Y11 Maths Breakfast Club



Every *Wednesday* and *Thursday* morning until your exams start.

7:20am to 7:50am.

Ms Griffin's room.

Bring maths questions and tasty croissants!*



*you don't have to bring croissants, but you can eat your breakfast if you wish.





Do you need some support in Maths?

**Or do you just want a quiet space to study
and work on Maths sometimes?**



You can find both at our Maths Clinic ECAs!

Y7 and Y8 – Ms Hughes – Monday lunchtime

Y9 and Y10 – Ms Seth – Thursday lunchtime



Arabic A Update – Mr. Kerba

السادة أولياء الأمور المحترمين،

تحية طيبة وبعد،

انطلاقاً من إيماننا العميق بأهمية ترسيخ الهوية العربية الأصيلة في نفوس أبنائنا، وحرصاً على تعزيز انتمائهم واعتزازهم بثقافتهم وقيمهم الحضارية، تم تنظيم زيارة علمية مؤخراً لطلابنا إلى متحف المستقبل، هذا المعلم الرائد الذي يجسد رؤى دولة الإمارات الطموحة، ويعرض ملامح تطلعاتها المستقبلية وخططها الاستراتيجية نحو التميز في مختلف القطاعات. وفي إطار متصل، نواصل العمل على تنمية المهارات الأدبية لدى طلابنا، من خلال التعمق في فن الرواية، لما يحمله من آفاق تأملية ومساحات للنقد الواعي، تسهم في إثراء الفكر وتوسيع المدارك وتطوير المهارات اللغوية.

كما نود إفادتكم بأن اختبارات التحدث الخاصة ببرنامج GCSE لطلبة الصف الحادي عشر ستنتطلق اعتباراً من الأول من مايو، وقد تم نشر جدول المواعيد عبر منصة "تيمز". ونؤكد على أهمية الالتزام التام والانضباط في الحضور، إلى جانب تخصيص الوقت الكافي للاستعداد والتدريب، بما يعكس الجدية المطلوبة لهذا الاستحقاق الأكاديمي المهم.

وفي سياق اهتمامنا المتواصل بتنمية مهارة القراءة كمدخل رئيسي للمعرفة والتفكير النقدي والتعبير اللغوي، نواصل تفعيل مسابقة "أبطال القراءة"، والموجودة كذلك على منصة "تيمز". ونشجع أبناءنا الطلاب على المشاركة الفاعلة في هذه المبادرة الثقافية الهادفة.

سائلين الله تعالى التوفيق والنجاح لأبنائنا، وموفور الصحة والعافية لحضراتكم.

وتفضلوا بقبول فائق الاحترام والتقدير.



Arabic B Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Parents,
Warm greetings,

We would like to share with you an overview of this week's learning focus and upcoming plans for your child's Arabic language development.

This Week:

Our emphasis was placed on enhancing listening and comprehension skills. Students participated in a range of structured activities designed to:

- A. Identify sounds, letters, and key vocabulary.
- B. Acquire new vocabulary and infer meanings through contextual understanding.
- C. Respond to questions that assess their grasp of both specific details and overall messages in spoken texts.
- D. Strengthen listening and concentration abilities to support better information retention.

We are also delighted to inform you that our students thoroughly enjoyed an educational visit to the *Museum of the Future*. This enriching experience offered them the opportunity to engage with innovative exhibits and deepen their learning in an inspiring environment beyond the classroom.

Looking Ahead – Next Week:

Our instructional focus will shift towards *speaking and interactive communication skills*. Students will be encouraged to:

- A. Apply acquired vocabulary and sentence structures in basic conversations.
- B. Express their thoughts clearly through activities such as dialogues, discussions, and interactive language games.
- C. Enhance their pronunciation and articulation through engaging phonetic exercises.
- D. Build confidence in speaking Arabic by engaging in real-life communication scenarios.

GCSE Arabic Speaking Exam:

Please be reminded that the *GCSE Arabic Speaking Examination* is scheduled for *Thursday, 1 May 2025*. All relevant details have been communicated directly to the students. To support their preparation, we are currently offering morning reinforcement sessions aimed at building their confidence and readiness for this important assessment.

We thank you for your continued support and collaboration.



Islamic Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh,

We are delighted to announce that our **Annual Qur'an Competition** will be held on **Tuesday and Wednesday, April 29 and 30**, at **South View School**. This event is an important part of our Islamic curriculum and provides students with the opportunity to strengthen their connection with the Holy Qur'an through memorization, recitation, and reflection.

The competition will involve students from various levels who will be assessed on their fluency, tajweed, and memorization. It is a beautiful occasion for our learners to demonstrate the hard work they've put into their Qur'anic studies and to gain confidence in their recitation in front of their peers and teachers.

We kindly request all parents to **encourage their children to continue practicing and revising at home** in the days leading up to the competition. Your support, motivation, and engagement play a vital role in helping your child perform to the best of their ability and grow spiritually.

We are confident that with continued effort, dedication, and du'a, our students will rise to the occasion and make us all proud, In shaa Allah.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation. May Allah (SWT) bless our students with success and place the love of the Qur'an in their hearts.


Jazakum Allahu Khairan.





MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan


Section 1: How Can I Support My Child with their learning/ revision in MFL?


 **Routine Revision** – Encourage short daily sessions.

 **Stick to a schedule** – Help your child plan time to revise each module across the coming weeks.

 **Try the Pomodoro Technique** – Work in short, focused 25-minute sessions with 5-minute breaks. After 4 sessions, take a longer break. It helps with focus and reduces stress.

 **Practise speaking** – Test your child using practice activities in their books. No Spanish? No problem! Ask him/her to translate for you.

 **Active listening** – Let them listen to Spanish songs learnt in class, videos, or dialogues and summarise what they hear.

 **Celebrate progress** – Keep motivation high by celebrating effort, not just results!



The Arts Update - Mrs Rock



This week was the first week of Miss Sweeney's Junk Kouture Club and it was great to see so many interested students wanting to take part. We are really excited to see what ideas you come up with.

Olivia Parente in 7a played piano this week for Tunes 4 Tuesday. Well done and we look forward to hearing more of your piano playing in the next concert.

SAVE THE DATE

Our Secondary Summer Music Concert will be held on Thursday 12th June- more details to follow later.

SVS HAS TALENT 2025!

Stay tuned for more information coming soon!



Spring Fair 2025

A huge thanks to our student hosts and Tech team:

Maha, Ayaana, Keila, Parik and Tessa.

Well done and congratulations to our Secondary Performers:

Mimi, Cleagh, Tia and Monica

Congratulations to our talented Secondary School Band led by the amazing Mr. Themis!

Once again, you delivered a fantastic set enjoyed by all:

Tessa, Diya, Jessica, Iulia, Kai, Keila, Alyaa, Olivia, Aroosha, Emma D

More photos to follow soon...



PE Update | Mr. Bladen

Moving forward in PE, we will be focusing on **Gymnastics, Basketball, and Striking & Fielding**, developing key skills such as coordination, teamwork, and tactical awareness.

These activities provide a great opportunity for students to enhance their technique while staying active and engaged. We look forward to continuing to see their progress over the coming weeks!



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**TODAY I WILL DO
WHAT OTHERS WON'T
SO TOMORROW
I CAN ACCOMPLISH WHAT
OTHERS CAN'T!**

JERRY RICE



Sports Update – Mrs Teodoro

We are excited to announce that entries are now open for the **Midea Dubai Schools Games Wall Climbing Championship**! The event will take place on **Saturday, 17th May 2025**, at **GEMS World Academy**.

If your child would like to participate, please register via the **Online Parent Portal**. You can **sign in** or **create a new account** by [clicking here](#). Kindly note that the event is **free-of-charge**.

Event Information:

Date: 17th May 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Venue: GEMS World Academy

Age Categories: U12 & U16 – Girls & Boys

Participants must carry their own harness and climbing shoes for the event.

Preferred Qualification:

- 6 months climbing experience with Academy or member of climbing gym or
- Top rope minimum 5B or
- Bouldering minimum V3

For more information and registration support, please see the attached documents:

- Event Manual
- Event Flyer

Please note that **registrations will close on Wednesday, 7th May 2025**.

If you have any further queries reach out to us at info@dubaischoolsgames.ae



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