



## Secondary School Weekly Friday 23rd May 2025



Dear Parents

In any Secondary School, this final term has a strong focus on exams, internal assessments and reporting on progress throughout the year. At SVS our students have been in the process of sitting their GCSE, BTEC and A Level external examinations. Their approach to and behaviour in the examination room has been exemplary and serves as a very good role model to students in younger years.

Next week is the half term holiday in the UK where all our exams are based and therefore these students will get a break from the exam timetable. This does not however mean a break from revision and preparation, I would suggest that they continue with the school timetable to maintain the momentum that has been built up.

Our students in KS3 will undertake their Assessment Week 3 and these will help to assess the progress that has been made this academic year.

Next Wednesday we will celebrate the achievements of many of our students who have excelled in all areas of school life. These awards are nominated by Subject Teachers, Form Tutors and Heads of Year to recognise effort, attainment and progress. Individual students and parents will receive an invite to this is they have been nominated.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Woulfe – Head of Secondary



## Upcoming Key Dates

- Formal Awards Ceremony - Wednesday 28th May: 18.00 - 20.00 (invite only)
- Mobile Phone and Uniform Coffee Morning - Thursday 29th May: 08.00 - Secondary Library



## Pastoral Update

Dear Parents,

Following recent feedback from both our student and parent voice surveys, we are implementing some significant updates to our **uniform** and **mobile phone policies** for the upcoming academic year.

### Uniform Policy Update

Whilst our uniform items and supplier will remain the same, we are moving towards a more practical and comfortable look. From next academic year, students will no longer be required to **wear ties**. Instead, they will wear **open-collar shirts, untucked**, unless they are wearing a sweater or zip-up fleece, in which case shirts should be **tucked in**. These changes stem from initial discussions with our Student Council Representatives and Prefects, followed by an overwhelmingly positive response to our surveys, with **88% of students** and **75% of parents** expressing preference for change.

Although our current shirts will remain in use next year, we kindly ask parents to **select the correct size carefully**, as oversized shirts may not achieve the smart, practical look we are aiming for. We are already working with our supplier on a new shirt design, which we plan to introduce in the **2026/27 academic year**.





## Mobile Phone Policy Update

In response to growing concerns about the impact of mobile phones on student wellbeing and learning, and in alignment with **85% of parental feedback** requesting a stricter approach, we are introducing a new "**opt-in / opt-out pouch system**" for mobile phones.

- **Opt-In:** If parents choose to opt in, students will be required to purchase a **branded, lockable phone pouch** for **AED 100**. These pouches block all connectivity (Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Cellular) and prevent phones from linking to other devices such as smartwatches or laptops.
- **Opt-Out:** If parents choose to opt out, students **will not be allowed to bring a mobile phone to school**. If a student is found with a phone after opting out, a high-level sanction will be applied.
- **Purchase:** Specific information relating to where you can purchase a pouch will be shared following our final meeting with the supplier.

Students will lock their phones in the pouches at designated **locking stations** upon arrival and unlock them at the end of the school day. Again, any misuse will result in a high-level sanction. These policies will be shared in our parent handbook and will be available on our website.

**Parent Coffee Morning** -To answer any questions and share further details, I will be hosting a **Coffee Morning on Thursday, 29th May at 8:00 AM in the Secondary Library**. We hope to see many of you there.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,  
Mr Macpherson

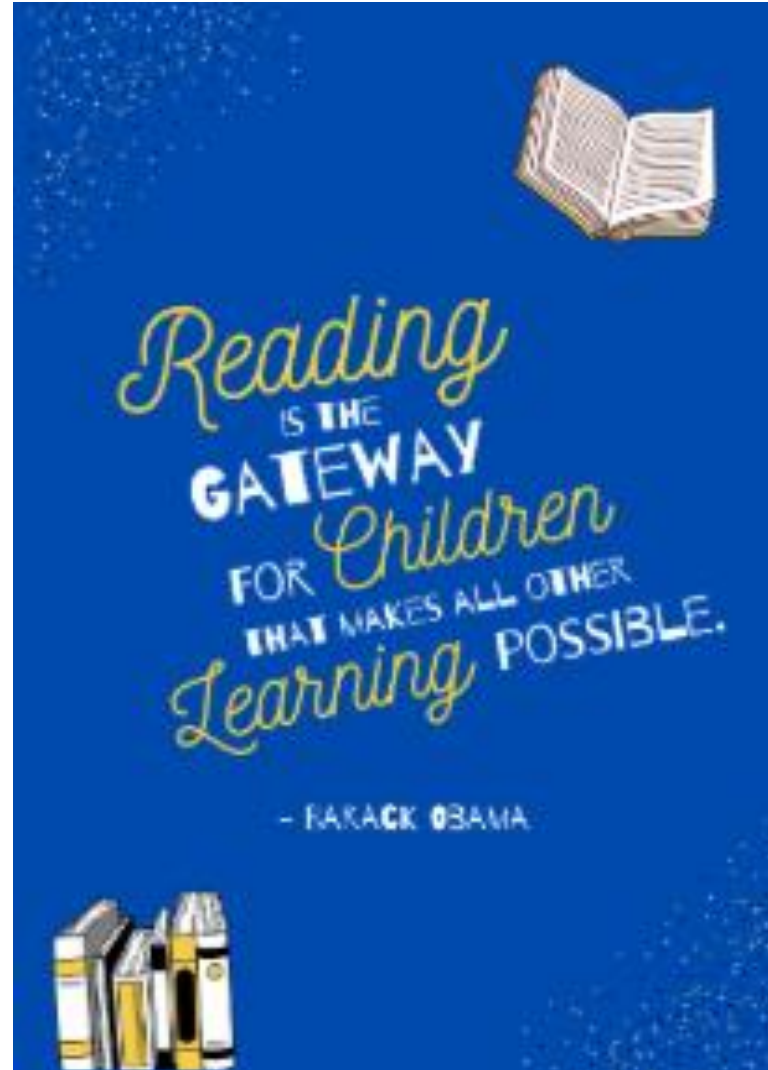


## Literacy Update – Louise

A reminder for students to ensure they have a hard-copy book to read during DEAR lessons.

This is to help minimise screen time, promote a love for reading and to improve pupil's literacy.

Students are welcome to visit our library on floor 2 and to speak to the librarian or their English teacher for any book recommendations.





## English Update – Mr. Archibald

As our students head into their English exams, we want to wish them the very best.

They've spent the term building their skills in reading, writing, and critical thinking, now is the time to apply that knowledge with focus and confidence.

We know how hard they've worked, and we're proud of the effort they've put in.

Please encourage your child to get plenty of rest, read questions carefully, and manage their time well during the exams.

We look forward to seeing them finish strong.

**It is not in the stars to  
hold our destiny but in  
ourselves.**

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE



## Arabic A Update – Mr. Kerba

أولياء الأمور الكرام،

تحية تملؤها التقدير والاحترام،

انطلاقًا من رؤيتنا الرامية إلى تحقيق أعلى معايير الجودة التعليمية، وحرصنا الدائم على تنمية قدرات أبنائنا وبناء جيل متميز يمتلك أدوات التعلم الفعّال، واثق الخطى، وقادر على المنافسة في مختلف المحافل الأكاديمية، يسعدنا أن نحيطكم علمًا بأن طلابنا يواصلون مسيرتهم التعليمية بثبات نحو تقييم شامل يعكس ما بذلوه من جهد طوال العام الدراسي.

وقد بدأ طلابنا مؤخرًا أداء الاختبارات الخارجية عبر منصة "سين"، وهي منصة تعليمية تُعنى بقياس الأداء الأكاديمي للطلبة بشكل دقيق، بما يوفر صورة واضحة وشاملة عن مدى تقدمهم ومواطن القوة التي يتمتعون بها، إلى جانب تحديد مجالات التحسين والتطوير. كما يجري الطلاب أيضًا اختبارات مهارتي الاستماع والتحدث ضمن التقييمات المستمرة الخاصة بمادة اللغة العربية، والتي تهدف إلى تقييم الكفاءة اللغوية ومهارات التعبير الشفوي والقدرة على الفهم السمعي، وهي من المهارات الأساسية التي نوليها عناية خاصة.

ونود أن نلفت عنايتكم إلى أن اختبارات مهارتي القراءة والكتابة سيتم تنفيذها حسب الجدول الزمني المعتمد، لذا نرجو منكم حث الأبناء على متابعة ملفات المراجعة المرسلة عبر منصة "تيز"، حيث تحتوي على الأنشطة والمواد التي تسهم في تعزيز استعدادهم للاختبارات النهائية، وتزويدهم بالتدريبات اللازمة لتحقيق نتائج متميزة.

وفي هذه المرحلة الحاسمة من العام الدراسي، فإننا نحث أبنائنا الأعزاء على تنظيم أوقاتهم بشكل فعّال، وتكثيف الجهد، والاستمرار في المثابرة والاجتهاد، إدراكًا منا بأن النجاح لا يتحقق إلا بالاستعداد الجيد والعزيمة الصادقة.

شاكرين لكم دعمكم المتواصل، وتعاونكم المثمر في دعم مسيرة أبنائكم التعليمية، متمنين لهم دوام التوفيق والنجاح.









## Arabic B Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Parents,

We hope this message finds you and your family in good health and high spirits.

We would like to take this opportunity to share a brief update on what your children have accomplished in Arabic B during the past week, as well as what to expect in the upcoming week.

Throughout the past few days, our students successfully completed their school assessments in Speaking and Listening. Additionally, they undertook a comprehensive Arabic language assessment through the SEEN platform, which effectively measured their proficiency across the four key language skills:

Reading, Writing, Speaking, and Listening.

We are pleased to report that many students demonstrated commendable effort and a high level of engagement during these assessments. As always, we remain committed to supporting them in strengthening their Arabic language skills and increasing their confidence in using the language both inside and outside the classroom.

Looking ahead to next week, students will be sitting for their Reading and Writing assessments, which will further help us evaluate their comprehension and written communication skills in Arabic.

We greatly appreciate your continued support and kindly encourage you to assist your child in reviewing the vocabulary and content covered in class. Regular reading and writing practice at home will go a long way in boosting their performance and confidence.

Warm regards,



## MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan

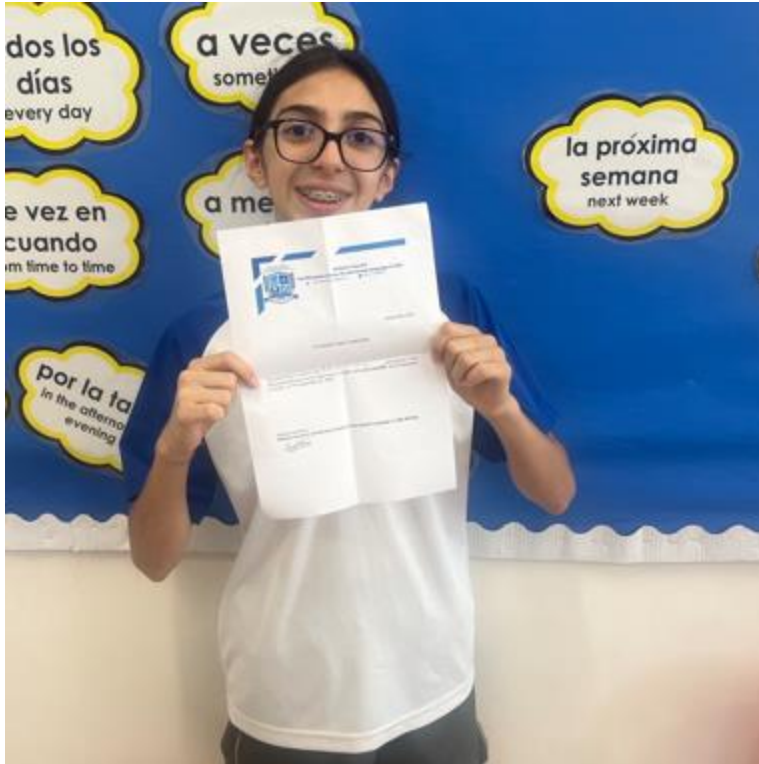
Best of luck for Assessment week 3 to all our fantastic students. You have worked so hard this year. It is an opportunity to showcase your knowledge and progress.

Reminder to see revision resources in books and on teams for further support.





## MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan



This week Penny in Y8 shared the fantastic news with us that she was awarded a Level B1 in the International Exams for the Attainment in Greek Language which took place in Dubai on Thursday 23rd 2025.

The event was run by the Hellenic Council.

This is a brilliant achievement and a brilliant way for Penny to showcase her home-language journey.

At South View we love to hear about the excellent achievements of our pupils both inside and outside of school.

Well done Penny!





## The Arts Update - Mrs Rock

Although the end of the school year is fast approaching, the Arts faculty is still busy with end of year assessments, Junk Kouture club and preparations for the Secondary Music concert and SVS Has Talent!

This week in Drama lessons, Year 8's brushed up on their Italian comedy and performed a Commedia dell'arte piece for their assessment. Thanks to Ms. Sweeney in Art, they looked the part on stage as they made traditional style masks to wear for their performance during their Art lessons. Well done Year 8! These were really fun to mark.





# We have our finalists....

Well done and congratulations to each and every one of you.

Preparations and rehearsals for the final are now under way. We look forward to the final show on Friday 13th June.



<u>Act</u>	<u>students</u>
Hip hop dance act	Salma El Bahi 8b
Acting piece	Moustafa Hasan 8a, Aras Yavuzer 8a Derya Turkel 7d
Piano solo	Aishah Zoberi 7a
Musical theatre solo	Mimi Al Ali 7b

Instrumental duet	Monica Le Roux 8b Keila Jordaan 10
Guitar solo	Emma Dillbert 10
Group singers	Kaihan Kharouti 7a, Derya Turkel 7d Elina Lutchman 7d Nikita Aurobind 7d

Girls group singers	Kinda Asar 8b Tia Yammine 8d Cleagh Burns 8d Gabby Vermuelen 8d
Duo	Alyaa Salem 10 Aroosha Nonahal 10
Guitar solo	Sahana Veermalla 8d
Guitar solo	Keila Jordaan 10



# PE Update | Mr. Bladen

As the temperature is increasing, all PE lessons will now be indoors. We will be focusing on **Fitness, Basketball and Net Games**, developing key skills such as coordination, teamwork, and tactical awareness.

Due to examinations all students will not be required to get changed into their uniform after PE. They will be allowed to stay in their PE kit.

We look forward to continuing to see their progress over the coming weeks!







YOU HAVE TO FIGHT TO  
REACH YOUR DREAM.  
YOU HAVE TO SACRIFICE  
AND WORK HARD FOR IT.

*Andre*

# GCSE PE | Revision

Reminder of revision materials.....

