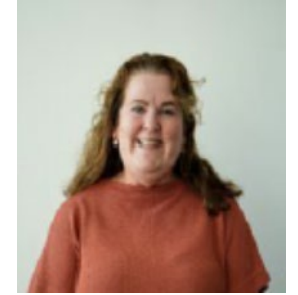




Secondary School Weekly Update Thursday 26th June 2025



Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of the academic year at South View, it is always a bittersweet experience for me. As in most international schools, we are saying goodbye to many students and staff who are moving on.

To our students who are moving schools, moving to new countries and in some cases moving on to University education, I wish you all the very best of luck. I hope that the core values that have been developed during your time at SVS will hold you in good stead and allow you to navigate your moral compass wherever you go.

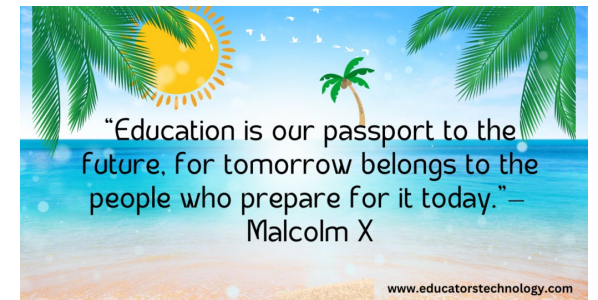
To our leaving staff, I'd like to thank you for inspiring and supporting our students. Your care and guidance will have impacted so many young people, and help shaped their lives and ambitions. Nobody ever forgets a great teacher.

Across the academic year, our students have had a vast array of learning experiences in and out of the classroom. These experiences will allow them to develop and grow in all areas, and every moment poses a new learning experience.

I have enjoyed my time at SVS, albeit for a short time. I would like to wish Mr. Macpherson all the very best as he moves into his new role. He is a highly motivated and passionate leader and loves everything about South View, he will always have the students at the heart of any decisions. I look forward to seeing how he develops the secondary school, it is in very strong hands with him at the helm.

Wishing you all a very happy, peaceful and fun filled summer break wherever you decide to spend it.

Take care
Miss Woulfe
Head of Secondary





Upcoming key dates

Thursday 26th June – End of Term 3 – school will finish at 12.00

Examination results

Thursday 14th August – A Level results

Thursday 21st August – GCSE results

Monday 25th August – first day of the Academic Year 2025-26



Pastoral Update

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of the year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what a fantastic journey it has been for our Secondary community.

One of my personal highlights was the privilege of serving as Acting Head of Secondary in Term 1. Stepping into this role temporarily gave me a unique perspective and deepened my appreciation for our remarkable students and staff. I am genuinely honoured and could not be more excited to be taking on this role permanently from August.

There have been so many moments of pride and joy throughout the year, from taking our students on an unforgettable trip to Azerbaijan back in February, to the countless assemblies, performances, sports fixtures, showcases, house events and celebrations that make SVS such a unique and special place.

But above all, the most rewarding part of this year has been watching our students flourish, not only academically, but as kind, respectful and resilient young people. Their progress, character and enthusiasm remind us daily of why we do what we do.

To our incredible teachers: thank you for your unwavering dedication, your passion, and your care. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

To our parents: thank you for your continued trust, encouragement, and support, especially in a year that brought change and transition. As we head into the summer break, I wish every one of you a peaceful, joyful, and well-earned holiday.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in August for what promises to be an exciting new chapter at SVS.

Kind regards,

Mr Macpherson.





Academic Update - Mrs Stevens

As I prepare to leave South View Secondary after two incredibly rewarding years, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to the entire school community. I have genuinely loved my time here, and take away with me many fond memories.

Alongside the hard work, there has been plenty of laughter. Whether during brief moments in the classroom, shared stories in the corridors, or those much-needed light-hearted conversations at the end of a long day, the humour and support of the Secondary team have made my time at South View one I will always remember with a smile.

South View students will be especially missed—their curiosity, resilience, and individuality brought each day to life. Supporting them to grow, challenge themselves, and support one another over the past two years has been a constant joy.

I want to wish everyone in the South View community the best of luck in the next exciting phase of its journey.

'O this learning, what a thing it is!'





Exams Update – Miss Coy

To Our Year 11 and Year 13 Students,

As you await your results this August, I just want to say how incredibly proud I am of each and every one of you. You've shown determination, resilience, and maturity throughout your exams, and I truly hope you receive the results you've worked so hard for — and that you deserve.

To those moving on to Sixth Form and to those heading off to university: I wish you all the very best in this next exciting chapter. Embrace every opportunity, enjoy the journey, and know that your teachers are cheering you on from afar.

From August, **Ms. Scarlett Whistlecroft** will be taking over as Exams Officer. If you have any questions or concerns about your results, please contact her directly at examsofficer@southview.ae. I wish her all the best in her new role.

Good luck, and have the most amazing summer ahead!



Warm regards,

Ms. Coy





Literacy Update – Louise

READING
is a passport
to countless  
ADVENTURES



English Update – Mr. Archibald

As we approach the end of another vibrant and productive academic year, I wanted to take a moment to share some of the highlights from the English Department and thank you for your continued support.

This year, students across all year groups have engaged in a dynamic and enriching range of learning experiences. From building Shakespearean globes to developing their own news reports, exploring thought-provoking novels, and delving into poetry, our learners have shown creativity, curiosity, and a growing confidence in their literary abilities.

We've celebrated literacy through special events such as World Book Day, which saw a joyful celebration of characters and storytelling. Our annual Spelling Bee showcased an impressive display of vocabulary and nerve under pressure, while our documentary creation and screening project allowed students to combine research, writing, and digital skills to produce thoughtful and original work.

One particularly heartwarming initiative was the collaboration between our senior and primary students, where our older learners read to the younger ones, building connections and a shared love of reading.

We are especially proud of our Year 11 students who have now completed their International GCSE examinations. Their dedication and hard work throughout the year have been commendable, and we look forward to celebrating their achievements in due course.

Thank you once again for your ongoing partnership in supporting your child's learning. We wish all our students a restful and inspiring summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting year of English ahead.



Mathematics Update – Ms Griffin

As the academic year draws to a close, the Maths Department would like to share a review of our accomplishments and highlights. It has been an exciting year, witnessing the growth and enthusiasm of our students in the world of mathematics.

At Key Stage 3, we have worked with our younger students to build strong foundational skills. We've seen a noticeable increase in confidence and participation in classroom discussions and practical activities. Our regular use of interactive online platforms has made learning more engaging, allowing students to practice and consolidate their understanding at their own pace.

In Key Stage 4 our IGCSE students have worked incredibly hard towards their examinations. Their resilience and commitment have been truly commendable, and we are confident that their efforts will be reflected in their upcoming results.

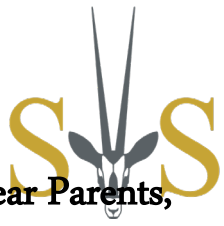
At Key Stage 5 our A-Level mathematicians have delved into advanced calculus, mechanics, and statistics, developing their analytical abilities and intellectual curiosity. Congratulations to our first cohort of Y13 students graduating this summer, and best of luck to Saif and Kamal in their next endeavours.

Beyond academic attainment, a core aim of our department is to cultivate a genuine appreciation and love for mathematics. This year, we achieved this through various initiatives:

- Inter-School Competitions:** Our students proudly represented the school in several regional and national maths challenges, earning accolades and valuable experience.
- Competitions and Chess Clubs:** Dedicated sessions where students could explore advanced problems, work collaboratively, and develop their logical reasoning.
- Real-World Applications:** We consistently integrated real-world examples and case studies into our lessons, helping students see the relevance of mathematics in everyday life and future careers.

We are incredibly proud of what our students have accomplished this year. Their hard work, coupled with the dedication of our teaching staff, has created an excellent learning environment. As we plan for the next academic year, our current team are excited to welcome new staff to continue inspiring our students and nurturing their mathematical potential.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's mathematical journey. We wish you a wonderful and restful summer break!



Arabic Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Parents,

Warm greetings,

As we come to the end of this academic year, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your continued support and trust. This year has been full of meaningful achievements in the Arabic Department—made possible by your cooperation, our dedicated teachers, and our students' eagerness to learn and grow.

We are proud to share with you some of the key highlights and successes from this academic year:

- **Enhanced student skills in reading, speaking, and writing** through well-structured lessons and engaging enrichment activities.
- **Organized inspiring Arabic language events** such as Arabic Language Week, poetry and public speaking competitions, and creative writing contests, where students showcased their talents proudly.
- **Promoted cultural and linguistic identity** by integrating Arabic and Islamic values into classroom learning and discussions.
- **Implemented accurate and comprehensive assessments** to track students' actual language progress and guide tailored support and planning.
- **Used a variety of teaching methods** that catered to different learning styles and encouraged active learning and critical thinking.
- **Maintained strong communication with parents** through detailed reports and individual meetings that ensured clear tracking of each student's progress.

We are truly proud of the progress our students have made in Arabic this year. Their growing confidence and language skills are a testament to the collective efforts of home and school working together.

We wish you and your families a joyful and safe summer break. We encourage you to continue supporting your children by reading together, engaging in meaningful language activities, and having conversations in Arabic at home.

With warm regards and appreciation,

Arabic Department – South View School



Islamic Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Respected Parents,

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh,

As we approach the end of this academic year, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to you for your unwavering support, continuous prayers, and genuine cooperation. Your involvement has been instrumental in helping us achieve meaningful growth and success in our Islamic Education departments.

Alhamdulillah, this year has been filled with remarkable student achievements. Our students have:

- ❖ Memorized and beautifully recited numerous surahs from the Qur'an with tajweed.
- ❖ Participated actively in Islamic discussions and demonstrated deep understanding of key concepts in Tawheed, Fiqh, and Seerah.
- ❖ Represented the school with excellence in Quran competitions, Islamic quizzes.

Islamic Department has made significant strides:

- ❖ Successfully aligned our curriculum with both MOE and school-wide priorities, ensuring cultural relevance and academic rigor.
- ❖ Integrated values-based education throughout our teaching, emphasizing character, respect, and Islamic manners.
- ❖ Launched a variety of student-led events including Ramadan assemblies, Islamic art exhibitions, and Arabic Culture Week, fostering both pride and passion for identity and heritage.
- ❖ Developed differentiated resources to meet diverse student needs and enhance engagement in Islamic Studies.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we remain committed to nurturing students' love for their faith, language, and culture, and to continuously improving the quality of education we provide.

We pray that Allah (SWT) blesses your families with peace, health, and continued success. May He accept all the efforts made this year from our students, teachers, and parents, and make it a source of reward in both this life and the next.

Jazakum Allahu Khairan for your continued trust. We wish you and your children a safe, restful, and spiritually enriching summer break.

Warm regards,



Inclusion Update – Ms. Quick



This week we rounded off the term in The Base with our end of year awards. It was a wonderful afternoon, with certificates, smiles, food and music to look back on all the students have achieved and celebrating their successes. The Base has certainly been a place where the students have felt they belong, feel safe, valued and capable of achieving their full potential and I cannot wait to see what next year holds for each and every one of them.

Parents, I would like to thank you for your ongoing help and support. It really has not gone unnoticed, and I look forward to working with you all again next year to see your children continue to succeed.



Humanities Update – Miss Coy

As I write my final newsletter message as Head of Humanities at South View School, I am filled with a deep sense of pride, gratitude, and emotion. It's hard to believe it's been six years since I walked through the doors of a brand-new school with just approx 30 students in the entire secondary phase. Watching it grow into the vibrant, bustling community it is today — with full corridors, dynamic classrooms, and a spirit of energy and ambition — has been one of the most rewarding journeys of my career.

Throughout it all, I have been surrounded by a remarkable team of teachers — passionate, committed, and inspiring colleagues who have made coming to work a joy. The Humanities department has truly been amazing, and I am so thankful for the laughter, teamwork, and shared ambition we've experienced together.

But most importantly, I want to thank the students. Teaching History has always been my passion, and I hope that somewhere along the way, I've passed on a little of that passion to you — whether through analysing the complexities of the past, debating historical decisions, or simply learning to ask thoughtful questions. You are the heartbeat of this school, and I feel incredibly privileged to have been a small part of your journey.

As I prepare to move on, I carry with me six years of unforgettable memories and a heart full of pride. In the words of the historian Carl Becker:

"History is the memory of things said and done."

Thank you all for giving me a chapter in your story that I will never forget.

Wishing every student, every colleague, and every member of this community all the success and happiness this world has to offer.

With love and gratitude,

Stacey Coy



MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan

After three wonderful years at South View as a Modern Foreign Languages teacher and Head of Department, I am heading back to London. It has been a true privilege to work with such incredible students and staff, sharing the joy of French and Spanish language and culture with our school community.

From unforgettable highlights such as the ski trip to Azerbaijan, the South View Bake-Off, Day of Languages and our visit to a Spanish restaurant, to the everyday classroom moments that brought language learning to life—each experience has been memorable for me.

I'm delighted to leave the department in the capable hands of Mr Fitzpatrick, a fantastic colleague whose passion and dedication will no doubt take MFL at South View to exciting new heights.

Languages are more than just subjects—they open doors to the world and shape our futures. Thank you to all the South View community for an incredible few years of growth, challenge and excitement.

— *Louise O'Sullivan*

If you talk to a man in a language
he understands, that goes to his
head. If you talk to him in his
language, that goes to his heart.

Nelson Mandela



French

What a fantastic year it has been in French! I'm so proud of the progress each and every one of you has made — from building your confidence in speaking and writing, to tackling new vocabulary and grammar with enthusiasm and resilience. Your hard work and positive attitude have truly paid off.

Wishing you a fun, restful, and well-deserved summer break. Enjoy your time off, and I look forward to seeing you all next year, ready for the next stage of your French journey!

Best of Luck to our GCSE students in their upcoming results in August! You will do fantastic! :)

Bonnes vacances et à bientôt !

Mr. Fitzpatrick

Year 7 Spanish

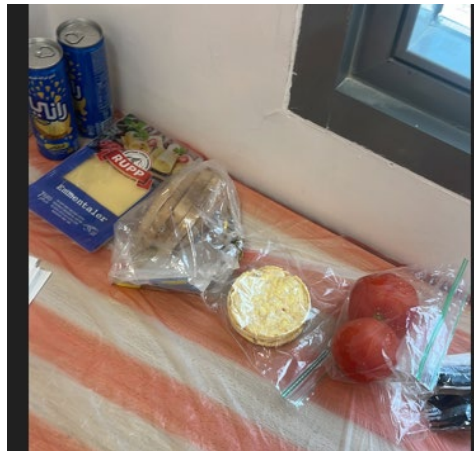
It has been a fantastic year of language learning in Year 7! Students have worked hard and shown great progress in topics such as family, school life, hobbies, and local area. This term, we've enjoyed consolidating our learning through the film [Coco](#), which also sparked rich cultural discussions. A highlight was the enthusiasm around our Spanish exchange initiative, helping students see the real-world value of speaking another language.

To keep their Spanish fresh over the summer, we encourage students to use it wherever they can — greeting people with *hola*, ordering an *agua por favor*, or spotting words on signs and menus.

[Duolingo](#), [Quizlet](#) and [LyricsTraining](#) are fun tools to help with vocabulary and watching Spanish shows with subtitles or teaching family members a few words are great ways to stay connected.

¡Feliz verano y hasta pronto!

Ms Gómez



Year 8C Spanish Café.

Some students in 8C Spanish cooked up some delicious Spanish treats to celebrate their last Spanish lesson of the year.

We enjoyed churros, pan con tomate and a Spanish twist on the Dubai chocolate.

Special mention to Kian and Zaid for their culinary skills and efforts.





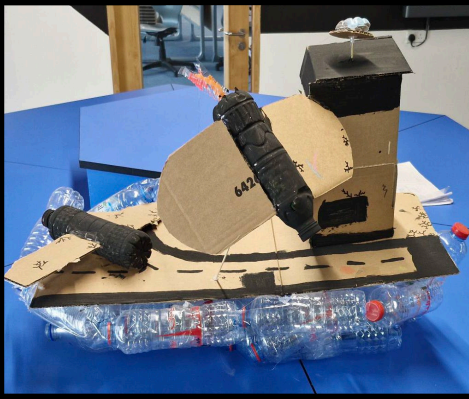
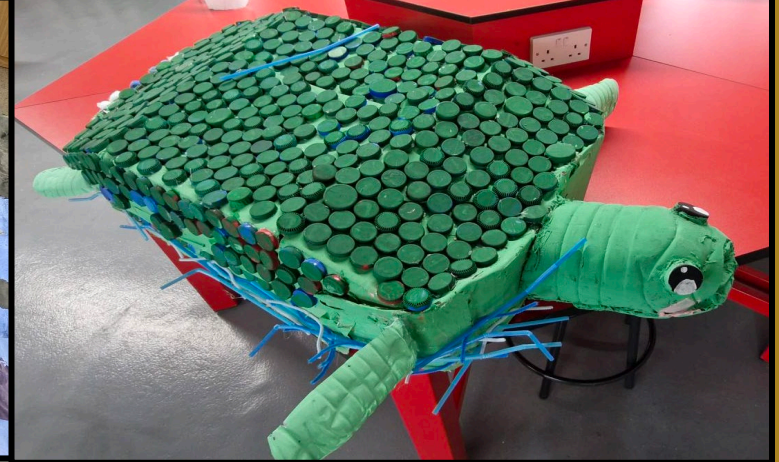
The Arts Update - Mrs Rock

2024-2025 Arts Highlights

It has been great this week to be able to reflect on all of the amazing things that have happened in Drama, Music, Art and STEAM this year. Here are some highlights:



- Ms. Sweeney joining us to teach Art.
- Mia and Sofia going to the World Finals of Junk Kouture.
- Art students participate in a Photography course
- New Junk Kouture Club set up for next year's competition
- Mr. Themis joining us to teach Music
- The Demon Headmaster Secondary Show
- The Secondary School Band do their first gig at Little Neighbourhood café
- Winter Fair Performances
- Summer Fair performances
- Winter Music Concert
- Summer Music Concert
- SVS Has Talent 2025
- First ever GCSE Music cohort begins
- Music performances at various assemblies, events and Tunes 4 Tuesday
- Theatre trips to The Woman in Black and The Life of Pi
- STEAM projects such as: Machine learning, AI generation, coding, digital music creation, recycled art projects.



Our recent STEAM project was a vibrant success as students transformed recycled plastic bottles into stunning art pieces! Through creative thinking, teamwork, and hands-on problem-solving, students explored sustainability while turning everyday waste into meaningful artistic expressions. The project showcased not only their artistic flair but also their ability to collaborate and innovate—true STEAM spirit in action!



We want to thank all the students who have worked so hard in their Arts lessons throughout the year and all of those who have taken the time to watch or participate in performances and events.

Thank you to parents who, as always, show your support by allowing students to stay to rehearse or participate and come along to support our students.

A huge thank you to Mr Izak, Mr Themis and Ms Sweeney for your dedication to our students. We are very lucky to have you!

Huge thanks to our IT and premises team for making all events possible.





We can't wait to see you all next year. Here are some of the things we are looking forward to and we hope to see many of you taking part...

**A Level Drama
and Theatre
Studies**

**Secondary
Choir**

**A second
experienced
Drama teacher**

**First cohort of
GCSE Music
students to
take exams.**

**Secondary
School Musical**

**Senior and
Junior Band
opportunities**

**Theatre trips
- "Grease"**

**Junk
Kouture
fashion
show**

**More
performances
at school
events**

**A Level Art
and Design**

PE Update | Mr. Bladen

This year has been an action-packed and memorable one in Physical Education! From inter-house events and sports days to league fixtures and weekend tournaments, our students have demonstrated incredible commitment, teamwork, and sportsmanship. We've celebrated fantastic team performances and individual achievements across a wide range of sports. A huge thank you to our amazing PE team for going above and beyond to make it all happen. Wishing everyone a safe, relaxing summer—we look forward to another brilliant year ahead!





**WE ARE NOT
A TEAM**

**BECAUSE WE WORK
TOGETHER.**

**WE ARE A
TEAM**

**BECAUSE WE RESPECT,
TRUST, AND CARE
FOR EACH OTHER.**



A huge well done to all of our sports teams for their hard work, dedication, and fantastic performances throughout the year. Congratulations to our individual MVP winners for their outstanding contributions, and a special shoutout to our **Team of the Year** – the **U13 BSME Netball Team** – for their incredible success and teamwork. We're so proud of everything you've achieved!





Residential trips 2025/2026 – Mr. Whaites

We would like to share some exciting information regarding the Residential trips for the 2025/2026 academic year.

Secondary Residential Trips				
Dates	Year groups	How many nights	Overall cost	Deadline for final payment
Monday 9th to Thursday 12th February 2026	Years 7, 8 and 9	3	2050aed	Monday 5th January 2026



Trip details

We will be travelling to Jebel Jais in Ras Al Khaimah, and we will be hosted by the extremely reputable 'Bear Grylls Explorer's Camp'. An email has been sent with further information and the trip program.

Registration details

Please follow the link below to the enrollment form, where you will be able to sign up your child for the trip.

https://visitjebeljais.checkfront.com/reserve/document/?template_id=3&id=JQLQ-230625

Payment schedule

Please note that payment links will be shared with you after signing up for the trip and completing the enrollment process.

- 50% down payment of 1,025aed due by Friday 12th December 2025
- Full payment (remaining 1,025aed) due by Monday 5th January 2026

We are very excited to be able to provide this amazing opportunity for our students.





International trips 2025/2026 – Mr. Whaites

For the 2025/2026 academic year, we will offer 3 international trips to our secondary students. These trips will be available for students in Year 7 to Year 13. They will be offered by an extremely reputable company called Twedex.

The International trips will take place during the focus week, from Monday 9th February 2026 until Saturday 14th February 2026. Each trip will take place over 6 days (5 nights).

Please find below the sign-up pages Twedex have provided, where you can find all the important information about the trips, the trip itineraries, as well as instructions on how you can register your child for a trip. There is one page for each trip.

Please see the 'ENROL NOW' button in the top right corner on each trip page. Please click there to register for any of the trips. Once you have enrolled for a trip, Twedex will then be in touch to start the payment process.

Please find the trip locations, as well as the trip costs below. Please note that payment plans have been put in place for these trips and you will be able to pay in instalments, to help make the payment process easier and more manageable. You can find the instalment details on each trip page, with the first instalment due at the end of June 2025.

Sri Lanka - 9,850aed / Georgia - 10,850aed / Madrid - 11,850aed

Sign up pages:

Sri Lanka - [South View School Sri Lanka](#)

Georgia - [South View School Gudaure](#)

Madrid - [South View School Madrid](#)

