

Secondary School Weekly Update Friday 11th April 2025

Dear Parents,



I hope you all had a wonderful Spring Break with your families and friends. Welcome back to Term 3 and what is already looking to be a very busy one for students and staff.

This term in secondary is very much about consolidating the learning that has been taking place all year for all year groups. It is also the time where we commence our public examinations for our Y11 and Sixth Form Students.

This term is also about looking forward to and preparing for the next academic year. On Tuesday of this week, we had Y6 students attending a Transition Day to allow them to understand what life in secondary will be like. This programme will continue throughout this term to ensure that they are as prepared as possible for the next stage in their educational journey.

As part of our preparation for next year we are exploring opportunities for overseas and local residential trips. Mr Whaites will be in touch with you about what we will be offering in for the next academic year.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. Miss Woulfe – Head of Secondary



Upcoming key dates

IGCSE Art and Design C2 Practical Exams WEDNESDAY 16TH AND THURSDAY 17TH APRIL

Spring Fair Secondary Band performances- FRIDAY 18TH APRIL

Year 7 Parents' Evening – Tuesday 22nd April – 4-7pm

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

South View Inaugural Model United Nations (MUN) – Friday 25th – Sunday 27th April

The last date of re-enrolment submission is <u>April 17, 2025</u>, thereafter the form will be closed Please submit your responses if not done already.



Literacy Update – Louise

Task 1: Proofreading Correct the 12 mistakes on the menu.



A crucial skill all teachers want their pupils to engage with is the skill of proofreading.

It is essential that pupils (and teachers) take time to read back over their work produced before submitting. This allows them to identify any errors, correct them and to add any important details that may have been missed.

This week's tutor activity during Thursday form time, focused on finding some key spelling errors as a class and correcting them.

The Queen's Arms - Menu

Bar Snaks:

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- Fich & ships **£4.50**
- Chickin & chips £4.90
- Beef or lamm with rost potatoes and veg £4.70
- Egg sandwitch with crisps £3.20
 - Tuna slad **£3.60**
- Hot dogs & salud £4.30
- Apple crumble and custid £2.90
- Cans of fizzy driks **75p**
- Cofee **£1.50**



Literacy Update – Louise





English Update – Mr. Archibald

It promises to be a busy and exciting term across the English Department, with each year group engaging in dynamic and thought-provoking learning experiences.

Year 7 students are diving into the world of *Shakespeare*, exploring his life, the historical context of the Elizabethan era, and his poetry. They are also putting their creative skills to the test by designing their own models of the Globe Theatre—a fantastic way to bring literature and history to life.

In **Year 8**, students are developing their analytical skills through a unique unit comparing pop music and poetry. This fresh and relevant approach helps students understand how language, structure, and meaning operate across different text types, while also tapping into their own interests and cultural references.

Year 9 are honing their transactional writing abilities through a thrilling literary murder mystery project. This engaging unit helps students refine key writing skills that will prepare them for the rigours of the International GCSE, while also encouraging creativity and critical thinking.



English Update – Mr. Archibald

Year 10 students are currently completing their final piece of coursework on *An Inspector Calls*, with a submission deadline of **25th April**. They will soon move on to study their Shakespeare play, deepening their understanding of drama, characterisation, and context as they continue to build towards their International GCSEs. The study will culminate in their third piece of coursework worth 20% of their final International GCSE Literature grade.

Our **Year 11** students are now in the final stretch, finishing the course content and turning their focus to exam preparation. We are providing extra support to ensure every student feels confident and ready. Revision sessions are available:

- Monday lunchtimes
- Thursday after school (3:45–4:30pm)
- Saturday mornings (10:00–12:00), where we're offering optional mock exam sessions in school. These sessions will give students opportunities to sit timed exams, and they will receive feedback the following week.

We are incredibly proud of the progress all our students are making and grateful for the continued support of parents and carers.

Arabic A Update – Mr. Kerba



أولياء الأمور الأفاضل، …تحية طيبة وبعد

يسرّنا أن نرحّب بعودة أبنائنا الأعرّاء إلى مقاعد الدراسة مع انطلاقة الفصل الدراسي الثالث، راجين أن يكونوا قد قضوا إجازة ممتعة ومليئة بالراحة والتجديد، وأن يعودوا إلى رحاب المدرسة وهم يحملون في قلوبهم الحماسة، وفي أعينهم الإصرار، وفي عقولهم الطموح لمواصلة طريق العلم والمعرفة بكل شغف وإيجابية

إن هذا الفصل يُعد محطة محمة في المسيرة التعليمية، حيث نواصل فيه العمل مع طلابنا على تطوير محاراتهم اللغوية والفكرية، ونبني على ما اكتسبوه من معارف وخبرات في الفصول السابقة. وفي هذا السياق، نسلّط الضوء هذا الفصل على *فن الرواية الأدبية*، وهو من الفنون الرفيعة التي تُسهم في صقل الذائقة الأدبية لدى الطالب، وتُعزّز قدرته على التأمل والتحليل والاستنتاج. سيتعلّم أبناؤنا من خلال هذا المحور كيفية تحليل النصوص السردية، وفهم تسلسل الأحداث، والتعمق في الشخصيات ودوافعها، والربط بين أحداث القصة والواقع المعاش، مما يرسّخ فيهم محارات التفكير النقدي والتعبير الإبداعي

كما أن القراءة تبقى حجر الزاوية في تنمية المهارات اللغوية والثقافية، ولهذا فإننا نولي اهتمامًا كبيرًا بمبادرات نوعية تُعزّز هذا الجانب، وعلى رأسها *مبادرة أبطال القراءة*، التي نواصل المشاركة فيها بكل حماس. هذه المبادرة الرائدة تهدف إلى غرس .حب القراءة في نفوس أبنائنا، وتشجيعهم على التفاعل مع الكتب والمحتوى المقروء بطريقة ممتعة وتفاعلية، كما تُسهم في توسيع مداركهم، وبناء شخصيات مثقفة وواعية ومتصالحة مع لغتها الأم وهويتها العربية الأصيلة

وإننا على يقين بأن النجاح في هذه المسيرة لا يكتمل إلا بتكامل الأدوار بين المدرسة والمنزل، فدعمكم المستمر ومتابعتكم لأبنائكم هما الوقود الحقيقي الذي يدفعهم نحو التميز والنجاح. نشكركم جزيل الشكر على هذا التعاون البنّاء، ونعوّل دائمًا على .شراكتكم الفاعلة في تحقيق أهدافنا التربوية والتعليمية

سائلين الله تعالى أن يكون هذا الفصل حافلاً بالإنجازات، ومكلَّلاً بالتقدّم ،والتفوّق لأبنائنا ،وبناتنا

دمتم بخير، وعطاء دائم، وشركاء فاعلين في بناء جيلٍ يقرأ، يُبدع، ويقود المستقبل



Arabic B Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Parents,

Warm greetings to you and your families,

We are pleased to share with you a glimpse into your child's learning journey during this past week. Our dedicated students have successfully completed the study of a set of new vocabulary words. Alongside this, they engaged in various activities that focused on grammatical rules and linguistic structures — all thoughtfully designed to enhance their command of the language and enrich their ability to express themselves with clarity and confidence.

These foundational skills are essential for developing strong communication, critical thinking, and comprehension abilities, which we continue to nurture through interactive and engaging lessons.

Looking Ahead: Focus of Next Week

In the upcoming week, our lessons will shift toward the development of **reading and analytical skills**. Our aim is to empower students to become thoughtful readers who can understand, evaluate, and respond to texts in meaningful ways. The focus areas will include:

Reading Comprehension:

- Engaging with a variety of texts, including short stories and informational passages.
- Identifying the main idea and supporting details within a text.
- Using contextual clues to understand new vocabulary.

♦ Text Analysis and Critical Thinking:

- Exploring story elements such as characters, setting, problem, and solution.
- Developing inference skills and drawing conclusions from the text.
- Asking and responding to questions that promote deeper understanding and reflection.

We sincerely appreciate your continued support, encouragement, and active involvement in your child's educational journey. Together, we strive to create an enriching environment where each learner can grow confidently and reach their full potential.

With gratitude and warm regards,



Islamic Update – Mr. Kerba

South View School – 6th Quran Competition: Hafez Al-Quran

Dear Parents,

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh,

We would like to thank you for your interest and enthusiasm in the 6th Annual Quran Competition – Hafez Al-Quran. We are pleased to inform you that registration is now closed as of April 9, 2025.

With the competition approaching, it's time for our students to **increase their efforts** in memorization and recitation. We encourage all participants to stay focused and committed during this final preparation phase.

Competition Dates:

- First Round: Tuesday, April 29, 2025
- Final Round: Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Important Reminders:

- Students should memorize their assigned Surahs at home with consistency.
- **Practice recordings** may be submitted via **Seesaw or Teams** for teacher feedback.
- Assessments will be held in the presence of the **Principal** and a **qualified external assessor** from the **Islamic Affairs Department**.

Y Certificates & Prizes:

- All participants will receive certificates of participation.
- Winners will be awarded valuable prizes from SVS.

Let's continue to support our children in strengthening their connection with the Holy Quran through dedication and love. For any inquiries, please contact the Islamic Department.

Jazakum Allahu Khairan, Islamic Department



Humanities Update – Miss Coy

Year 7 Castle Creations!

Over the past few weeks, our Year 7 students have been hard at work creating impressive models of **Stone Keep** and **Motte and Bailey** castles. Each project showcased the students' understanding of key defensive features and brought medieval history to life in a variety of creative ways.

Students were given the freedom to choose how they wanted to present their learning—some used paint and materials to build physical models, others crafted detailed presentations or used Minecraft to digitally construct their castles. The results were fantastic and demonstrated not only a strong grasp of historical knowledge but also outstanding creativity and enthusiasm.

Well done to all of Year 7 for their brilliant work!





Humanities Update – Miss Coy





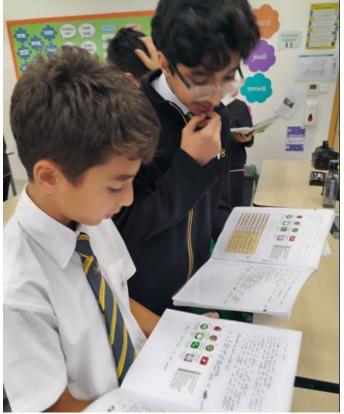




MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan







French speaking games were in full swing this week as our Year 7 students played "broken record" with Mr Fitzpatrick in class. Excellent work and brilliant pronunciation.



The Arts Update - Mrs Rock

Arts Faculty ECAs Term 3

Are you missing the Secondary School Band?

They will be back for the Spring Celebration.

Join us on Friday 18th April at 6pm at the Ampitheatre for some special performances.

Day	Lunchtime After school	
Monday	Choir (music room)	
Tuesday	Band rehearsals (Music Room) Yr 11 ICT and CS masterclass (ICT lab)	GCSE Drama Masterclass/ Revision (changing to Talent show rehearsals week beginning 12 th May)
	Junk Kouture Club	iGCSE Art masterclass
Wednesday		
Thursday		GCSE Drama Masterclass/ Revision (changing to Talent show rehearsals week beginning 12 th May)



Tunes 4 Tuesday is back!

Well done to Tessa and Kiarraah for performing this week.

We are looking for secondary performers to perform on Tuesday mornings.

If you are interested, please talk to Mr. Themis or Ms. Rock.





We are looking for donations of **old clothes, bags, fabric scraps, accessories, or any other unwanted materials like cardboard or plastic that** could be repurposed into creative, sustainable fashion pieces.

Junk Kouture is a fantastic opportunity for our students to explore sustainability in design by transforming discarded items into wearable art. Your donations will not only support their creativity but also reinforce the importance of recycling and reducing waste.

For any donations - see Miss Sweeney

JUNK KOUTURE 25/26 START DATE Tues 22/04

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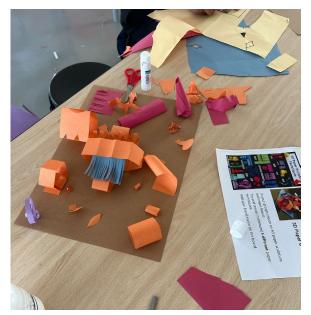


The Arts Update – Miss Sweeney

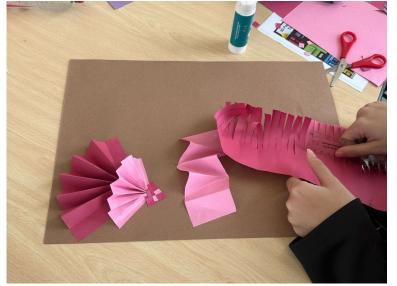
Year 9 Paper Sculptures

Year 9 are kicking off their new design unit with creating 3D paper sculptures. In this unit, they will be creating either a headpiece, neck piece or arm piece out of paper, tissue paper and other materials!











Looking forward to seeing what they can create!



We need your *bottle*-less support! (See what we did there? 😂)

Our students are diving into an exciting **STEAM project**, and we need **plastic bottles** of all shapes and sizes to bring their creativity to life. Before you toss that empty soda or water bottle, think of it as a **future rocket**, **robot**, **or engineering masterpiece** in the making!

So, here's the **mission** (should you choose to accept it):

Collect plastic bottles (clean, please—science is fun, but mystery odors are not).

Drop them off at the STEAM lab

Z Earn eternal gratitude and possibly a high-five from a very excited student.

Let's turn trash into treasure and give our young innovators something to build with. Thanks for your support—you're **bottle-utely awesome**!

PE Update Mr. Bladen

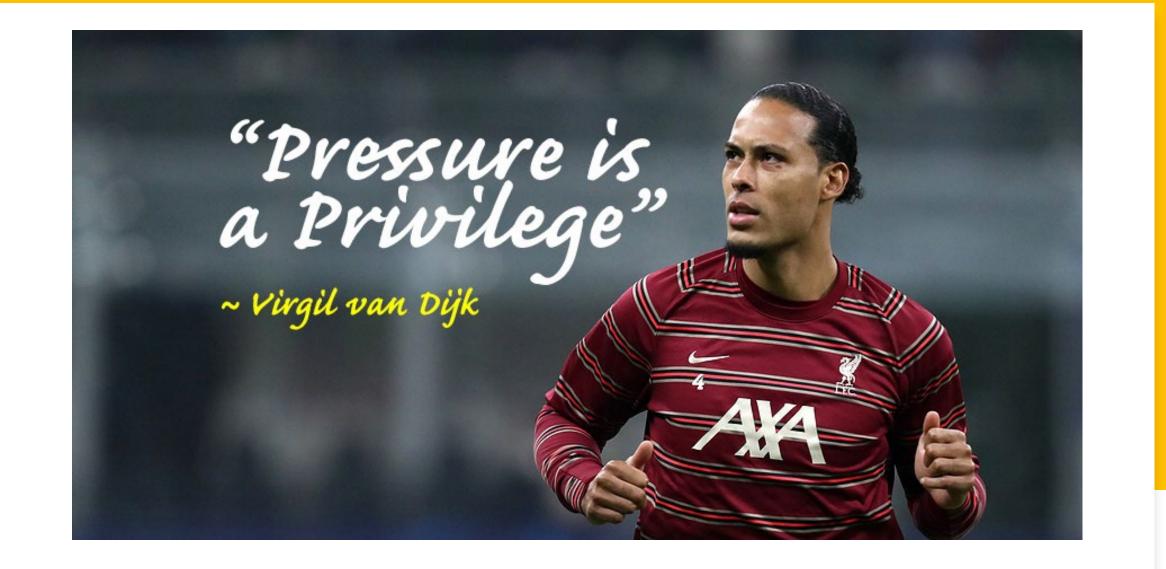
Welcome Back to PE – Term 3

Welcome back to Term 3! We're looking forward to another exciting and successful term in the PE department. Our **KS3 students** will continue developing their skills across a range of sports, building teamwork, resilience, and confidence.

Our GCSE PE students enter a crucial phase as they prepare for final assessments, while our BTEC Sport learners will be pushing forward with their coursework and unit content.

Let's make it a term full of progress, participation, and success!

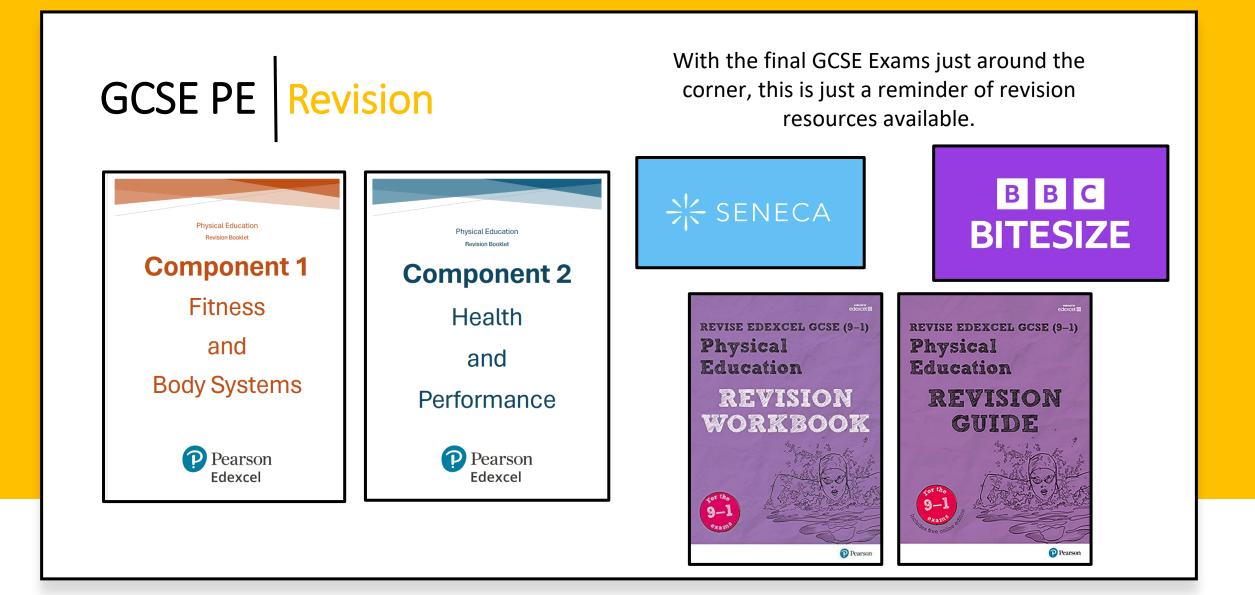




Term 3

As we move into Term 3, we will continue to focus on **badminton**, **handball**, **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!







Sports Update – Mrs Teodoro

Welcome to Term !

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you had a restful break and are ready for another exciting and action-packed term of sport at South View School.

This week, we kicked off the term with trials for our **rounders** and **basketball** teams. It was fantastic to see so many students stepping up with enthusiasm and energy, eager to represent our school.

Our **Swim Squad** has also resumed their Friday training sessions, as they prepare for two major events this term – the **DSG Championship** and the **DASSA Finals**. We're incredibly proud of their dedication and commitment.

We understand that the return to routine after the holidays can be tricky, and some students may have missed or forgotten about the **morning trials**. To ensure everyone has a fair chance to get involved, we will be offering **one additional trial session next week**.

Here is the updated Sports Trial Schedule for Next Week:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Training days	U12&U14 Girls Basketball – 7am SMPH	U13 & U15 Rounders – 7am - Astro	U12 & U14 Boys Basketball – 7am – SMPH		Swim Squad – 7am – swimming pool
Teacher	Mr. Bladen & Mr. Cook	Mrs. Wallace	Mr. Burgess & Coach Lana		Mr. Evans & Coach Sarah
Fixture day	U12 Boys Basketball U13 Rounders	U12 Girls Basketball	U14 Boys Basketball	U14 Girls Basketball	



Ultimate Athletics Race Night – Coming Soon!

We're excited to announce the **Ultimate** Athletics Race Night taking place on May 2nd, open to students across **U15**, **U17**, and **U20** age

groups.

Students can enter as part of a **relay team** (4x100m or 4x400m – boys/girls) or choose to compete in individual events, including sprints, middle distance, and field events such as Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put, and Javelin.



