



SOUTH VIEW SCHOOL

SECONDARY

NEWSLETTER



WEEKLY ROUND-UP



Mr. Macpherson
Head of Secondary

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been another fantastic week at South View School, and I would like to begin by thanking you all for your support in preparing our students for their assessments. The encouragement and structure provided at home makes a real difference, and it has been evident with how well our students have approached this week. Their focus, maturity, and positive attitude towards their exams have been exemplary, and we could not be prouder of the way they have conducted themselves.

Beyond assessments, there is a growing sense of excitement about the future of education in Dubai, particularly with the government's ambitious **E33 vision**, which aims to make Dubai one of the best education systems in the world. At South View, we are already aligning ourselves with this vision, continuing to raise standards and strengthen our provision to ensure our students have access to world-class learning experiences. Our goal is clear: to position South View as one of the leading schools in the area, built on a foundation of exceptional teaching, strong values, and student success.

The **E33 vision** recognises how important it is for parents and teachers to work closely together to support every child on their learning journey. It celebrates the power of collaboration, something, I believe we do exceptionally well at South View. I would like to sincerely thank you for the part you all play in helping us on our own journey in achieving our very ambitious goals for the school.

Wishing you all a happy and restful weekend.

Mr Macpherson

SPECIALIST UPDATES

ACADEMIC UPDATE



Ms. Joanne McCue
Assistant Head of
Secondary - Academics

Learning Beyond the Classroom. Discover Dubai This Month!

At South View School, we believe powerful learning happens both inside and outside the classroom. Dubai offers so many opportunities for families to explore creativity, innovation, and culture together and this month, two exciting events provide the perfect chance to do just that.

Dubai Design Week 2025



4–9 November 2025



Dubai Design District (d3)

This week-long festival celebrates creativity, innovation, and design thinking. Parents and students can explore interactive installations, exhibitions, and workshops showcasing cutting-edge architecture, sustainability projects, and product design from around the world.


Links to learning:

Art & Design – Explore modern artistic techniques and visual storytelling.

Design Technology & Engineering – See real-world examples of design thinking and sustainable solutions.

Geography & Science – Learn how cities are designed for the future.

Business & Economics – Discover how creative ideas become marketable products.

 **Parent Tip:** Encourage your child to take photos, sketch ideas, or ask designers questions, this is perfect material for future class projects or portfolio work.

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UNTOLD Dubai 2025



6–9 November 2025



Expo City Dubai

This global music and arts festival is a celebration of creativity and culture on a grand scale. It's not just about the performances it's a window into how large events are produced, promoted, and brought to life.

Links to learning:

Music & Performing Arts – Experience stagecraft, live sound, and musical diversity.

Media & Sociology – Explore how media, culture, and community interact.

Business Studies – Understand marketing, branding, and sponsorship in action.



Parent Tip: Talk to your child about what happens behind the scenes, from lighting design to social media marketing to spark ideas about future careers in the creative industries
Taking part in city events like these helps children connect their classroom learning to the world around them making learning real, relevant, and inspiring.

SPECIALIST UPDATES

PASTORAL UPDATE



Mr. Michael Macdonald
Assistant Head of
Secondary - Pastoral

Anti-Bullying and Wellbeing Week

This morning, our Wellbeing Committee and School Prefects delivered a fantastic presentation to Key Stage 3 on the themes of wellbeing and anti-bullying. The session encouraged students to reflect on the importance of kindness, respect, and looking out for one another, both in school and online.

The presentation was full of positive messages about how every student can play a part in creating a safe and supportive school community. Our student leaders shared personal insights, useful advice, and practical ways to seek help if anyone is experiencing unkind behaviour.

As part of next week's activities, we will also be taking part in Odd Socks Day to celebrate individuality and remind everyone that it's great to be different. Students and staff are encouraged to wear odd socks to show their support for the anti-bullying message and to help promote a culture of inclusion and respect.

We are also looking forward to several other Wellbeing Committee initiatives taking place throughout the week, including awareness activities, drop-in sessions, and opportunities for students to share messages of kindness.

A huge thank you to our Wellbeing Committee and Prefects for their enthusiasm, creativity, and leadership in promoting positivity and respect across our school.

SPECIALIST UPDATES

6th FORM and CAREERS UPDATE



Mr. Carl Burgess
Head of Sixth Form

Reflection and Next Steps

With exams now behind us, this is an ideal moment to reflect on recent achievements and challenges. Are you satisfied with your results? Consider what these outcomes reveal about your study habits, preparation, and overall work ethic. Reflection is a vital part of progress — it helps identify what worked well and where further improvement is needed. As we look ahead, it's important to start planning your next steps: where do you aspire to go, and what actions will help you get there?



As part of this process, we encourage all students to ensure their **Unifrog profiles** are up to date. This is an excellent opportunity to review your goals, explore career pathways, and record the skills and experiences that will support your future plans.

SPECIALIST UPDATES

DATA AND ASSESSMENT UPDATE



Mr. Ryan Bladen

Assistant Head of Secondary
Data and Assessment

Assessment Week Update

A huge thank you to all our parents and guardians for your continued support during Assessment Week 1. It has been a busy but rewarding week across Secondary, and we are incredibly proud of how our students have conducted themselves, showing *integrity* in their efforts, *kindness* in supporting their peers, and *respect* towards staff, peers and the learning process.

Our Year 7-9 and Sixth Form students have now completed their assessments, while Year 10 and Year 11 will continue into next week. These assessments provide valuable insight into each student's progress, helping teachers to plan next steps, identify areas for support, and celebrate achievement.

Marking and feedback will be completed in due course. This is a vital part of the learning journey, helping students to reflect on their progress, understand how to improve, and continue striving for excellence.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and partnership in helping our learners grow both academically and personally.

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LITERACY UPDATE



Mr. David Archibald
Head of English &
Literacy Coordinator

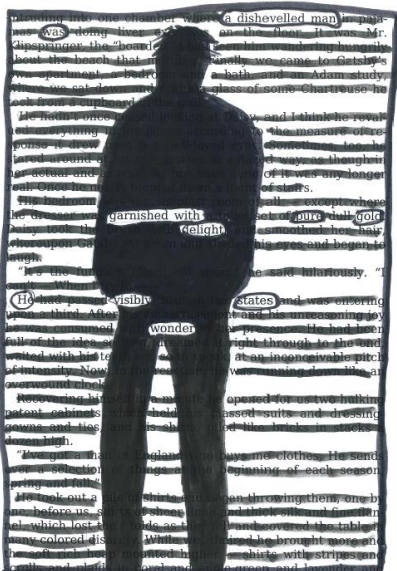
October marked the conclusion of our Oracy Month, with students engaging in a range of activities to develop their speaking and listening skills. During Thursday form time, students enjoyed playing Taboo, practicing quick thinking and effective communication.

In the library, a Blind Book activity encouraged students to explore new reads. Books were covered with a short blurb, and students were invited to choose a book based on the description alone, sparking curiosity and adventure in reading.

Author of the Month: Don't miss the chance to explore the works of our featured author! Complete the task displayed on the second-floor corridor and see how your reading skills measure up.



ENGLISH UPDATE



Pictured: A Year 7 blackout poem, alongside Year 9 students exploring the idea of a utopia as they delve into their current dystopia unit.

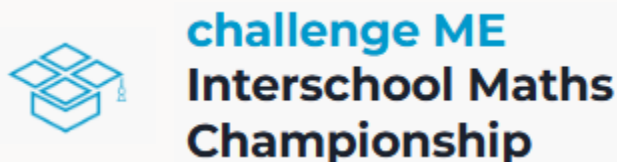
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MATHS UPDATE








Ms Jo Griffin
Head of Maths

Maths Competitions 25/26



THE FORMAT

Four-stage championship

 1 – School Leagues The Contenders 8th September – 9th October 2025 (Bands 1, 2 & 4) 13th October – 14th November 2025 (Bands 3 & 5) Location: Hosted by schools on the online challenge ME platform	 2 – Invitationals The Trailblazers 26th November (Bands 1 – 3) 27th November (Bands 4 & 5) Location: Hosted by schools on the online challenge ME platform
 3 – Semi-Finals The Legends 13th, 14th & 15th February (Band 1 -5) Location: Hosted by challenge ME @ Swiss International School Dubai	 4 – Finals The Champions 17th, 18th and 19th April 2026 (Bands 1 – 5) Location: Hosted by challenge ME @ Swiss International School Dubai
 Guaranteed Student Entry Top 5 students per year/grade group per school are guaranteed entry to the Invitational Stage Top 2 students per year/grade group per school are guaranteed entry to the Semi-Final Stage Top 10 % students per year/grade group per country are guaranteed entry to both the Invitational and Semi-Final Stages	

- ❖ Free 5-Week Virtual Competition on the challenge ME platform.
- ❖ Quests are completed individually & the top scores contribute to the team's weekly score
- ❖ All students in Set 1 in Y7, Y8, and Y9 (Band 3) have been entered for the first round.
- ❖ More information here: <https://challengeme.ae/>

Congratulations to the following students for achieving top scores in the first two quests!

Quest 1: Fatima Shetiah, Roqia Shetiah, Altynai Bazarbaeva, Layan Elawadi, Mafalda Correia, Talya Gouda, Abdullah Gamal, Yinuo Wang, Karma Gaballa, Aiden Mutaliph, Martin Al Ashkar, Nikita Shibayev, Aviana Sahil, Mariam Mikhael, George Mutton, Yessenali Shayakhmet, Laila Fahmy

Quest 2: Fatima Shetiah, Roqia Shetiah, Altynai Bazarbaeva, Talya Gouda, , Aviana Sahil, Yessenali Shayakhmet, Adam Kharboush, Bogdan Kim, Celia Shohdy, Jad Halaseh, Jagan Pillai, Lana Marsh, Mansur Hourani, Mohamed Shaheen, Nurhan Zehra Bocu, Omar Abu Safieh, Sahana Veeramalla, Tara Abu Safieh, Yassin Fahmy.

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MATHS UPDATE



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Head of Maths

Maths Competitions 25/26



Dubai Maths Super League

- ❖ Over the academic year, each year group competes against schools across Dubai. After all year groups have taken part, the total scores are added together, and the overall winners of the DMSL are announced.
- ❖ Four students are chosen from each year group to represent SVS in the competition.
- ❖ The four students travel to a host school on a set date to take part in four rounds of competition in one morning.
- ❖ The rounds usually involve logic puzzles, problem solving, UKMT challenge past questions, and a relay race/treasure hunt.



Y11 with Mr
Moodliar



Y8 with Mr
Afkhami



Future Competition Dates:

Y9 DMSL – Thursday 20th November

Y12 DMSL – Thursday 22nd January

Y7 DMSL – Thursday 9th April

Y10 DMSL – Tuesday 14th April

SPECIALIST UPDATES

SCIENCE UPDATE



Mr. Philip Mutton
Head of Science

It's been another busy and exciting week in the Science Department! Our young scientists have been working exceptionally hard completing their assessments, and we look forward to sharing their results with them very soon. Despite the focus on revision and exam preparation, there's still been plenty of hands-on science happening across all year groups. Our Year 12 biologists (see below) have been investigating how temperature affects membrane permeability using beetroot — a practical that always sparks curiosity (and a little colour!). Meanwhile, our Year 9 students have been honing their microscopy skills by examining onion cells up close. Over in chemistry, the Year 10 chemists have been learning about electrolysis and how it can be used to separate different substances — a fascinating insight into the power of electricity in chemical reactions.



We continue to encourage all pupils to attend the extra support sessions available for every year group across the sciences. These are a great way to consolidate understanding and build confidence, please speak to your science teacher for more information about when these sessions take place.

Next week, as we go through assessment paper feedback in lessons, we encourage all pupils to make the most of this valuable opportunity. Use your feedback wisely, focus on areas where you feel less confident, and remember, every mistake is a chance to learn something new!

SPECIALIST UPDATES

ARABIC A UPDATE



Mr. Abdelhamed Kerba
Head of MOE Subjects.

أولياء الأمور الأفاضل،

تحية تقدير واحترام،

انطلاقاً من حرصنا العميق على تعزيز مهارات اللغة العربية بوصفها ركيزة التميز الأكاديمي ومكوّناً أصيلاً من الهوية الوطنية، نواصل العمل على تنمية مختلف مهاراتها لدى أبنائنا، من قراءة واعية وفهم متعمق، إلى كتابة إبداعية وتعبير فصيح وثقة في التواصل الشفهي.

يسعدنا إبلاغكم بأن طلاب الصفوف 7-10 قد أنهوا اختباراتهم بنجاح، راجين لهم مزيداً من التفوق والتقدم. كما نود الإشارة إلى أن طلاب الصفوف العليا 11-13 يواصلون أداء اختباراتهم وفق الجدول المعلن، متمنين لهم السداد والنجاح.

كما نود إعلامكم بأننا سنبدأ الأسبوع القادم في تقديم التغذية الراجعة المفصلة حول أداء الطلاب في الاختبارات، يلي ذلك البدء في دراسة مجموعة من النصوص المعلوماتية والقصص القصيرة، بهدف تعزيز مهارات الفهم القرائي، والتحليل الأدبي، وصلل مهارات التفكير النقدي لديهم بطريقة شيقة وتفاعلية.

إن تعاونكم الدائم ودعمكم المتواصل يشكّلان ركيزة أساسية في مسيرتنا المشتركة نحو بناء جيلٍ متمكّن من لغته، فخور بهويته، وواثق بقدراته.

مع خالص الشكر والتقدير لتعاونكم المثمر وجهودكم المخلصة دائماً.

ARABIC B UPDATE

Dear Parents,

I hope you are well.

This week, students completed their Arabic assessments for the current unit.

Next week, we will conduct a dedicated feedback lesson during which students will:

- Receive their marked papers,
- Review their strengths and areas for development, and
- Set clear, achievable targets for the coming weeks.

Following the feedback session, our lessons will shift to a new focus area: **Listening Skills**. Students will work on understanding main ideas and key details, identifying keywords from context, and responding to a range of graded question types, including multiple-choice, true/false, and short-answer questions.

For students who were absent, a make-up assessment will be arranged next week.

The date and time will be communicated directly to the parents concerned.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Warm regards,

SPECIALIST UPDATES

ISLAMIC



Mr. Abdelhamed Kerba
Head of MOE Subjects.

Dear Parents,

We hope this message finds you and your families in good health and blessings.

We are pleased to inform you that our students have successfully completed their **Islamic Studies assessments** this week. We are proud of their dedication, positive attitude, and the effort they have shown throughout the assessment process.

Next week, students will take part in structured **exam feedback sessions**, during which teachers will:

- Review the assessment questions and model correct answers
- Highlight areas of strength and celebrate achievements
- Address any misconceptions
- Provide clear guidance on how students can continue improving

These feedback lessons are an essential part of our learning journey, helping students reflect, strengthen understanding, and build confidence. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Warm regards,

SOCIAL STUDY

أولياء الأمور الكرام،

تحية طيبة مقرونة بالتقدير والاحترام،

انطلاقاً من رؤيتنا التعليمية تحت شعار "من المهارة إلى الصدارة"، نواصل العمل على بناء جيلٍ واعٍ يمتلك مهارات التفكير والتحليل، ويعتز بهويته الوطنية وثقافته الإماراتية الأصيلة.

يسعدنا إبلاغكم بأن طلابنا قد أنهوا هذا الأسبوع اختبارات مادة الدراسات الاجتماعية، وقد أظهروا خلالها مستوى طيباً يعكس اجتهادهم، وقدرتهم على توظيف مهارات المادة الأساسية؛ من قراءة النصوص وتحليل مضامينها، وفهم الخرائط وقراءة بياناتها، إلى تحليل الصور والمعلومات بدقة والتعامل معها بمهارات تفكير نقدي واعٍ.

إننا نشن عالياً الجهود الكبيرة التي بذلها أبناؤكم خلال هذه المرحلة، كما نعرب عن بالغ الشكر والتقدير لكم على دعمكم المستمر ومتابعتكم الفاعلة، وهو دعمٌ كان له أطيّب الأثر في تعزيز أداء الطلبة وتحقيق نتائج مشرفة. مع خالص الامتنان لتعاونكم وثقتكم الدائمة في مسيرتنا نحو التميز الأكاديمي والريادة الوطنية.

SPECIALIST UPDATES

MFL UPDATE



Mr. Michael Fitzpatrick
Head of MFL

All KS3 and A-Level students have just completed their end-of-term assessments in listening, speaking, reading, and writing, showing great enthusiasm and commitment throughout. It was fantastic to see students engaging so positively with their languages and demonstrating their knowledge across all four skills. KS4 students will continue with their assessments next week and should engage in regular revision to achieve the best possible outcomes.



MFL also held a very successful Coffee Morning focused on Home Language qualifications, which provided parents with valuable information about the opportunities available to gain formal recognition for their language skills. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to such a positive and informative event.



PERFORMING ARTS UPDATE



Ms. Charlene Rock
Head of Performing Arts

As we move closer towards the end of term 2, our students are really showing off their Artistic, Musical and Drama abilities. The faculty is a buzz with activity as we prepare for practical exams and performances.

I am pleased to announce that our Secondary Senior Band have made it through to the finals of AMP Awards. The Secondary band has gone from strength to strength over the last two years and we are very proud of their hard work and dedication.

The AMP awards is a battle of the bands competition held this year at Safa Community School and will see bands from schools across the Emirate go head to head to compete for the best band and soloist.

We would love for as much support as possible on the evening of Thursday 20th November. More details will follow on how you can support and get tickets in the next issue.

Performing Arts UPDATES

Our Secondary Senior School Band log and name



Year 10 GCSE Drama

Year 10 are showing lots of commitment and creativity as we embark on our Practitioner exploration- Frantic Assembly to start



Performing Arts UPDATES



Despite a hard week of assessments, our dedicated cast and production team still found time for some rehearsals this week. With only 8 school weeks to go, things are really starting to take shape.



Performing Arts UPDATES



SOUTH VIEW SCHOOL



STUDENTS & PARENTS OF SVS WE NEED YOUR HELP COLLECTING MATERIALS:

✦ **SPECIFIC REQUESTS:**

- Plastic Bags (Pink Especially)
- Electrical wires & any other type of wire
- Plastic Bottles
- Fishing Nets
- Playing Cards
- Energy drink cans (Monster)

✦ **OTHER USEFUL MATERIALS:**

- Old clothes
- Bags
- Curtains
- Bedding, etc.

IF YOU CAN HELP OUT IN ANY WAY BRING MATERIALS TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER OR SEE MS.SWEENEY (ART) DIRECTLY.



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SPECIALIST UPDATES

INCLUSION UPDATE



Ms. Nicola Quick
Head of Year 12 & Special
Education Needs
Coordinator- Secondary



Mrs Abigale Dunn
Head of Inclusion

It has been a very busy couple of weeks in the inclusion department. Last week the students were working very hard in their intervention groups, with a mix of revising topics for assessments and pre-learning new topics that will be coming up soon. The KS3 students had a very exciting intervention lesson, where they started looking at Emirati poems, where they drew images on the table about what they were imagining when they read the poem. It was great to see the students so engaged with the Emirati culture! This week we have had a busy week supporting assessments and providing students with their access arrangements. As well as this we have squeezed in some extra revision of maths, where students raced around the playground completing different maths challenges and try and answer them as quickly as possible. Every one of our students has adapted well in this environment and we are all incredibly proud of how well they have managed the whole week. Well done everybody!



HUMANITIES UPDATE



Ms. Kirstin Scouller
Head of Humanities

PE UPDATES



Ms. Michelle Rowcliffe
Head of Department -
Secondary

It has been brilliant to see so many pupils getting involved in Just Play Volleyball at lunchtimes this week. With over 80 students taking part, the Wells court and Quad have been buzzing with energy and enthusiasm. It has been wonderful to see so many students staying active between assessments!

In curriculum PE, KS3 students have been working hard on their shot put and long jump skills, showing great determination and producing some fantastic results. Impressively, they've also collectively covered almost 300 miles performing the SVS Mile Challenge.

Meanwhile, KS4 pupils have been enjoying a mix of football, basketball, and badminton, demonstrating teamwork, skill development, and competitive spirit across all sports.

Our GCSE students have continued their focused work in athletics events, refining techniques and building confidence as they prepare for upcoming assessments. Well done to all students for their effort, engagement, and positivity in PE this week. keep moving, keep improving and we hope to see more of you at Just Play Volleyball next week.



PE & SQUAD UPDATES



Mrs. Sonia Teodoro
Director of Sport



Dubai Fitness Challenge 30x30 2025

Upcoming events:

- Dubai Run – 23rd of November – [Register here](#)
- Dubai Yoga – 30th of November – [Register here](#)
- DP World 30x30 Fitness Village Kite Beach – [Class schedule](#)
- The Mercedes-Benz 30x30 Fitness Hub – [To learn more](#)
- Arabian Warrior – [More information here](#)



DUBAI 30x30 SVS MILE CHALLENGE

In each PE lesson the pupils will be completing the mile challenge. The aim is to complete a mile each lesson and gradually increase the speed each week. We will be counting up the miles each week and seeing how many miles SVS can complete.

DUBAI 30x30

During lunchtimes (1.15-1.45pm) the WELLS COURT will be open to play volleyball. On arrival, students need to report in with the BTEC students to be placed on a team,



SQUAD UPDATES



FIXTURES

RESULTS

Football

U12'S BOYS - RGS - POSTPONED

U14'S BOYS - JAS - LOST

U16'S BOYS - 3 NOV - LOST

U12'S GIRLS - 4 NOV - GEMS MET - WIN

U14'S GIRLS - 6 NOV - GEMS FIRST POINT - CANCELED

U16'S GIRLS - 3 NOV - GEMS IS AL KHAIL - LOST



Basketball

U16'S BOYS - GEMS METROPOLE - LOST

U16'S GIRLS - 5 NOV - RAFFLES IS - LOST



NEXT WEEK

Football

U14'S BOYS - 13 NOV - GEMS WA (HOME)

U12'S GIRLS - 11 NOV - GEMS MC (HOME)

Basketball



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