



SOUTH VIEW SCHOOL

SECONDARY

NEWSLETTER



WEEKLY ROUND-UP



Mr. Macpherson
Head of Secondary

I wanted to jump on Mr Macpherson's space just before the mid term break.

It has been truly inspiring to see the way our secondary students have embraced the year with such enthusiasm, purpose, and positivity. Attendance across the school remains exceptionally strong, reflecting not only the students' commitment to their learning but also the growing sense of pride and belonging within our community.

A particular strength this term has been the way our students have lived out our core values of Kindness, Respect, and Integrity. These values are not simply words or wallpaper, they underpin everything we do. Acts of kindness can be seen daily in the way students welcome new peers, offer help without being asked, and show compassion both in and beyond the classroom. Respect has been evident in the calm, purposeful learning environments our teachers have created, and in the way students take pride in their school, their uniform, and their relationships with others. Integrity continues to shine through in students' honest approach to their work, their willingness to take responsibility, and their determination to always do the right thing — even when no one is watching.

Thank you to you, as our SVS parents, for your kind words of support, your recognition of our change and development and your constant feedback. You speak...we listen.

Have a wonderful break,

Naomi Williams, Principal.

SPECIALIST UPDATES

ACADEMIC UPDATE



Ms. Joanne McCue
Assistant Head of
Secondary - Academics

The Power of Literacy

Building Strong Foundations for Success

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At South View School, we believe that literacy is the foundation of all learning. The ability to read fluently, write clearly, and communicate effectively opens doors to every subject from Science and History to Mathematics and the Arts. Strong literacy skills empower students to think critically, express themselves with confidence, and engage meaningfully with the world around them.

Developing a love of reading and writing begins both at school and at home. We encourage all families to make literacy a part of daily life — whether it's sharing a story together, discussing current events, or encouraging your child to keep a journal. Even 15 minutes of reading each day can significantly improve vocabulary, comprehension, and creativity.

Our teachers continue to embed literacy into every lesson across the curriculum, ensuring that every student builds the skills they need to succeed academically and personally. Together, we can inspire our young people to become lifelong readers, writers, and thinkers.

Thank you for your continued partnership in helping every child at SVS develop the power and joy of literacy.

SPECIALIST UPDATES

PASTORAL UPDATE



Mr. Michael Macdonald
Assistant Head of
Secondary - Pastoral

As we reach the end of this half term, I want to take a moment to remind everyone just how important it is to make the most of your recovery time. We've had a busy and productive few weeks, and the next half of the term promises to be even busier, full of opportunities, challenges and achievements.

Use this break to recharge your batteries. Spend time with friends and family, get outside if you can, and do the things that help you switch off and reset. Rest isn't a reward; it's a vital part of performing at your best.

When we return, I want everyone to come back refreshed, energised and ready to give their best once again. You've all earned this time, so enjoy it!

SPECIALIST UPDATES

6th FORM and CAREERS UPDATE



Mr. Carl Burgess
Head of Sixth Form

Good luck to all our students preparing for their A Level exams! This is the moment to show everything you've learned and the progress you've made. Remember, effective revision isn't about studying endlessly—it's about studying smart. Proven techniques include *active recall* (testing yourself rather than just rereading notes), *spaced repetition* (reviewing material at increasing intervals to boost memory), and *interleaving* (mixing topics to improve long-term understanding). Make sure to take short, regular breaks to help your brain recharge, and use past papers to familiarise yourself with exam-style questions. Stay organised, stay positive, and believe in the effort you've put in—your hard work will pay off!



SPECIALIST UPDATES

DATA AND ASSESSMENT UPDATE



Mr. Ryan Bladen

Assistant Head of Secondary
Data and Assessment

Assessment Week Information

Information regarding **Assessment Week 1** has now been sent home to all parents and guardians. Each year group has received details outlining the assessment dates, key topics, and useful resources to support student preparation.

The majority of assessments will take place during normal lesson times to minimise disruption to learning. These assessments are an important opportunity for students to demonstrate their understanding and for teachers to identify areas of strength and development.

Parents are encouraged to review the information shared and support students in preparing calmly and confidently. Please check your email for the full details, including the assessment timetable and subject overview.

SPECIALIST UPDATES

ARABIC A UPDATE

أولياء الأمور الأفاضل،

تحية طيبة وبعد،



Mr. Abdelhamed Kerba
Head of MOE Subjects.

انطلاقاً من حرص قسم اللغة العربية على الارتقاء بمهارات أبنائنا اللغوية والفكرية، تم خلال هذا الأسبوع التركيز على مهارتي البلاغة والكتابة الإبداعية، لما لها من دور محوري في تنمية قدرات الطلبة على التعبير بلغة عربية راقية، وتعزيز تذوقهم لجماليات النصوص الأدبية واللغوية. وقد اشتملت الحصص على مجموعة من الأنشطة التطبيقية التي ساعدت الطلبة على توظيف المفردات والتراكيب البلاغية في كتاباتهم التعبيرية والإبداعية، بما يعكس تطورهم في مهارات التواصل الكتابي والفهم اللغوي العميق.

وفي إطار الاستعداد لاختبارات نهاية الفصل الدراسي الأول، نودّ إحاطتكم علماً بأن اختبار مهارة التحدث سيُعقد خلال الأسبوع الذي يلي إجازة منتصف الفصل الدراسي الأول، وذلك ابتداءً من يوم الاثنين الموافق 20 أكتوبر 2025.

وقد تم نشر التعليمات والتفاصيل الخاصة بالاختبار عبر منصة Microsoft Teams، إلى جانب ملفات المراجعة النهائية التي تهدف إلى مساعدة الطلبة في التدريب العملي وتحسين أدائهم قبل موعد الاختبار.

أما اختبارات بقية مهارات اللغة العربية (القراءة، الكتابة، الاستماع، والقواعد) فستُجرى خلال الأسبوع المخصص للاختبارات النهائية وفق الجدول المعتمد من إدارة المدرسة.

كما نودّ تذكيركم بأنه قد تم البدء في حصص الدعم الأكاديمي ضمن برنامج OL، والتي تُقدّم لعدد من الطلبة بهدف تقديم دعم فوري وموجه وفق احتياجاتهم التعليمية. ونرجو منكم حث أبنائكم على الالتزام بحضور هذه الحصص بانتظام لما لها من أثر إيجابي ملموس في تحسين أدائهم وتعزيز تقدمهم الأكاديمي.

وختاماً، نتمنى لأبنائنا الأعزاء إجازة منتصف فصل دراسي مفعمة بالسعادة والنشاط.

ARABIC B UPDATE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Warm greetings. We hope this message finds you and your family well.

This week, Arabic B learners commenced a new unit with an academic focus on:

- **Vocabulary development:** high-utility words for everyday communication;
- **Grammar acquisition:** accurate use of new structures to build well-formed sentences;
- **Syntax and cohesion:** modelling sentence patterns to enhance clarity and fluency.

After the half-term break, instruction will continue within the same unit, with a **sharpened emphasis on reading comprehension**. Students will engage with short, leveled texts to:

- identify **main ideas** and **supporting details**,
- infer meaning from **contextual clues**,
- consolidate **topic-specific vocabulary**.

Your partnership remains invaluable. Brief, regular review at home—such as discussing the day's learning or revisiting new word lists—significantly reinforces classroom progress and promotes long-term retention.

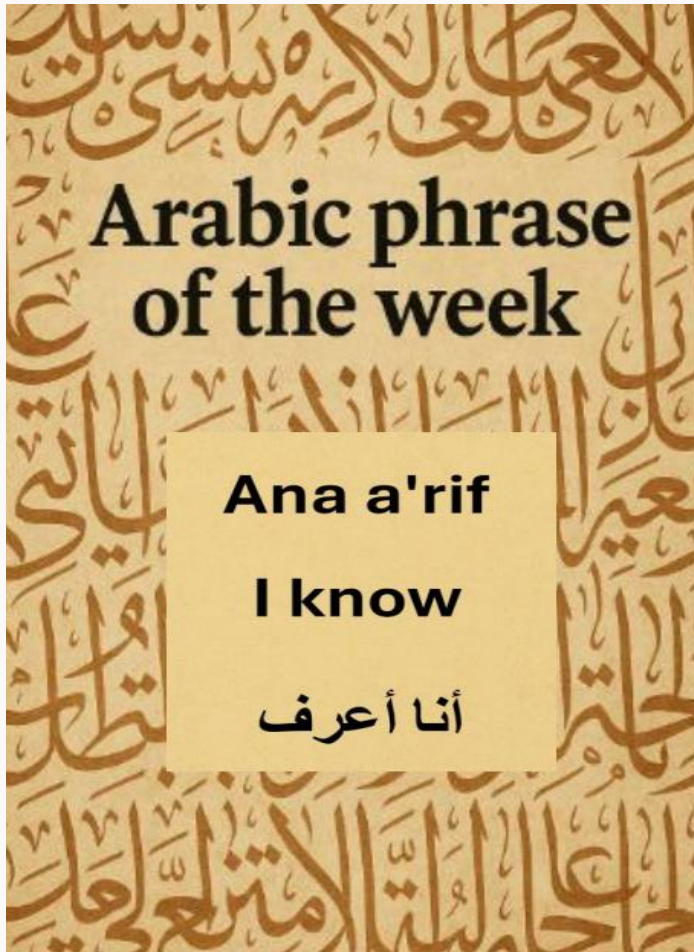
We are proud of our students' sustained effort and scholarly attitude. Wishing all families a **restful and refreshing mid-term break**, and we look forward to continued growth in the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

Arabic Phrase of the Week & Arabic Competition



Arabic
Reading
Competition
for Arabic A
students
Is here ↓



كأس شيفرون للقراءة

South View School فريق
للقراءة!

هل تحب القراءة؟ هل ترغب في تمثيل مدرستك في
مسابقة كأس القراءة؟
الفرصة أمامك الآن لتكون ضمن فريق مدرستنا!

تفاصيل المشاركة:

- الفريق من 4 أعضاء فقط
- المشاركة مفتوحة لطلاب الصف 7-11
- جوائز تتضمن قسائم شرائية وميداليات للمتسابقين!

الجولة الأولى
28 أكتوبر

أخبر معلمة الصف
برغبتك للإنضمام للفريق
قبل تاريخ 10 أكتوبر

كتب المرحلة الابتدائية:



كتب المرحلة الثانوية:





في ذكرى الشيخ
راشد بن سعيد

In the memory of
Sheik Rashid bin
Saeed



SPECIALIST UPDATES

ISLAMIC



Mr. Abdelhamed Kerba
Head of MOE Subjects.

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته،

Dear Parents,

During this week, our students engaged in an in-depth exploration of **Islamic rulings (Ahkam)** and reflected on how these teachings can be meaningfully applied to their **daily lives and personal conduct**. This learning experience aimed to strengthen both their **understanding of Islamic principles** and their ability to connect these values to real-life situations.

Following the **midterm break**, students will begin working on their **Term 1 revision sheets** under the guidance and supervision of their Islamic Studies teachers. These revision materials have been **uploaded to Microsoft Teams**, and we kindly encourage you to support your child by ensuring regular review and practice throughout the break to reinforce their understanding and readiness for the upcoming assessments.

In addition, every **Friday**, students receive a **weekly Islamic Studies newsletter** via Microsoft Teams. This newsletter includes the **assigned Surah for the week**, along with instructions for students to **practice the recitation, record a video, and upload it on Teams** for teacher feedback. We also encourage all students to make consistent use of the **Islamic Treasure App**, completing the **weekly activities** that complement and extend classroom learning. This ongoing engagement helps strengthen Quranic recitation skills, deepen understanding of Islamic values, and nurture their spiritual and moral growth.

We appreciate your continued cooperation and support in guiding our students toward both **academic excellence and strong moral character**.

Kind regards,

Islamic Education Department

SOCIAL STUDY

أولياء الأمور الكرام،

تحية طيبة وبعد،

انسجاماً مع شعارنا لهذا العام: "من المهارة إلى الصدارة"، نواصل سعيينا لبناء جيلٍ واعٍ يجمع بين التميز الأكاديمي والاعتزاز بالجذور الوطنية.

خلال هذا الأسبوع، درس أبنائنا موقع الوطن العربي وأهميته، كما تناولوا شبه الجزيرة العربية قبل وبعد الإسلام لفهم دورها في التاريخ والحضارة، إضافةً إلى خصائص السكان وعلاقتهم بالبيئة، وكيف يسهم هذا التفاعل في تحقيق التنمية المستدامة.

وفي إطار إحياء ذكرى وفاة المغفور له الشيخ راشد بن سعيد آل مكتوم - طيب الله ثراه - تعزف طلابنا على سيرته المشرفة وإنجازاته الوطنية التي أسهمت في نهضة دولة الإمارات، وكتبوا عن أقواله الماثورة التي تعكس حكمته ورؤيته الثاقبة في البناء والعطاء.

الاستعداد للاختبارات

استعداداً لاختبارات نهاية الفصل الدراسي الأول، سيتم تخصيص حصصٍ للمراجعة وإرفاق ورقة المراجعة عبر منصة Teams. نرجو منكم متابعة المنصة بانتظام، والحرص على تدريب أبنائكم على مراجعة الدروس أولاً بأول.

ونتمنى لأبنائنا قضاء إجازة سعيدة في منتصف الفصل الدراسي الأول، على أن يعودوا بطاقةً متجددةً وعزيمةً نحو التميز والنجاح.

وتفضلوا بقبول فائق الاحترام والتقدير.

SPECIALIST UPDATES

MFL UPDATE



Mr. Michael Fitzpatrick
Head of MFL

It has been a busy and productive week in French and Spanish lessons! Students have been developing their confidence across all language skills — listening, speaking, reading, and writing — while expanding their vocabulary and cultural understanding.

Information regarding Assessment Week has now been shared with all students, and revision materials have been uploaded to Microsoft Teams to support their preparation. We encourage students to make good use of these resources and to continue practising regularly at home.

Keep up the fantastic effort, linguists! ☀️



PERFORMING ARTS UPDATE



Ms. Charlene Rock
Head of Performing Arts

We cannot believe how fast this half term has gone. We wish all our students a restful half term break as the pace will pick up even more next half term as we have the following to look forward to:

- Winter fair performances from the band and secondary choir
 - AMP (Battle of the Band) competition
 - Lots of Wiz Jr rehearsals
- Year 11 Drama C1 Devised performance exams
 - Year 11 Art C1 exam
 - Year 11 Music C1 exam
 - Junk Kouture Competition



مركز الفنون الموسيقية
CENTRE FOR MUSICAL ARTS

Learn To Play the Guitar, Piano
or take Voice lessons at:

**Southview
School**

A reminder that the Centre for Musical Arts still have a few places left for music lessons. Please use the following link to sign up for a free trial:

- [Centre for Musical Arts - South View School](#)

Performing Arts UPDATES

Performing Arts Faculty Highlights this week:

- Eden in Year 7 and Ante in Year 12 performing at Tunes 4 Tuesday this week.
- Year 9 Art students begin creating their designed hats.
- Year 9 Drama students performed monologues from "A Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time."
- Junior and Senior band rehearsals are going great!
- Year 7 Drama students writing and learning their very first monologues.
- Year 7 Art students producing fantastic drawings in their Visual Elements unit
- Year 8 drama students planning their 'Island Project' assessments.



A kind reminder to parents to sign the consent form for participation in the show.



It has been a great first week of rehearsals. Our production team have been busy going through the script and creating lists of set, props and costume.

Our actors have completed three scenes, our main characters have had a first attempt at some tricky solos and our dancers have choreographed a fantastic storm dance. Well done to all- this is going to be a fabulous show!



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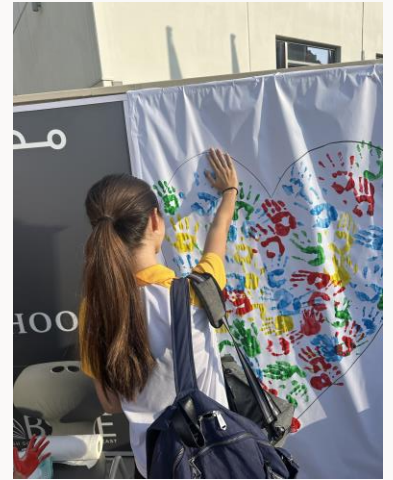
INCLUSION UPDATE



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



Mrs Abigale Dunn
Head of Inclusion



This week we have begun our celebrations for Neurodiversity awareness month and what a wonderful week we've had. On Wednesday we celebrated Dyslexia Awareness where we invited our learners and community to show their support for all our neurodivergent young people & staff by adding a handprint to our heart. Our community created artwork will be displayed to remind us that at SVS we celebrate neurodiversity every day. Please see the below link from the British Dyslexia Association:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11r7CFIK2sc>

In our intervention lessons we have been supporting students in many different areas of study, the Y7s the students have been reading a text about Mount Everest and the students had to search around the classroom for questions that were hidden. Once they had found the answers and wrote them down, they had to organise the text into the correct chronological order using teamwork, collaboration and speaking and listening skills

It has been a wonderful first half term in the inclusion department and we are all so proud of how well the students have settled into their new year groups and interventions. We wish you a restful and wonderful half term!



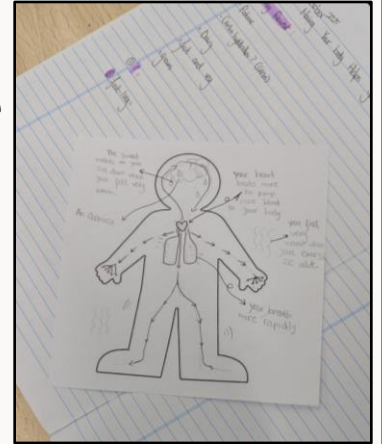
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HUMANITIES UPDATE

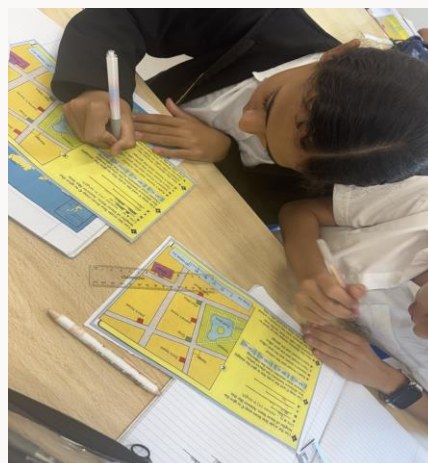


Ms. Kirstin Scouller
Head of Humanities

Recently in MSC, our Year 7 students have been exploring what it means to live a healthy lifestyle, taking a closer look at the positive effects of exercise on the body. They then put their learning into action by measuring their heart rates before and after physical activity. We were very impressed by the enthusiasm, effort, and dedication they showed throughout the lesson. Well done, Year 7!



This week in Geography, our students have been sharpening their mapping skills by learning how to use scale and distance to show the direction of different locations. They have been exploring maps like real-life navigators, discovering how to read and interpret spatial information with confidence and accuracy.



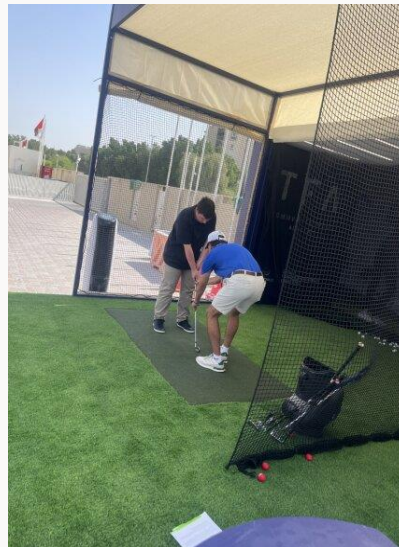
PE UPDATES



Ms. Michelle Rowcliffe
Head of Department -
Secondary

It has been a busy week in the PE department this week. In KS3, we had our final lesson in football and volleyball. KS4 core PE involved the choice of futsal, fitness training in the gym or a badminton tournament. Each class also had the opportunity to visit the Tommy Fleetwood Golf Simulator. The coaches commented on the excellent behaviour and enthusiasm of the pupils.

If your child enjoyed the golf session and would like to pursue it further, please contact jgeacademy@dubaigolf.com. They offer a range of opportunities for junior golfers to continue developing their skills through their programs at the Tommy Fleetwood Academy, located at the DP World Golf Performance Centre.



Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce the launch of the **Midea DSG Golf Championship**, taking place on **Tuesday, 28th October 2025**.

For the first time ever, the Championship will tee off at the iconic **18-Hole Championship Course at The Els Club**.

If your child wishes to participate in the event, you are required to enter directly from the online Parent Portal. To 'Sign in' or 'Create a new account' you can access the portal by clicking [here](#). Kindly note that the event is **free-of-charge**.

REQUIREMENTS:

GRINT (GHAP Number Required)

EGF (GHIN Number Required)

For registration details, find [HERE](#). Please note, that the Midea DSG Par 3 Golf Championship **registrations close** on **Wednesday 22nd October 2025**. If you have any further queries, reach out to us at info@dubaischoolsgames.ae on 050-475-7037.



SQUAD UPDATES



Mrs. Sonia Teodoro
Director of Sport

Sport Psychology Workshop



Links:

[SVS Sports Website](#)

[SOCS Parents login](#)

Last week, the GCSE and BTEC sports students took part in a inspiring **Sport Psychology Workshop** delivered by **Mindframe Performance**, the UK's #1 Sport Psychology Consultancy. We're proud to partner with **Mindframe Performance** to support our student-athletes in developing the mental skills needed for success in both sport and life. Mindframe have recently launched **Mindframe Academy**, an exclusive *Sport Psychology subscription service* in the UAE. The Academy helps junior athletes strengthen their mindset and perform at their best — whether their goal is professional sport or a US scholarship. Each membership includes weekly online sessions with UK-trained Sport Psychologists, access to on-demand video content, live workshops, a high-performance athlete community, and dedicated parent resources. Places are limited to **75**, with a **20% lifetime discount** available for the **first 20 sign-ups**.

[Download the PDF recap of today's session](#)

[Access the Free Mindframe Report](#)

Contact Mindframe Performance:

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Arabian Warrior OCR School Championship

Arabian Warrior, in collaboration with the **Ministry of Sport** & the **UAE School Games** team, have constructed an **OCR School Championship** for the 25/26 academic year and they have invited **South View School** to get involved.

Who can join:

Primary (Ages 5-12): A fun, non-competitive 1-1.6km obstacle course focused on teamwork, movement, and enjoyment.

Secondary (Ages 13+): A timed 5km OCR race with individual timing chips, featuring competitive categories from U14 to U19 (boys and girls).

An exciting opportunity for all students to challenge themselves, have fun, and represent SVS! Check the link, for further information. [UAE OCR School Program.pdf](#)



SQUAD UPDATES



Mrs. Sonia Teodoro
Director of Sport

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FIXTURES RESULTS

Football

U12'S BOYS VS JESS AR - WIN
U14'S BOYS - 9 OCT - GEMS FOUNDERS - TBC
U16'S BOYS - 6 OCT - BLOOM - LOST

U12'S GIRLS - JAS - LOST
U14'S GIRLS - 9 OCT - TBC
U16'S GIRLS - 6 OCT - LOST

Basketball

U16'S BOYS - NAS - TBC
U16'S GIRLS - KENT COLLEGE - LOST

FIXTURES OCT

Football

U12'S BOYS - 21 OCT - JAS (HOME)
U14'S BOYS - 23 OCT - BC (AWAY)
U16'S BOYS - 20 OCT - DIA AB (AWAY)

U12'S GIRLS - NO GAME
U14'S GIRLS - 23 OCT - RGS (AWAY)
U16'S GIRLS - 6 OCT - DIA AB (HOME)

Basketball

U16'S BOYS - 23 OCT - JAS (AWAY)
U16'S GIRLS - 22 OCT - GEMS METROPOLE (AWAY)



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