



SOUTH VIEW SCHOOL

SECONDARY

NEWSLETTER



WEEKLY ROUND -UP



Mr. Macpherson
Head of Secondary

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Another fantastic week at SVS comes to a close, and once again our students continue to outdo themselves and impress us in all aspects of school life, academically, pastorally, and through the way they represent our values each day. As a school, we have never been busier with admissions enquiries, and I could not be prouder when touring prospective families around our wonderful community. A huge thank you to you all for speaking so positively about South View School; many of our new parents are telling us that they have chosen SVS through word of mouth, which is the greatest endorsement we could ask for.

Yesterday, we trialled an online Parents' Evening, and I would like to thank all of our Year 8 parents who participated. As we continue to evolve and adapt in response to parent voice, we would very much welcome your feedback on this format to ensure we maintain the strongest and most effective lines of communication.

Looking ahead, our Year 9 Options Evening takes place on Tuesday. While this event is primarily aimed at Year 9 parents, families from younger year groups are very welcome to attend should they wish to learn more about our GCSE and BTEC pathways. I very much look forward to welcoming many of you to school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of the SVS community.

Kind regards
Mr Macpherson

SPECIALIST UPDATES

ACADEMIC UPDATE



Ms. Joanne McCue
Assistant Head of
Secondary - Academics

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the outstanding attitude and commitment shown by our **Year 11, 12 and 13 pupils** during the mock examination period so far.

Across all year groups, pupils have approached their mocks with maturity, focus, and resilience. Their punctuality, conduct in exams, and determination to do their best have been exemplary, and staff have been extremely impressed by how seriously pupils have taken this important stage of their academic journey. The calm and purposeful atmosphere around the school during this period has been a real credit to them.

Mock examinations are designed not only to assess knowledge, but also to build confidence, stamina, and exam technique. While results will help identify strengths and areas for improvement, what matters most is the effort pupils put in and our pupils have shown this in abundance.

As we move forward, we encourage pupils to see mocks as a stepping stone rather than a judgement. Progress comes from reflection, learning from mistakes, and continuing to put in consistent effort. Success is rarely about perfection; it is about perseverance, discipline, and believing that improvement is always possible.

We are incredibly proud of how our pupils have conducted themselves and look forward to supporting them next week in their final week of mock exams.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

SPECIALIST UPDATES

PASTORAL UPDATE



Mr. Michael Macdonald
Assistant Head of
Secondary - Pastoral

Thank you to all parents who have taken the time to contribute feedback regarding our international trips. Your input is greatly appreciated and will help shape our future planning. We are currently working on finalising our trip offerings and aim to share these with you by the end of this month.

A reminder to all parents that, from Monday, students who arrive late to lessons during the school day will begin to accumulate late minutes. These minutes will be repaid during a Thursday after-school reflection session. Parents will be notified on Wednesday afternoon if their child is required to attend.

We have had a really positive start to the term, and your children deserve absolute credit for hitting the ground running. Their attitude and engagement have been fantastic to see.

Just a couple of additional reminders:

- We have moved to no wheelie bags for secondary students. Please ensure your child brings a backpack to school each day.
- School shoes must be plain black and without branding (for example, no Nike Air Max).

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

SPECIALIST UPDATES

DATA AND ASSESSMENT UPDATE



Mr. Ryan Bladen

Assistant Head of Secondary
Data and Assessment

Data Myth-Busting

Assessment and data often attract myths that can cause unnecessary worry. At South View, we want to set the record straight:

Myth 1: One test defines my child.

Truth: We use a range of assessments across the year. A single score is just one piece of the puzzle, never the full picture.

Myth 2: Assessment is only about exams.

Truth: Many of our assessments are informal and low-stakes, designed to check understanding and support learning.

Myth 3: Grades are all that matter.

Truth: Progress, feedback, and effort are equally important. A student who improves steadily or shows resilience is just as successful as one who scores top marks first time.

By busting these myths, we hope to reassure parents and students that assessment is not something to fear. Instead, it is a supportive process designed to guide learning. Our commitment is to make assessment meaningful, balanced, and focused on long-term growth, not just numbers on a page.

ENTERPRISE AND TECHNOLOGY UPDATE



Miss Elizabeth Charlton

Head of Enterprise and
Technology

This week our Year 11 and Year 12 students began their mock exams. We would like to congratulate you on the maturity and commitment you have displayed this week and wish you luck for week 2.

Our Year 13 students will be completing their first work experience next week as part of their BTEC programme. We can't wait to hear about what they learn during this process!

SPECIALIST UPDATES

LITERACY UPDATE



Mr. David Archibald
Head of English &
Literacy Coordinator

“Reading is the gateway skill that makes all other learning possible.” — Barack Obama

Literacy tip for parents

Set aside a short, regular time each week to talk with your child about their reading. Ask them to explain the story, share a favourite moment, or talk about a character they liked or disliked. These conversations help children build understanding, confidence, and enjoyment in reading.

Literacy at SVS

Students are continuing to read during form time, with a growing focus on questioning and engaging critically with their texts. We have received very positive feedback from both students and staff, who have noted increased confidence and enjoyment in reading. Literacy intervention has now begun for selected students, informed by NGRT data. We are hopeful that this targeted support will lead to a measurable and sustained improvement in literacy outcomes for these students.

ENGLISH UPDATE

Mocks have begun in earnest for Year 11 and 12 students. This provides an important opportunity for students to consolidate their learning, identify areas for improvement, and prepare effectively for their final exams.

Staff are supporting students with targeted feedback, and we encourage parents to discuss revision strategies and exam confidence at home. These assessments will help guide teaching and ensure that all students have the best possible support to achieve their potential.

SPECIALIST UPDATES

SCIENCE UPDATE



Mr. Philip Mutton
Head of Science

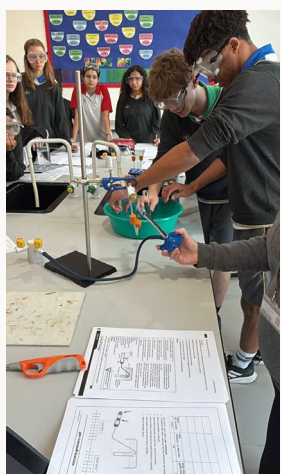
The Science Department has hit the ground running in this new term, and it has been fantastic to see such a positive and focused atmosphere across all year groups. Classrooms and laboratories have been buzzing with activity as students engage in a wide range of exciting and challenging scientific work.

Our Year 11 chemists have been getting hands-on in the lab, cracking hydrocarbons and deepening their understanding of key chemical processes, while Year 11 biologists have been carrying out practical investigations by burning food samples to calculate their energy content. Meanwhile, Year 9 students have been applying their mathematical skills to physics, working hard to calculate forces and explore how they act in real-life situations. It has been brilliant to see students developing both their practical skills and their scientific thinking.

We would also like to take this opportunity to recognise and commend our Year 11, 12, and 13 students, many of whom are currently undertaking iGCSE mock exams and International A Level assessments. Their maturity, resilience, and excellent attitudes towards revision and assessment have been exemplary, and we are incredibly proud of the effort they are putting into their studies during this demanding period.

Science news of the week: Just as our Year 11 chemists have been cracking hydrocarbons in the laboratory this week, scientists globally are working on more sustainable ways to carry out the same process on an industrial scale. New research is focusing on reducing the energy required and lowering environmental impact, showing how the fundamental chemistry students learn in school is directly connected to tackling global sustainability challenges.

Well done to all our students for a strong start to the term – we look forward to even more fantastic science learning in the weeks ahead.



SPECIALIST UPDATES

ARABIC A UPDATE



Mr. Abdelhamed Kerba
Head of MOE Subjects.

أولياء الأمور الأفاضل،

تحية طيبة وبعد،

يسرنا أن نواصل مع أبنائنا مسيرتهم التعليمية في الفصل الدراسي الثاني، متمنين لهم دوام التوفيق والنجاح، ومؤكدين أهمية الاستمرار في الجدية، وحسن استثمار الوقت، والالتزام بما يعزز مستوى التحصيل الدراسي ويحقق أفضل النتائج. وخلال الفترة الماضية في مادة اللغة العربية، أنهينا محور **التدوق الأدبي** من خلال تحليل القصيدة والوقوف على عناصرها الفنية والفكرية، بما أسهم في تنمية مهارات الفهم والتأمل والتحليل لدى الطلاب.

ونود التنويه إلى أننا سنبدأ ابتداءً من الأسبوع القادم بدراسة **النحو** وفق الخطة المعتمدة، استعداداً للمرحلة القادمة من التعلم. كما نؤكد على أهمية تشجيع أبنائنا على **القراءة المنتظمة**؛ لما لها من أثر مباشر في تنمية الثروة اللغوية، وتحسين الفهم القرائي، ودعم مهارات الكتابة والتعبير. وفي هذا الإطار، نحث الطلاب على الاستفادة من **منصة اقرأ بالعربية**، والالتزام بالقراءة من المستوى المناسب لهم، لما تتمثله من دعم فعال ومكمل لما يُقدّم داخل الصف.

تنويه هام لطلاب الصف الحادي عشر – مسار OL:

نخطكم علمًا بأننا قد بدأنا بالفعل فترة الامتحانات، وتم الانتهاء من اختبار **Paper 1**، على أن يتم الانتهاء من اختبار **Paper 2** خلال الأسبوع القادم بإذن الله. ونؤكد على أهمية المتابعة الجادة والمراجعة المنتظمة خلال هذه المرحلة، لما لها من دور أساسي في دعم أداء الطلاب وتحقيق أفضل النتائج.

نتمن دعمكم المتواصل لمسيرة أبنائنا التعليمية،

ومع خالص تمنياتنا لهم بدوام التوفيق والنجاح.

وتفضلوا بقبول فائق الاحترام والتقدير.

ARABIC B UPDATE

Dear Parents,

I hope you are well.

We would like to share a brief update on our learning in **Arabic B** this week, and what we will be focusing on next week.

This week: Reading and Comprehension

This week, students worked on developing their reading skills and improving comprehension. We focused on:

- Reading short Arabic texts with clearer pronunciation and increased confidence
- Identifying key vocabulary in context
- Understanding the main idea and supporting details
- Answering comprehension questions using evidence from the text

Students were encouraged to use strategies such as highlighting keywords, recognising familiar word patterns, and re-reading for meaning.

Next week: Listening Skills

Next week, our focus will shift to listening. Students will practise:

- Listening for key information and specific details
- Recognising familiar vocabulary and new words through context
- Following short spoken Arabic texts and classroom instructions
- Responding to listening tasks through simple answers, matching activities, and short written responses

How you can support at home

Short and regular practice makes a big difference. You can support your child by:

- Encouraging them to listen to short Arabic clips (1–3 minutes) and identify any words they recognise
- Asking them to summarise in English what they understood, even if it is only a few key points
- Reviewing key vocabulary shared in class when available

Thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

SPECIALIST UPDATES

ISLAMIC



Mr. Abdelhamed Kerba
Head of MOE Subjects.

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to inform you that we are organizing an educational visit to the Quranic Park on Tuesday, 10 February..

About the Quranic Park:

The park offers a rich learning experience where students explore the stories of the Holy Qur'an through interactive exhibits, the Miracle Cave, and the beautiful gardens mentioned in the Qur'anic verses. During the visit, students will learn about the miracles of the prophets, the significance of various plants mentioned in the Qur'an, and the values and lessons connected to each story.

Cost of the trip:

The trip fee is AED 40.

If you are interested in having your child participate, please complete the form before 27 January 2026.

Kindly make the payment online using the link below and send the payment receipt or a screenshot as confirmation before 27 January 2026

Payment Link:

<https://payhub360.com>

Form link :

<https://forms.office.com/r/DYf9dfQVQY?origin=lprLink>

Thank you for your cooperation.

Warm regards,

Hossam Bekhit

Head of Islamic Studies Department

SOCIAL STUDY

أولياء الأمور الكرام،

تحية طيبة وبعد،

انطلاقاً من رؤيتنا التعليمية وتحت شعار «من المهارة إلى الصدارة»، نواصل مسيرتنا في الفصل الدراسي الثاني، واضعين نصب أعيننا تنمية الهوية الوطنية لدى أبنائنا، وتعزيز قيم الانتماء والمعرفة، بما يدعم بناء جيل واع ومتمكّن وقادر على مواكبة متطلبات المستقبل.

خلال هذا الأسبوع، يواصل طلابنا دراسة مجموعة من الموضوعات التعليمية الهادفة التي تساهم في توسيع آفاقهم المعرفية وتعميق فهمهم للعالم من حولهم؛ حيث يتعرفون إلى وسائل النقل والمواصلات وأهميتها في تسهيل التواصل بين المجتمعات ودعم عجلة التنمية، كما يتناولون نظم المعلومات الجغرافية (GIS) ودورها في تحليل البيانات المكانية وفهم الظواهر الجغرافية والمساعدة في اتخاذ القرارات.

كما يدرس الطلاب قارة آسيا من حيث موقعها الجغرافي وخصائصها الطبيعية، بما يعزز وعيهم بالتنوع الجغرافي والبيئي. إضافة إلى ذلك، يدرسون السكان في دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة من حيث النمو والتوزيع والتركيبة السكانية، الأمر الذي يساهم في تعزيز إدراكهم لواقع مجتمعهم الوطني وترسيخ قيم المسؤولية والانتماء. مع أطيب تمنياتنا لأبنائنا بدوام النجاح والتفوق، وتفضلوا بقبول فائق الاحترام والتقدير.

SPECIALIST UPDATES

MFL UPDATE



Mr. Michael Fitzpatrick
Head of MFL

Students in Year 11 and Year 12 have recently completed their mock assessments. We would like to congratulate them on their effort and commitment throughout this assessment period and wish them all the very best as they await their results once all papers have been marked.

Across Key Stage 3, students have continued to engage enthusiastically in a wide range of MFL lessons, from talking about countries and describing their hair, to exploring school subjects and developing their understanding of verb conjugations. It has been fantastic to see their confidence and curiosity grow in lessons.

Language Tip of the Week: Try to build fluency by reusing familiar vocabulary in new contexts. Changing just one word in a sentence you already know is a simple but effective way to expand your language skills.

PERFORMING ARTS UPDATE



Ms. Charlene Rock
Head of Performing Arts

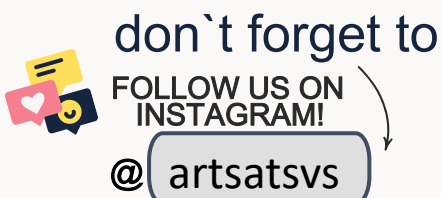
It has been great to see our Art room filling up with dresses as our Junk Kouture students finalise putting together their entries to be put forward for the regional finals for 2026. We can't wait to see the final product.

Our Year 11 GCSE Drama students have begun their final performance pieces ready for their scripted exams in March and our Year 10 Drama students have begun their exam text and are working very hard.

The third floor corridor has been full of fantastic noise this week as Year 8 students embark on their drumming unit and our secondary choir have been busy practising songs for upcoming events.

All in all, it has been a great week!

Thanks to our Main characters and Ensemble 4 for performing at this weeks Tunes 4 Tuesday.



Our Secondary Choir



Performing Arts UPDATES

SVS
Presents

The
WIZ **JR.**

TUESDAY 3RD & WEDNESDAY 4TH FEB @6:30 PM



PRIMARY SPORTS HALL

TICKETS: 20 AED

(AGE 5 AND UNDER ARE FREE AND DO NOT NEED A TICKET)

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE BY CASH OR CARD

CASH ONLY FOR REFRESHMENTS ON THE DAY

THE WIZ TYA
ADAPTED FROM "THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ"
BY L. FRANK BAUM
BOOK BY WILLIAM F. BROWN
ADDITIONAL MATERIAL BY TINA TIPPIT
MUSIC AND LYRICS BY CHARLIE SMALLS
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Performing Arts UPDATES

Make a strong, creative start to the new year with piano, voice and guitar lessons at SVS. Our partners, Centre for Musical Arts have made signing-up very easy and can also support with instrument hire and purchase.

Please visit their website or get in touch for more details <https://www.cmadubai.com/en/southviewschool>



مركز الفنون الموسيقية
CENTRE FOR MUSICAL ARTS

Group sessions offered

There are a few lesson slots available in school for Term 2.

Click the link above or email southview@cma.com



Instrument hire available



Ninesha Kumar - Vocal & Piano Specialist



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Performing Arts UPDATES

SCHOOL TRIP ALERT!!!!



Date: Wednesday 11th February, 2026

Time: 5pm- 11pm

Cost: 357aed

Open to all students in Year 7-13- Limited tickets available- First come, first served!

See Ms. Rock or your Drama teams for more information on how to book your ticket.

DEADLINE: FRIDAY 23rd of JANUARY (OR WHEN TICKETS RUN OUT!)

Form for sign up: <https://forms.office.com/r/AjSq9Ugp92>

Payment link: <https://payhub360.com/>

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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

This week has seen our Y7 students delving deeper into fairytale stories, , where they were ordering sentences. Meanwhile our Y8 students have tackled some science investigations, where we were identifying the properties of metals and their uses.



Scan me to see one of our Y8 students sorting and describing metal properties



HUMANITIES UPDATE



Ms. Kirstin Scouller

Head of Humanities

In Year 7 Geography, students have been developing their communication and teamwork skills through an engaging coastal learning activity. Working in pairs, one student acted as the sketcher while the other took on the role of describer, verbally explaining the features of different types of waves. The sketcher had to listen carefully and translate these descriptions into accurate diagrams, helping students understand the characteristics of constructive and destructive waves.



PE & SQUAD UPDATES



Mrs. Sonia Teodoro
Director of Sport



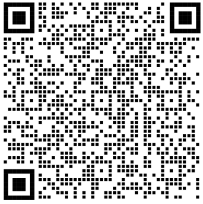
A Strong Start to the Volleyball & Netball Season at SVS

It has been a very busy and exciting week of sport at SVS, with both the **Volleyball and Netball** leagues kicking off. Our teams are competing across competitive and performance leagues, which is a true testament to the continued growth and rising standards of sport at SVS. A special mention this week goes to the **U16 boys' Volleyball team** for their fantastic performance in a vibrant and closely contested match against DIS. The level of teamwork, resilience, and skill on display was outstanding.

We would also like to remind parents and students of the importance of wearing **the correct squad kit** for all fixtures. Wearing the official kit promotes team **identity, professionalism, and pride**, while also ensuring consistency and easy identification during competitions. Your support in maintaining these standards is greatly appreciated. Items can be purchased at the school accounts counter.

U13 BSME Games

We are excited to share that SVS will be taking part in the U13 BSME Games hosted at Royal Grammar School on the 16th, 17th and 18th of January. The boys will be competing in football, volleyball, and athletics, while the girls will represent SVS in football, netball, and athletics. We would like to wish the very best of luck to all our students—you are already making us proud with your hard work, dedication, and team spirit. We would like to invite the school community to visit RGS during Saturday and Sunday to support our teams. The tournament handbook and schedule can be found on the QR code.



SQUADS TRAINING & FIXTURES DAYS 25/26

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	Primary squads	Secondary squads	Primary squads	Secondary squads	Primary squads	Secondary squads	Primary squads	Secondary squads	Primary squads	Secondary squads
Term 2	U8 Girls Football Jemma Astro 1 2.30-3.30pm	U16 Netball fixture	Y3&Y4 Swim squad (afternoon session) Apex, Courtney & Pedro 2.30-3.30pm	U12 Netball fixture	U10 Girls football Sonia Astro 1 2.30-3.30pm	U12 Netball training (morning session) PMPH Sarah 7am-7.40am	Primary Swim squad (morning session) Courtney & Pedro 7am-7.40am	U16 Netball training (morning session) SMPH Michelle 7am-7.40am	U11 BSME girls football (morning session) Astro 3 Pedro 7am-7.40am	Sec Swim Squad Karl
	U9 Girls Football Eman Astro 1 2.30-3.30pm	U19 Volleyball fixture	Primary Gymnastics squad - Group 1 Eman & Dugym SMPH 2.30-3.30pm	U14 & U19 Girls Volleyball (morning session) Carl SMPH 7-7.40am	U11 Girls football Astro 1 2.30-3.30pm	U14 Netball training (morning session) SMPH Michelle 7am-7.40am	Primary Gymnastics squad - Group 2 SMPH Sonia, Eman & Dugym 2.30-3.30pm	U14 Netball fixture		
	U8 Tag Rugby Rob Astro 2 2.30-3.30pm		Running team Sonia & Aisha Astro 7am-7.40am	U16 Girls Volleyball (morning session) Charlie Astro PMPH 7-7.40am	U10 Tag Rugby Charlie Astro 2 2.30-3.30pm	U14 & U16 Boys Volleyball training (lunch break) Mr. Burgess & Mr. Bladen 13:05-13:45pm	U11 BSME boys football (morning session) Astro 3 Karl 7am-7.40am	U19 Netball training (morning session) SMPH Sarah 7am-7.40am		
	U9 Tag Rugby Karl Astro 2 2.30-3.30pm				U11 Tag Rugby Karl Astro 2 2.30-3.30pm	U19 Netball fixture	U11 BSME boys basketball PMPH Lana 2.30pm-3.30pm	U16 Girls Volleyball Fixture		
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Football Noon Kit Return

don't forget to FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM! We would like to request to all students that in Term 1 were part of the football squads to return their football kit to the PE department during next week.

@SportsatSVS

PE & SQUAD UPDATES



FIXTURES

RESULTS

Girls Volleyball

U19'S VS GIS - LOST
U14'S VS BWA - LOST
U16'S VS HIS - LOST

Boys Volleyball

U14'S VS DIS - WIN
U16'S VS DIS - LOST

Netball

U19'S VS SCS - WIN
U14'S VS KAB - WIN



NEXT WEEK

Girls Volleyball

19.01 - U19'S VS GEMS WA (AWAY)
21.01 - U14'S VS SCS (AWAY)
22.01 - U16'S VS GEMS IS (HOME)

Boys Volleyball

21.01 - U14'S VS HIS (HOME)
22.01 - U16'S VS BWA (AWAY)

Netball

19.01 - U16'S VS SCS (HOME)
20.01 - U12'S VS KAB (HOME)
21.01 - U19'S VS GEMS FOUNDERS (AWAY)
22.01 - U14'S VS DBS JP (AWAY)

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