



SOUTH VIEW SCHOOL

SECONDARY

NEWSLETTER



WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Dear Parents and Guardians,



Mr. Macpherson
Head of Secondary

It has been a very positive start to the half term, and I want to begin by commending our students for the way they have returned to school. Their attitude to learning has been excellent, and the calm, purposeful atmosphere around the school is a credit to them.

Standards of behaviour remain high, and it is clear that our values of **Kindness, Respect and Integrity** continue to guide the way our students interact with each other and with staff. Thank you, as always, for your continued support at home in reinforcing these expectations. I would encourage you to read the email Mr Macdonald has sent out to all parents today to continue to improve our very high standards in relation to punctuality, uniform and mobile phones.

A special thank you to the parents who attended Mr Tejan's excellent Coffee Morning on Thursday, focused on enhancing the use of Microsoft Teams to support learning. It was fantastic to see so many of our parents engaging with how we use technology for organisation, communication and progress tracking. Your involvement plays such a significant role in your child's academic journey, and we are truly grateful for your partnership.

This week also saw the return of competitive fixtures, and as ever, I thoroughly enjoyed being on the sidelines watching our teams represent South View with pride. Sport continues to play an important role in school life at SVS. It not only promotes fitness and wellbeing but also develops character. A Special mention to our Under 12 Boys put in a dominant performance on Tuesday, securing a well-deserved win against our local rivals JAS.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all the colleagues, parents and students who congratulated me this week on the birth of my son, Tommy David Macpherson. It really is an honour to be a part of such a kind and caring community. I genuinely appreciate all your well wishes. I hope you all have a happy and restful weekend.

Mr Macpherson

SPECIALIST UPDATES

ACADEMIC UPDATE



Ms. Joanne McCue
Assistant Head of
Secondary - Academics

Helping Your Child Make Confident Option Choices at KS4 and KS5

Choosing subjects for GCSEs or Sixth Form Options is one of the first major milestones in your child's educational journey. It can be both exciting and a little overwhelming but with the right guidance, it's an opportunity for students to take ownership of their learning, follow their interests, and begin shaping their future pathways.

At South View School, we believe that every young person should make informed, confident, and *ambitious* choices. Our curriculum is designed to offer both breadth and balance combining academic rigour with creative, practical, and vocational opportunities so that every student can find success.

Start with Strengths and Interests

Encourage your child to reflect on the subjects they *enjoy most* and where they have shown *consistent effort and success*. A student's enthusiasm for a subject is often the strongest predictor of achievement. Discuss what topics spark curiosity whether it's analysing literature, exploring global issues, designing technology, or leading on the sports field.

You might ask:

- "Which lessons do you look forward to most and why?"
- "Where do you feel most confident and capable?"
- "Which subjects make you want to learn more outside the classroom?"

Research Future Pathways

While GCSE and A-Level choices may seem far removed from university or career decisions, they often form the building blocks for future options. Encourage your child to:

- Explore university course entry requirements or apprenticeship pathways on websites such as **UCAS** or **Prospects**.
- Speak with subject teachers about where their subjects can lead.
- Consider balance keeping a mix of subjects that open as many doors as possible.

For example, Mathematics and Sciences underpin a wide range of careers from engineering to finance, while Humanities and Languages develop analytical and communication skills that are highly valued in leadership and law. Creative and vocational courses such as BTEC Sport or Creative Media offer practical routes to success that are equally respected by employers and universities alike.

SPECIALIST UPDATES

PASTORAL UPDATE



Mr. Michael Macdonald
Assistant Head of
Secondary - Pastoral

Join Us on Our International Trip to Madrid

Don't miss out on this unforgettable opportunity. Our international trip to Madrid, organised in partnership with Twedex Experience, promises to be an incredible adventure filled with discovery, fun, and lifelong memories.

Twedex are renowned for delivering safe, engaging, and well-structured travel experiences that truly enrich the lives of young people. The trip offers our children the chance to explore new cultures, build independence, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

We are pleased to confirm that the final deadline to sign up and pay the first instalment has been extended to 28 November.

If you would like to discuss alternative payment options, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are happy to help make this amazing opportunity accessible to as many families as possible.

Having worked with Twedex over the past few years, we can assure you that your child's safety, wellbeing, and happiness are always at the heart of every trip.

To confirm your child's place

[Click Here!](#)

SPECIALIST UPDATES

6th FORM and CAREERS UPDATE



Mr. Carl Burgess
Head of Sixth Form

Key Dates and Sixth Form Updates

As we move into a busy part of the term, there are some important dates and reminders for all Sixth Form students and families to be aware of:

- **Assessment Week: Begins Monday 3rd November**
This is an important opportunity for students to demonstrate the progress they've made so far this term. All Year 12 and 13 students should be preparing thoroughly and using their study periods effectively to review notes, complete practice questions, and seek feedback where needed.
- **Parents' Evening: Wednesday 6th November**
We look forward to welcoming Year 12 and 13 parents for an opportunity to discuss academic progress and next steps. Appointment booking details will be shared shortly.



We continue to remind students that *independent study time is key to success in Sixth Form*. Making the best use of free periods—whether through focused revision, coursework, or consolidating classwork—will make a real difference as we approach the next stage of the year.

SPECIALIST UPDATES

DATA AND ASSESSMENT UPDATE



Mr. Ryan Bladen

Assistant Head of Secondary
Data and Assessment

Assessment Philosophy

Our philosophy at South View School is that assessment exists to support learning, not label students. This principle underpins everything we do. Every assessment, whether it's a short quiz, a project, or a formal exam; is designed to provide information that will move learning forward.

We aim to avoid over-testing by carefully choosing assessments that serve a clear purpose. For example, weekly retrieval quizzes build memory and highlight knowledge gaps, while larger end-of-term assessments give a broader picture of long-term understanding. Mock exams serve as valuable practice in managing time and exam technique, preparing students for high-stakes assessments.

Feedback is at the heart of this philosophy. Without constructive feedback, a grade is just a number. Our teachers focus on giving clear, actionable steps so students know how to improve. We also encourage parents to look beyond the grade and talk to their children about feedback, effort, and next steps.

By framing assessment as a collaborative process between school, student, and home, we create a positive culture. When everyone understands that the purpose of assessment is progress, not judgement, it becomes a motivating and empowering experience.

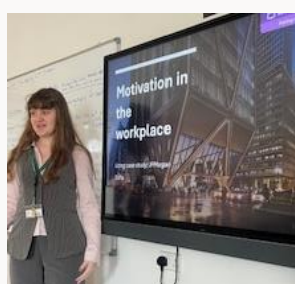
ENTERPRISE AND TECHNOLOGY UPDATE



Miss Elizabeth Charlton
Head of Enterprise and
Technology

It has been an exciting week within the department as we introduced Year 9 students to Business, Economics and Computer Science in their taster sessions. It was a pleasure spending the day with Year 9 and we hope lots of them decide to join us next year as entrepreneurs and economists at GCSE!

Our Y12 students put their public speaking skills to the test as they delivered presentations on motivation in the workplace and shared their thoughts on JP Morgans latest \$3 billion office in NYC and return to office mandate.



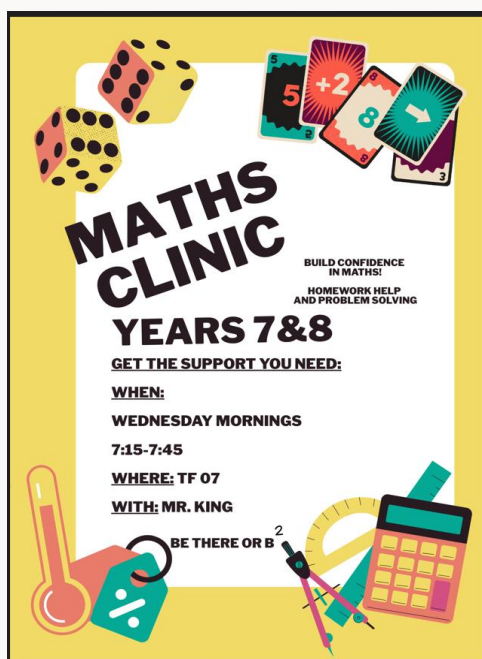
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MATHS UPDATE



Ms Jo Griffin
Head of Maths

With assessment week on the horizon, here's a quick reminder of when the Maths clinics are for students to find support or just a quiet place to work:



Maths Clinic

Year 9 and 10

Homework Help & Maths Support

Every Monday Lunch Time at 13:20

Room TF08

With Ms Houston

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Y11 Maths Breakfast Club

Every Tuesday morning during Term 1.

7:15am to 7:40am.

Ms Griffin's room.

Bring maths questions and tasty croissants!*



*you don't have to bring croissants, but you can eat your breakfast if you wish.



Due to popular demand, there will also be a second Y11 Maths Clinic on MONDAY LUNCHTIME in Mr Gaby's room.

REMINDER FOR Y9, Y10, and Y11 STUDENTS

All students should have a scientific calculator for their Maths exams

SPECIALIST UPDATES

ARABIC A UPDATE



Mr. Abdelhamed Kerba
Head of MOE Subjects.

أولياء الأمور الأعزاء،

يبدأ طلاب مادة اللغة العربية الأسبوع القادم أسبوع المراجعة استعدادًا للاختبارات النهائية في مهارات القراءة والكتابة والاستماع، والتي ستعقد خلال أسبوع التقييم. كما سيؤدي الطلاب أيضًا اختبار المحادثة ضمن مكونات التقييم الشامل.

وقد تم رفع جميع مواد المراجعة والدعم على منصة تميز لتمكين الطلاب من الاستعداد الجيد في المنزل ومراجعة ما تم تعلمه خلال الفصل الدراسي. وخلال هذا الأسبوع، سيقوم الطلاب بمراجعة المفردات الأساسية والقواعد النحوية ومهارات الفهم القرائي، كما سيتدربون مع معلمهم على التطبيق العملي لتعزيز الثقة وتمية مهاراتهم اللغوية.

يرجى ملاحظة أن الطلاب سيحضرون دفاتر اللغة العربية إلى المنزل للمراجعة، لذا نرجو منكم التأكد من إعادتها معهم بعد انتهاء أسبوع التقييم.

نشكر لكم تعاونكم المستمر ودعمكم الدائم في مساعدة أبنائنا على الاستعداد الجيد وتحقيق أفضل النتائج الأكاديمية.

مع خالص التقدير،

ARABIC B UPDATE

Dear Parents,

We would like to inform you that **next week**, our **Arabic B** students will begin their **revision week** in preparation for the upcoming **Arabic assessments in reading, writing, and listening**, which will take place during **Assessment Week**. In addition, students will also complete their **speaking exam**.

All relevant **revision resources** have been uploaded to **Microsoft Teams** to support students in their preparation. During revision week, students will review **key vocabulary, grammar, and comprehension skills**, and will have the opportunity to practice with their teachers to **build confidence and enhance understanding**.

Please note that students will bring their **Arabic notebooks home** to revise. Kindly ensure that they **return them to school after Assessment Week**.

We greatly appreciate your **continued support and cooperation** in helping our students prepare effectively and achieve success.

Warm regards,

SPECIALIST UPDATES

ISLAMIC



Mr. Abdelhamed Kerba
Head of MOE Subjects.

This week, our students revised the topics that will be covered in the Term 1 Assessment under the teacher's supervision.

Next week, students will continue and complete their revision to help them prepare for the upcoming assessment. The main focus will be on strengthening Quran memorization and reviewing some questions related to Hadeeth.

In addition, every Friday, students receive a weekly newsletter on Microsoft Teams. Please kindly encourage your child to practice their assigned Surah, record a recitation video, and upload it on Teams.

We also encourage you to remind your child to use the Islamic Treasure App regularly and complete the weekly activities that support their classroom learning.

SOCIAL STUDY

أولياء الأمور الكرام،

تحية طيبة وبعد،

انسجامًا مع شعارنا لهذا العام "من المهارة إلى الصدارة"، نواصل في قسم الدراسات الاجتماعية جهودنا لبناء جيلٍ واعٍ ومبدع، يمتلك فهمًا عميقًا لتاريخ وطنه وثقافته، ويحسّد قيم المواطنة والانتماء والهوية الإماراتية الأصيلة.

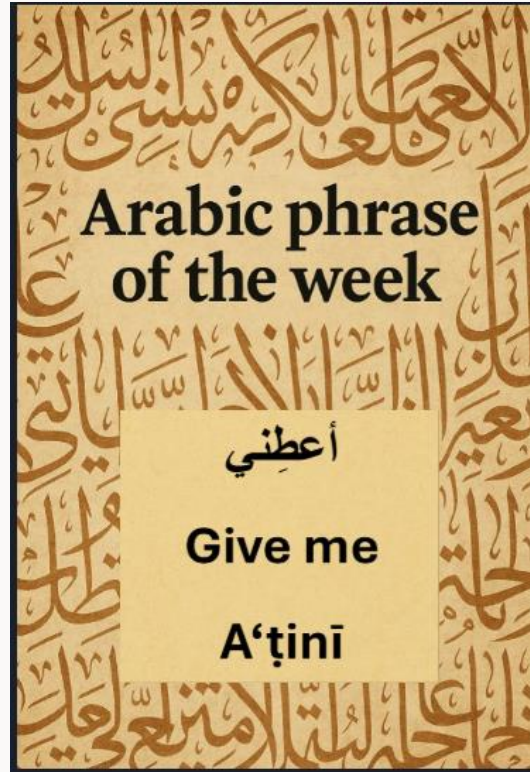
واستعدادًا لاختبارات نهاية الفصل الدراسي الأول، بدأ طلابنا مرحلة المراجعة الصفية من خلال أنشطة تفاعلية تُعزّز الفهم والتحليل، كما سيتم تخصيص الأسبوع القادم لمراجعة شاملة تغطي جميع المحاور الدراسية، وتشمل الجغرافيا، والتاريخ، والهوية الوطنية.

وقد تم إرفاق أوراق وأنشطة المراجعة على منصة "تميز" لتمكين الطلاب من المذاكرة المنظمة، وتعزيز مهارات التعلم الذاتي لديهم. نأمل منكم متابعة المنصة بانتظام، وتشجيع أبنائكم على المراجعة اليومية وتنظيم الوقت والاستعداد النفسي للاختبارات. إن دعمكم المتواصل هو الركيزة الأساسية لتحقيق نتائج مشرفة تُعبّر عن تكامل جهود المدرسة والأسرة معًا في رعاية وتعليم أبنائنا الطلبة.

وتفضلوا بقبول فائق الاحترام والتقدير،

مع خالص الشكر لتعاونكم المثمر ودعمكم الدائم لمسيرة أبنائكم التعليمية.

Arabic Phrase of the week



PRONUNCIATION: ANA ARIF

MEANING: 'I KNOW'

SPECIALIST UPDATES

MFL UPDATE



Mr. Michael Fitzpatrick
Head of MFL

As we approach the start of Term 1 Examinations, students are now finishing their French and Spanish lessons in preparation for their upcoming assessments. Over the next two weeks, students will complete assessments in **listening, speaking, reading, and writing**.

All students have been made fully aware of the dates for each assessment, and all supporting resources and revision materials have been uploaded to Teams including revision booklets to help them prepare effectively.

We encourage students to review these materials carefully and continue



PERFORMING ARTS UPDATE



Ms. Charlene Rock
Head of Performing Arts

This week, our student have returned with a bang.

We are so impressed with the way our **Wiz Jr** cast and crew have prepared themselves for rehearsals through line learning, practising songs, researching and designing. This is going to be a fabulous show!

Our **Junk Kouture** competition students began putting their designs into action this week with the wonderful support of Ms Sweeney, we are beginning to see their designs blossom.

Our **Senior band** have been busy recording their final numbers for the prestigious **AMP (Battle of the Bands) Awards** to be held on the 20th November at Safa Community School against other schools in the UAE. More details to follow shortly on how you can come and show your support.

Next week is our trip to watch **Grease the Musical** at Dubai Opera. If you are signed up, please check your emails and teams pages for more details.

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.



JUNK KOUTURE



SPECIALIST UPDATES

HUMANITIES UPDATE



Ms. Kirstin Scouller
Head of Humanities

Sustainability Club Competition!

The Sustainability Club is launching an exciting new competition to **collect and recycle as many bottle lids as you can!**

Students will compete by year group, so rally your classmates and start collecting!

But that's not all, we're also hosting a **mural design competition!**

Using the collected bottle caps, we'll create a **Sustainability Mural** dedicated to **Dr. Jane Goodall** and her incredible contributions to conservation around the world.

Jane Goodall



BOTTLE LID COLLECTION COMPETITION!

WHERE & WHEN
IN THE CANTEEN
UNTIL THE END OF TERM

OUR PROJECT
Part 1: Deposit your lids into the large collection bottles located at the back of the canteen. The year with the most collected is the winner!
Part 2: Design a Jane Goodall/ sustainability themed mural using the bottle lids

Thank you, from the Sustainability Club!



PE UPDATES



Ms. Michelle Rowcliffe
Head of Department -
Secondary

It's been a busy and exciting week in the Senior PE department! In KS3, pupils have kicked off new units in handball and athletics. They have started with the Bleep Test, setting a baseline for their stamina, which they will aim to improve throughout the unit. We're looking forward to seeing their progress as they work to improve their results. KS4 pupils have selected their activity options for the term, choosing between badminton, football, and netball. Each group is already showing great enthusiasm and teamwork in their chosen sport. Our Year 11 GCSE PE students are continuing to work on their coursework, focusing on carrying out their training programmes in the gym. Meanwhile, Year 10 GCSE PE pupils have transitioned to athletics in their practical lessons and are sharpening their exam technique in theory sessions. Finally, our BTEC Sport students have been deepening their understanding of the rules and regulations across a variety of sports, as well as administering mental well-being tests. It has also been great to see them helping to referee some of the primary DASSA football matches.



SQUAD UPDATES



Mrs. Sonia Teodoro
Director of Sport

Links:

[SVS Sports Website](#)

[SOCS Parents login](#)

Sportify Family Campaign Test Your Child's Movement Skills, Check Your Own Health for Free

Sportify Academy is specialized in scientifically identify and nurture sports talents, their mission is to help athletes of all ages reach their peak performance. From sports talent identification to tailored fitness assessments, Sportify showcases a unique blend of science and sport.

✅ **TGMD Test (Talent ID):** Assess your child's fundamental movement skills

✅ **Posture / Body Composition:** Quick health scan for parents

✅ **Comprehensive Report + Expert Tips**

📅 Available until November 31, 2025

📍 Sportify Academy, Dubai

📞 Booking & WhatsApp: **+971 54 201 0201**

Give your child the opportunity to discover their sporting potential — and take a step toward a healthier lifestyle for the whole family!



🏃 Emirates NBD Unity Run 2025

We are delighted to share that the **annual Emirates NBD Unity Run** will take place on **Sunday, 16th November 2025**, at **Expo City Dubai**.

Organized under the **Hamdan bin Mohammed Community Sports Initiative**, this inspiring event is the UAE's leading community run for **people of determination and their buddies**, celebrating inclusion and raising awareness for a disability-friendly Dubai. The Unity Run supports the **'My Community' initiative** launched by **His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum**, aligning with the **UN International Day for Persons with Disabilities**.

If your family is interested in taking part, please contact **sonia.teodoro@southview.ae** for registration.

For more details, visit the [Event Website](#).



SQUAD UPDATES



FIXTURES

RESULTS

Football

U12'S BOYS VS JAS - WIN
U14'S BOYS VS BC - LOST
U16'S BOYS VS DIA AB - DRAW

U14'S GIRLS VS JESS - DRAW
U16'S GIRLS VS GEMS WIS - LOST



Basketball

U16'S BOYS VS JAS -
U16'S GIRLS VS GEMS MET - LOST

NEXT WEEK

Football

U12'S BOYS - 28 OCT - NAS (HOME)
U14'S BOYS - 30 OCT - GEMS IS AL KHAIL (AWAY)
U16'S BOYS - 27 OCT - JAS (HOME)

U12'S GIRLS VS KINGS AL BARSHA (AWAY)
U14'S GIRLS - 30 OCT - BLOOM WA (HOME)
U16'S GIRLS - 27 OCT - GEMS WIS (AWAY)

Basketball

U16'S BOYS - 30 OCT - AIS (HOME) 3PM

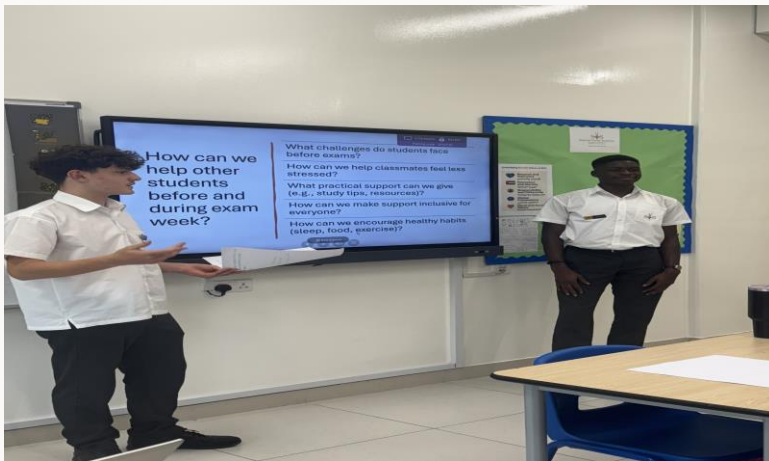


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**FOLLOW US ON
INSTAGRAM!**

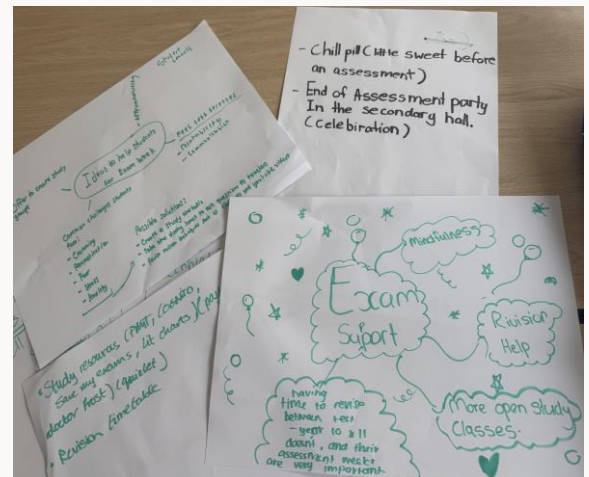
@SportsatSVS

Secondary Wellbeing Committee



This week, our Senior Student Council and Year 12 Prefects led discussions with students across the secondary school to gather ideas on how we can support wellbeing during the upcoming exam period. It was inspiring to see our KS3 students confidently sharing their thoughts and working together to promote positive change.

The committee will continue next week to develop these ideas further, ensuring that student voice remains at the heart of our wellbeing initiative





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