

September 23, 2022

Secondary update

Dear Parents,

This week our students showed us just how smart they can be in preparation for their photos. Please don't worry if your son or daughter missed the original slot, there will be catch-ups on offer over the coming days as well as a chance for siblings to have their photos taken. If you are yet to sign up for the sibling slot, then please do get in touch with us as soon as possible.



On a weekly basis, the secondary schools leadership team drop into lessons to see what our students are learning and this past week was no exception. It has been wonderful to see our students in action and the consistency of approach from the start of the term until now has been noticeable as we continue to grow our school. Please read on for messages from our Head of Teaching and Learning, Head of Islamic Studies and Head of Modern Foreign Languages for some important information from their teams.

It was my pleasure to meet with a group of parents this week to discuss the UK curriculum and how the students have settled back into school. For those who attended the presentation can be accessed here - <u>Slides</u> and if any further clarification is needed then please do ask. For those who were unable to make the morning but have questions then please do reach out to us and we will respond as quickly as possible.

This year, we are using our coffee mornings as a platform for parents to come and meet some of our key academic and pastoral leaders as well as members of the Secondary Leadership Team. This coming Thursday (29th September), the coffee morning will be led by Mrs Gordon, who is our Assistant Headteacher in charge of Teaching and Learning and she will be talking about how we feedback to our students on a regular basis and how we develop key skills such as resilience and independence within each student's approach to learning. Mrs Gordon will be joined by Mrs Pearson (English) and Mrs Di Meo-Smith (Maths) who are the faculty leaders in two of our core subject areas. They will take the opportunity to explain how their teams plan and deliver their subjects as well as giving some useful hints as to how you can support your sons and daughters at home. We will meet parents in the conservatory (formerly known as the canteen) at 8.15am and then escort them to one of the secondary classrooms for the session which has the provision to continue until 9.45am should parents wish to ask questions. Please follow the link to sign up for the event - https://forms.office.com/r/SyE6neCwiQ.



One of Mr Sanguigni's roles in school is to coordinate the Extra-Curricular activities programme, which is ready to launch in the secondary school from Monday 26th September. For information about the secondary school's ECA offer please open this link - SVS Secondary ECA 2022 Term 1.pdf.

I wish you all a restful weekend and I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming weeks.

Kind regards

Jon Pennock

Message from Mrs Gordon

This week students have been focusing on the learning skill of 'leadership'. Thinking about what leadership means to them and exploring some famous leaders to see what they may have in common. Finally, considering what qualities make a good leader. We hope to see our students displaying some of these qualities over the coming term.

On the 5th October, from 5-6.30pm we will be holding a 'Study Skills Evening' for year 10 and 11 parents. The evening is designed to give you and your children information about how to study effectively, prepare for exams and what healthy revision looks like. We will also demonstrate some different revision techniques that can be used in different subjects. We look forward to seeing you there! Please complete this form if you would like to attend - https://forms.office.com/r/sppQjU7Qsp



Message from Mr Kerba – Head of Islamic Studies

Dear Parents.

Al Salam Alukom Wa Rahmat Allah Wa Barakath.

I hope you are doing well,

Quran memorization Target.

This year we are going to set home memorization Target in Quran to all our Islamic students in secondary school, starting from the short Surahs for both Islamic A and B. this to improve the memorization of our students in Quran.

What students must do is to memorize the surahs to complete their Quran memorization tracker.

It is totally home assignment students needs to memorize the surahs at home and record video reciting the surah, upload on team for his teacher to review and mark.

Quran memorization is a part of the Islamic Curriculum which students should do. Completing Target Deadline every Thursday.

1.1.1 The student shows accurate memorization of the Holy Quran and knowledge of its meanings and sciences and applies its rules.

This week Quran Target is Surat Al Fatiha, Surat Al Falaq and Surat An-Nass.

Prayer room is now open please read the prayer room Protocol Here.

Message from Ms. Pereira – Head of MFL

International day of languages on 26th

September 26th is observed as European Day Of Languages in European Union every year since 2001. This day aims at encouraging everyone to learn the European languages and celebrate the benefits of learning any language.

Language has the strength to bond us and by learning a language, we bond with the culture and the people. Languages give us a reason to connect with a culture and therefore, we must learn them. Warm wishes on European Day Of Languages to everyone.