



## Secondary School Weekly Update

**Date: 04/10/24**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Another remarkably busy and productive week at SVS, all rounded off with celebrating World Teacher's Day today. We kicked off the day with the Senior Leadership Team honouring the dedication and hard work of our incredible teaching staff and it was a wonderful opportunity for students to express their gratitude and appreciation for the guidance and care they receive every day.

Additionally, we enjoyed an amazing musical assembly for Year 7-9 from Brooklyn Melodies. Their performances were both moving and entertaining, and hopefully have inspired many of our students in their musical endeavours.

It has been fantastic to notice a drop in temperatures this week and with this comes the opportunity for our students to spend more time outside at break and lunchtime. I would appreciate your support with encouraging students to engage with "sun safety" by drinking water, moving inside if they feel overly tired and wearing appropriate headwear and sunscreen.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school community so vibrant and engaging. I would like to wish you all a restful weekend.

Kind regards,  
Stuart Macpherson  
Acting Head of Secondary





### **Upcoming key dates:**

Najah Dubai University trip on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 11-3pm.

Exam Update Coffee Morning with Exams officer Stacey Coy: 10<sup>th</sup> October 8.15am.

Year 7 Parent's Evening: 10<sup>th</sup> October 4pm – 7pm.

World Mental Health Day: 10<sup>th</sup> October.

Year 8 Trip to see *The Tempest*. 10<sup>th</sup> October



## Exam Update – Miss Coy

**10th October  
2025  
8.20am  
Secondary  
Library  
Year 11/12/13**



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## Literacy Update – Louise



### Questions to Ask Your Child About a Book

Talking to your children about the books they read is one of the best ways to support your child's literacy development. Your child needs to engage in critical thinking to discuss a book — a key skill for success in school as well as life. Here are some tips on how to start and sustain a book discussion with your child:

#### **Before your child reads a book, ask:**

- Why did you select this book?
- What makes you think this book is going to be interesting?
- What do you think the book is going to be about?

#### **After your child has finished a book, ask questions such as:**

- What was your favorite part of the book? Why?
- Who was your favorite character? Why?
- What was the most interesting thing you learned from the book?
- Why do you think the author wrote this book?
- Would you have ended the book differently? Did it end the way you thought it would?

#### **While your child is reading a book, try asking:**

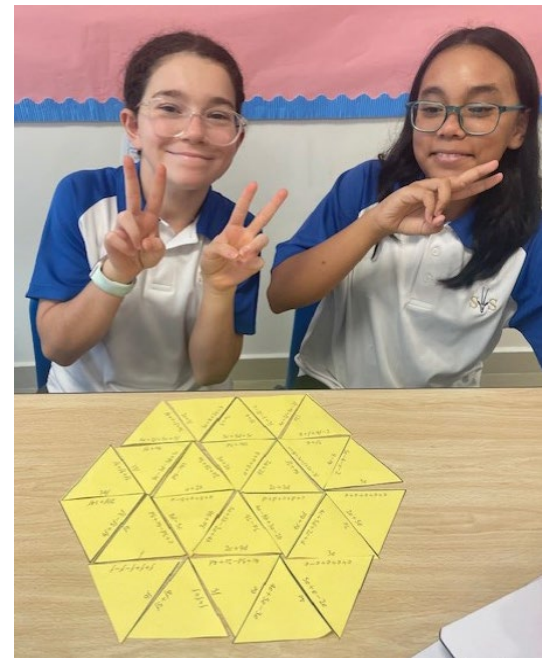
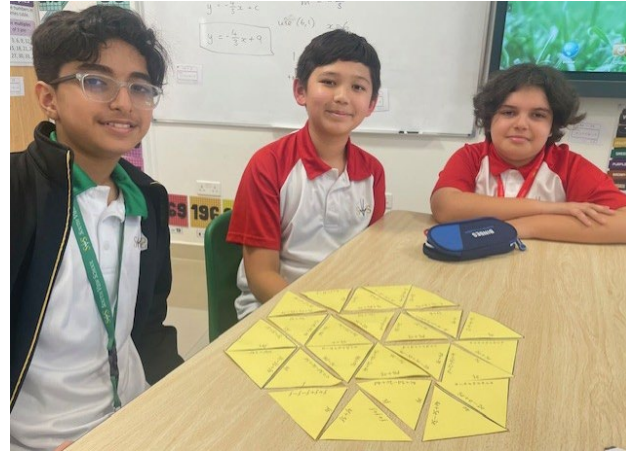
- Will you catch me up on the story? What's happened so far?
- What do you think will happen next?
- If you were that character, what would you have done differently in that situation?
- Where is the book set?
- Did you learn any new words or facts so far?



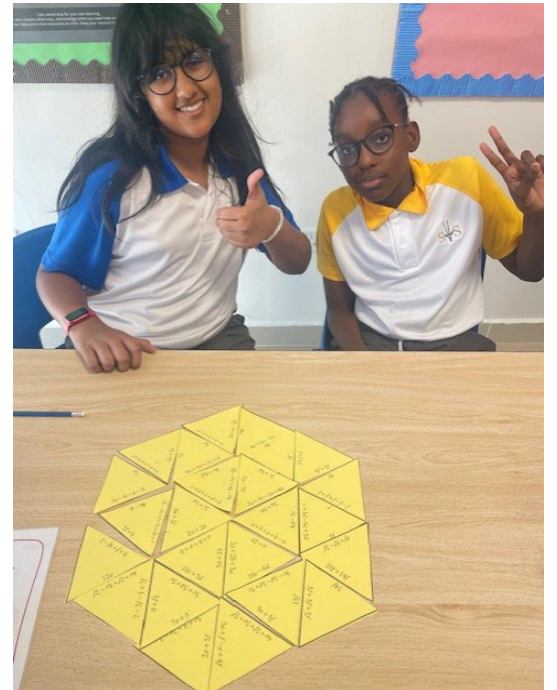
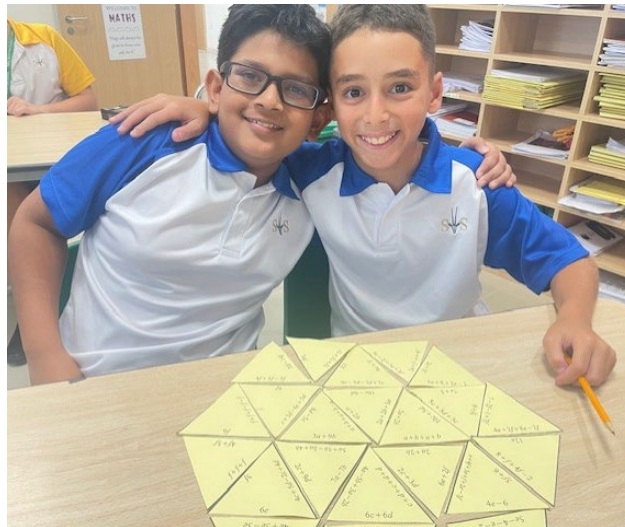
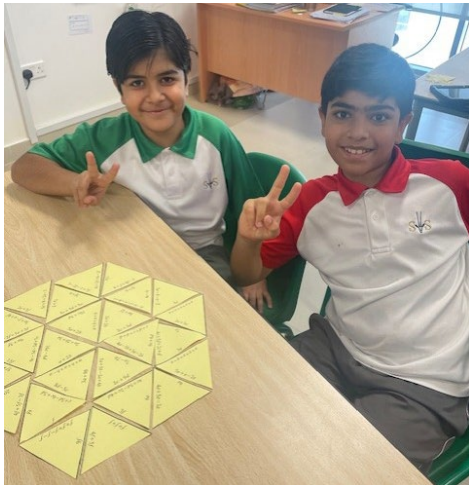
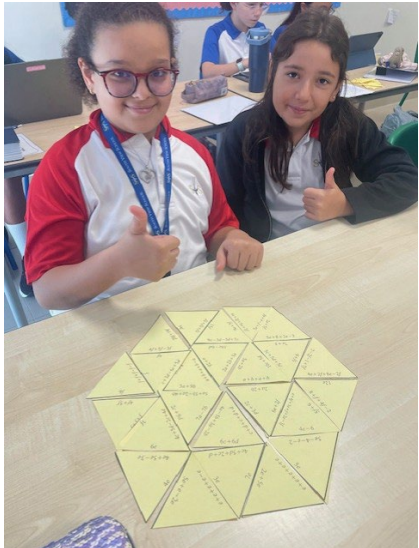




# Mathematics Update – Ms Griffin



**Y7's and Y8's have been working on Algebra this week, and Ms Griffin's class finished the week with a jigsaw to practice Collecting Like Terms!**







# Mathematics Update – Ms Griffin

**CALLING Y7, Y8  
AND Y9 STUDENTS!**



**Do you need some support in Maths?**

**Or do you just want a quiet space to study  
and work on Maths sometimes?**



**You can find both at our Maths Clinic ECAs!**

Thursday  
lunchtime from  
1:15pm

Y7 and Y8 – Mr Gaby's room  
Y9, 10, 11 and Sixth Form –  
Mr Breeze's room

October 20th -  
November 28th 2024

challenge ME presents

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## Mathematics Puzzle Of The Week

See if you can solve our challenging puzzles

### TERM 1 PUZZLE 3 Years 7,8 and 9:

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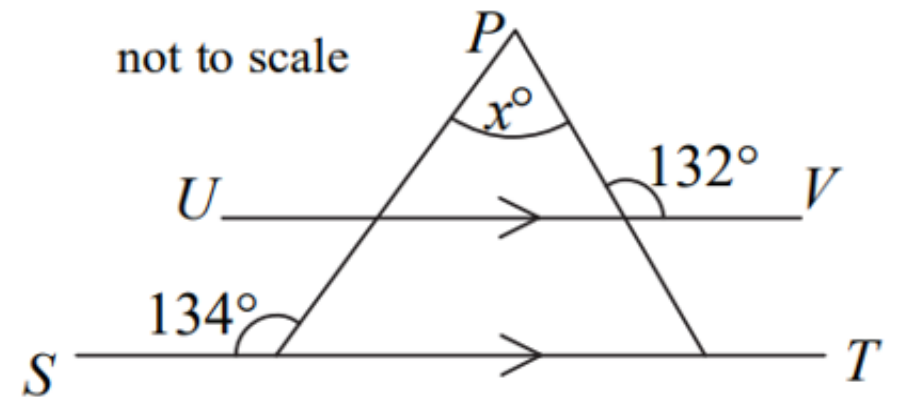
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This week's fantastic solution is brought to you by Joel Getachew (Y7).

A great answer!

"Because one circle is three triangles, and one square is two triangles then if we add one more triangle it will be total 6 triangles "

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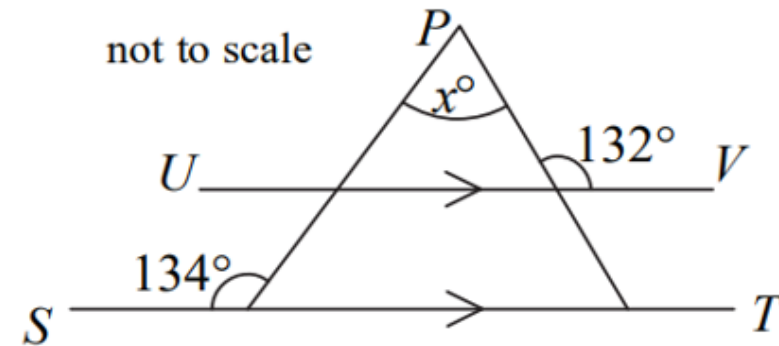
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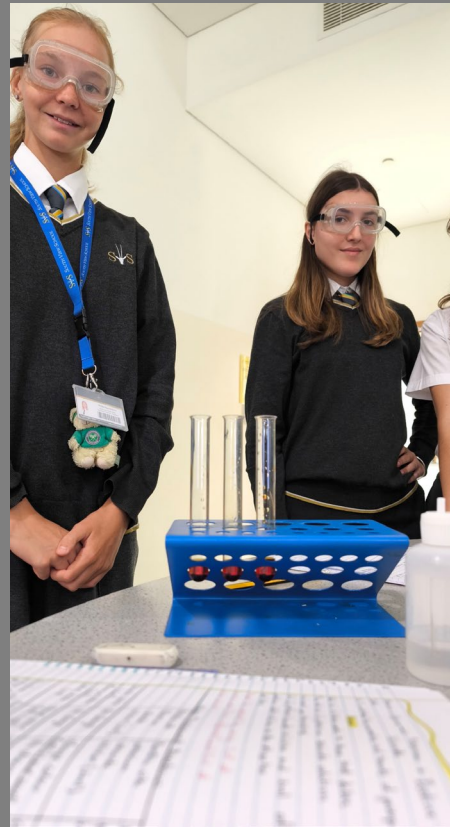
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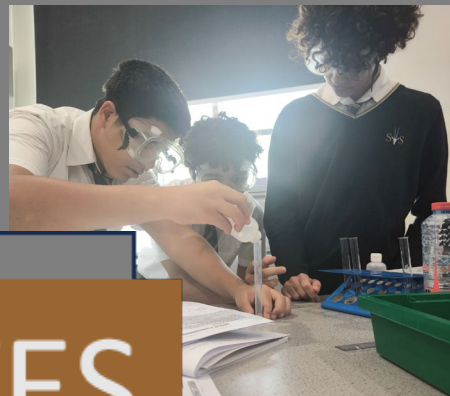
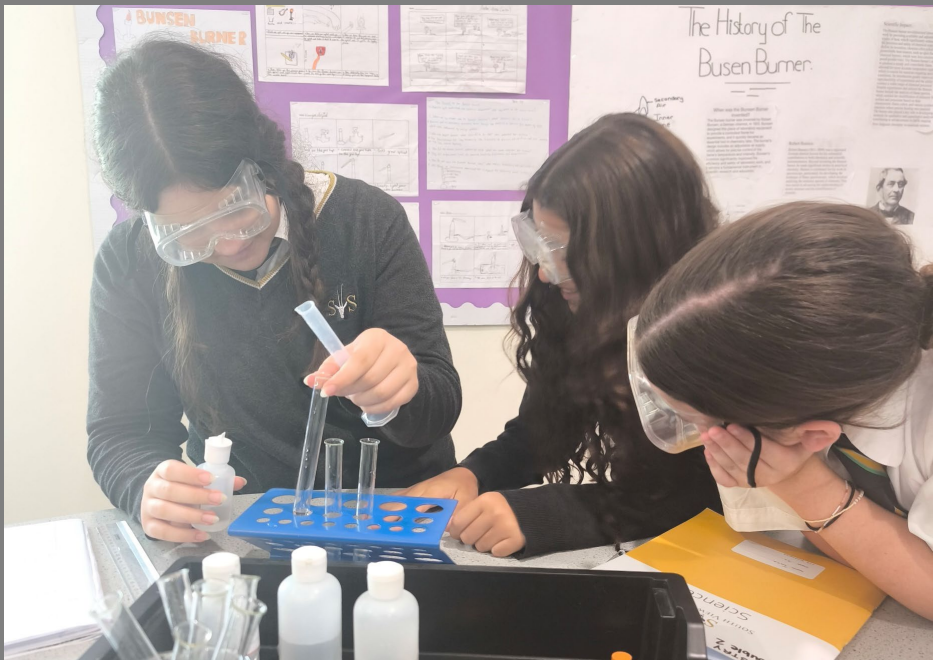


Mia Shatila (Y11) offered this brilliant explanation to this difficult problem. Well Done Mia!

"The angle with 134 degrees is corresponding with angle on line U so that is 134 degrees.  
 $180 - 134 = 46$  for the angle next to it, inside the triangle.  
 $180 - 132 = 48$  degrees for the other base angle.  
 $46 + 48 = 94$ .  
Angles in a triangle add up to 180 so  $180 - 94 = x$   $x = 86$ "

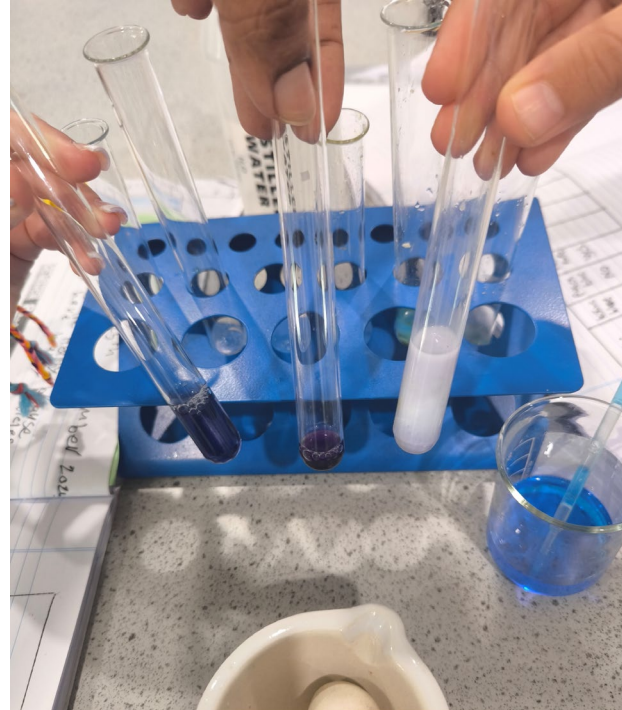


Year 10 students have been diving into the fascinating world of Chemistry by testing group 7 halogens to determine which is more reactive. By observing color changes during their experiments, they explored how different halogens can displace one another. This hands-on activity not only enhanced their understanding of chemical reactivity but also sparked curiosity about the properties of these important elements. Great work, Year 10!



# SCIENCE UPDATES





**In Year 8, students have been actively exploring the world of nutrition through hands-on food tests. They've conducted experiments to identify key nutrients in various foods, including lipids, proteins, starch, and sugars. This practical approach not only enhances their understanding of essential nutrients but also encourages curiosity about the science behind our diets. Great job, Year 8!**



## Arabic A-B Update – Mr. Kerba

السادة أولياء الأمور الكرام،  
تحية طيبة وبعد،

في إطار سعيينا لتطوير مهارات اللغة العربية لدى أبنائنا وبناتنا، سنركز على تعزيز المهارات النحوية والإملائية. سيتم التركيز على تمكين الطلاب من تكوين جمل صحيحة وتمييز المصطلحات النحوية المختلفة وتطبيق هذه المهارات في كتاباتهم. كذلك، سنعمل على تحسين المهارات الإملائية من خلال تصحيح الأخطاء الشائعة وتعزيز الكتابة السليمة. وفيما يخص الأنشطة والمسابقات:

- نود أن نذكركم بمتابعة "مسابقة الإملاء" التي تتيح للطلاب والطالبات فرصة التدرب على الكلمات المرفقة عبر منصة "تيمز".
  - متابعة مسابقة القراءة التي تهدف إلى تنمية مهارات القراءة لدى الطلاب والطالبات وتحفيزهم على حب الكتاب.
- نأمل منكم دعم وتشجيع أبنائنا وبناتنا على المشاركة الفعالة في هذه الأنشطة لتحقيق أفضل النتائج.  
مع خالص التحيات.

**Dear Parents, ( Arabic B)**

**This week:**

We focused on listening skills in class. The students listened to a passage about different Arab countries, such as Tunisia and Egypt, exploring famous landmarks, traditional markets, and other cultural highlights. Our goal was to improve their ability to understand spoken Arabic, recognize key vocabulary, and develop their listening comprehension. We are pleased to share that the students did a great job identifying the main ideas.

**Next week:**

Our focus will shift to speaking skills. Students will have the opportunity to practice expressing themselves in Arabic by discussing various topics. We will work on building their confidence in speaking, improving pronunciation, and forming simple sentences. This is an exciting step in helping them become more comfortable using Arabic in conversations.

Thank you for your continued support!



## Islamic Update – Mr. Kerba

### Dear Parents

We hope this message finds you well. As we continue our journey through the academic year, we would like to provide you with updates regarding your children's progress in their Islamic studies and upcoming topics.

### Student Progress

We are pleased to report that our students are actively engaging with the material and demonstrating a growing understanding of Islamic teachings. To further enhance their learning experience, we encourage you to support your children in memorizing the Quran. Setting aside dedicated time for them to practice at home will greatly aid their progress and deepen their connection to the Quran.

### Upcoming Topics for Next Week

Please find below the topics that will be covered in the coming week:

- **Year 7:** ) فرائض الصلاة وسننها ومكروهاتها (Obligations of Prayer, its Sunnah, and Disliked Actions)
- **Year 8:** ) أدلة وحدانية الله تعالى (Evidence of the Oneness of Allah)
- **Year 9:** ) الإخلاص (Sincerity)
- **Year 10:** ) الغفور العدل سبحانه (The Forgiving and Just)
- **Year 11:** ) مراحل جمع القرآن الكريم (Stages of Collecting the Quran)
- **Year 12:** ) العقود المالية في الإسلام (Financial Contracts in Islam)
- **Year 13:** ) الفراق بين الزوجين (Separation between Spouses)

We appreciate your continued support and involvement in your children's Islamic education. Encouraging them to engage with these topics at home will foster a richer understanding and application of their faith.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to reach out.





## MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan



MFL breakfast award ceremony with our contestants of the bake off. A huge well done to all our participants and a special mention to our winners:

Tia Year 9: Best Design

Team Colombia Y8/11: Best taste





## MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan

Year 10 Spanish have been exploring school rules in Spanish through a text all about Barbie's world and the many interesting rules that Barbie has enforced. The students then recycled the vocabulary and structures to write about the rules at SVS to create a handout for new students joining.



Our French Year 7 students have been exploring Countries and have completed student-led learning tasks to research their findings. They used a range of resources to gather their findings.







## MSC Update – Mr Altaf

Year 8 MSC students showcased impressive skills in First Aid, engaging in thoughtful discussions about their moral responsibilities and exploring ways to positively impact local communities.





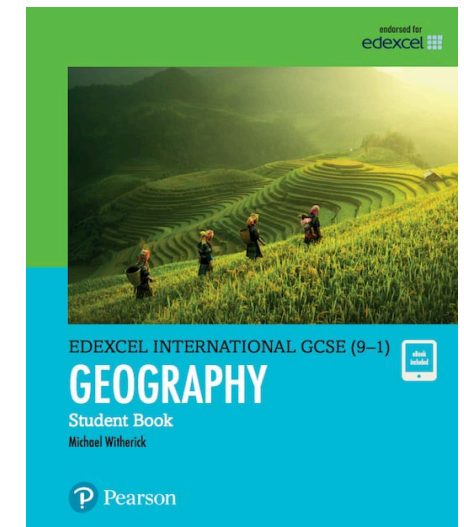
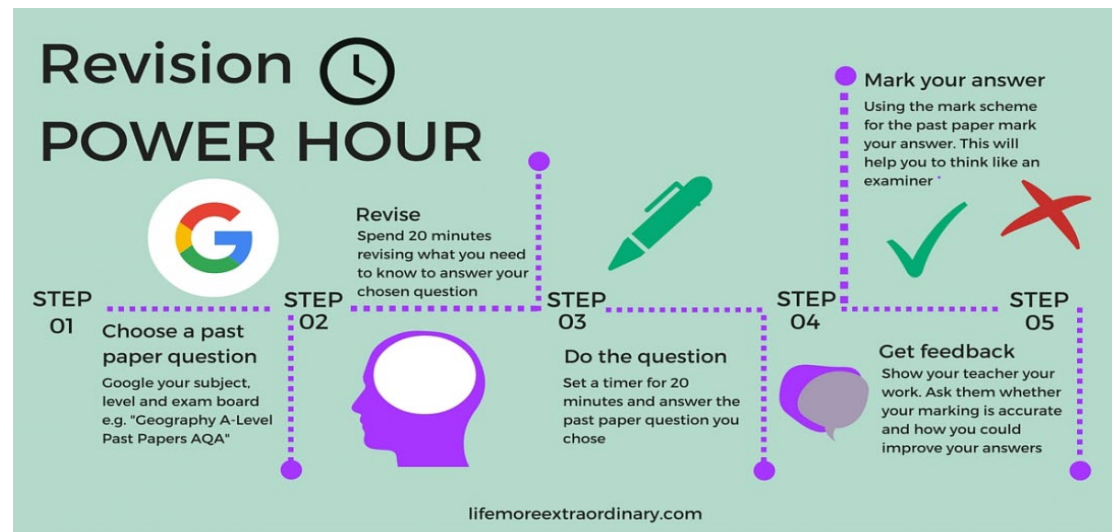


## Humanities Update – Miss Coy

# GEOGRAPHY

**The Geography Masterclass** tailored for IGCSE students in Years 10 and 11, is starting back this Thursday, October 3rd, from 3:45 PM to 4:30 PM in Miss Scouller's room.

This month, we'll focus on revising coastal environments. Additionally, you'll have the chance to ask questions and study other areas of the syllabus. Don't miss out on this valuable resource to help you excel in your upcoming exams!







In Geography this week, Year 7 students took their mapping skills beyond the classroom and away from technology by creating their own mental maps. The students showed great enthusiasm and put in a fantastic effort to apply their mapping skills in a hands-on activity.







## Psychology Update – Mr Wood

**The Psychology Masterclass** tailored for IGCSE students in Years 10 and 11, has been in full flow and has seen students reaping the rewards in their practice papers! As a reminder, masterclasses are from 1.05-1.45 in Mr Wood's classroom.

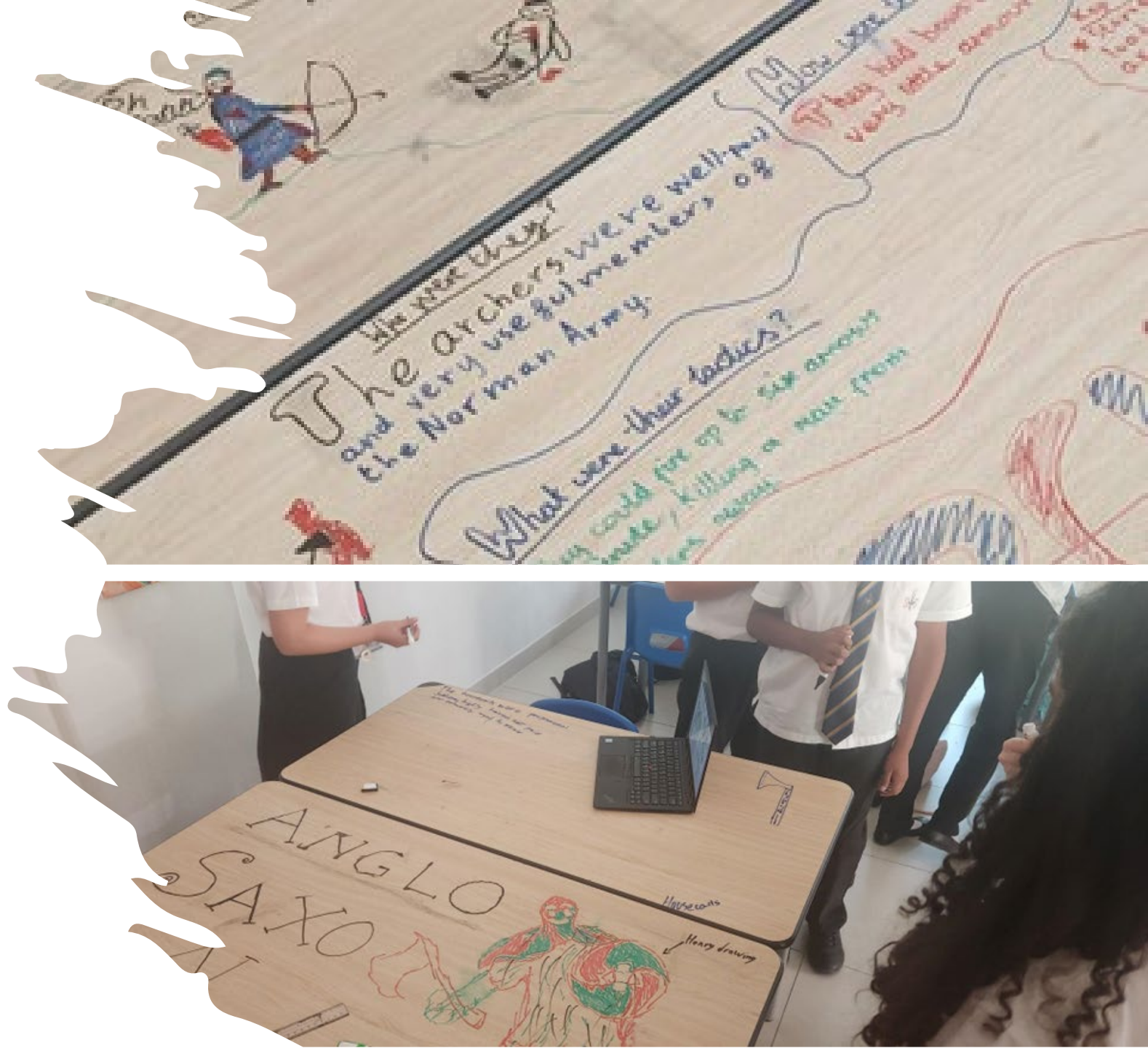
This month, we'll focus on revising neuropsychology. There will be exam questions and sessions for us to go over any content you are unsure of.





# Humanities Update – Miss Coy

- Our Year 7 students recently took charge of their own learning by exploring the different types of soldiers involved in the historic Battle of Hastings. In small groups, students worked collaboratively, researching the roles of archers, infantry, and cavalry. They then shared their findings with their peers by displaying and discussing their ideas on their desks, fostering a spirit of teamwork and engagement. This hands-on approach encouraged students to develop independent research skills and deepen their understanding of this key historical event.





## Humanities Update – Miss Coy

- This week, our Year 9 students are preparing for an exciting debate on the merits of conscription during the First World War. Divided into boys vs. girls, the students are researching their arguments, with the boys supporting conscription and the girls opposing it. Next week, they will take to the stage to present their cases, discussing the balance between national duty and personal freedoms. This debate promises to be a great opportunity for students to enhance their public speaking and critical thinking skills while engaging with key historical themes.





## The Arts Update - Mrs Rock

### *The Demon Headmaster* – update

This week we have been busy getting together the first 5 scenes of the play. The cast have been impressive so far and have a great understanding of their roles already.

Our production team have been designing the t shirt which will be worn by all members of the team while our set and prop designers have already begun to map out the locations in the script.

**Last call for parents of students involved to get their consent letters in so we can put in our t shirt orders.**

You can find a copy of the letter here:

[DHMparentletterandconsent1.docx](#)

If any parents would like to support our Demon Headmaster production team in any capacity, please do get in touch!

[Charlene.rock@southview.ae](mailto:Charlene.rock@southview.ae)

Calling all performers- singers, dancers, musicians – we need you!  
Please speak to Mr. Themis about Tunes 4 Tuesday!

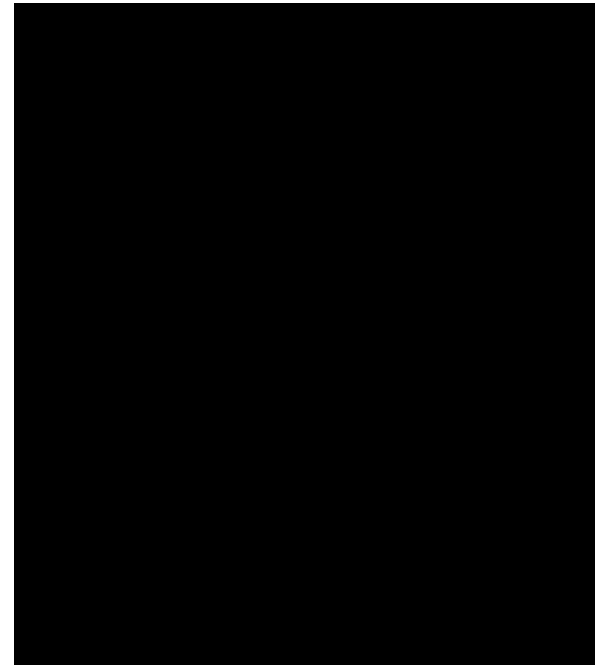
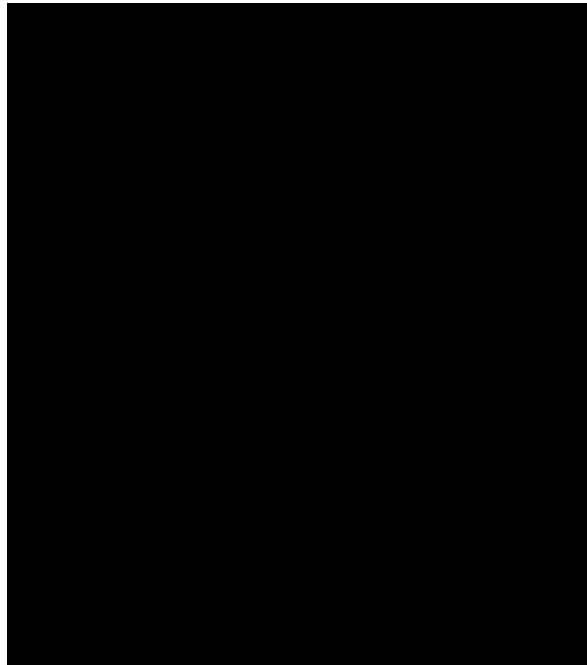
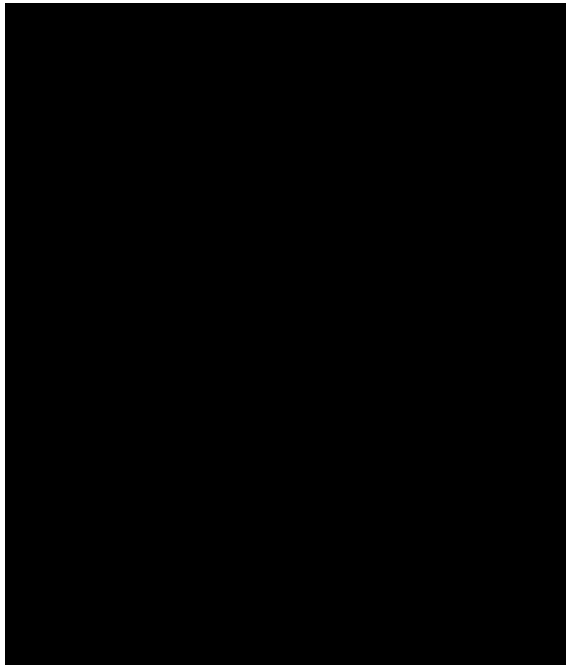
Singers – please come along to choir on Monday lunchtimes in Mr Themis' Music Room





## Music Update - Mr. Theriault

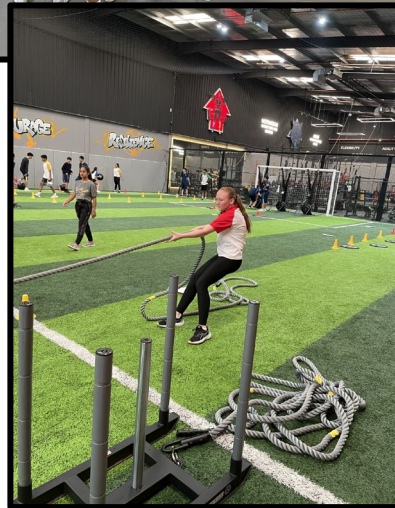
What a wonderful rocking Friday morning, with the Brooklyn Melodies team performing for our KS3 students! Lots of smiles, clapping and singing along and hopefully some inspiration for our young musicians!



If your child is interested in music lessons, please visit [www.brooklynmelodies.com](http://www.brooklynmelodies.com) for more information and be sure to quote South View school for a 20% discount!

# PE Update | Mr. Bladen

This week, **21 GCSE PE students from Year 10 and 11** had the incredible opportunity to attend the **MEFIT Teen Summit 24** at LVL UP Gyms. The summit featured a series of interactive and educational sessions, including **HYROX Youngstars, Pilates, and JiuJitsu & Kickboxing**, all designed to promote physical fitness and well-being among teenagers. Students also participated in a motivational fitness talk, **The Power of YOU**, which focused on building authentic strength and confidence. It was a highly engaging event, and our students represented SVS with enthusiasm and commitment throughout the day.



There may be  
people that  
have more talent  
than you,  
but there's no  
excuse for anyone  
to work harder  
than you do.  
-Derek Jeter







## Sports at SVS - Mrs Teodoro

### THIS WEEK RESULTS:

U16 Girls Football vs Dwight – POST PONED, new date to be confirmed  
U12 girls football vs Fairgreen International School – Draw 2-2  
U14 boys football vs Kings Al Barsha -  
U16 girls Basketball vs Safa Community School – Win 24-19  
Secondary swimming relay gala -

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

07.10 - U16 boys football @ JESS - 4pm  
08.10 – U12 girls football @ Arcadia - 4pm  
08.10 – U12 boys football @ GEMS Founders Al Barsha - 4pm  
10.10 – U13 girls football vs Brighton College Dubai - 4pm  
10.10 – U16 boys basketball vs Regent - 4pm





## The Academy Dubai & Sedbergh Courses presents:

A 2-day camp for Y4-9 in both rugby and netball, led by ex-international players Tom Mitchell and Pamela Cooley. All camps are based at the 7s ground.

They are also running a high performance 7s camp for Y10-13. This will be a great opportunity for our students to be trained by one of the top sports person in the world. See how to register in the next 2 pages.

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With England Rugby 7s legend  
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# Careers Update – Ms. Scouller

MDXplorer bus – 16th October Y10-13  
students

The MDXplorer bus from Middlesex University will be visiting Southview on Wednesday, October 16th, from 9-1pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for our Year 10 to 13 students to participate in fun activities, including taster sessions and games, and to network with university representatives.

As part of Middlesex University's commitment to sustainability all students are encouraged to bring in plastic bottle caps that will be collected to make something iconic like a representation of the Burj Khalifa.







## International Trips Update – Mr. Whaites



The deadline for registrations for the Azerbaijan trip will be next Monday, the 7th October.

Please all the information below.

### **Azerbaijan – Ski**

**Registration link:** <https://ecov.co/svs/ski>

**Trip dates:** 24-28 February 2025

**Registration deadline:** 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**Balance payment deadline:** 24 December 2024

**Connect link:** [ecov.co/connect/svs/ski](https://ecov.co/connect/svs/ski)

**Price:** AED 5750 + Flight Cost (AED 1700 - AED 2300)



## Rising Star Program (Years 7 & 8) – Mr. Whaites



After the October Half Term, we will be setting up The Rising Star Program for students in Year 7 and Year 8.

Throughout The Rising Star program, students will need to complete a number of tasks and achievements to meet the requirements of the 5 core objectives of the program:  
**Life Skills / Entrepreneurial / Wellbeing / Sustainability / Global Citizenship**

**Parents will be soon sent more information, including an informative video, as well as a registration letter.**

To register for this program, parents will need complete the payment via the payment link in the registration letter that will be sent to them. **The deadline for registration will be Monday 14th October.** Once the school has received the necessary payment, further information will be sent to parents regarding the next steps in the registration process.