



## Secondary School Weekly Update. Date:06/09/24

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Another fantastic week at South View School and unbelievably, we are now two weeks into the new term. The Highlight of the week was undoubtedly the official opening of "The Loft", our brand-new 6<sup>th</sup> Form Centre. On Monday, our Year 12 and 13 students, parents and staff were invited to our ribbon cutting event. Our Principal, Mr Flint, our CEO, Mr Kothari and new Head of 6<sup>th</sup> Form, Mr Burgess, all spoke about their excitement at seeing the new centre being fully operational. I was particularly impressed with our year 13 student, Kamal who made a speech and spoke candidly about his time at South View and how welcomed he had felt since joining at the start of Year 12. As a leadership team, we are very much looking forward to working closely with our students to continue to grow and evolve our 6<sup>th</sup> form in this ultra-modern facility.

Over the coming weeks we are looking to use "The Loft" to host masterclasses for our 6<sup>th</sup> Form Students. We hope that these will be wide ranging and the aim is to educate and motivate our students, with a focus on the world of work. If any parents would like to volunteer their time and believe they have a particular set of skills or job that they think our 6<sup>th</sup> form students would benefit from hearing about, please send an email to [stuart.macpherson@southview.ae](mailto:stuart.macpherson@southview.ae) and we can look at specific details. It would be fantastic to draw upon our community spirit and see more parents working directly with our students sharing their knowledge and expertise.





We had a fantastic turn out for our first coffee morning of the new academic year with over 40 Year 7 parents meeting with Miss Matharu and I. We would like to thank the parents who gave their time to support this event and for range of questions that were asked, which I am sure benefitted all in attendance.

Next week, we will start our application process for our Junior and Senior Student Council. The Heads of Years will be having Year group assemblies throughout next week to share information about this and what the role will entail. Student Voice is incredibly important to us and we will be encouraging as many students as possible to apply. We would appreciate your support with this as we believe all our students have the capability to develop and hone their leadership skills. The application process will start with an application letter followed by an interview for the best applicants. Please join us with encouraging your sons and daughters to apply.

Thank you all for your continued support and I would like to wish you all a restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Stuart Macpherson

Acting Head of Secondary

#### Upcoming Dates

Please mark your calendars with the following key dates:

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 8:15 am, Secondary Library:** Academic and our Curriculum with Assistant Head, Mrs Tina Stevens. All parents are welcome.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, Year 7-11 Meet the Tutor Evening 6pm, Secondary Sports Hall:** An opportunity to hear from Head of Secondary and to meet your son/daughter's form teacher.



## Literacy Update – Louise

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### Exotic reading QUIZ:

This week in form time students were asked to work out who the teacher behind the book is and even better, if they could guess their summer location.

The winning form group will be revealed next week.

Reading in our free time allows us to relax and reflect, while simultaneously widening our vocabulary and improving literacy. Parents, please continue to encourage your children to read on the weekends, evenings and holidays. Students are welcome to take out books from our wonderful library and if they have any questions to come and speak with me.





## Literacy Update - Louise

8C and 8E working together as a form group to try and work out: The teacher who is reading and where in the world they are...

Winning form to be revealed next week.





## Mathematics Update – Ms Griffin

### WELCOME!

The Maths Department have had a fantastic start to the year, welcoming new students, especially our lovely Year 7's, and of course welcoming back all the rest of the year groups too. We are particularly excited to have an outstanding group of students back to study for their Maths A-Level. Their interest in the subject and dedication to their learning suggests great things to come!

We are also very pleased to welcome a new member of the Maths Department – Mr Gaby Abboud. He is an experienced, caring and knowledgeable practitioner, and students are sure to thrive under his guidance.

### WATCH OUT FOR....

**Maths Puzzle of the Week** – starts next week, merits and glory to be won!

**Dubai Maths Super League** – for each year group, dates to be confirmed.

**Challenge ME** – for Years 7–9, starting in October.

**Maths ECAs** – KS3 Maths Clinic (Mr Gaby)

– KS4/5 Maths Clinic (Mr Breeze)

– Chess Club (Mr Dutton)

– Competition Club (Ms Griffin)

### THE YEAR SO FAR

Baselines have now been completed, classes organised, and schemes of learning are well underway.

- **Year 7** – completed their Harry Potter transition tasks and are now working on developing their number skills.
- **Year 8** – are also building on their number skills learning from last year. Mr Dutton's class have started with an engaging and creative inquiry task, and we have been so impressed with the mathematical challenges the students are setting themselves!
- **Year 9** have begun studying for their Maths iGCSE, and many have already created revision books they should be proud of.
- **Year 10** start the second year of study for the iGCSE, reviewing and building on their work from last year.
- **Year 11** are in the final phase of the iGCSE scheme of learning.

# Arabic A Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Arabic A Parents,

Greetings from the Arabic A department and welcome to South View School! We would like to share with you the latest updates from the Arabic A section:

All of our Arabic A students have completed their diagnostic tests on the Seen assessment platform. This is one of our new developments in the Arabic department, allowing us to have a clear understanding of each student's level in Arabic and work together to enhance their Arabic skills. A few students who have not completed their assessments will do so on another day.

The Arabic A Department has identified students' levels and highlighted areas for improvement, followed by an intervention plan to better support their progress.

This month, we will be focusing on reading skills. We kindly request that you allocate daily time for students to practice reading fluency at home, as this will greatly benefit them throughout the academic year.

This year, we have received our Arabic Ministry of Education textbooks, which have already been distributed to all students. Please ensure that students bring their textbooks to school daily.

Additionally, an electronic version of the textbooks has been sent to students on Teams, which is useful for reviewing in case the physical books are forgotten or if they prefer to access them digitally.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Arabic teacher.

# Arabic B Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Arabic B Parents,

Greetings from the Arabic B department and welcome to South View School! We would like to share with you the latest updates from the Arabic B section:

- All of our Arabic B students have completed their diagnostic tests on the SEEN assessment platform. This is one of our latest developments in the Arabic department, enabling us to have a clear understanding of each student's level in Arabic and work collaboratively to enhance their Arabic skills. For the few students who have not yet completed their assessments, they will be rescheduled for another day.
  - The Arabic B Department has successfully identified students' proficiency levels and pinpointed areas for improvement, followed by an intervention plan aimed at supporting their progress.
  - Starting from *Monday*, students will join their allocated groups with either Mrs. Fatima, Ms. Mays, or Mr. Ahmed.
  - Next week, we will begin our new units:
    - *Year 7*: The Arab World
    - *Year 8*: Shopping
    - *Year 9*: Pollution
    - *Year 10*: The Role Model
  - The focus of the week will be on introducing students to *key vocabulary and grammar* specific to their respective units.
  - Please ensure that students bring their headphones to school daily.
- Additionally:**
- Arabic GCSE classes for Year 11 will begin next week and will take place during DEAR sessions in Mrs. Fatima's classroom.

Have a great week ahead!

# Islamic Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Islamic Studies Parents,

Greetings from the Islamic Department and welcome to South View School! We would like to share with you the latest updates from the Islamic classes:

- All of our Islamic Studies students have completed their diagnostic assessments. This is one of our recent initiatives in the department, allowing us to gain a clearer understanding of each student's knowledge and skills in Islamic Studies.
- For the few students who have not yet completed their assessments, they will have the opportunity to do so on another day.
- The Islamic Department has successfully identified students' levels and areas for improvement, followed by an intervention plan aimed at supporting their progress.
- Starting from *Monday*, students will join their allocated groups with either Mrs. Sahar, Ms. Ilham, Ms. Suzan, Ms. Sidra.
- Next week, we will begin our first units based on the following topics:
  - *Year 7*: Surah As-Sajdah (1-15)
  - *Year 8*: Surah Qaf (1-15)
  - *Year 9*: Surah Ya-Sin (1-10)
  - *Year 10*: Surah Al-Hujurat (1-10)
  - *Year 11*: Surah Al-Kahf (1-8)
  - *Year 12*: Surah Al-Ahzab (1-10)
  - *Year 13*: Surah An-Nur (1-10)

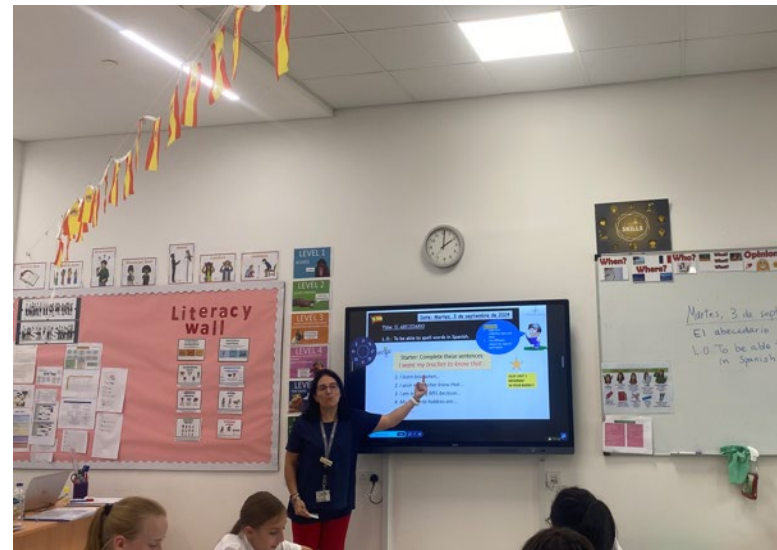
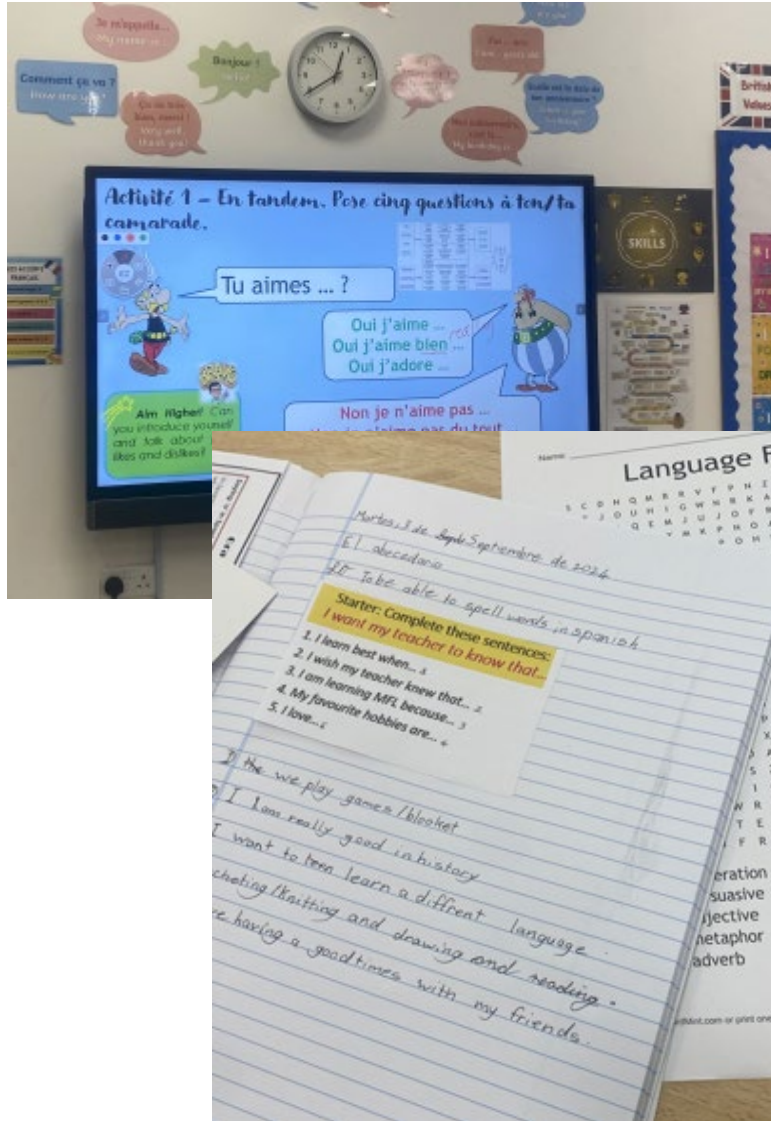
The focus of the week will be on introducing students to *key verses and interpretations* specific to their respective surahs.







## MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan



It has been an exciting second week in the MFL department, particularly for our Year 7 students.

Our Year 7 language students have been developing their vocabulary range and have started to talk about their likes and dislikes in French and more complex introductions in Spanish.

A fantastic start to languages in secondary school. Well done everyone.

Day	Lunchtime	After school
<b>Monday</b>	School Show rehearsals (drama studio)  Choir (music room)	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Band rehearsals (Music Room)  <u>Yr 11</u> ICT and CS masterclass (ICT lab)  Year 7-9 Art Club (art room)	School Show rehearsals – mains only (The drama studio)  GCSE art masterclass
<b>Wednesday</b>	School show production team meeting (Steam Lab)	
<b>Thursday</b>		School Show rehearsals for all (The drama studio)

# The Arts Update - Mrs Rock

- This week students have been busy doing baseline assessments across all the Arts' subjects. We have been really impressed with the student's energy and enthusiasm in their lessons and we are excited for the year ahead.
- We have also been busy arranging ECAs for this term and setting up trips and auditions. We are looking forward to a very productive Term 1.





# South View Secondary School Show 2024/2025



## *The Demon Headmaster*

**We are excited to announce that this year's Secondary School show will be the play 'The Demon Headmaster'.**

Cast and production team meetings have already been held.

**Auditions will be  
Monday 9th September (lunchtime- drama studio)  
and  
Wednesday 11th September (lunchtime- drama studio)**



# The Demon Headmaster information

If your child attended one of the meetings to express interest this week, they will have a letter to show you so that you can discuss whether they can commit to be part of the team. Please discuss this with them. Any questions, please email Ms. Rock [charlene.rock@southview.ae](mailto:charlene.rock@southview.ae)

## PRODUCTION TEAM ONLY

<u>Details</u>	<u>Can I commit to this?</u>
Final performance dates will be the evening of Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> of <u>February, 2025</u> .	
Am I willing to pay 100aed to cover the cost of a show shirt and other materials needed for the show?	
<u>Main slot:</u> – Am I available to rehearse at the following times: - Wednesday lunchtimes	
Occasionally and more in the <u>build up</u> to the final performance - Am I available to rehearse at the following times: - Monday lunchtimes - Tuesdays 3:45-4:30pm - Thursdays 3:45-4:30pm	
Am I able to come to school on Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> of <u>February, 2025</u> , if needed for extra rehearsals?	
Am I ready to focus and concentrate during rehearsal times to ensure we achieve our very best?	

## PERFORMERS ONLY

<u>Details</u>	<u>Can I commit to this?</u>
Final performance dates will be the evening of Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> of February, 2025.	
Am I willing to pay 100aed to cover the cost of a show shirt and other materials needed for the show?	
<u>Main performing roles only</u> – Am I available to rehearse at the following times: - Monday lunchtimes - Tuesdays 3:45-4:30pm - Thursdays 3:45-4:30pm	
<u>Medium and minor roles only</u> - Am I available to rehearse at the following times: - Monday lunchtimes (performers only) - Thursdays 3:45-4:30pm (performers only)	
Can I commit to learning lines for my role?	
Am I able to come to school on Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> of February, 2025, if needed for extra rehearsals?	
Am I ready to focus and concentrate during rehearsal times to ensure we do our very best performance?	



# ART CLUB

TUESDAY LUNCHTIME

for Y7-Y9

MISS SWEENEY'S ROOM

School mural, Jewellery making &  
MUCH MORE!





GCSE Drama students – this one is for you! Details coming soon...



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## Theatre Trip- available for all years 7-13

**When:** Tuesday 15th November, 2024

**Time:** leaving school at 12pm and returning around 6pm

**Cost:** approximately 260 AED

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE GIVE YOUR  
NAME TO MS ROCK BY FRIDAY 20TH  
SEPTEMBER.**

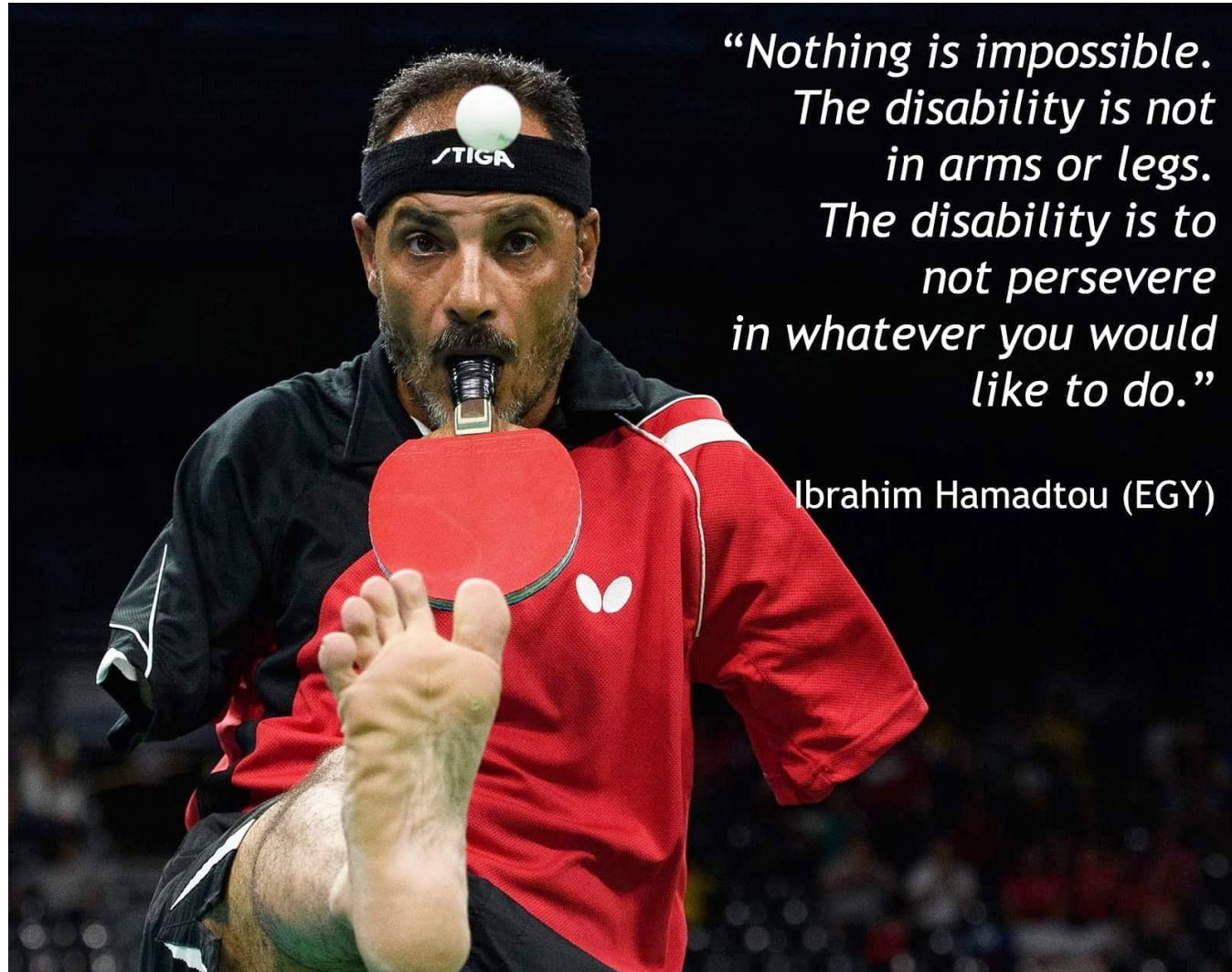
**WE NEED A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF STUDENTS  
FOR THE TRIP TO GO AHEAD!**



# PE Update | Mr. Bladen

This week in PE, our secondary students have been actively engaged in their various sports units. Across all year groups, we've seen impressive dedication, teamwork, and a strong commitment to improving their skills. Whether it's on the astro or in the sports hall, our students continue to demonstrate the values of perseverance and sportsmanship. Well done to everyone for their hard work!





*“Nothing is impossible.  
The disability is not  
in arms or legs.  
The disability is to  
not persevere  
in whatever you would  
like to do.”*

Ibrahim Hamadtou (EGY)





## Sports Update – Mrs Teodoro



Dear Parents,

This week, we held trial sessions for our secondary squads, and we were very impressed with the fantastic turnout from our students! Once again, they have shown great passion for sports and a strong desire to represent SVS in various sports and competitions.

### Important Reminders:

**Students:** Please check the squad board located at the Secondary 1st-floor main entrance daily for team sheets and fixture details.

**Parents:** Log in to SOCS for training and fixture details.

**Note:** We are currently experiencing some issues with the SOCS system. If you are unable to log in or activate your parent account, please contact the PE department for assistance.

Training sessions start: From Monday, 9th of September – all students should register on the school Gate 3.

Thank you for your support!



## Sports Update – Mrs Teodoro

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

10/09 – Gymnastics trials @ 3.30pm SMPH – Open to all secondary students.

10/09 – U13 BSME boys Basketball trials – Invitation only



## Gymnastics Trials



Boys & Girls: mixed abilities  
Tuesday, 10th September: 3.30pm @SMPH





# Inclusion Update

## – Ms. Quick

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- This week in the inclusion department, we have started to implement our intervention groups during the school day. This is already proving to be very beneficial and enjoyable for several of our students, in particular the groups that have been attending for extra support in Maths! Everybody is working extremely hard and is focused for the year ahead.
- Our ASDAN groups are starting to work on their projects with Mr. King and are really enjoying the long-term plan in place for this course.
- Our LSAs are now back in the classrooms, supporting students wanting that little bit of extra help in lessons.
- It really has been a fantastic second week back at SVS, seeing the students happy in their peer groups and with their teachers. Well done everybody! :)





## Trips and ECAs Update – Mr. Whaites

### External ECAs

This year we will be working with a wide range of external companies to provide activities to our students. These include: Swimming, Gymnastics, Basketball, Tennis, Music, and more.

We continue our partnership with ISM who provide additional activities such as Chess, Ballet, Street Dance, Language classes, Football, and more. ISM have sent their brochure to all parents this week.

Please note that the sign-up days for External ECAs has now passed, however, you will be able to contact the providers directly for any information regarding fees, registrations and schedules. You will be able to see the contact details for all providers in the ECA booklet that will be shared next week. Please note that all external ECAs require extra payment.

Official start date: Monday 9th September

### Internal ECAS

We will be providing a host of internal activities on school campus, during lunchtimes and sometimes after school, for our secondary students from Monday to Thursday

A booklet detailing all the internal ECAs, as well as the days and times they will be taking place, will be sent to parents during the week beginning: Monday 9th September.

The sign up for these activities will be possible for the students, directly with the assigned teacher.

The official start date for the internal ECAs will be Monday 16th September.



# Sustainability Club – Mr Altaf

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- This year the Sustainability Club will be hosting a fantastic sustainability week with lots of different world-saving activities every day!
- Anyone who would like to take part is encouraged to sign the sign-up sheet outside Mr Altaf's geography classroom.





**United  
Nations**

**Model United Nations**

Last year was our second year having MUN at Southview and we managed to grow up club even further. We have many new delegates who attended conferences at Dubia International Academy and at Emirates International School Jumeirah.

Both of which saw our pupils win awards in a variety of categories. We are currently planning our first conference this year at The English College Dubai.

We meet during Tuesday lunch times and use this time to create position papers, practice speeches and generally prepare for the upcoming events.