



Secondary School Weekly Update

Date: 06/12/24



Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been a short but eventful week. Firstly, I would like to thank all our Year 8 Parents who attended our Parents' Evening last night. It was a great opportunity to connect with teachers and discuss your child's progress, we really do appreciate your time and commitment.

It was also fantastic to see so many parents engaging with the exciting work happening in our science department by attending our Science Coffee Morning on Thursday. Mrs McCollough and the team thoroughly enjoyed giving parents the opportunity to experience life in their children's shoes, alongside sharing practical advice on how to encourage students in Science. I hope all in attendance enjoyed this.

A special mention to our Year 11 Art students, who worked incredibly hard during their IGCSE Mock Art exams over Wednesday and Thursday. Their focus, creativity, and dedication was very impressive, and we are excited to see how they get on in their finals. Well done to each of you!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Wishing you a restful and enjoyable weekend!

Kind regards,
Stuart Macpherson
Acting Head of Secondary



Upcoming Term 1 dates:

Wednesday 11th December 6pm - Secondary Winter Concert (The Imagine Theatre)

Festive Jumper Day – 13th December

Winter Break 13th December – January



Literacy Update - Louise



There is a big book sale taking place locally in Studio City over the long weekend, until 9th December.

It offers a great opportunity for students to pick out some excellent books at a discounted price and hopefully to select a good read for over the winter break.

Science updates



Year 7 students have been getting hands-on with electrical plugs, exploring their inner workings in a fun and engaging way! By taking apart and reassembling plugs, they've discovered how the different components fit together and play a vital role in keeping things powered safely. It's been a fantastic opportunity for them to combine curiosity with practical skills, sparking excitement about the science behind everyday objects.



This week, we hosted a Parents' Coffee Morning with a twist—a Science Takeover! Parents stepped into their children's shoes with a sample lesson, experiencing firsthand some of the exciting challenges their children tackle in Science. We also took the opportunity to dive deeper into the British Curriculum, discussing how it shapes learning and assessments. To wrap up, we shared practical tips on how parents can best support the budding scientists at home. It was an interactive, insightful session filled with learning and laughter!



Arabic Update – Mr. Kerba

أولياء الأمور الكرام،
تحية طيبة وبعد،

حرصًا منا على تعزيز مهارات القراءة لدى أبنائنا الطلاب، فإننا نعمل بشكل مستمر على تطوير هذه المهارة الأساسية، باعتبارها حجر الأساس في بناء شخصية الطالب وتمكينه من مواكبة متطلبات التعليم والحياة. ولتحقيق هذا الهدف، تم تنظيم أنشطة قراءة صيفية مكثفة تهدف إلى تحسين مهارات الفهم والاستيعاب، إلى جانب تصميم مهام وواجبات نوعية تساعد في قياس مدى استيعاب الطلاب لما يقرؤونه، مما يساهم في تنمية قدراتهم الأكاديمية وتحفيزهم على تحقيق الأداء الأمثل.

وفي هذا السياق، يسعدنا الإعلان عن انطلاق مسابقة تحدي القراءة العربي، التي تُعد إحدى المبادرات المتميزة لتعزيز حب القراءة ونشر ثقافة المطالعة بين الطلاب. تهدف هذه المسابقة إلى تشجيع الطلاب على قراءة مجموعة متنوعة من الكتب وإنجاز جوائز القراءة المخصصة، مما يخلق بينهم روح المنافسة الإيجابية، ويعزز من مهارات التفكير النقدي والإبداعي لديهم.

إننا على يقين بأن الشراكة بين المدرسة وأولياء الأمور هي أساس نجاح أي مبادرة تعليمية. ومن هذا المنطلق، نهيب بكم دعم أبنائكم وتشجيعهم على القراءة اليومية، مع تخصيص وقت لمتابعة تقدمهم في المسابقة. يمكن أن يكون هذا الدعم من خلال توفير بيئة ملائمة للقراءة في المنزل، وزيارة المكتبات العامة، ومناقشة الكتب التي يقرؤونها، مما يعزز من حبهم للعلم والمعرفة.

نؤمن بأن جهودنا المشتركة ستثمر عن جيل واعٍ مثقف، قادر على مواجهة التحديات المستقبلية وتحقيق النجاح على الصعيدين الأكاديمي والشخصي. واثقون بأن أبنائكم سيكونون خير مثال على التميز والإبداع، وأن مشاركتهم الفاعلة في المسابقة ستعود عليهم بالنفع والفائدة. شاكرين لكم تعاونكم المستمر ودعمكم المتواصل لما فيه مصلحة أبنائنا الأعزاء.

وتفضلوا بقبول أسى آيات التقدير والاحترام.



Arabic Update – Mr. Kerba

*Dear Esteemed Parents,
Greetings ,.*

In our continued efforts to enhance the reading skills of our students, we recognize the importance of this fundamental skill as the cornerstone of a student's academic and personal development. To this end, we have implemented intensive in-class reading activities aimed at improving comprehension and understanding. Additionally, we have designed specific tasks and assignments to assess students' grasp of the material they read, thereby fostering their abilities and encouraging them to achieve their best performance.

In this context, we are delighted to announce the launch of the *Arab Reading Challenge*. This initiative is one of the most distinguished programs dedicated to fostering a love for reading and promoting a culture of literacy among students. The competition aims to encourage students to read a wide variety of books and complete their reading passports, instilling a spirit of positive competition and enhancing critical and creative thinking skills.

We firmly believe that the partnership between the school and parents is vital to the success of any educational initiative. Therefore, we kindly urge you to support and motivate your children to engage in daily reading and track their progress in the competition. This support could include creating a conducive reading environment at home, visiting public libraries, and discussing the books they read. Such efforts will help strengthen their passion for knowledge and learning.

We are confident that our joint efforts will nurture a well-informed and cultured generation capable of facing future challenges and achieving success academically and personally. We are certain that your children will serve as exemplary models of excellence and creativity, and their active participation in the competition will bring them great benefits.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and unwavering support in the best interest of our dear students.

With our highest regards and appreciation.



Islamic Update – Mr. Kerba

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh,

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this message finds you in the best of health. As part of our commitment to keeping you informed about your child's progress in Islamic Studies, here is an update for this week:

This Week's Progress:

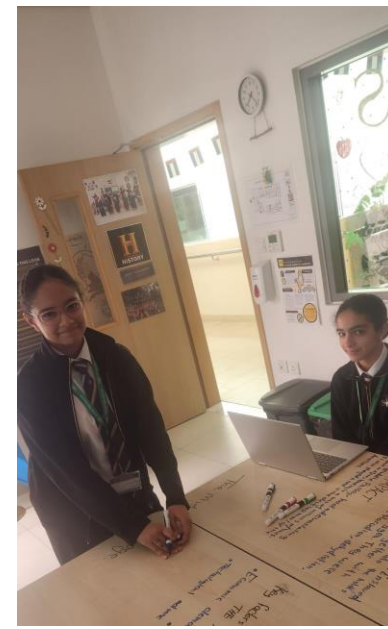
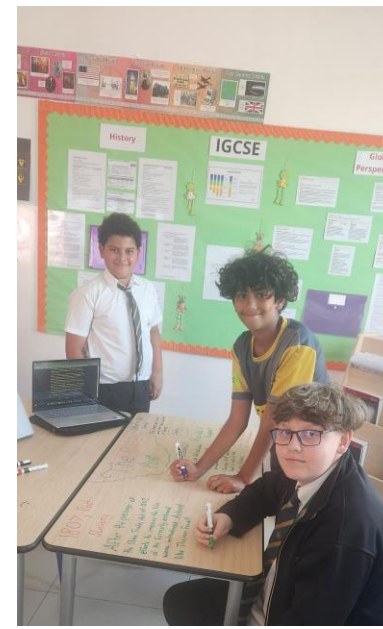
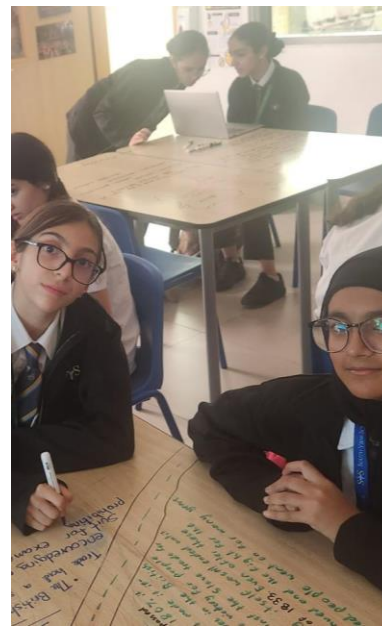
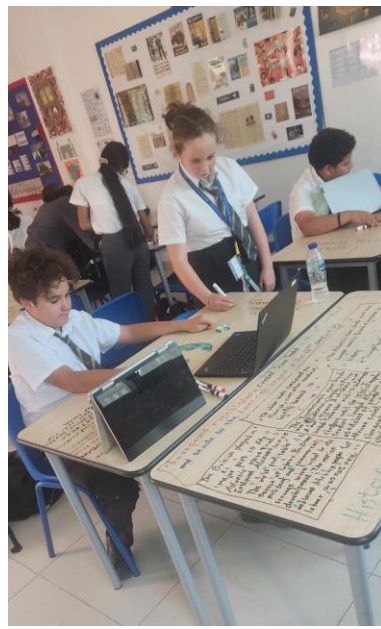
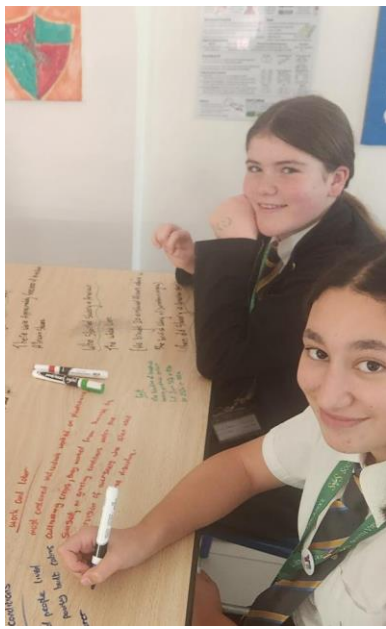
This week, our students continued to deepen their understanding of the topic they been studying during the term, They engaged in a variety of activities, including group discussions, individual presentations, and hands-on practice of key concepts. We are pleased to see the students' enthusiasm and active participation in class. Many have shown remarkable improvement in their understanding and application of the lessons.

Next Week's Plan:

Next week will be dedicated to revision. We will review all the topics covered in this term to ensure a comprehensive understanding. Students are encouraged to bring any questions or concerns they may have to class for clarification. We kindly request your support in encouraging your children to revise their notes and complete any assigned tasks to reinforce their learning at home.

Thank you for your continuous support in your child's Islamic education. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Jazakum Allahu Khairan for your cooperation.



Humanities Update – Miss Coy

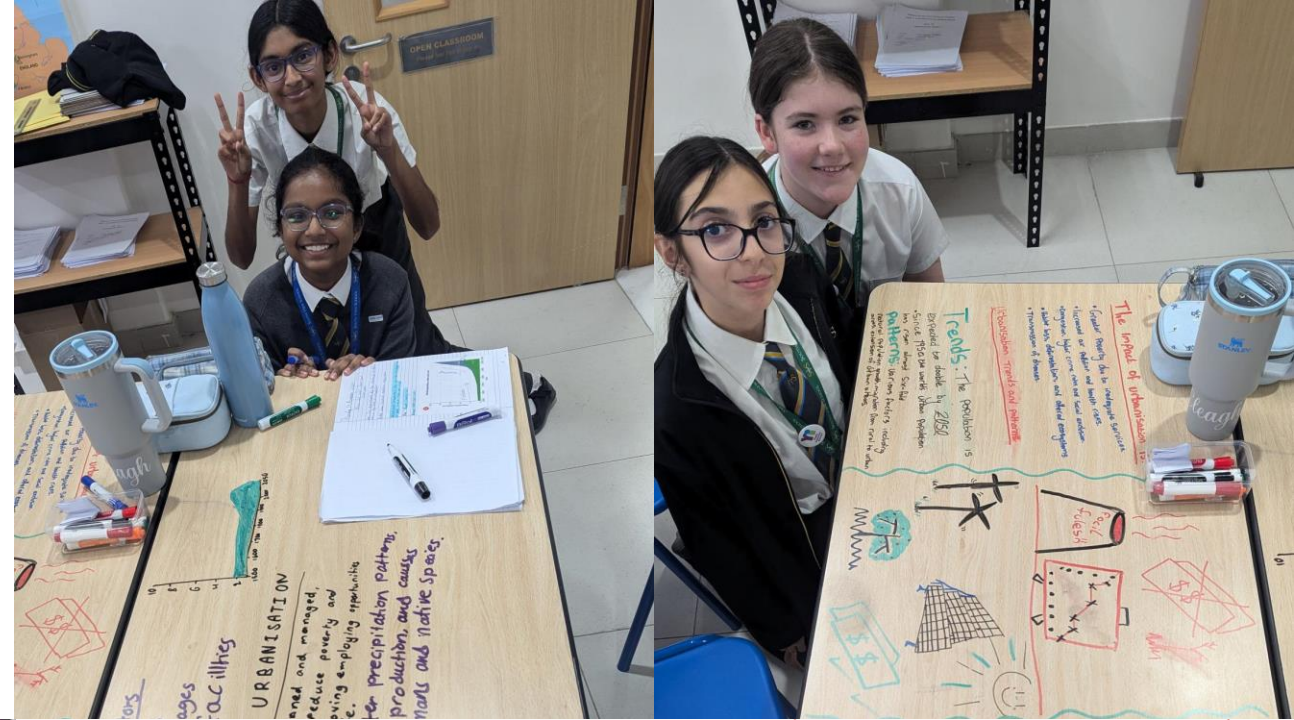
This week our Year 8 students have been engaging in pre-research on the slave trade as part of their student-led learning activities. This groundwork is helping them develop important research and critical thinking skills while sparking their curiosity about history. Their efforts will prepare them for our new topic in Term 2: the Transatlantic Slave Trade, where they will delve into this pivotal historical period. I look forward to seeing their knowledge and understanding grow in the months ahead!



Humanities Update – Miss Coy

Year 8 geographers did an outstanding job reflecting on their learning on urbanisation, delving into the causes and effects, push and pull factors, urban trends and patterns, and proposing solutions to mitigate the challenges posed by rapid urbanisation. Students were encouraged to think critically and creatively, presenting their work in ways that best showcased their unique ideas and talents.

Well done, geographers!



Urbanisation review

Lamar Abu nasser

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Humanities Update

Business and Economics –

- Year 10 IGCSE economics students have been learning about the mixed economy, they recently debated about whether the NHS in the UK should be privatised or remain part of the public sector.
- Year 10 BTEC business are writing a report about the fashion retail sector and on a company of their choice. They are mainly focusing on the introduction of AI and robotics in the industry.
- Year 11 IGCSE Business are studying production methods, they have been looking at how Nissan use mass production lines in their factories.





MSC update

The Great Green Legacy

For their Great Green Legacy project, the students embarked on a mission to design a sustainable city that balances innovation with environmental responsibility. Focusing on renewable energy sources, green infrastructure, and eco-friendly technologies, they crafted a blueprint for a city that minimizes waste, maximizes energy efficiency, and nurtures biodiversity. With features like solar-powered buildings, green roofs, efficient public transport, and abundant green spaces, their vision aims to inspire future generations to prioritise sustainability. Through their work, the students are leaving behind a legacy of hope, demonstrating that a greener, more sustainable world is possible.



The Arts Update - Mrs Rock

The Arts Faculty has had a fabulous few weeks. Our music and drama students performed at the Winter Fair, our Year 11 GCSE Drama students completed their C1 practical exams and our Year 11 GCSE Art students completed their mock exam too. The standard of the work produced during the exam period has really improved and it was a delight to see their pieces at the end of the 10 hour exam- well done to all.

Preparations are now well underway for our final event of 2024- The Secondary Winter Concert on Wednesday 11th December at 6pm in The Drama Studio. No tickets are required so come along and get yourself into the spirit of the winter break. Well done and thanks in advance to Mr. Themis and to all the students involved.

THE DEMON HEADMASTER – a reminder for students involved to check their Teams pages every week for details of rehearsals which will continue right up to the end of term. All students involved need to attend after school on Thursday 12th December for a full run through.





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**WELL DONE AND CONGRATULATIONS
YEAR 11 DRAMA 2024/2025!**



Thank you Zinedine and Isaac (Tech Team)



The Elf in The Gulf

We are very proud to announce that our very own Tessa in 11B will be performing this weekend at this very special production in a fantastic venue just down the road in Sustainable City. This is a tremendous achievement as Tessa was the only student who made it through auditions to become part of this very special show. This production is also very close to our hearts as it is directed by Lauren Noble from CollabCompany who produced our previous production of 'The Mixtape Factory'.

If you would like to see a family friendly fun production as well as support Tessa, please use the link below to purchase tickets: [The Elf in the Gulf - Ticketsfy](#)

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PE Update | Mr. Bladen

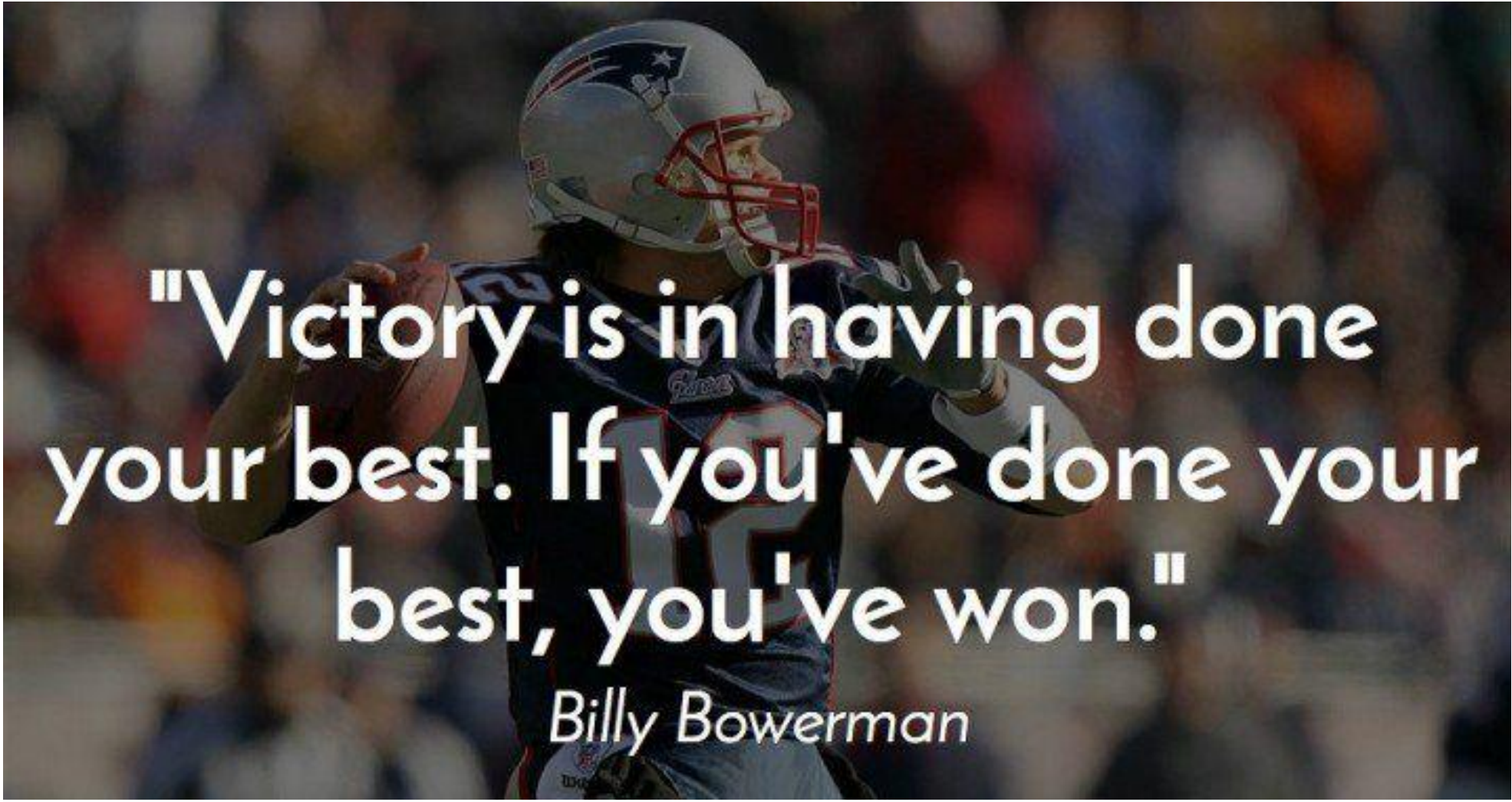
U14 Boys Volleyball Trial

Wednesday morning (6.45am) we will have the U14 Boys Volleyball trial taking place in the SMPH.

If you would like to be considered for the team, please make sure that you attend. If you are unable to attend, please let me know.

Good luck to everyone!





"Victory is in having done
your best. If you've done your
best, you've won."

Billy Bowerman