



Secondary School Weekly Update Friday 7th February 2025

This was a week of celebration and entertainment at SVS.

Last weekend our PE staff took our BSME squad to Abu Dhabi to compete in the U13 Games. The success that has been outlined later in this newsletter was a result of many months of hard work, dedication and practice from students and staff. They were true ambassadors of SVS and deserve the accolades they have been getting. Congratulations to all concerned and thanks to the staff who and parents who went to Abu Dhabi to support them.

Our Secondary School production of The Demon Headmaster took place this week and it certainly lived up to expectations. The cast and crew put on a spectacular OSCAR winning performance and there was real joy coming from the stage. My expressed thanks and gratitude to Ms Rock who produced this and supported the students to shine like stars!

Key Stage 3 Spelling Bee finals took place this week. The skill and quality of the individual spellers was very impressive, and the students were certainly tested beyond their abilities. Congratulations to all students who took part in this event and many thanks to the English Department for creating this exciting opportunity.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Teresa Woulfe – Head of Secondary



Upcoming key dates

- 11th February – Year 8 Geography Fieldwork Trip in Remraam
- 12th February – Sports Day
- 14th February - Year 11 Mock Results Day
- 21st February – University Fair for Y10-13 students
- Term 2 Assessments - Ongoing



Pastoral Update

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic week it has been at South View School! This week has been children's mental health week. We have been raising awareness on and running a variety of initiatives to educate and engage our students on this important topic.

From insightful talks on sports psychology to discussions on the impact of screen time, our students and parents have had the opportunity to reflect on their own wellbeing and learn valuable strategies to support their mental health. It was truly inspiring to see their enthusiasm, curiosity, and engagement throughout the week.

We rounded off this week with our first-ever SVS Colour Run, which was a fantastic celebration of fun, teamwork, and positivity, a perfect way to reinforce the importance of both physical and mental wellbeing.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,

Stuart Macpherson – Assistant Head Teacher





Academic Update - Mrs Stevens

It has been another fantastic week of learning here at SVS, with our students joining Spelling Bees, Maths Challenges, the School show, Geography presentations, MFL surveys and – for our Arab students - the Festival of Literature!

As you are aware, due the large number of events running in Term 2, there is no formal assessment week this Term. Instead, assessments are being organised by Department in class time.

The time /date and content of each assessment is being shared with students in advance and everything relevant to the learning posted on subject Teams. Please consult with your children for specific information about this.

In addition, if you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Heads of Department, Heads of Year or myself and, as always, we will be happy to help.

Best Regards,

Tina Stevens Assistant Head Teacher





10 TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS TO SUPPORT CHILDREN TO READ



Literacy Update – Louise

Encourage your child to read

Reading helps your child's wellbeing, develops imagination and has educational benefits too. Just a few minutes a day can have a big impact on children of all ages. You can encourage them by reading yourself. Have books available, magazines and newspapers. Perhaps you could read together.

Read aloud regularly

This often happens as young children. We often stop when they are at secondary school. There is, however, no reason to stop. Why not ask them what book they are reading and they could read a passage with you, or to you. They could even read to a sibling.

Encourage reading choice

Give children lots of opportunities to read different things in their own time - it doesn't just have to be books. There's fiction, non-fiction, poetry, comics, magazines, recipes and much more. Try leaving interesting reading material in different places around the home and see who picks it up. If your home is less tidy (it's hard with kids!) – have a dedicated space for books so they can always be found.

Read together

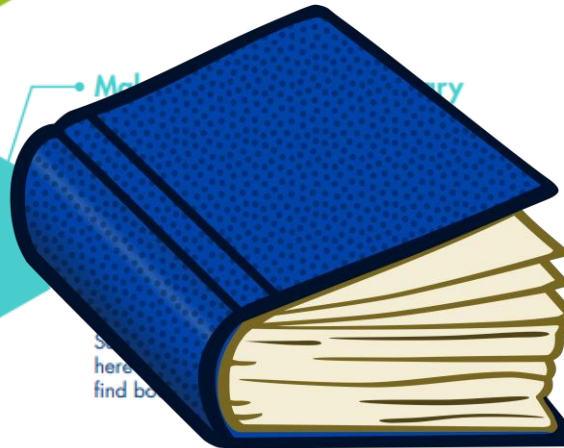
Choose a favourite time to read together as a family and enjoy it. This might be everyone reading the same book together, reading different things at the same time, or getting your children to read to each other. This time spent reading together can be relaxing for all.

Create a comfortable environment

Make a calm, comfortable place for your family to relax and read independently - or together.

Talk about books

This is a great way to make connections, develop understanding and make reading even more enjoyable. Start by discussing the front cover and talking about what it reveals and suggests the book could be about. Then talk about what you've been reading and...



Make a library

Start here to find books



Careers Update – Ms. Scouller

- We are excited to announce that a **University Fair** will be hosted in the **Secondary Sports Hall** on **Friday, 21st February**.
- The event will be open to students from **8:00 am to 8:30 am**.
- Following this, the fair will be open to **parents from 8:30 am to 9:00 am**.
- This is a great chance for both students and parents to gather valuable insights and ask questions about higher education pathways. We encourage everyone to attend and make the most of this informative event.



University Fair @ South View School Friday 21st February @ 8 am - 9 am

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MEET THE REPRESENTATIVES OF TOP UNIVERSITIES!
LEARN ABOUT DIFFERENT MAJORS, ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS,
STUDENT LIFE, FINANCIAL AID, DEADLINES, ETC.



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TURKEY
KOÇ UNIVERSITY
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TEMPLE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK



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SCHILLER INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY



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HYDERABAD, SEOUL, TAIPEI, TOKYO**
MINERVA UNIVERSITY




English Update – Mr. Archibald

Spelling Bee Finals – Winners Announcement

This week, we held the final rounds of the **Years 7, 8, and 9 Spelling Bee**, and we are delighted to announce the winners for each year group.


Year 7

 **1st Place – Nikita Shibayev**

Year 8

 **1st Place – Altynai Bazarbaeva**

Year 9

 **1st Place – Logan OBrien**

A huge congratulations to all our participants for their hard work and dedication. Well done to our winners and thank you to everyone who took part in making this event a success.





Mathematics Update – Mrs Griffin

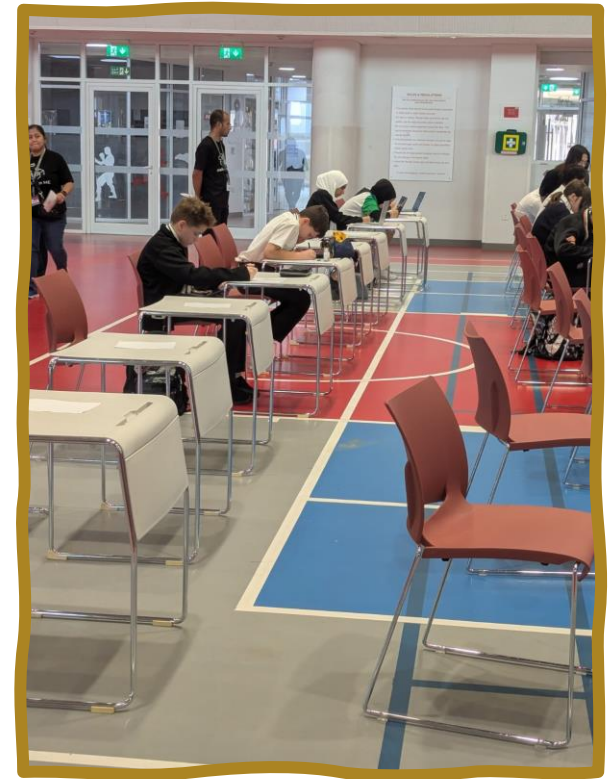


Well done to Roqia, Layan, Talya, Martin, Nikita, and Mohammed!

Challenge ME Semi-Finals
At Swiss International School on Sunday 2nd February.



Thank you to Mr Dutton for accompanying the students. Results should be shared at the start of next week.





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!

Y7 and Y8 – Ms Hughes – Monday lunchtime

Y9 and Y10 – Ms Seth – Thursday lunchtime

Y11 and Sixth Form – Mr Gaby – Thurs lunch/Mon after school



Maths ECAs FAQs

Y7 and Y8 – Ms Hughes – Monday lunchtime
Y9 and Y10 – Ms Seth – Thursday lunchtime
Y11 and Sixth Form – Mr Gaby – Tues after school or Thurs
lunchtime

(1) What are they for?

The maths clinic is for students to come and ask for help with their classwork or homework. Students can also ask for support in updating revision books (Y9, Y10 and Y11), or catching up on any work they may have missed.

(2) Who are they for?

Anyone who wants a bit of help in maths!

In February specific students from Y9, Y10 and Y11 will be required to attend. More information on this to come next week.

(3) Should I bring anything with me?

Bring specific topics or questions that you need help with. In Y9,10 and 11, the same and also bring revision books and calculators.

(4) Do I have to stay for the whole ECA?

No. You can if you want or need to, but if you only have one question that you need help with, you can ask it and then leave.

(5) Can I eat my lunch at the ECA?

Yes, so long as you clean up after yourself!





Arabic A Update – Mr. Kerba

السادة أولياء الأمور الكرام، تحية طيبة وبعد، *

حرصًا على تنمية مهارات طلابنا وتعزيز قدراتهم اللغوية والفكرية، ركّزنا على تطوير مهارات القراءة المتعمقة للقصة القصيرة، من خلال تحليل التقنيات الأدبية المستخدمة وتتبع تطور الحكمة، مما يُتيح للطلاب فهمًا أعمق لرؤية الكاتب وأبعاد النص الأدبي. كما تم تدريبهم على مهارات التفكير الناقد والإبداعي، لتمكينهم من التعامل مع التحديات بحلول مبتكرة ومنطقية .

وفي إطار تحفيز الطلاب وتعزيز روح المنافسة لديهم، نذكركم بأهمية دعمهم للمشاركة في المسابقات التالية :

* مسابقة تحدي القراءة العربي*: حيث يتابع الطلاب تقدمهم في قراءة "الجوازات" وفق معايير التحدي .

* مسابقة الشعر: المقرر انعقادها بتاريخ **24/2/2025*، والتي تبرز مهارات الطلاب في الإلقاء والتعبير الإبداعي .

نهيب بكم تشجيع أبنائكم على المشاركة الفاعلة، لما لهذه الأنشطة من أثر عظيم في صقل شخصياتهم وتعزيز ثقتهم بأنفسهم .

دتم سنّدًا وداعمًا لمسيرة أبنائنا نحو التميز .





Memorable Experience for Our Arabic Students at Emirates LitFest!

We are thrilled to share that our Arabic students had a fantastic opportunity this week to participate in the **Student Sessions at the Emirates Airline Festival of Literature!**

During this enriching event, they had the chance to meet students from other schools, engage in thought-provoking discussions, and ask insightful questions. It was a wonderful experience that allowed them to explore the world of literature, exchange ideas, and deepen their appreciation for Arabic language and culture.

The students thoroughly enjoyed this unique opportunity, and we are proud to see their enthusiasm for learning grow through such inspiring experiences!

Best regards,





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Arabic B Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to provide you with an update on your children's progress this week. Our primary focus has been on enhancing their writing skills, enabling them to express themselves more effectively and utilize vocabulary with greater accuracy.

In the upcoming week, we will introduce new lessons incorporating fresh vocabulary, grammar rules, and structured exercises to further refine their language proficiency.

Furthermore, the students continue to actively participate in the Reading Challenge and the Poetry Competition. We sincerely appreciate your ongoing support in motivating them to engage in these enriching activities.

Thank you for your continuous encouragement. We look forward to witnessing your children's continued growth in their learning journey.

Best regards,





Islamic Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Parents,

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh,

This is a friendly reminder to register your child for the **South View School 6th Quran Competition – Hafez Al-Quran**, an incredible opportunity for our students to strengthen their bond with the Holy Quran and showcase their memorization and recitation talents.

Competition Dates:

- First Round:** April 29, 2025
- Second & Final Round:** April 30, 2025

Registration Deadline: April 9, 2025, register [HERE](#)

This competition offers various levels to cater to the abilities of all participants. Please review the available levels after reading the presentation and select the one that best matches your child's progress.

Key Details:

- Assessments will be conducted in the presence of the principal and an external assessor from the Islamic Affairs Department.
- Certificates & Prizes:** All participants will receive a certificate of participation, and the winners will be awarded special prizes from South View School.
- Memorization Practice:** We encourage students to memorize their assigned Surahs and verses at home. They can share their recitations for feedback via Seesaw or Teams.

Let's come together and create a meaningful experience for our children, strengthening the community and love for the Quran. We also welcome students from other schools to participate.

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity. Kindly complete the registration by the deadline.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Islamic Department.

Best regards,



Inclusion Update – Ms. Quick

- This week 8 students took part in the Unified Games Competition at Arbor School & participated in a sport called 'Kinball'. Both the students and Mr. King had a fantastic morning trying this new sport and everyone came back with a medal! Well done to all those who took part!
- This week, also saw some of our inclusion students taking on roles in the school show 'The Demon Headmaster'. They were all amazing and the inclusion department are very proud of everyone involved.





Humanities Update - Geography

Y8 Fieldwork Trip – Remraam

Year 8 students will be going on a fieldwork trip as part of their KS3 Geography course, currently studying urban environments. The trip will take place on **Tuesday, 11th February**, from **period 1 to period 3**, providing students with the opportunity to gather data for their urban topic. Parents and guardians are reminded to sign the letter that was handed out in class. If your child has not received one, they can collect a letter from their form tutor or Ms. Scouller.





Geography Update

Year 9 students proudly presented the results of their student-led projects, each focused on a region of their choice. They explored the human and physical characteristics, challenges, and controversies of their selected area, sharing their key insights and findings. An excellent effort, well done Year 9!





Humanities Update - Business & Economics



Year 10 Economics – pupils have been learning about competition in the market and how governments can prevent monopolies from existing.

Year 10 BTEC Business – we are beginning unit 2: Business Organizations shortly, starting with investigating why people start businesses.

Year 12 BTEC Business – Students are continuing to plan their football tournament event and have begun to study financial documents starting with cash flow forecasts.



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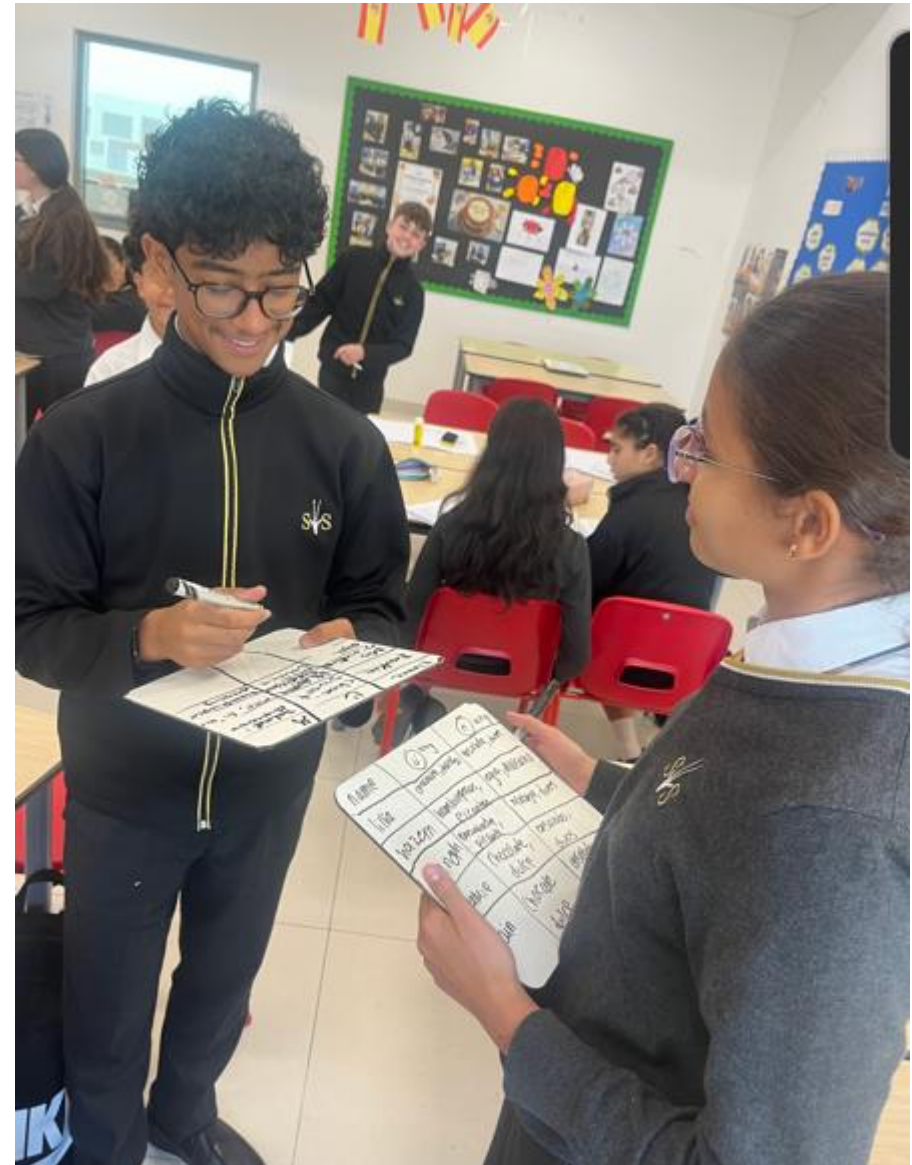
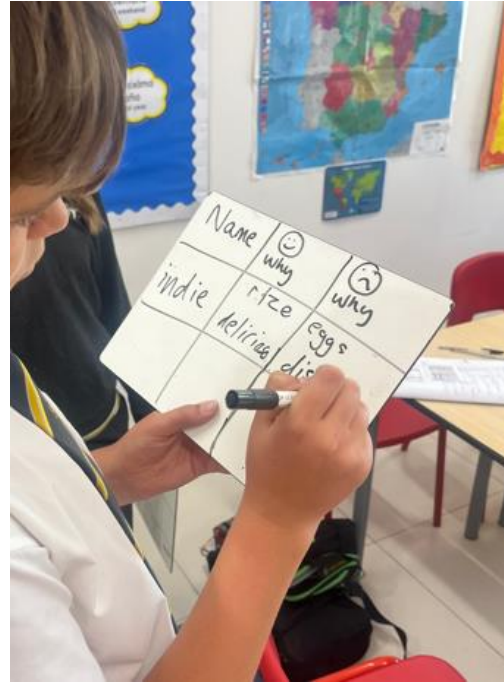
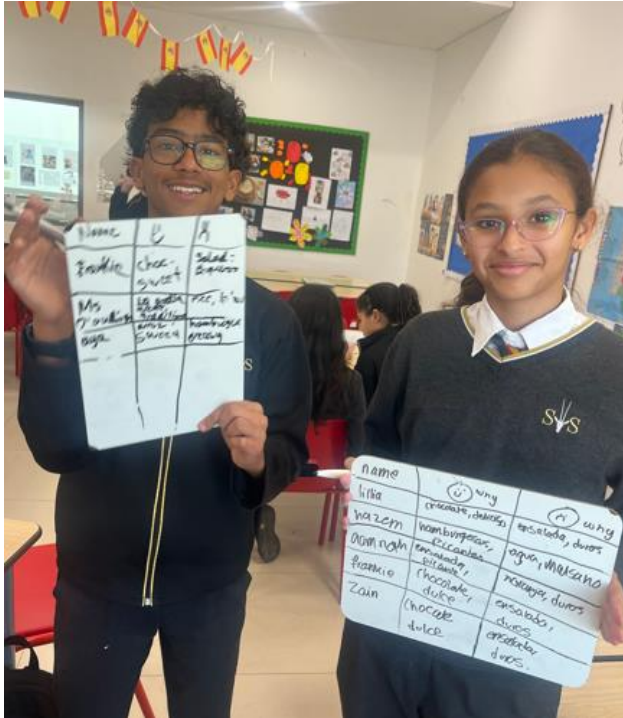
Year 10 Business Studies – Students are beginning their study of the **External Environment**, focusing on how economic, legal, political, social, and technological factors influence businesses and decision-making.

Year 11 BTEC Business – We have started **Unit 4**, the final unit of the course, which focuses on **Market Planning**.

Year 13 BTEC Business – Students are continuing their study of the **Principles of Management** and **Ethics** units.



MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan

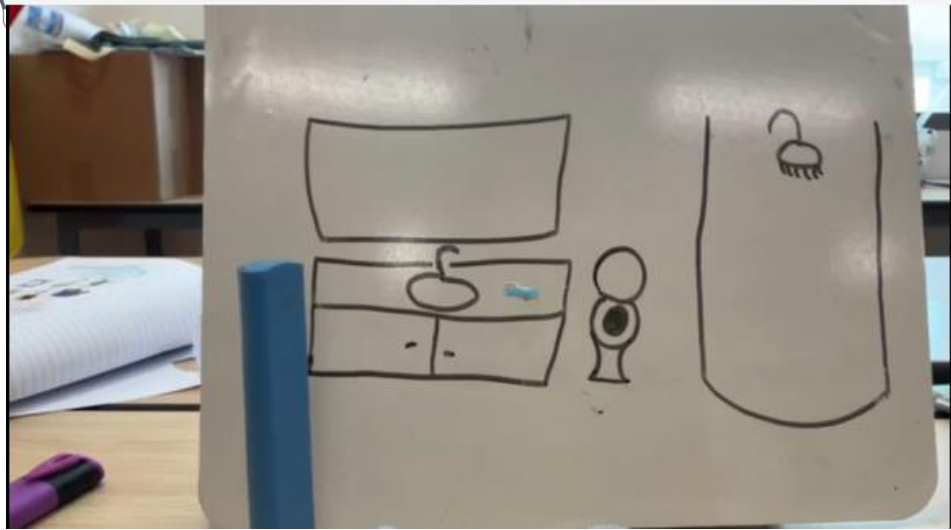


Year 8s practising their spoken language by conducting a survey about their food likes and dislikes.

Some fantastic pronunciation and showing their phonics work in a practical way. Well done!

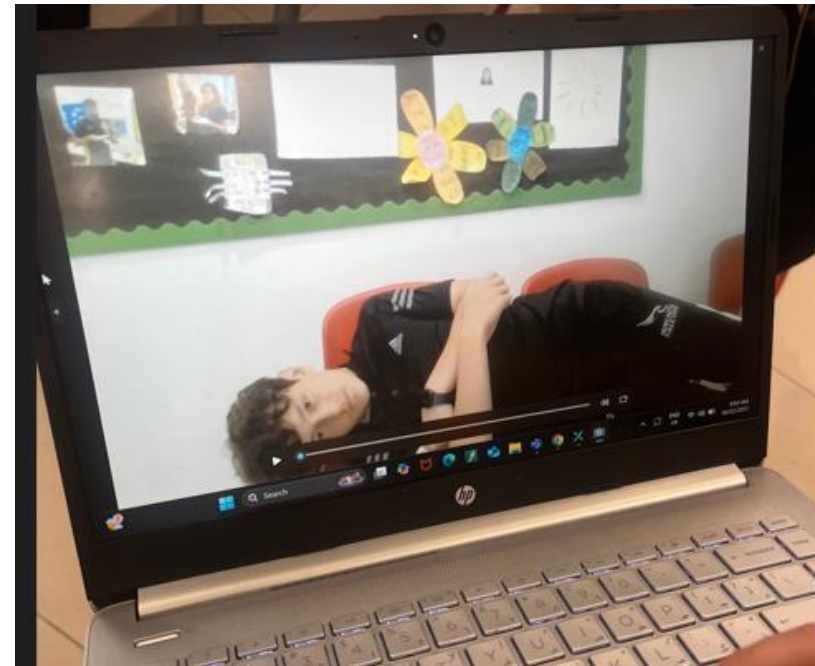


MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan



Year 9s showing their creativity skills through project-based learning. Students had to research and then present their understanding of daily routine.

Some students created presentations, while others created comic strips or mini-films.



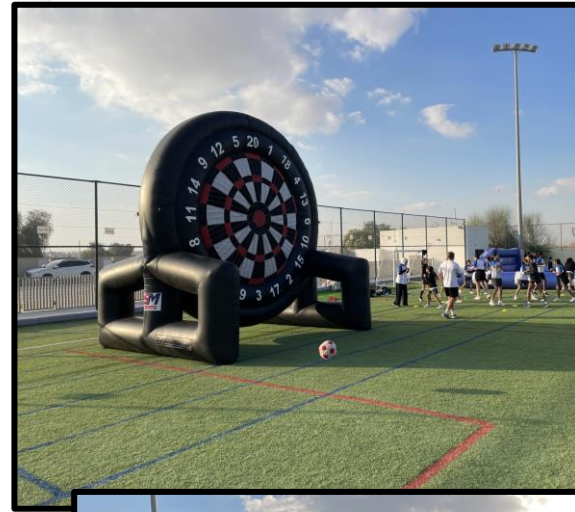
PE Update | Mr. Bladen

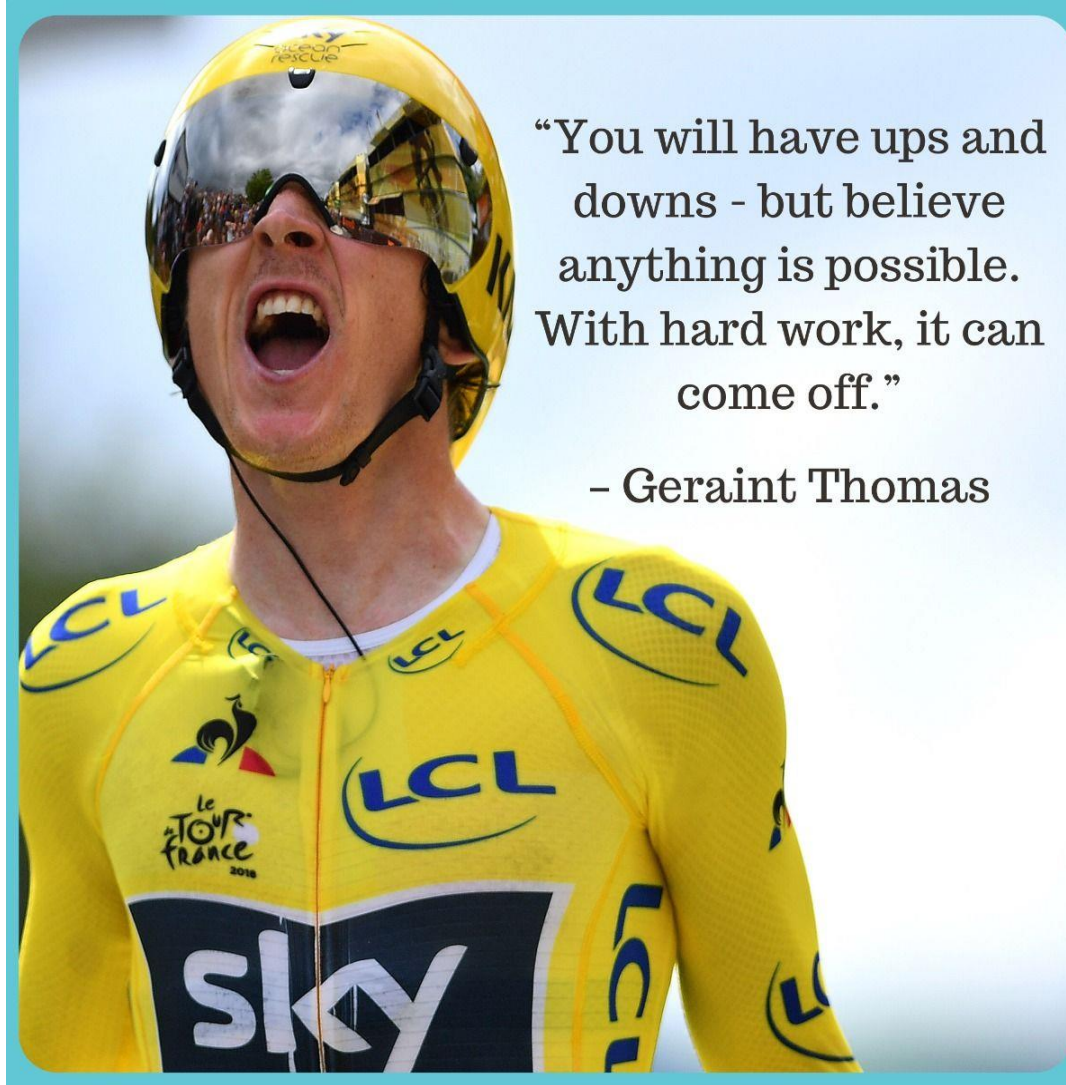
Sports Day 2025 – Wednesday, 12th February

Get ready for an exciting day of fun, competition, and house pride! Sports Day is just around the corner, and the whole school will be involved in a range of activities, from thrilling athletic events to archery, dodgeball, and more.

Make sure to wear your **PE kit** and come prepared to support your house—**Ignis, Aqua, Terra, or Aeris**—as we compete to crown this year’s champions.

Can anyone dethrone last year’s winners, **Ignis**? Let’s bring the energy, teamwork, and sportsmanship to make this year’s event unforgettable!





“You will have ups and
downs - but believe
anything is possible.
With hard work, it can
come off.”

- Geraint Thomas

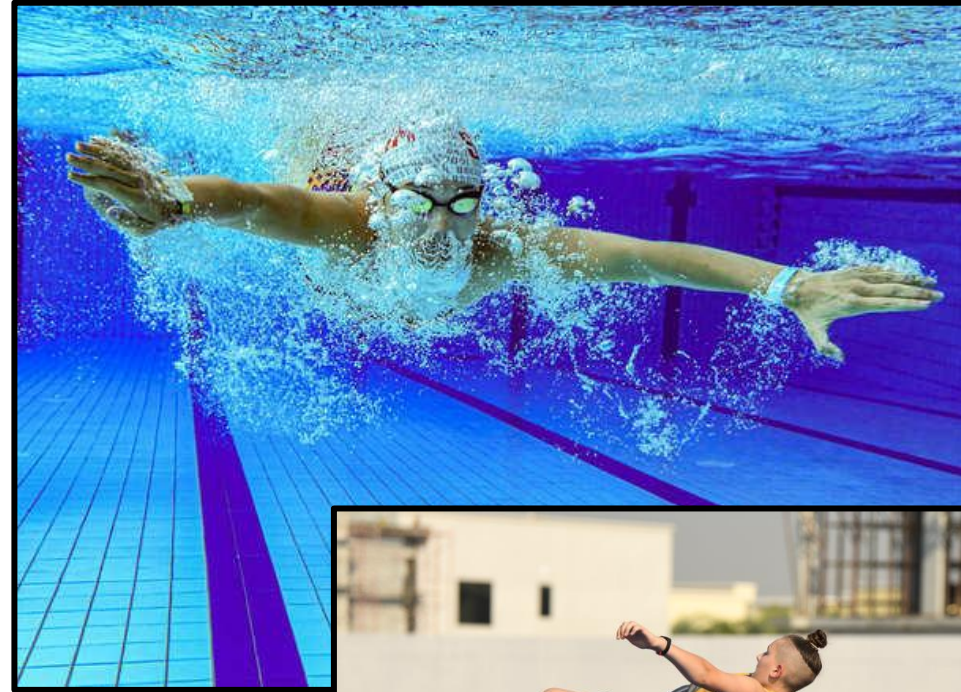
TERM 2A

REMINDER that we are still taking part in Athletics and Swimming, in our PE lessons this term.

Boys will Swim on a Week 2 and the Girls on Week 1 (We start back on Week 2).

For swimming lessons, students will need Goggles, Swim Cap, Sliders/Flips Flops, Towel Appropriate Swimwear and their school uniform.

For Athletics, students will need their usual PE kit and uniform to get changed into after the lesson.





SKIING CHAMPIONSHIP

We are excited to announce the launch of the **Midea Dubai Schools Games Skiing Championship**. The championship will be held **on Saturday 22nd February 2025 at Ski Dubai - Mall of the Emirates**.

If your child wishes to participate in the event, you are required to enter directly from the online Parent Portal. Kindly note that the event is **Free-Of-Charge**.

Please note, that the Midea DSG Skiing Championship registrations close on **Wednesday 12th February 2025**.

If you have any further queries reach out to us at info@dubaischoolsgames.ae on 050-475-7037.



EVENT INFO

- 📅 22 February 2025
- 🕒 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- 📍 Ski Dubai
- 🏂 Giant Slalom
- 👥 U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 - Girls & Boys

REGISTRATION

- 👤 Parents can register via parent portal on the DSG website
- 📅 Registrations close on 12 February 2025

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Sports Update – Mrs Teodoro

SVS Sports Highlights

We are incredibly proud of our SVS U13 BSME Games team for their outstanding performance over the last three days! Beyond their impressive results, our students demonstrated remarkable attitude, sportsmanship, and team spirit.

- 🌟 Individual Achievements:
- 🥇 Girls Triple Jump – Mafalda
- 🥈 Girls High Jump – Abigail
- 🥉 Girls 800m – Derya
- 🥈 Girls 400m – Salma
- 🥈 Boys Triple Jump – Fadhel
- 🥈 Boys Long Jump – Fadhel
- 🥈 Boys High Jump – Olliver
- 🥇 Girls 100m – Salma
- 🥇 Girls 4x100m Relay – Salma, Deniz, Derya, and Abigail

- 🏆 Team Achievements:
- 🥇 Netball Champions
- 🥈 Boys Football Runners-up
- 🥉 Girls Athletics – 3rd Overall
- 🥈 4th Place Overall at the U13 BSME Games



A huge congratulations to all our athletes and the entire PE department for their dedication to the growth of sports at South View School! A special mention to all the parents who supported us in one way or another throughout the weekend – your encouragement and commitment mean so much to our teams!



Sports Update – Mrs Teodoro

THIS WEEK RESULTS

U16 Netball @ Safa CS

U16 Boys Football @ GEMS First Point

U12 Netball vs Arbor @ SVS

U14 Girls Volleyball vs UAS @ SVS

U14 Boys Volleyball vs Bloom @ SVS

U14 Girls Netball vs FIS @SVS

U16 Boys Volleyball vs SCS @ SVS

U16 Girls Volleyball vs Bloom

UPCOMING FIXTURES

10.02 U16 Girls Netball @JESS

10.02 U16 Girls Volleyball vs GIS @SVS

11.02 U12 Netball vs DIA EH @ SVS