



Secondary School Weekly Update

10th January 2025



Dear Parents and Guardians,

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and welcome back to Term 2.

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Head of Secondary and as a Founding Governor, I am no stranger to South View School. It is wonderful to witness first hand, the growth of this school since it opened its doors in 2018. This is due to the hard work and dedication of all staff who have created a warm, safe and academically challenging place for students to thrive. I look forward to working with you all to build on this incredible work.

I am no stranger to the region either as I have worked in Qatar and more recently, Abu Dhabi so moving to Dubai feels a bit like a third home.

I would like to extend a very welcome to three other new members of staff who have started at SVS this term; **Ms Elisha Hughes**, teacher of Mathematics and Head of Year 10; **Ms Santosh Seth**, teacher of Mathematics; **Ms Rezwana Saleem** teacher of Business Studies and **Ms Shaheen Shaikh**, teacher of Psychology.

Could I please draw your attention to the information contained in this newsletter about the **South View School 6th Quarn Competition - Hafez Al-Quran**. Mr Kerba has outlined all the details and registration requirements.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful weekend.

Kind regards

Teresa Woulfe - Head of Secondary



Upcoming key dates:

Wednesday 15th January - Parent Workshop Coffee Morning.

Thursday 16th January 4pm-7pm – Year 10 Parents' Evening.

Friday 17th January – Whole School International Day.

Monday 20th January – Year 11 Mock Examinations begin.

Friday 24th January – Year 7-10 Adopt a Country International Day Competition.



Pastoral Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable winter break. We are excited to begin the new term and continue building on the fantastic progress made this academic year.

I'm also delighted to welcome **Miss Hughes** to the pastoral team, who joins us as the new **Head of Year 10**. She brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to our pastoral team, and we look forward to her contributions in supporting our students. Please read her bio below.

I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new Head of Year 10. Originally from South Wales in the UK, I have been teaching mathematics for the past seven years, including two wonderful years in Dubai. My approach to education is rooted in the belief that student wellbeing is key to academic success, and I am deeply committed to supporting each and every one of your children during this important year.

I consider myself to be approachable, and I encourage you to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to meeting you in person at the Year 10 Parents' Evening next week, and working together to ensure your child's success and happiness.





HOW TO HELP HIM

SVS PARENT WORKSHOP SERIES

Join us for an insightful workshop with TEDx Speaker Ryan Parke, aka The Men's Coach, as he shares simple, practical strategies to support the men and boys in your life.

During the workshop, Ryan will share:

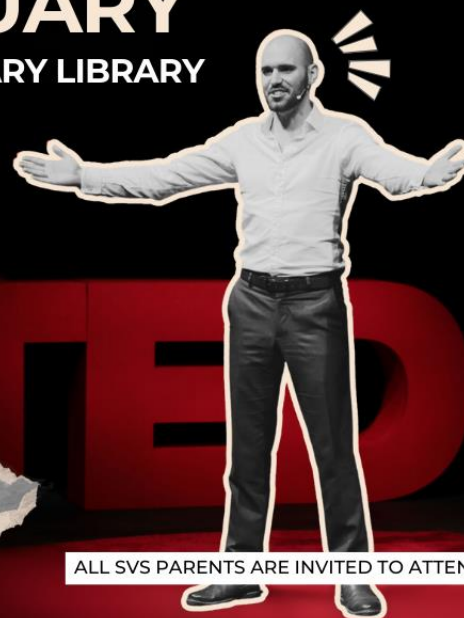
- o How hormones shape communication styles
- o A simple 3-step strategy for supportive conversations
- o Word swaps to encourage discussions on male mental health

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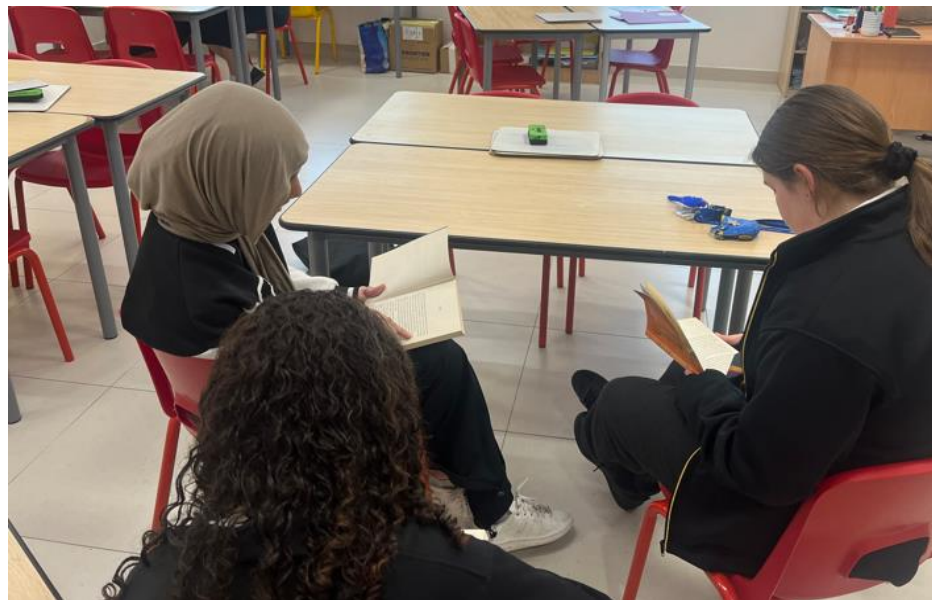
Ryan Parke
The Men's Coach



ALL SVS PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.



Literacy Update - Louise



As we start term 2, we have launched our exciting KS3 tutor reading. Each Thursday, form tutors will model excellent reading while enjoying the following books:

Year 7: Skellig

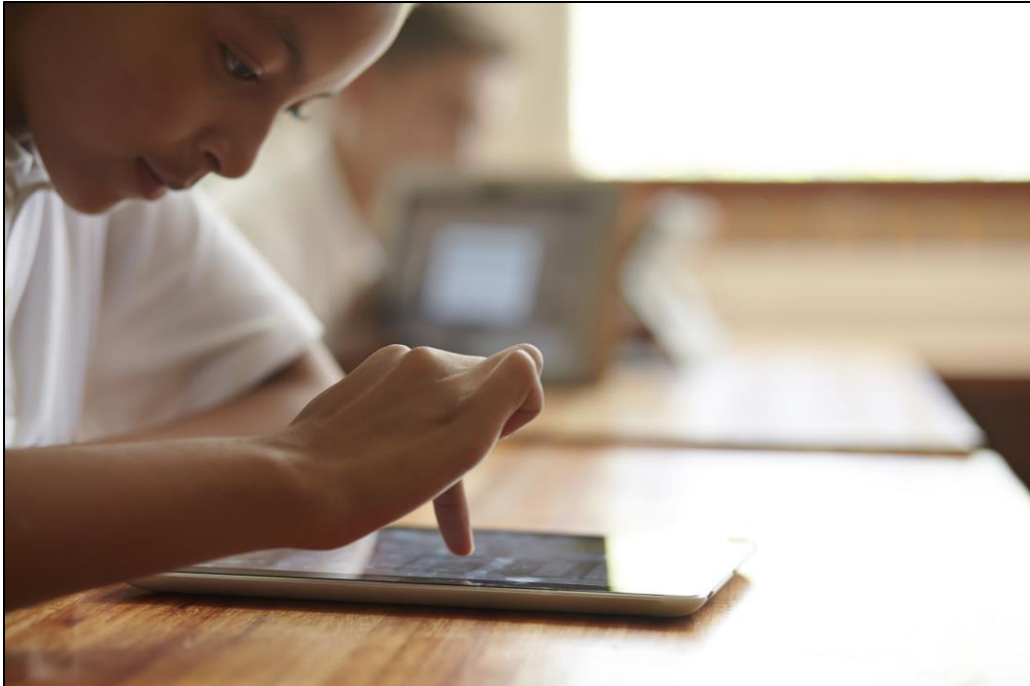
Year 8: The Hobbit

Year 9: A Study in Scarlet

Meanwhile, our KS4 students will be using this time to learn specialised tier 3 vocabulary across their subject areas.



English Update – Mr. Archibald



With the International GCSE exams approaching, the English Department is offering additional support to our Year 11 students throughout Term Two.

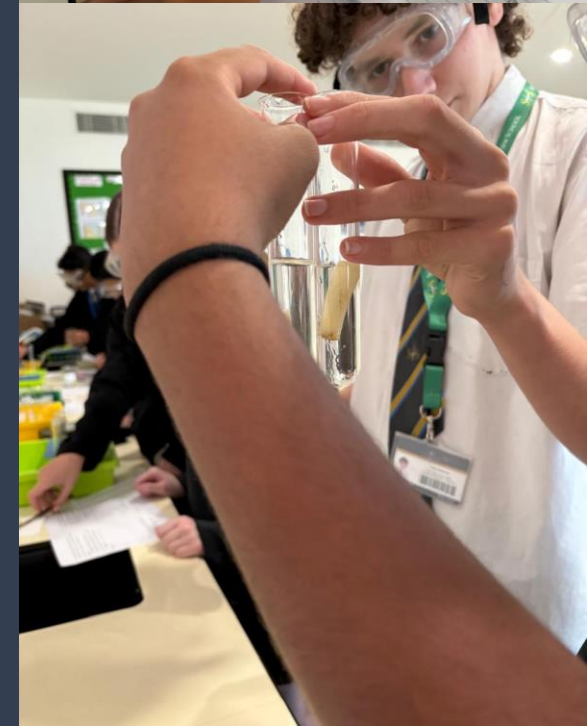
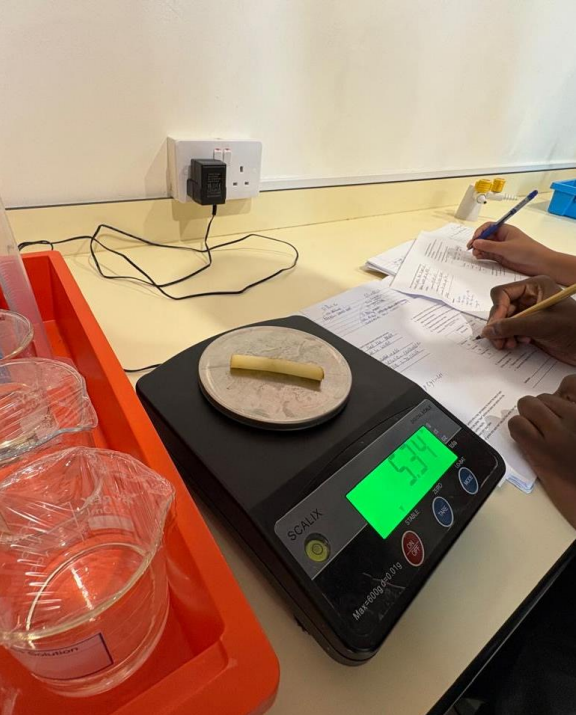
Starting next week, the following opportunities will be available:

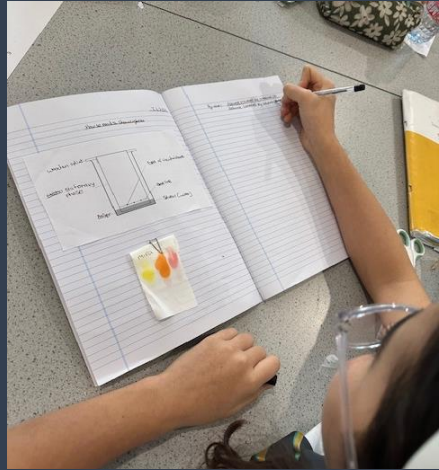
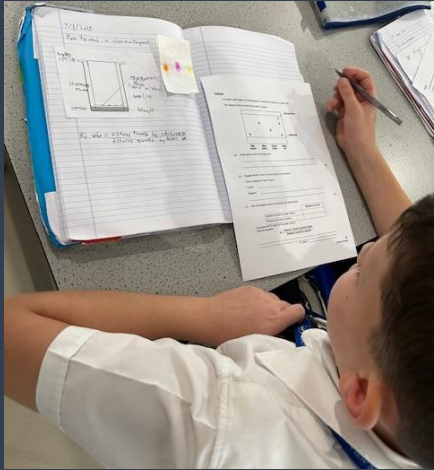
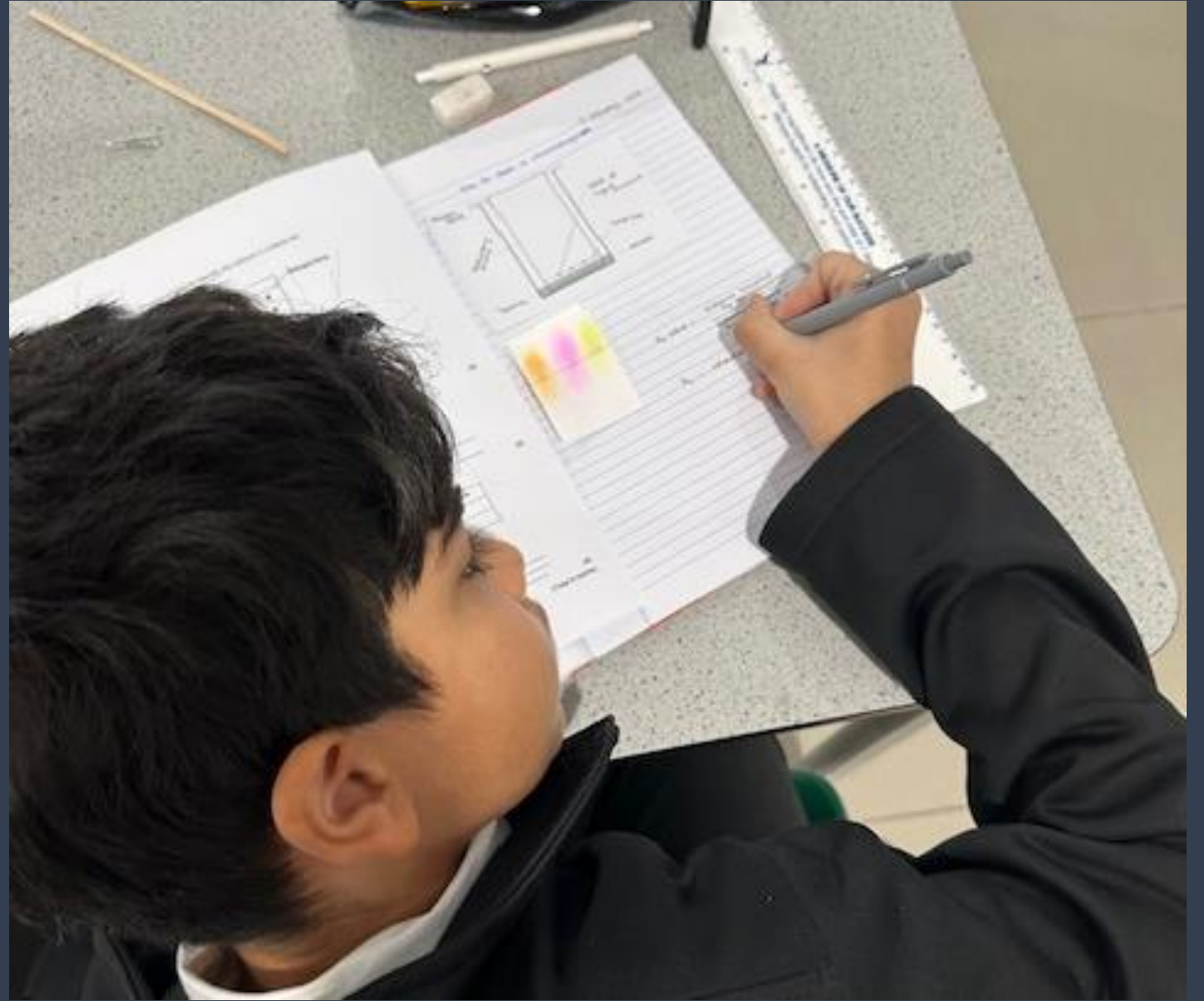
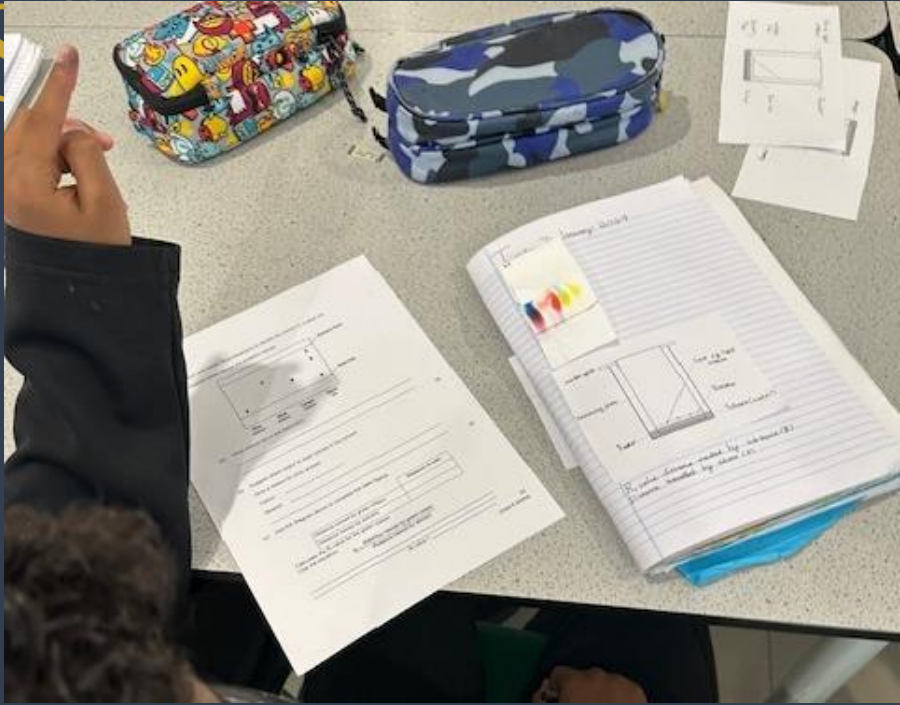
- **Lunchtime Masterclasses:** Every Monday during the entire lunch period.
- **Support and Extension Group:** Every Thursday from 15:45 to 16:30.
- **Poetry Revision:** Mondays during DEAR (Drop Everything and Read).

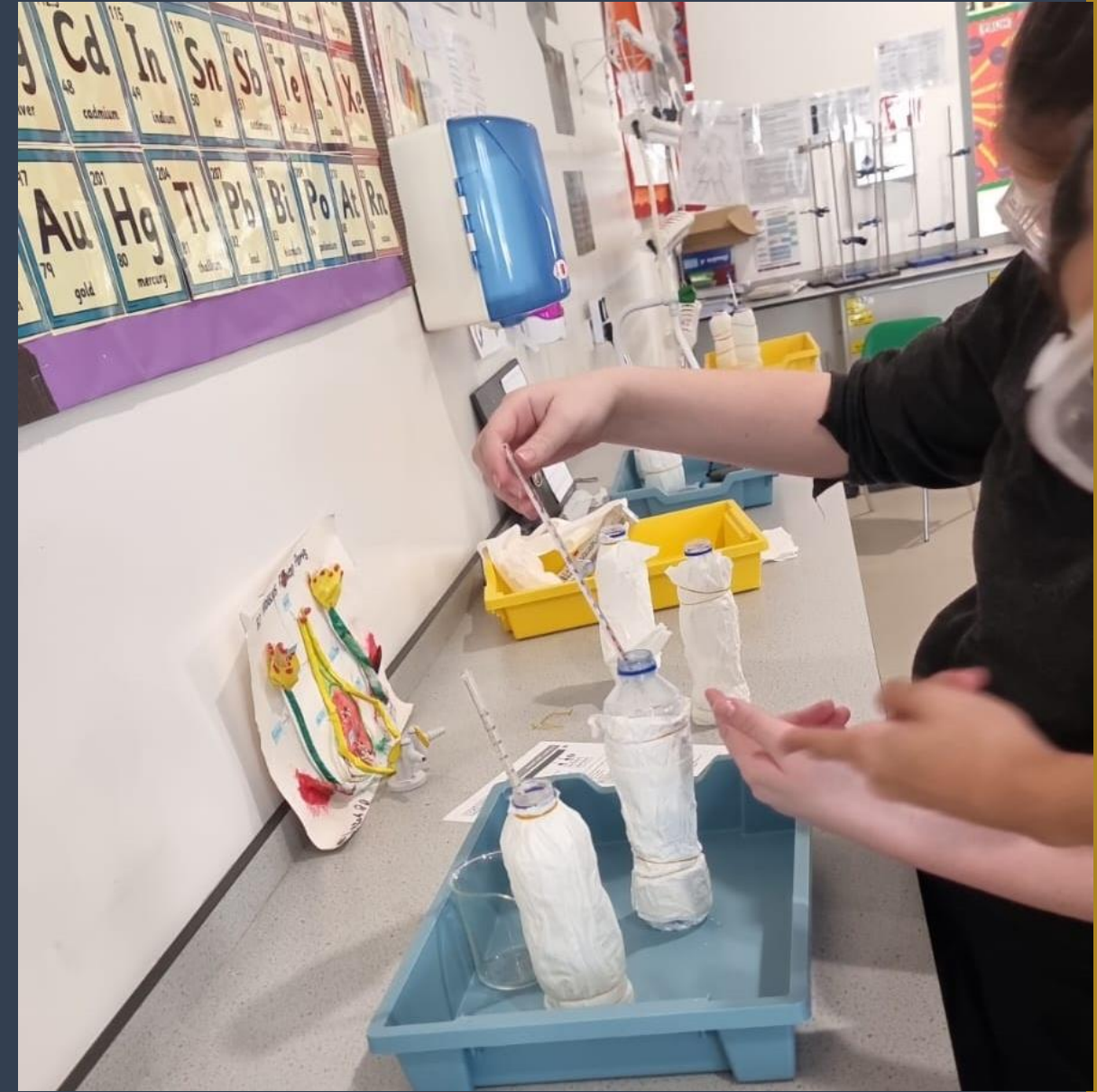
We encourage all Year 11 students to take advantage of these sessions to enhance their preparation for the exams.

SCIENCE UPDATES

It's been a busy and exciting return to Science at SVS! Students have been diving into hands-on investigations, exploring how different factors influence cooling and cooling curves, mastering the art of chromatography and crystallisation, and experimenting with the fascinating effects of osmosis. The Science labs have been buzzing with curiosity and discovery—Bring on a term full of Scientific breakthroughs!











Arabic A Update – Mr. Kerba

السادة أولياء الأمور الكرام،

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته،

نرحب بكم مجددًا في بداية هذا الفصل الدراسي الجديد، ونسأل الله تعالى أن تكونوا وأبنائكم في أتم الصحة والعافية. نتمنى أن يكون أبنائنا الأعزاء قد قضوا إجازة ممتعة مليئة بالراحة والتجدد، ليعودوا إلينا بحماس ونشاط لاستئناف رحلة علمية ومعرفية متميزة.

في هذا الفصل الدراسي، نهدف إلى تعزيز مهارات أبنائنا وبناتنا في مختلف المجالات الدراسية، مع التركيز على جانب اللغة العربية وآدابها. سنحرص على تعميق فهم الطلاب للنصوص الأدبية التي يتم تدريسها، ليس فقط من خلال القراءة والتلخيص، بل سنعمل على تطوير قدرتهم على تحليل النصوص الأدبية بشكل دقيق. هذا التحليل سيمكنهم من فهم الرسائل التي تحملها النصوص، والتعرف على الأساليب البلاغية والجمالية المستخدمة من قبل الشعراء والكتاب، بالإضافة إلى استكشاف الدلالات الإيحائية التي تضيف عمقًا ومعنى للنصوص.

ومن الأهداف التي نسعى لتحقيقها أيضًا، تحسين مهارات الإلقاء لدى الطلاب والطالبات، حيث نؤمن بأن الأداء التعبيري للنصوص الأدبية يعزز من ثقتهم بأنفسهم ويسهم في تنمية شخصياتهم. لذلك، سنعمل على تقديم تدريبات منتظمة على الإلقاء، مستفيدين من أدوات تقنية حديثة مثل تطبيق *Vocaroo* من خلال هذه التدريبات، سيتمكن الطلاب من تسجيل أدائهم الصوتي، مما يمنحهم فرصة للتعرف على نقاط القوة لديهم والعمل على تحسين أي جوانب تحتاج إلى تطوير.

نؤكد على أهمية دوركم كأولياء أمور في دعم جهودنا التعليمية، ونأمل أن تساهموا في تحفيز أبنائكم على المشاركة بفعالية في الأنشطة المختلفة التي سيتم تقديمها خلال هذا الفصل. سنواصل التواصل معكم بشكل دوري لإطلاعكم على تقدم أبنائكم، والاستماع إلى أي ملاحظات أو اقتراحات تسهم في تحسين العملية التعليمية.

نسأل الله أن يوفق أبنائنا وبناتنا لتحقيق أعلى مستويات التفوق والنجاح، وأن يجعل هذا العام الدراسي حافلًا بالإنجازات والتميز.

مع أطيب التحيات،



Arabic B Update – Mr. Kerba

Welcome Back to School for Term 2!

Dear Parents and Students,

We are thrilled to welcome everyone back for the second term of the academic year. We hope that the break has left you feeling rejuvenated and ready to dive into new learning opportunities. At Arabic B, we are committed to providing an engaging and enriching experience for our students as we explore new topics and build essential language skills.

This week, we are excited to begin our journey into a variety of fascinating subjects tailored to each year group:

- **Year 7:** *Resident vs. Tourist*
- **Year 8:** *Camping*
- **Year 9:** *Volunteering*
- **Year 10:** *My Favorite Movie*

In each of these topics, we will focus on expanding students' vocabulary and introducing key grammar rules that will enhance their language proficiency. Our aim is to make the learning process interactive and enjoyable, encouraging active participation from all students.

What We Expect from Students:

- Actively engage in class discussions and activities.
- Dedicate time to reviewing and memorizing the new vocabulary introduced each week.
- Complete any assigned tasks or exercises to reinforce the concepts learned in class.

Reading Challenge Update: Our ongoing Reading Challenge has been a fantastic success so far! We are incredibly proud of the effort many students have put into improving their reading skills in Arabic. We strongly encourage parents to continue supporting their children in this endeavor by fostering a love for reading at home.

Thank you for your continued support. Let's work together to make Term 2 a fruitful and enjoyable experience for everyone. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.



Islamic Update – Mr. Kerba



Announcement: South View School 6th Quran Competition – Hafez Al-Quran

Dear Parents,

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh.

We are pleased to announce that **registration is now open** for the **South View School 6th Quran Competition, Hafez Al-Quran**. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to deepen their connection with the Holy Quran and showcase their memorization and recitation skills.

Competition Details:

- **First Round:** April 29, 2025
- **Second and Final Round:** April 30, 2025
- **Registration Deadline:** April 9, 2025

The competition will feature **different levels** to suit participants' abilities. Please choose the appropriate level for your child.

Important Notes:

1. **Assessments** will be conducted in the presence of the principal and an external assessor from the Islamic Affairs Department.
2. **Certificates and Prizes:** All participants will receive a certificate of participation, and winners will be awarded valuable prizes from SVS.
3. **Memorization Practice:** Students should memorize their assigned Surahs and verses at home. They can submit recitations to their Islamic teachers through Seesaw/Teams for feedback.
4. **Final Recitations:** The first and second rounds will take place on **April 29 , 30, 2025**.

We are excited to invite students from **other schools** to join this competition as well, fostering a spirit of community and shared love for the Quran.

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

Registration link :

<https://forms.office.com/r/eTXd7t5FT9>

Competition levels :

[Quran competition levels 2025 final](#)

6th Quran competition 2025





Business update



IGCSE Business masterclass – now on a Tuesday after school for all year 11 students to strengthen their exam technique and knowledge. Attendance next week will be highly beneficial for mock exams the following week.

BTEC L2 – students in year 10 are working on their reports about the global fashion market

BTEC L3- students in year 12 are beginning unit 3 finance and unit 4 managing an event – keep an eye out for what they plan this year following last years football tournament!

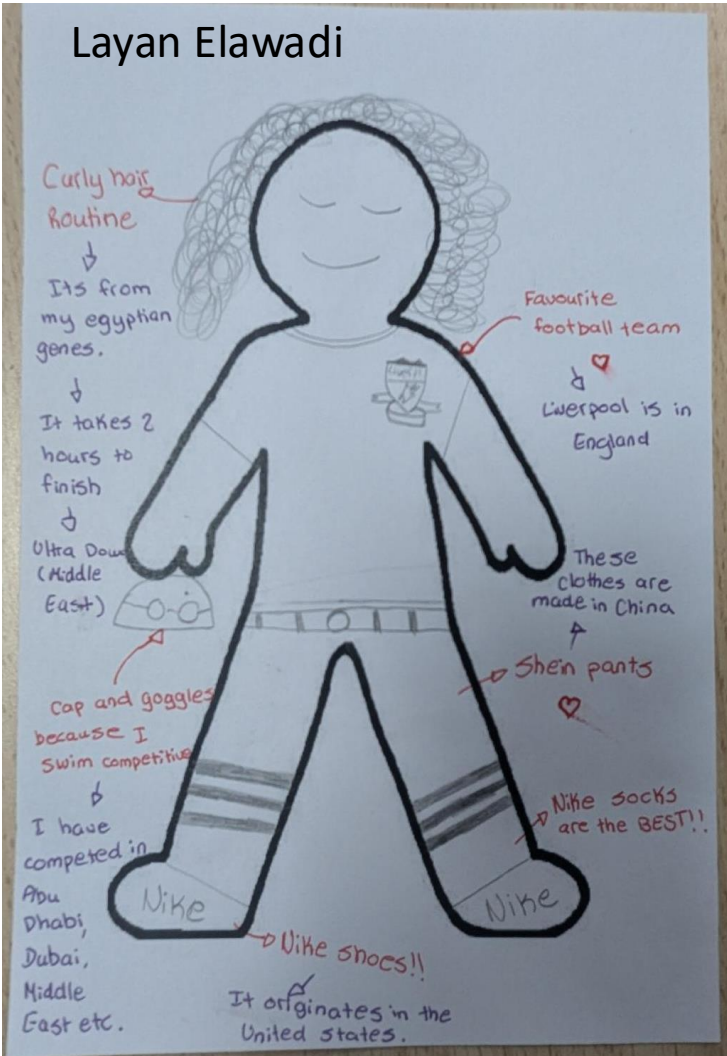




MSC Update - Miss Coy

Year 8 students expanded their knowledge of globalisation by engaging in self-reflection to explore how they, as individuals, connect to a globalised world. They examined the ways their daily activities, the products they use, and their personal heritage are linked to different cultures and regions across the globe.

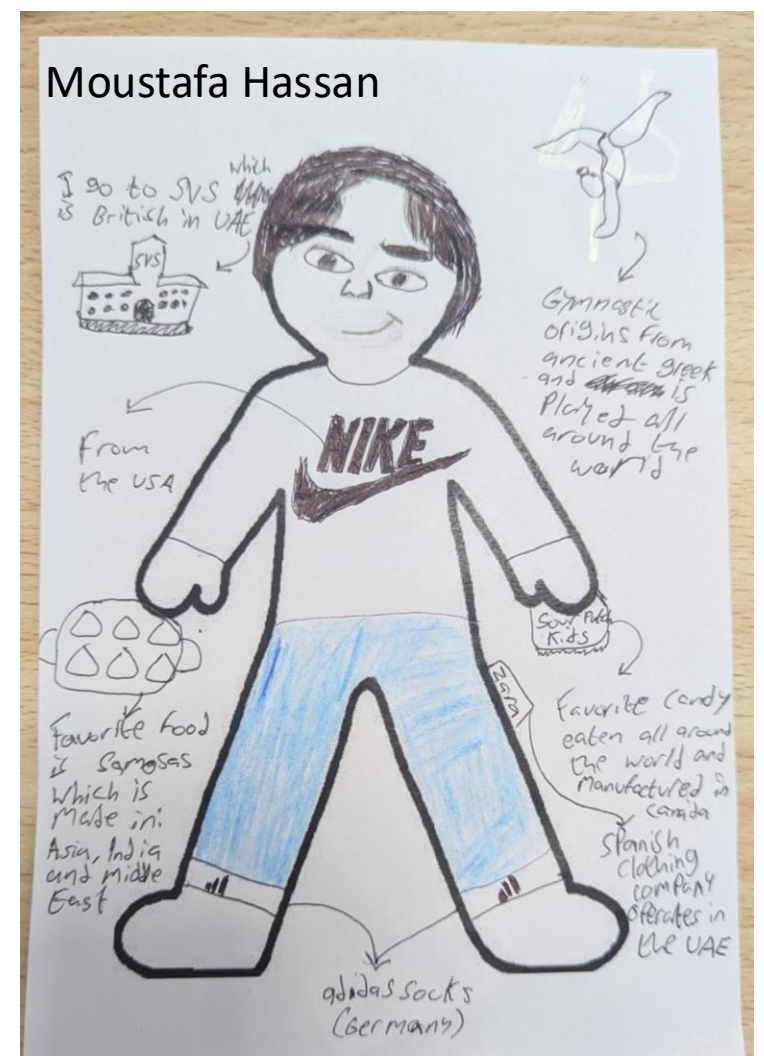
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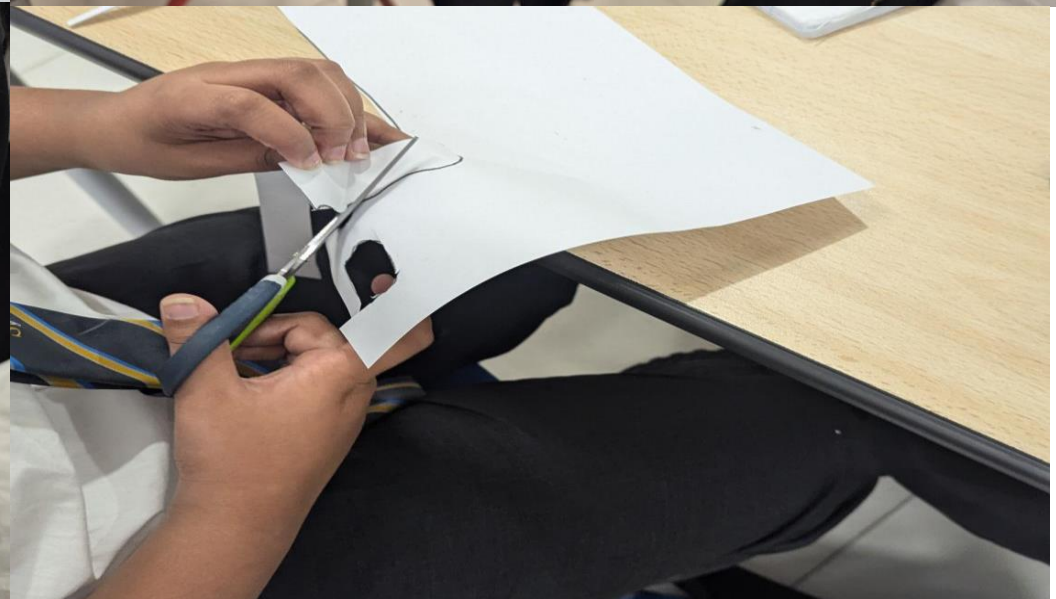
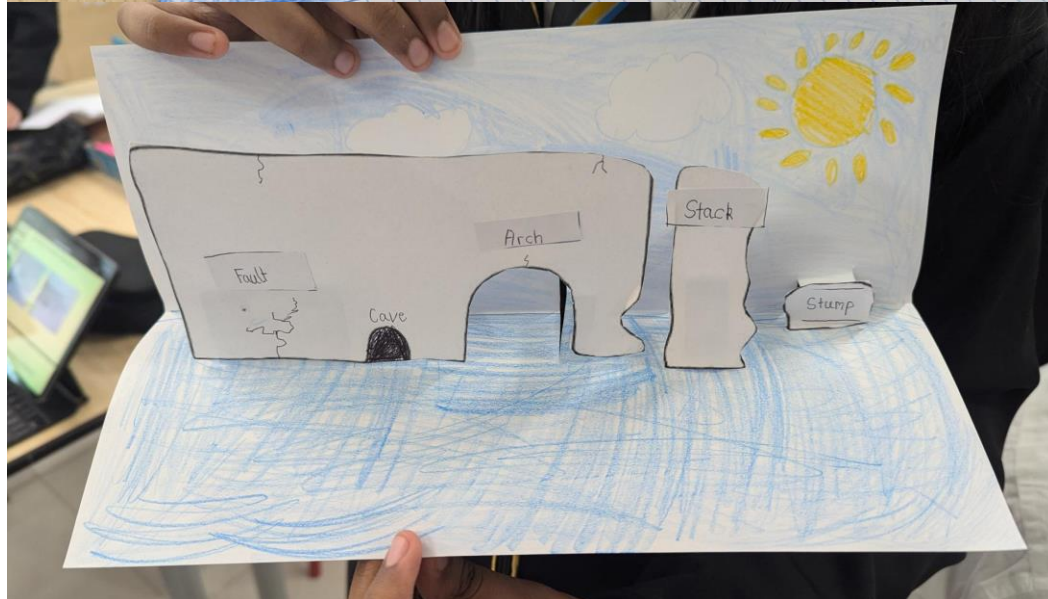
Moustafa Hassan





Geography Update - Miss Coy

Year 7 students did an outstanding job of bringing their geography studies to life by creating impressive pop-up models that effectively demonstrated how erosional processes form stacks and stumps along the coastline.





MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan

Term 2 has been off to a fantastic start so far.

Our French and Spanish Y11 students are revising key grammar, vocabulary and exam skills ahead of January mock examinations.

Meanwhile our other students are continuing their hard work with the grasp of new grammar rules and vocabulary in this weeks' classes.

In French, our students have enjoyed the following activities in class:

- Phonic sounds
- Speaking aloud
- Dual coding of vocabulary, imagery and movement.

In Spanish, our students have been working on:

- Snowball sentences
- Revision maps
- Phonic sounds (c/z)



PE Update | Mr. Bladen

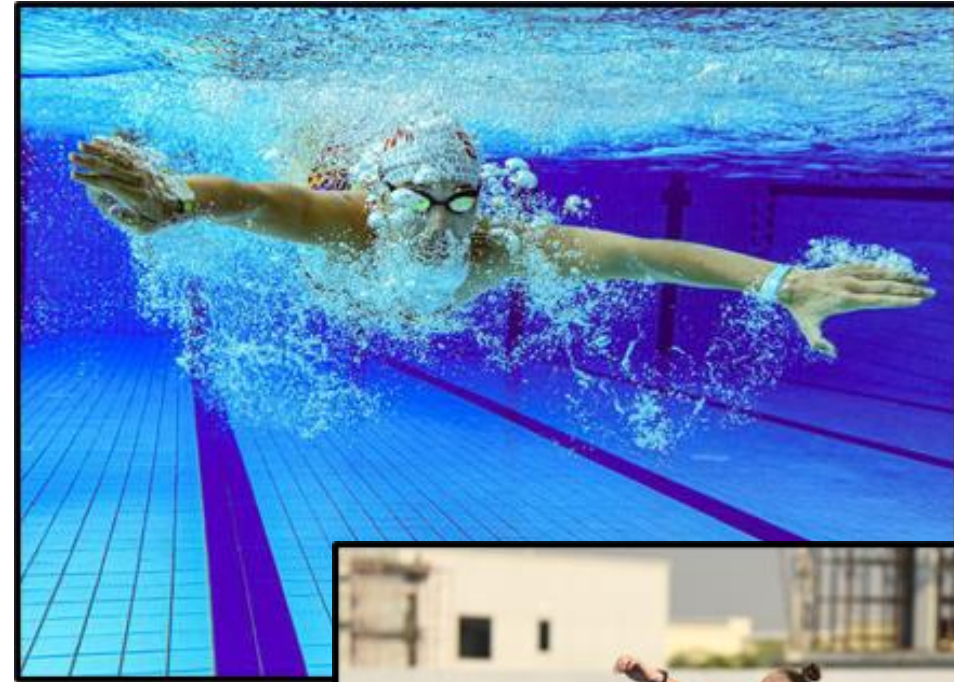
We're excited to welcome all students back to Physical Education this term! Get ready for an action-packed schedule filled with exciting sports, skill-building activities, and opportunities to push your limits.

Just a reminder that this term we will be taking part in Athletics and Swimming, in our PE lessons.

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 Googles, 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.



TEAMWORK

Alone we can do so little.

TOGETHER

we can do so much.



Teamwork & Sportsmanship Quotes via Gecko&Fly

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EVENTS: 80/100/110MH, 100M, 200M, 400M, 800M, 1500M, SHOT/JAVELIN, LONG/TRIPLE JUMP, HIGH JUMP.

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Sports Update – Mrs Teodoro

We are thrilled to kick off this term with exciting sports events and activities for our secondary students!

Our squad training sessions have also begun, focusing on preparation for the upcoming **DASSA games**. This term, our competitive sports will include **football, netball, volleyball, athletics, and swimming**.

A special highlight this term is the **U13 BSME Games**, taking place from **31st of January to 2nd of February**. Our talented students will compete in **volleyball, football, netball and athletics** at this prestigious Middle East school tournament.

We are looking forward to another exciting and action-packed term at SVS, celebrating teamwork, skill, and sportsmanship!

SVS Squad Kit

As we prepare for upcoming competitions, we would like to remind you that it is expected for all students to wear the SVS squad kit during these events. These items are available for purchase at the school reception at the accounts counter. Additionally, students should bring proper footwear, such as appropriate shoes or trainers, to ensure they are well-prepared for their performances. Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining our team's professionalism and readiness.

Equipment Requirements for SVS Squads:

Netball:

- SVS Dress (students may wear black cycling shorts underneath).
- Trainers that do not mark the floor.

Volleyball:

- SVS Squad Kit (top and shorts).
- Trainers that do not mark the floor.

Swimming:

- SVS Swim Cap.
- Goggles.
- One-piece swimsuit (for girls) or tight swim shorts (for boys).
- SVS Squad T-shirt.



Sports Update – Mrs Teodoro

TERM 2 Squads details

Team	Training days	Fixture Day	Teacher
U13 Boys BSME Volleyball	Wednesday (lunchtime)	TBC	Mr. Bladen
U14 Boys Volleyball	Wednesday (6.45am)	Wednesday	Mr. Bladen
U14 Girls Volleyball	Thursday (6.45am)	Wednesday	Ms. Johnson
U16 Boys Volleyball	Thursday (6.45am)	Thursday	Mr. Burgess
U16 Girls Volleyball	Wednesday (6.45am)	Thursday	Mr. Bladen
U19 Boys Volleyball	Thursday (6.45am)	Tuesday	Mr. Macpherson
U12 Netball	Wednesday (6.45am)	Tuesday	Ms. Wallace
U13 Netball	Tuesday (6.45am)	Thursday	Ms. Wallace
U13 BSME Netball	Monday (6.45am)	TBC	Ms. Wallace
U14 Netball	Tuesday (6.45am)	Thursday	Ms. Johnson
U16 Netball	Tuesday (lunchtime)	Monday	Ms. Johnson
Swim Squad	Friday (6.45am)	TBC	Mr. Evans and Ms. Eman



Sports Update – Mrs Teodoro



THIS WEEK RESULTS

U12 Boys football DASSA plate vs DBS	4-0
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UPCOMING FIXTURES

13.01	U13 Girls DSG Football tournament @ Al Nasr Club
13.01	U16 Netball @ GEMS Al Barsha National School
14.01	U15 Girls DSG Football tournament @ Al Nasr Club
14.01	U12 Netball @ GEMS Metropole
14.01	U19 Boys Volleyball @NAS
15.01	U13 BSME Girls Football vs NLCS Dubai @ SVS
15.01	U14 Boys Volleyball vs Raffles International School @SVS
15.01	U14 Girls Volleyball @ Collegiate International School
16.01	U13 Netball vs DESS College @ SVS
16.01	U16 Netball @ NAS