



Secondary School Weekly Update

Date: 11/10/24

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we wrap up what has been the busiest week of the term so far, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on all the exciting activities and events that have taken place.

This week, we have had various sports fixtures with our students demonstrating excellent teamwork, camaraderie and work ethic resulting in some fantastic results against larger schools. Two trips, with our Year 11, 12 and 13 students attending the Najah University Fair on Tuesday, providing them with insights into future educational pathways and inspiring them to think about their goals. Our Year 8 English trip to see *The Tempest*, where the students engaged in valuable learning experiences outside the classroom. Our rehearsals for *The Demon Headmaster* are in full swing, and it is wonderful to hear about the creativity and hard work our students are putting in.

Lastly, and the highlight of my week, was our whole school assembly this morning to recognise our amazing new Student Leaders. We have a new structure this Year with Junior and Senior Student Councils being supported by our newly appointed Prefects, and for the first time at SVS we now have Head Students. Marthinus Le Roux and Shi-Ne Bezuidenhout gave fantastic motivational speeches at the end of the assembly to share their vision for the role moving forward.





It is a wonderful achievement for students to earn a leadership role. Their commitment to our school community is truly commendable, and I am very excited to see the positive impact they will make this term and beyond.

Thank you to all the Year 7 parents who attended our Parent's Evening last night and thank you to all the parents who completed the Mobile Phone Survey that I sent out yesterday. Your continued support and encouragement of our students is greatly appreciated.

I would like to wish you all a restful weekend.

Kind regards,
Stuart Macpherson
Acting Head of Secondary

Upcoming key dates:

Year 6 Transition Morning – Monday 14th October.

Science Takeover Coffee Morning with Head of Science, Elizabeth McCollough: Thursday 17th October 8.15am.

Celebration of Success Assemblies: Friday 18th October.

Half Term: Friday 18th October



Academic Update - Mrs Stevens

Over the past few weeks Secondary have delivered a range of Coffee Mornings highlighting different areas of Secondary school life. The links to the most recent can be found below:

[Curriculum Ms Stevens](#)

[Exams Ms Coy](#)

Please look out for information on further Secondary Coffee Mornings in the next few weeks

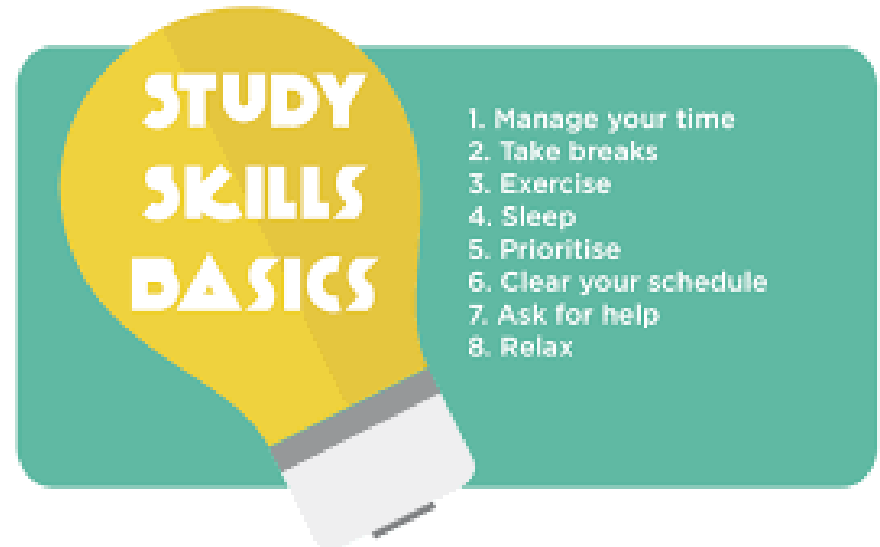
Our First Assessment week begins on 04 November – please see Ms Coy's information on the next page.

As well as revising at home, all subjects will be reviewing the content delivered so far in class to ensure our students feel fully prepared for their Assessments.

If you have any questions please contact either myself or Ms Coy at our school email

[KEY STAGE 3 STUDY SKILLS](#)

[KEY STAGE 4/5 STUDY SKILLS](#)





Assessment Week Information – Miss Coy



Dear Parents,

On **Monday, 14th October**, I will be sending you the assessment overviews for your children, detailing the upcoming assessments in November. Students will also receive their exam timetables from their Heads of Year during that week. This will provide ample time to support your children in making revision plans.

Assessment Week Dates:

KS3 will take place from **4th to the 8th November**.

KS4 assessments will run over two weeks from the **4th to the 15th November**.

KS5 students will follow their normal timetable for lessons for IAL & BTEC

Please do get in touch with me if you have any further Queries

Stacey.coy@southview.ae

All the best and have a lovely weekend

Stacey Coy



Literacy Update – Louise

Supporting wellbeing through literacy teaching: Mental Health Week

National Literacy Trust research shows that reading for pleasure improves mental wellbeing, with more than half (59%) of children saying reading in lockdown made them feel better and half (50%) saying it inspired them to dream about the future.

Key findings

- 3 in 5 (59.4%) children and young people told us that reading helped them relax.
- Nearly 1 in 2 (46.0%) said reading made them feel happy.
- 3 in 10 said reading made them feel more confident (29.8%) or helped them deal with problems (27.3%).

This weekend, as the weather cools down, please encourage your children to take a book with them on your trip to the park, beach or the garden.

“Reading makes me feel more confident.”

Some children and young people told us that they read to build their confidence, including in other areas such as speaking:

“Reading helped me be more confident in class when speaking.” (Girl, Y4)

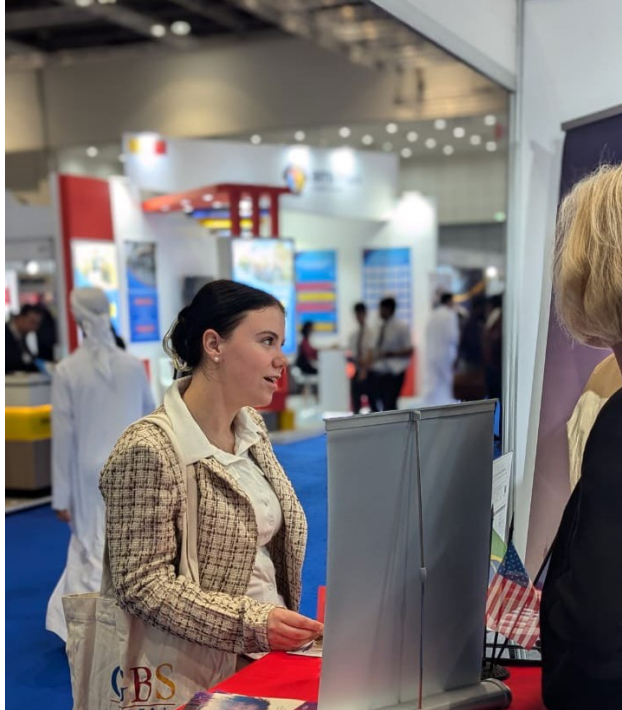
“I really like reading because it helps me feel happy and makes me more confident like the Marcus Rashford book.” (Y7 boy)

“It’s relaxing and makes me feel happy and confident.” (Girl, Y4)

“Reading also makes me feel confident, brave and connected to the book.” (Boy, Y7)

“Reading encourages me to do things I don’t do very often: it helps me feel more confident and it teaches me things that will help me in life.” (Girl, Y8)

“I love reading because it makes me confident.” (Boy, Y6)



Careers Update – Ms. Scouller

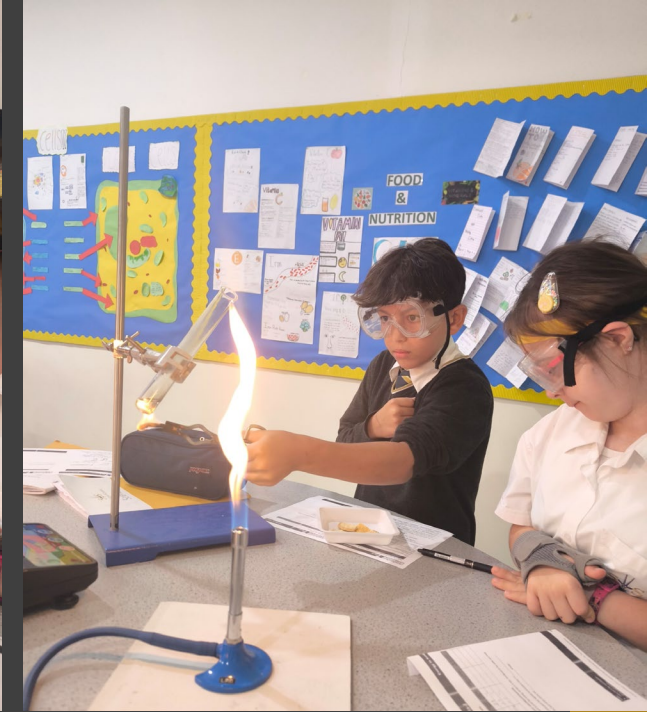
Najah Dubai University Fair

Our Year 11, 12, and 13 students participated in the annual Najah Dubai University Fair at the World Trade Centre on Tuesday afternoon. They explored various universities from the Middle East, Europe, Australia, Asia, Canada, and the USA, engaging in discussions about programs and opportunities.

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.

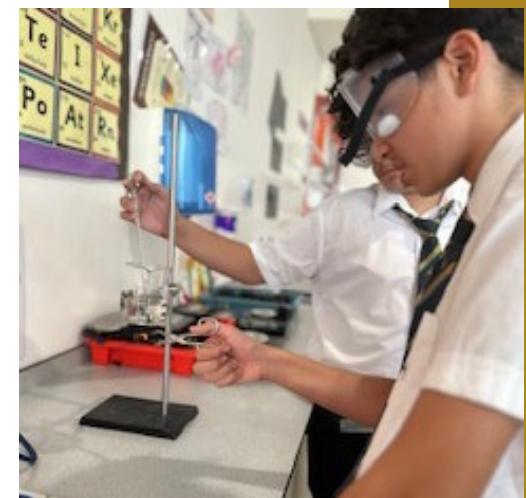




SCIENCE UPDATES

This week, Year 7 students have been learning about energy through an exciting experiment to discover how much energy is in different types of food. By burning small samples of food and measuring the heat produced, they found out which foods release the most energy, gaining valuable insights into nutrition and how our bodies use food. This hands-on activity not only reinforced important science concepts but also sparked discussions about the role of diet in our health. Great job, Year 7!

Some of our Year 11s are coming to the end of their Energetics topic in Chemistry. They have concluded by comparing the energy content of different foods through calorimetry experiments, gaining hands-on experience in measuring energy changes. This has helped them understand how energy is transferred in chemical reactions.



The Year 9 Masterclasses are well underway, where students develop a variety of skills that apply across all three Science disciplines and beyond. This week, they focused on understanding command words to boost their confidence in knowing exactly what is required and the depth needed in their answers.





SVS SCIENCE TAKEOVER

COFFEE MORNING

WHO? All Secondary parents are invited
WHERE? Thursday 17th October - 8.15am promptly in the canteen
WHAT? Experience a sample Science lesson
WHY? Sample the fast pace of Science lessons, the extensive content covered, and get tips on how to better support your child's learning
HOW? Please sign up using this link by 10am, Wednesday 16th October: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2DZwIBR7DkaGj-HlmRa0mmJUFxb-0aBCilUNs7XPvXhURUI2NURJukk10E1GVIJCDDIzS1N0TTQwTC4u>

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Arabic Update – Mr. Kerba

أولياء الأمور الكرام،
تحية طيبة وبعد،

نؤمن بأن طلابنا موهوبون، ونسعى إلى استكشاف إمكاناتهم الكامنة من خلال تحفيزهم على المشاركة في المسابقات الخارجية التي تنظمها "مؤسسة الإمارات للآداب". تشمل هذه المسابقات مجالات متنوعة مثل الشعر، وكتابة القصص القصيرة، وكتابة الرسائل، بالإضافة إلى العديد من المسابقات الأخرى التي تتيح لطلابنا فرصة التعبير عن إبداعهم.

للمزيد من التفاصيل حول هذه المسابقات، يمكنكم التواصل مع المعلم عبر تطبيق "تيمز".

كما نود تذكير طلابنا الأعزاء بأن الاختبارات ستبدأ في الأسبوع الأول بعد عودتهم من إجازة منتصف الفصل الأول، مع التركيز على مهارات الاستماع والتحدث. سيتم إرفاق تفاصيل الموضوع ومعايير التقييم الخاصة بمهارة التحدث على منصة "تيمز".

ونذكر طلابنا أيضاً بمواصلة القراءة ضمن مسابقة "أبطال القراءة" وتسجيل قراءاتهم عبر منصة "تيمز".

ونحثهم على الاستعداد للجولة الأولى من مسابقة الإملاء التي ستقام بتاريخ 17/10/2024.

مع خالص تمنياتنا بالتوفيق لطلابنا الأعزاء.

Arabic B.

Dear Parents,

Warm greetings to you all!

This week, we'd like to update you on what's been happening in class. We've focused on developing speaking skills through interactive activities and group discussions. The children were excited and did a great job expressing their thoughts.

Next week, we'll be shifting our focus to writing skills. Our goal is to help them improve their ability to express ideas clearly in writing. We encourage you to support them at home by having them write about topics they enjoy.

Please note that the week after next will be the mid-term break. After the break, students will have assessments on listening and speaking skills.



Islamic Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Parents,

I hope you are doing well. We would like to provide you with an update on the progress of students in Islamic Studies. The students are making better-than-expected progress, showing great enthusiasm in their learning. We kindly request that you continue to support your child by encouraging them to complete their assigned homework on Teams and to meet their Quran memorization and recitation targets.

In addition, we suggest setting aside a specific time each day for your child to read and reflect on the Quran, as consistent practice will significantly enhance their understanding and connection with the lessons. This habit will also build a strong foundation for their personal and spiritual growth.

Next week, we will dedicate time to revising the topics they have learned so far to ensure they have a solid grasp of the material before moving forward. This will be an excellent opportunity for students to reinforce their understanding and clarify any doubts they may have.

Thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need further guidance. Have a wonderful weekend!



Humanities Update – Miss Coy

MUN Conference Launch

This week, we proudly launched our **MUN conference**! We encourage you to follow our journey by visiting our Instagram page at **@svsmun2025** and giving us a follow. We're also excited to announce the launch of our website: **svsmun.com**.

A huge thank you to our **MUN Marketing Team** for all their hard work on this project. A special mention to **Archita** and **Anna** for their support and guidance in helping our students bring this to life.

Also, a reminder that our **MUN ECA** runs on **Tuesday lunchtimes**. It's a fantastic opportunity for students to make new friends, build public speaking and leadership skills, and engage in stimulating debates about global issues. We welcome all students to join and be part of something truly special!

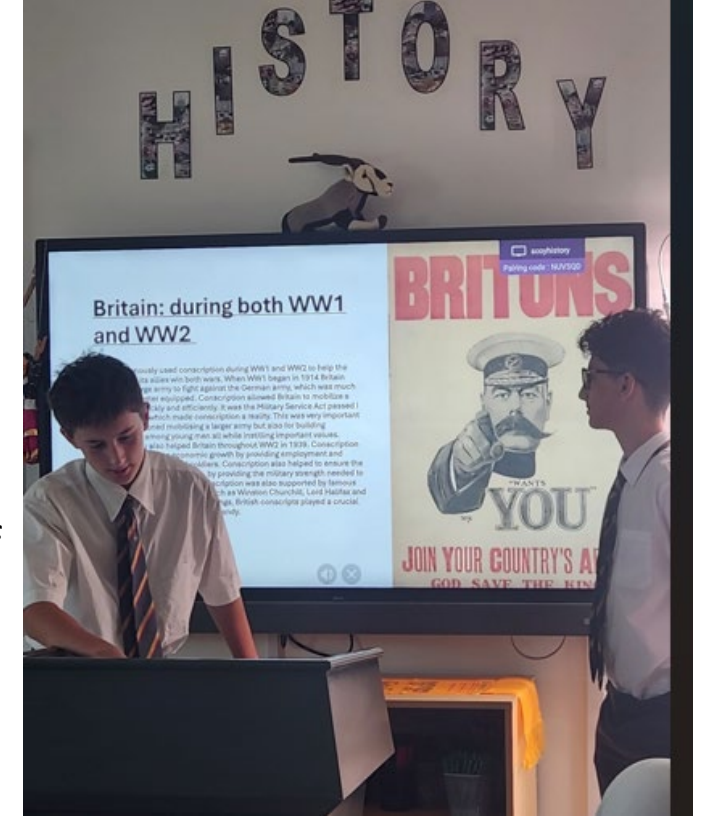
Miss Coy and the SVSMUN team.





Humanities – Miss Coy

Year 9 students took part in an engaging debate on the topic of conscription in History this week. They explored both sides of the argument, considering the social, political, and ethical implications of mandatory military service. The debate sparked lively discussion and encouraged critical thinking about this significant historical issue.





Humanities Update – Miss Coy

I am excited to announce our upcoming **Humanities, Social Sciences and BTEC Coffee Morning** on **31st October**. This will be a great opportunity for parents to learn more about what we're covering across the different year groups both in and outside the classroom

- Subjects discussed will include:

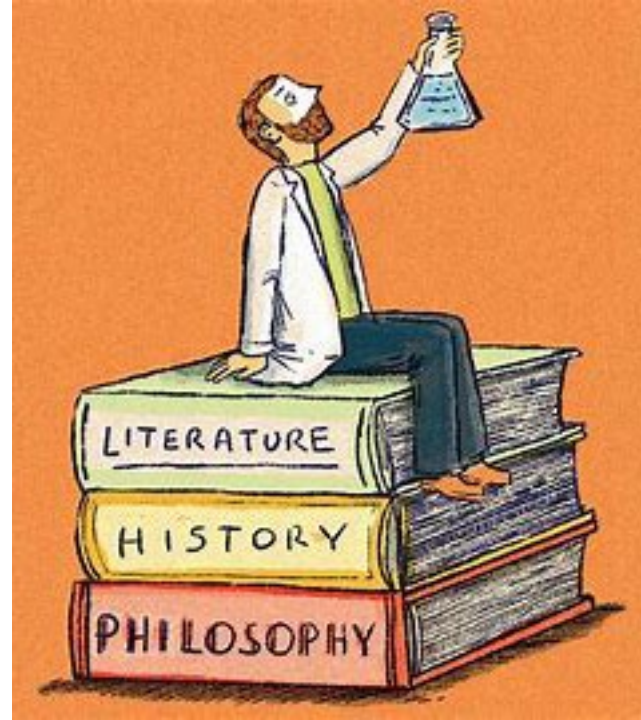
KS3: History, Geography

KS4: History, Geography, Business, Economics, Psychology, Global Perspectives

KS4/5: BTEC Travel and Tourism, BTEC Business

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing more about our curriculum!

ECAS - Enterprise, Masterclasses, MUN, Sustainability and Garden Club



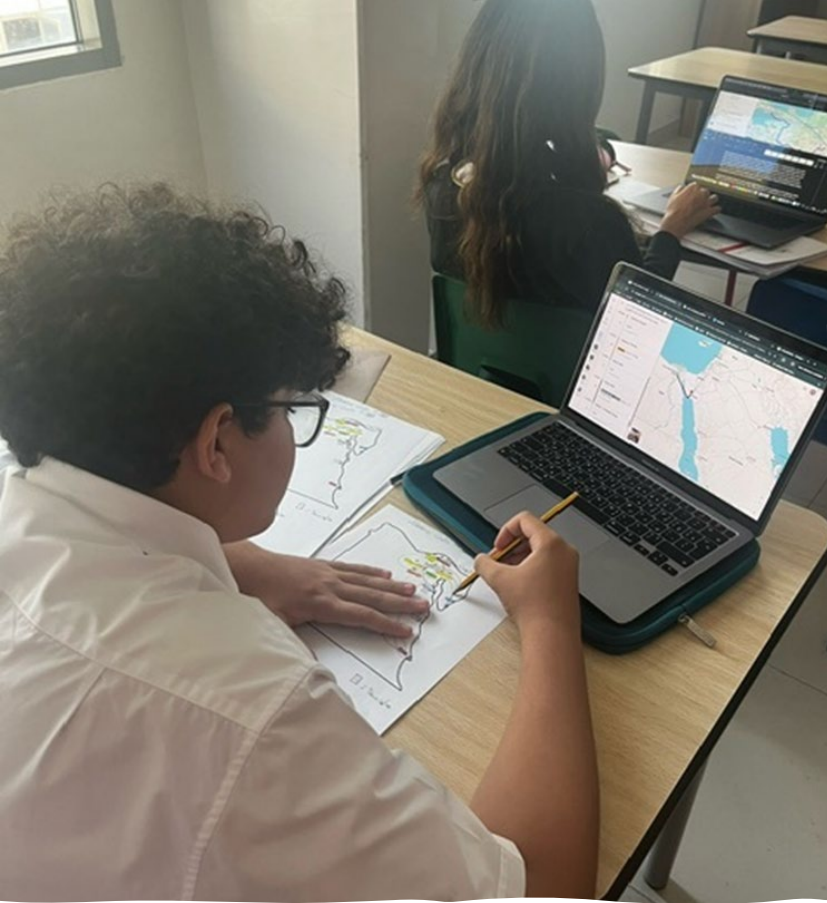


Humanities Update - Miss Coy

Our department hosts the Year 8 learning skills lesson and our groups were working hard on their week 4 presentations. They will be ready to show these off when we return after the October break!



Mr Cook's Year 7E class were collaborating in their pupil chosen groups to predict what would happen at the Battle of Hastings. They were analysing the strengths and weaknesses of both armies as well as the experiences of the Anglo Saxons and the Normans so far.



Humanities Update – Miss Coy

Our Year 11 BTEC Travel and Tourism students have been working hard at planning how to get to tourist destinations in their country. They have completed extensive research and prepared maps and directions for tourists to use.



MSC Update - Miss Rahilly

This week in Miss Rahilly's MSC lesson, students from 7.A embraced a hands-on experience as they participated in creating their very own Mediterranean breakfast. This activity helped students dive deeper into understanding the importance of a balanced and healthy lifestyle.

The students learned about the benefits of fresh ingredients such as olives, whole grains, fruits, and healthy fats like olive oil. Not only did they enjoy preparing the meal, but they also discussed how incorporating these foods can improve overall well-being.



MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan

Support your wellbeing with the Spanish language action for happiness.

Octubre Optimista 2024

LUNES	MARTES	MIÉRCOLES	JUEVES	VIERNES	SÁBADO	DOMINGO
	1 Escribe tres cosas que te hagan ilusión este mes	2 Encuentra algo por lo que ser optimista (aunque sea un momento difícil)	3 Da un pequeño paso hacia un objetivo que realmente te importe	4 Empieza el día con lo más importante de tu lista de tareas	5 Sé un optimista realista. Ve la vida como es, pero céntrate en lo que es bueno	6 Recuérdate a ti mismo/a que las cosas pueden cambiar a mejor
7 Hoy, busca las buenas intenciones en la gente que te rodea	8 Avanza en un proyecto o tarea que has estado evitando	9 Comparte una meta importante con una persona de tu confianza	10 Dedica un tiempo a reflexionar sobre lo que has logrado últimamente	11 Trata de no culparte a ti mismo o a los demás. Busca una forma más útil de avanzar	12 Hoy, busca noticias positivas y razones para estar contento/a	13 Pide ayuda para superar un obstáculo al que te enfrentas
14 Haz algo constructivo para mejorar una situación difícil	15 Agradécete a ti mismo/a por conseguir las cosas que a menudo das por sentadas	16 Pon a un lado tu lista de tareas y haz algo divertido o que te anime	17 Da un pequeño paso hacia un cambio positivo que quieras ver en la sociedad	18 Ponte objetivos esperanzadores pero realistas para los próximos días	19 Identifica una de tus cualidades positivas que te será útil en el futuro	20 Siente la alegría de finalizar una tarea que has pospuesto durante algún tiempo
21 Pon a un lado las expectativas de los demás y céntrate en lo importante	22 Comparte una cita, imagen o vídeo esperanzador con un amigo o colega	23 Sé consciente de que puedes elegir a qué dar prioridad	24 Escribe tres cosas concretas que hayan salido bien últimamente	25 ¡No puedes hacerlo todo! ¿Cuáles son tus tres prioridades en este momento?	26 Encuentra una manera de ver un problema al que te enfrentas	27 Hoy, sé amable contigo mismo/a. Recuerda que las mejoras necesitan tiempo
28 Hazte la pregunta: ¿tendrá importancia esto dentro de un año?	29 Planifica una actividad divertida o interesante que te apetezca mucho	30 Piensa en tres cosas que te dan esperanza de cara al futuro	31 Ponte una meta que te motive para el próximo mes			

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MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan

Support your wellbeing with the French language action for happiness.

Un octobre optimiste 2024

LUNDI	MARDI	MERCREDI	JEUDI	VENREDI	SAMEDI	DIMANCHE
 1 Ecris trois choses que tu attends ce mois-ci avec impatience	2 Trouve une raison d'être optimiste (même si c'est difficile)	3 Fais un petit pas vers un objectif qui est important pour toi	4 Commence la journée avec ce qui est le plus important sur ta liste de choses à faire	5 Sois un.e optimiste réaliste. Regarde la vie comme elle est et concentre-toi sur le bon côté des choses	6 Rappelle-toi que les choses peuvent changer pour le mieux.	
7 Cherche le bon côté des gens qui t'entourent aujourd'hui	8 Avance dans un projet ou une tâche que tu as évité ou évites de faire	9 Partage un objectif important avec une personne de confiance	10 Prends le temps de réfléchir à ce que tu as récemment accompli	11 Evite de te culpabiliser toi-même ou les autres. Trouve une manière utile d'avancer	12 Cherche des nouvelles positives et des raisons de te réjouir aujourd'hui	13 Demande de l'aide pour surmonter un obstacle auquel tu es confronté.e.
14 Fais quelque chose de constructif pour améliorer une situation difficile	15 Remercie-toi d'accomplir des choses qui à toi semble aller de soi	16 Laisse ta liste de choses à faire et choisis de faire quelque chose d'amusant ou de motivant	17 Fais un petit pas vers un changement positif que tu veux voir dans la société	18 Fixe-toi des objectifs optimistes mais réalistes pour les jours à venir	19 Identifie une de tes qualités positives qui te sera utile à l'avenir	20 Trouve du plaisir en t'attaquant à quelque chose que tu repousses depuis un certain temps
21 Ne te préoccupe pas des attentes des autres et concentre-toi sur ce qui compte pour toi	22 Partage une citation, photo ou vidéo pleine d'espoir avec un.e ami.e ou collègue	23 Reconnais que tu as le choix de ce que tu veux prioriser	24 Ecris trois choses spécifiques qui se sont bien passées récemment	25 Tu ne peux pas tout faire! Quelles sont maintenant tes trois priorités?	26 Trouve une nouvelle perspective à un problème auquel tu fais face	27 Sois gentil.le envers toi-même. Rappelle-toi que faire des progrès prend du temps
28 Demande-toi: est-ce que cela aura encore de l'importance dans un an?	29 Organise une formidable activité ou quelque chose d'amusant que tu auras hate de faire	30 Identifie trois choses qui te donnent espoir en l'avenir	31 Fixe-toi un objectif qui te donnera un but pour le mois prochain			

The Arts Update - Mrs Rock

Here are some of the great things that have happened in the Arts Faculty this week:

- The Demon headmaster rehearsals- 3 more scenes have been completed and our show shirt design is nearly ready! The set and costume teams are also making progress with their designs.
- Choir on Monday lunchtimes saw a few more members join – we need more! Students should go to the music Monday lunchtimes if they are interested in getting involved.
- Tunes 4 Tuesdays has now been back for two weeks. It is great to see Secondary students coming to support primary students but it would be great to see more secondary students perform. If interested, students should see Mr Themis to sign up for a slot.
- Art club has been full to the brim – they have been busy designing artwork for some key areas in the school.
- Year 11 GCSE Art students have been attending extra lessons to improve the detail of their work.
- Band on Tuesday lunchtimes has taken off! Mr. Izak and Ms. Rock were treated to an excellent performance and the room was a hive of excitement!





DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

Our GCSE Drama students will be going to watch this one-of-a-kind production on the 30th October.

Please see details of a discount available to parents and students below...

We are pleased to offer a 10% discount code which would be valid for any seats at the public performances. Anyone wanting to use this code can simply apply it in the promo code section of either PlatinumList or Virgin Megastore.

Your code is **WEW10**

The performances open to the public are:

30th October - 8pm

31st October - 8pm

1st November - 8pm

2nd November - 2pm and 8pm



'**The Woman in Black**' is respected internationally as one of the most effective plays ever written, making it a great study piece for budding actors. Over 7 million people worldwide have seen Susan Hill's chilling ghost story on stage where it continues to delight and terrify audiences of all generations. Made even more famous by the record-breaking movie version starring Daniel Radcliffe, the legendary ghost thriller 'The Woman in Black' is presented by the region's award-winning producer West End Worldwide. The production will run at the Zabeel Theatre, Zabeel Saray, Palm Jumeirah Dubai for a limited season from 30th October to the 2nd November 2024. Unanimously acclaimed by the critics, Stephen Mallatratt's stage adaptation of Susan Hill's bestselling novel harnesses the power and intensity of live theatre, transporting audiences into an atmospheric and terrifying ghostly world.

The Woman in Black features a brilliant West End cast. George Telfer, renowned for his recent role in 'To Kill A Mockingbird' on London's West End under Sonia Friedman Productions, steps into the pivotal role of Arthur Kipps. Alongside him, Christopher Bonwell, celebrated for his performance in the West End's record-breaking production of 'The Mousetrap', takes on the captivating persona of 'The Actor'.

This heart-stopping award-winning production has sold out its previous runs in the UAE and returns due to overwhelming demand.

10+ The Woman in Black has absolutely no blood, gore, bad language or violence - just lots of shocks and a creepy atmosphere.

Book Now - If you dare!

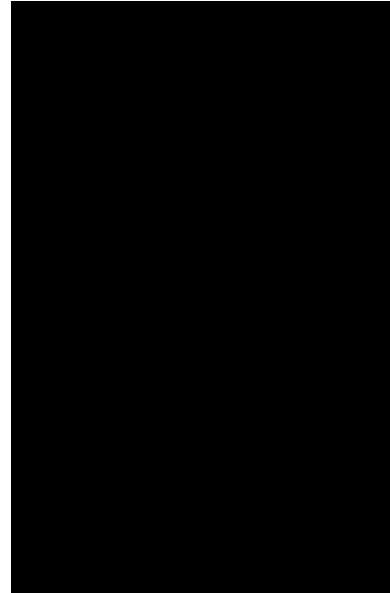
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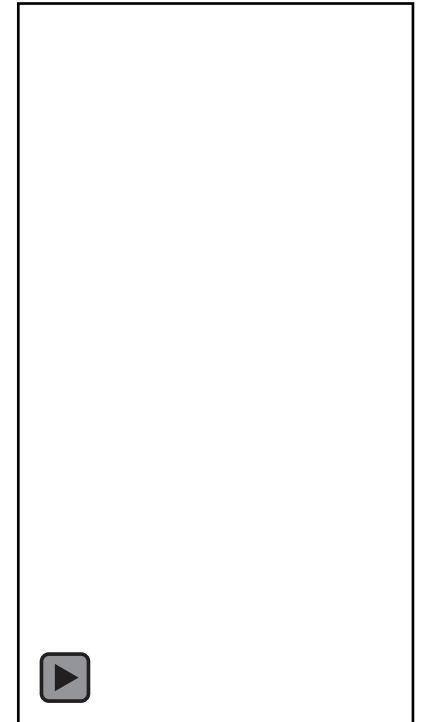
Music Update - Mr Themis



Year 7 continue to improve their keyboard skills including playing with both hands. Great to see our young musicians build their confidence and musicianship!



A very dynamic start from the Band!



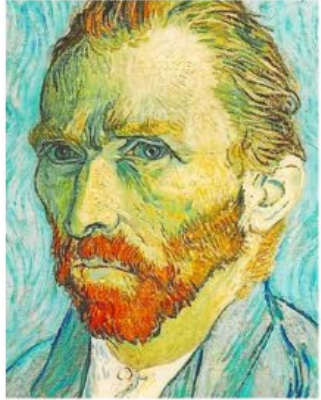
Our KS3 students are still buzzing after last Friday's concert! Please visit the Brooklyn Melodies website for more information on the lessons they offer and don't forget to claim your 20% discount when you register !!

<https://www.rslawards.com/>

<https://www.brooklynmelodies.com/>

Artists that struggled with Mental Health

Vincent Van Gogh (1853-1890)



Van Gogh suffered from anxiety and depression throughout his short life.



"I put my heart and my soul into my work, and lost my mind in the process."

Edvard Munch (1863-1944)



"I stood there trembling with anxiety and I sensed an endless scream passing through nature." The painting is thought to represent human anxiety in the modern world.



Norwegian artist Edvard Munch suffered from anxiety and hallucinations.



Art Update - Miss Sweeney

World Mental Health Day 10/10/2024

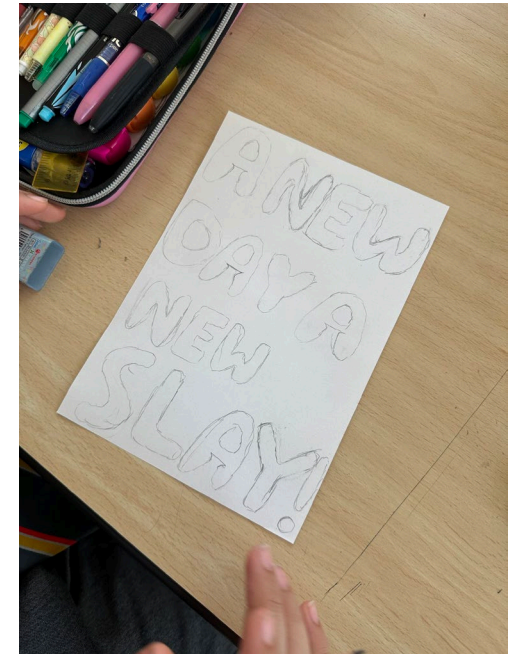
Why is mental health important?

Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It **affects how we think, feel, and act.** It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make healthy choices.



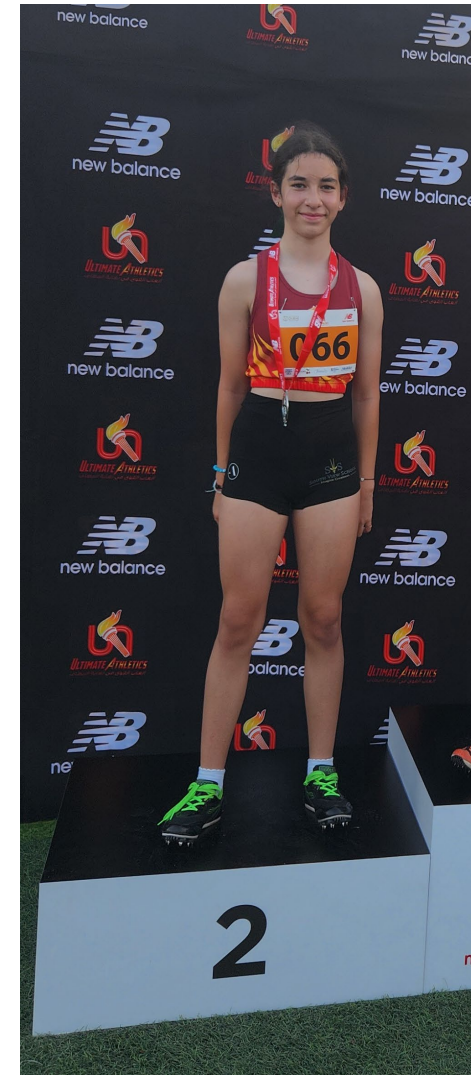
Mental health is important at **every** stage of life, from childhood through to adulthood.

The Art club Y7-9 (Tuesday lunchtime) have been discussing mental health. They have started creating positive messages that can be placed outside the classroom on our positive message board.



PE Update | Mr. Bladen

We are thrilled to share that **Salma** in Year 8 participated in the **Ultimate Athletics Juniors Night** on Friday, October 4, and achieved an outstanding **2nd place** in the **Under 13 80m category**, with a time of **12.04 seconds**. Salma's impressive performance earned her a **silver medal**, and she has been invited to represent Ultimate Athletics in upcoming away competitions. We are incredibly proud of her achievement and look forward to celebrating her continued success in athletics!





DO

"WE DON'T QUIT,
WE DON'T COWER,
WE DON'T RUN. WE
ENDURE AND
CONQUER."

- KOBE BRYANT



Sports Update – Mrs Teodoro

THIS WEEK RESULTS:

U12 Boys football vs GEMS Founders – Won 4-3

U12 Girls football vs Arcadia – Lost 2-6

U13 Girls football vs BCD – Draw 2-2



HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK:

Kaihan, our U12 football captain, delivered an **outstanding performance** in the last match. Playing in midfield, Kaihan showcased both leadership and skill, scoring an impressive 4 goals to help secure a well-earned victory for the team.

His determination and commitment to the game continue to inspire his teammates, and we are incredibly proud of his contributions on and off the field. **Well done, Kaihan!**