



## Secondary School Weekly Update. Date:13/09/24

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Another very busy week at SVS. Sports squads are now in full flow, The Demon Headmaster auditions are underway and we have had student council applications in by the dozen. My personal highlight was our first House Competition of the Year, which was an interclass House Quiz this morning. A special thank you to Mr Cook for creating a fantastic set of questions to challenge our students. There was a real buzz amongst our students and a great way to start the day.

This week saw our very first SVS Academic Scholarships awarded. It was fantastic to see Marthinus and Julia were rewarded for their hard work and achievements. Marthinus is a founding student and Julia has been with us for over 3 years. Both students are the embodiment of what it means to be an SVS student in relation to their kindness, community spirit and work ethic. They have consistently “done the basics brilliantly” and thoroughly deserve their scholarships. I hope their example will spur many other students to do the same in the future.





On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00 pm, we will host our annual “Meet the Tutor Evening”.

This is an opportunity for parents to meet their child’s Form Tutor. The evening will start with a central presentation from me, where I will speak about our culture, values and vision for the school. The evening will have a Pastoral focus and we will share information about the support systems we have in place, which we feel, are essential for our students’ academic and personal development. Over the years, we have had a fantastic turnout for this event and I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible. Teas and coffee will be available from 5.40 pm.

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:

**Monday 16th September** Final auditions for the secondary show at lunchtime.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 8:15 am, Secondary Library:** Academics at SVS with Head of Inclusion, Mrs Danielle McHugh and SENCO Miss Nicola Quick.

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

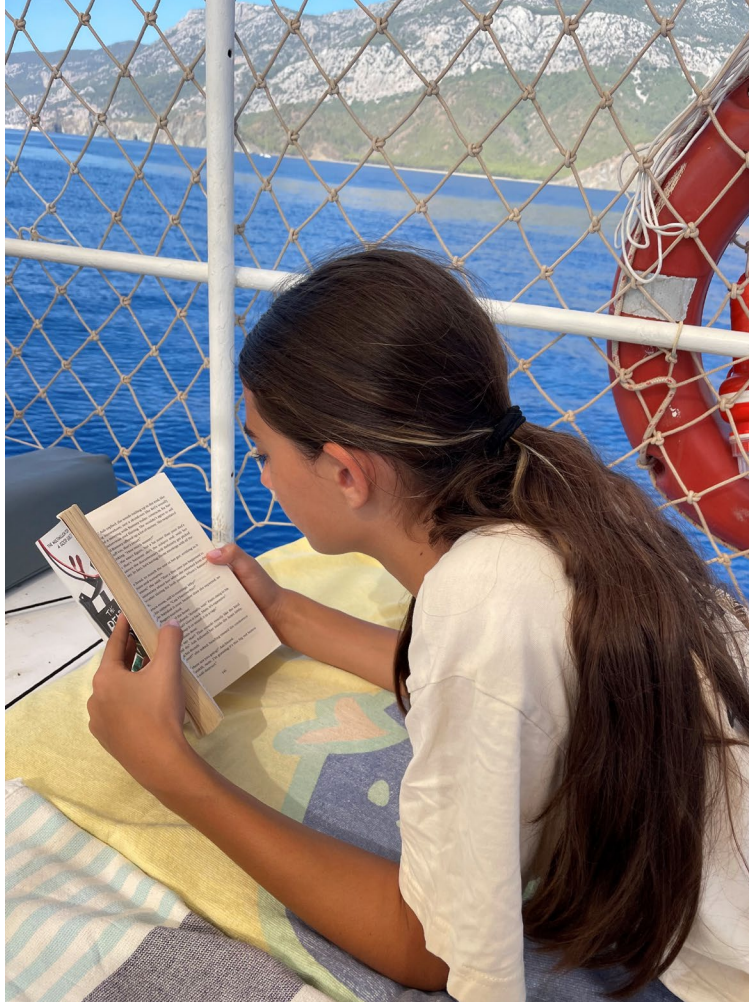




## Literacy Update - Louise

Student: Deniz 7B

Location: Adrasan- Antalya-Turkiye



Book Review

Book Name: The reappearance of Rachel Price  
Rating: ★★★★★  
Age recommendation: 12-14 years  
Genre: Mystery, Horror, thriller.

The reappearance of Rachel Price is a book I would definitely recommend to Mystery and thriller fans as it has some very unexpected plots and a very hooking topic. It is about a girl named Bel Price whose mum goes missing when she was only 2! Once Bel turns 18 her mum reappears but something still doesn't feel right! Holly Jackson is my favourite author and this is one of my favourite books from her.

Thank you very much to Deniz in 7B for sharing a fantastic review of "The reappearance of Rachel Price". If you would like to share a recommendation, please come and speak to Miss O'Sullivan or email:

Louise.osullivan@southview.  
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## Literacy Update - Louise





## English update

**COBIS** | Council of British International Schools

**Poetry Competition**

**Theme: Magical Moments**

*Submission deadline: 24 October 2024*

**Collins**

**Mr. David Archibald**

The English Department has two competitions running currently. The first is the Council of British International School poetry competition, and the second is the British Schools of the Middle East secondary writing competition. Information has been shared with students and we encourage as many entries as possible.

 Gulf British Academy

**Secondary Creative Writing Event**

**2024/2025**

 **BSME**  
BRITISH SCHOOLS IN THE MIDDLE EAST



## Mathematics Update – Ms Griffin

### Chess Club with Mr Dutton



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!

Thursday  
lunchtime from  
1:15pm

Y7 and Y8 – Mr Gaby's room  
Y9, 10, 11 and Sixth Form –  
Mr Breeze's room

## DUBAI MATHS SUPER LEAGUE



### Interested?

Come along to the Maths Competitions ECA and find out more!

**Where?** Ms Griffin's Maths Room.

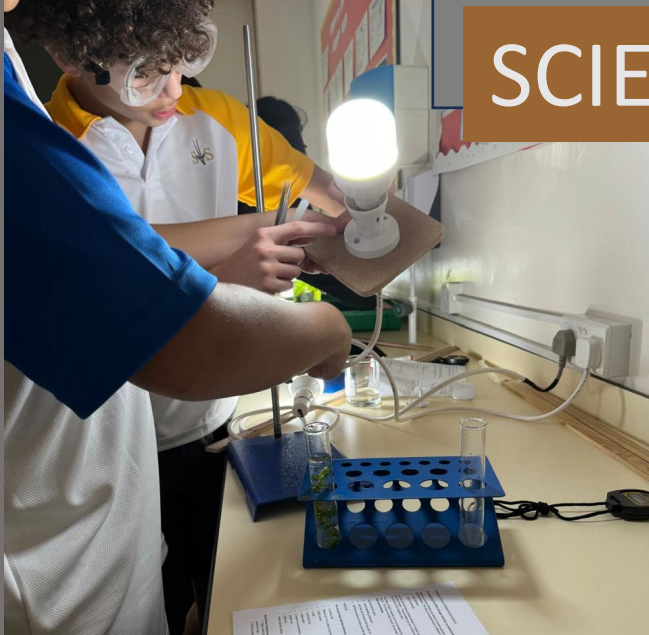
**When?** THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 1:15pm.

**Who?** Any student in Y7–11 who enjoys maths puzzles.

**Why?** Because it's fun!



# SCIENCE UPDATES



Year 10 students are starting the year by investigating how light intensity affects the rate of photosynthesis. Using experiments with aquatic plants, they measure oxygen production under different light conditions to understand the link between light and photosynthetic activity.



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Meanwhile, Year 12 Biology students have explored membrane properties by examining how temperature impacts membrane permeability.

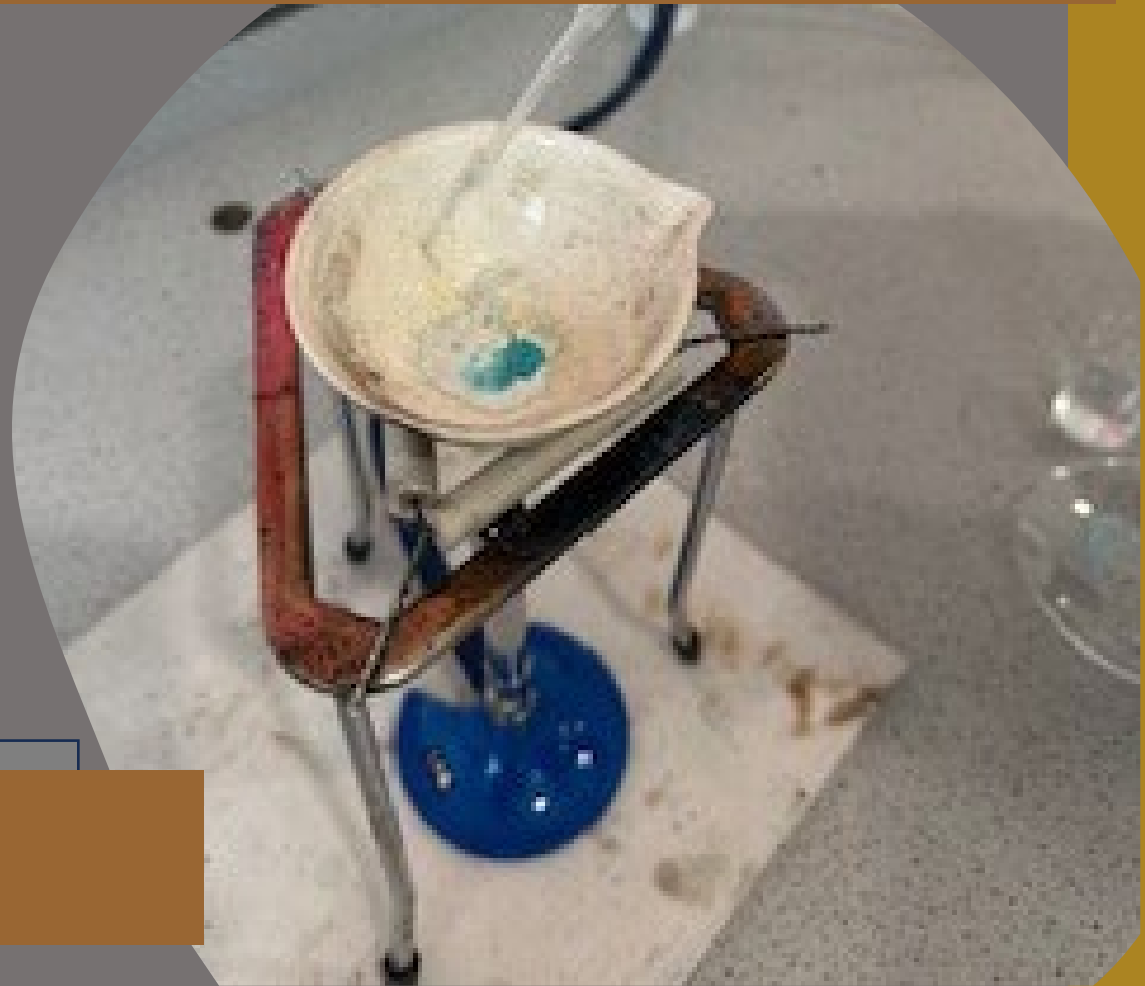


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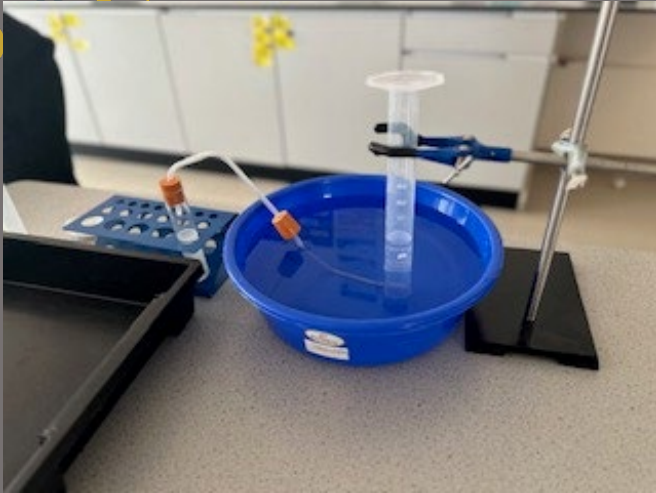


Year 11 Triple Chemistry students are exploring reversible reactions by investigating the hydration and dehydration of anhydrous copper sulfate. In this experiment, they heat blue hydrated copper sulfate to remove water, turning it into white anhydrous copper sulfate. By adding water back to the anhydrous form, they observe the reverse reaction, with the white powder turning blue again.



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This week in Year 12 Chemistry, students have been calculating the molar volume of a gas by conducting experiments to measure the volume of gas produced during chemical reactions.



# Arabic Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Parent,

- Greetings from the Arabic Departments A and B. We would like to share with you our latest updates:
- Student registration on IRA (*I Read Arabic* for Arabic A students) and ISA (*I Start Arabic* for Arabic B) has been completed. Students will receive their login details by Monday.
- The Arabic team has started sending homework through Teams. We kindly request all parents to encourage their children to complete it on time as assigned by the teachers.
- Our main communication channel with students is Teams. Please regularly check your child's Teams account to stay informed.

## **Arabic A:**

- *This week's focus is on poetic texts* to enhance students' abilities in this area.
- *Students are instructed to practice reading, record their reading, and submit the recordings via the Teams platform.*
- *Regularly follow Teams* to stay updated on assigned tasks and requirements.

## **Arabic B:**

- Students will revise the new vocabulary and grammar they learned this week.
- Next week, students will learn new words to use in speaking.
- The focus will be mainly on reading skills and comprehension. We will discuss new texts related to our topics.

Best regards,  
Arabic Departments A & B



# Arabic Update – Mr. Kerba



ARABIC DEPARTMENT  
SECONDARY SCHOOL



قسم اللغة العربية  
المرحلة الثانوية

## READING CHAMPIONS COMPETITION

STAGE ONE

### Competition Rules

#### DATES

12.09.2024

15.01.2025



Daily reading while adhering to reading standards

"Record the story summary using the VOCAROO app."

Write the title of the story and its number

Submit via Teams

## مسابقة أبطال القراءة

المرحلة الأولى

### شروط المسابقة

#### الموعد

12.09.2024

15.01.2025



القراءة اليومية مع مراعاة معايير القراءة .

تسجيل ملخص القصة على برنامج VOCAROO

كتابة اسم القصة ورقمها .

يتم الإرسال على برنامج teams .

# Islamic Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Parents,

We would like to update you with the following important information:

- The students' registration on Islamic Treasure has been completed. Teachers will now start assigning homework. Please encourage your child to complete their homework and tasks on Teams and on the application.
- We also encourage you to dedicate a specific time every day to help your child memorize and recite their curriculum Surahs, as Quran memorization is an essential part of their studies.

Below are the surahs which students will continue for next week:

- **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):**

Thank you for your continued support.

**Best regards,  
Islamic Studies Department**







## MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan

*Merits awarded!*

# Week of Languages 2024



## LOGO COMPETITION

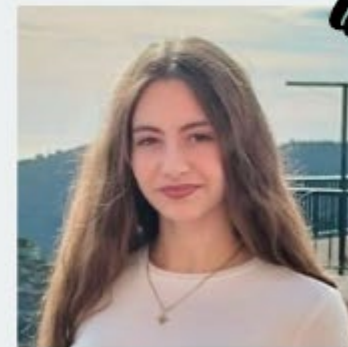
Want to show off your SVS Skill of Creativity and get the chance to enter a worldwide t-shirt competition with your logo?

What you need to know!

- Design a logo (in digital format) representing the languages spoken in Europe.
- Please keep in mind that the design should be about languages, not countries. So please **don't use flags or similar**.
- You can use up to **3 colours only**. Keep in mind that we need a simple design that is not too complex or that has small details.

**Deadline: 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

The winner of the 2024 EDL T-shirt contest is 2024 is **Eloise Recio Jarda** (Colegio Cooperativa Al-Bayyana, Roquetas de Mar, España).  
Congratulations!



*Last year's winner*

Upload logo to Teams page!



## MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan



Year 11 Spanish students presenting their house and home projects to the class. Un buen esfuerzo





## The Arts Update - Mrs Rock

Well done to everyone who auditioned for the school show this week. I was super impressed with how you had prepared and your performances were excellent.

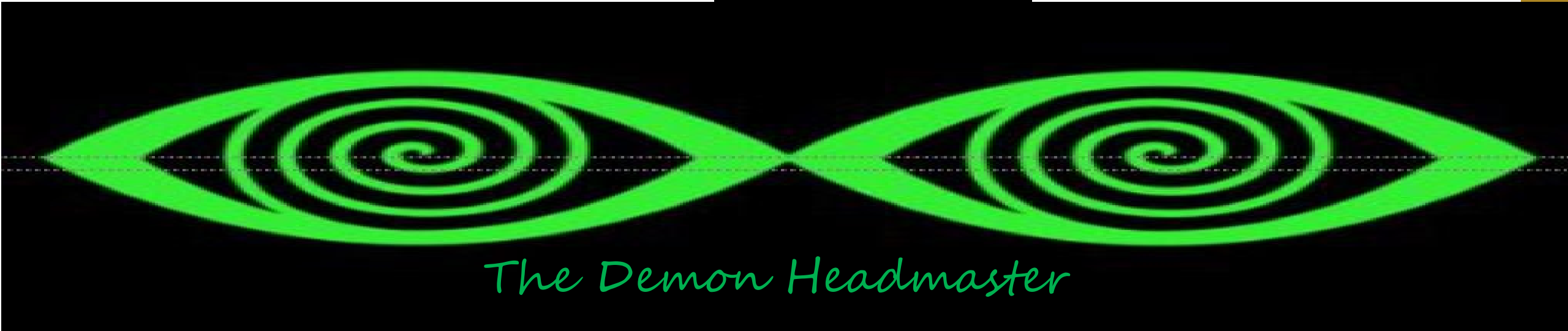
All students participating in ECA's should please check with the teacher when to start.

Day	Lunchtime	After school
Monday	School Show rehearsals (drama studio)  Choir (music room)	
Tuesday	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
Wednesday	School show production team meeting (Steam Lab)	
Thursday		School Show rehearsals for all (The drama studio)





# South View Secondary School Show 2024/2025



**FINAL AUDITIONS – MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER  
LUNCHTIME IN THE DRAMA STUDIO**

**There will be no rehearsals next week while we prepare, please look out for notices on teams and the notice board on floor 3 for more details....**



# I DON'T BELIEVE IN GHOSTS

THE MOST TERRIFYING LIVE THEATRE EXPERIENCE IN THE WORLD

OCTOBER 2024 ZABEEL THEATRE

'A TERRIFYING RIDE'  
THE  
WOMAN  
IN BLACK

THE LEGENDARY GHOST THRILLER  
RETURNS TO DUBAI FOR ONE WEEK ONLY

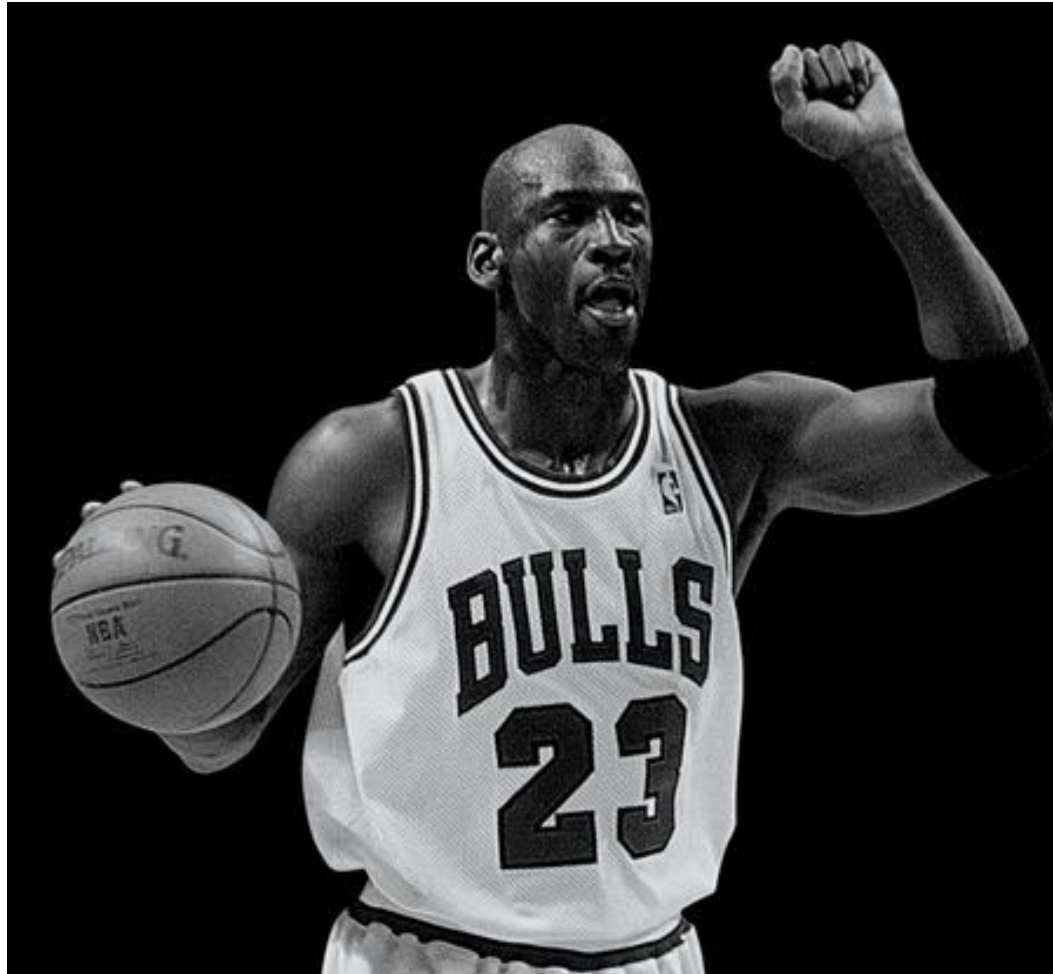
GCSE Drama students only – final  
deadline for payment Friday 20th  
September, 2024

# PE Update | Mr. Bladen

This week, we had the fantastic opportunity to welcome **Ultimate Academy** to South View School, where they coached and taught our **KS3 students** the exciting sport of **Ultimate Frisbee**. The sessions were a hit, with students actively engaging, learning new skills, and enjoying the fast-paced, team-oriented game. It was a great experience that highlighted teamwork, strategy, and fun, and we're thrilled to see how much the students loved it! Ultimate Frisbee is quickly becoming a favorite among our students!







NEVER SAY NEVER  
BECAUSE  
LIMITS, LIKE FEARS,  
ARE OFTEN JUST  
**ILLUSIONS.**

- MICHAEL **JORDAN**



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EAL Update-  
Ms Donovan



Well done to our first cohort of Young Interpreters who were awarded their badges and certificates last week.

This week we had great first sessions with students from years 7-9 and 10-12 who have volunteered their time to take part in the initiative which trains students to be of support to our new English Language Learner students. I'm excited to see the impact these students' dedication will make.



## Inclusion Update Ms Quick



This week, has been very busy with not only many intervention classes, but also catering a space for some students to complete their CAT4 exam.

We are very proud of the effort all the students have put into completing the CAT4 exam this week.





## Trips and ECAs Update – Mr. Whaites

### Trips

Communication will be soon sent out to parents with the information regarding the International trips we will be offering our students this year. There will be scheduled trips to Azerbaijan, Sri Lanka and Borneo. We will be sending important dates and deadlines, details for registration, the trip itineraries, as well as price details.

We will be working with a company called Ecoventures, who will be organising these trips. **They will be hosting a virtual presentation via Zoom on Tuesday 17th September at 8:30am.** You will be sent the link to the presentation, and you are warmly invited to join to find out everything you need to know about these trips. Ecoventures will also arrange a time to come and present to our secondary students during an assembly very soon.

### ECAs

The first week of External ECAs and sports squads have been taking place this week and it has been fantastic to see our students enjoying the different sports and activities on offer.

The internal ECAs for our secondary students will begin from next week, Monday 16th September. If your child is interested in joining any of the ECAs stated in the booklet that has been shared, they are invited to communicate with the teacher offering the ECA, directly. If your child is experiencing an issue in joining an ECA, please contact me by email.