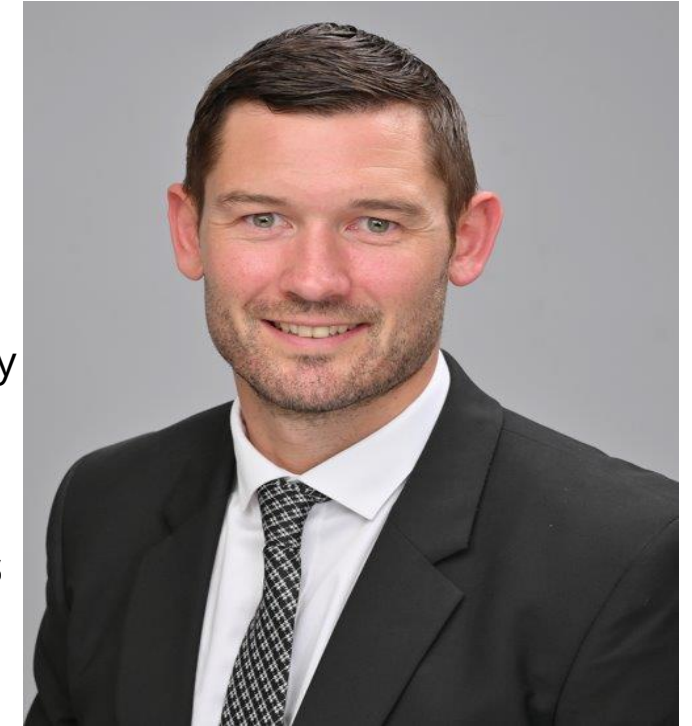




Secondary School Weekly Update

Date: 13/12/24



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we reach the end of Term 1, I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during my time as Acting Head. It has been a privilege to work alongside such a fantastic community, and I am incredibly proud of what our students have achieved. They have been truly exceptional, showing dedication, enthusiasm, and a desire to better themselves both academically and personally every day. Yesterday's **Celebration of Success Assemblies** were a wonderful way to round off the year, and it was fantastic to see so many of our students recognised for their achievements. From **academic awards** to **pastoral accolades**, every success reflects their hard work and determination, and I hope you are as proud of them as we are.

As this term draws to a close, we say goodbye to three valued members of staff: **Mr Jay Wood, Ms Natalie Tombs, and Mr Gareth Breeze**. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of them for their significant contributions to the SVS community and to wish them all the very best in their future endeavours.

Finally, I would like to wish all of you a restful and enjoyable winter break. Thank you again for your continued support, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting Term 2 alongside our new Head Teacher Ms Teresa Woulfe.

Kind regards,
Stuart Macpherson
Acting Head of Secondary



Upcoming Term 2 dates:

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

Thursday 16th January – International Day.

Monday 20th January – Year 11 Mocks begin.



Academic Update - Mrs Stevens

As we come to the end of a very busy first Term here at Southview, once again the learning taking place in our Secondary classrooms has been outstanding, with our Celebration of Success Awards highlighting the wealth of academic talent we have at the school.

Looking forward to Term 2 we have A-Levels examinations for Year 12 and 13 and Mocks for our Year 11 early in January - please do look for Ms Coy's detailed information on the Exams update on this document.

In addition our first set of reports have been released on Engage this week and below are links to cover letters for each Stage to help parents understand all of the information they contain.

Finally, I would like to wish all staff, students and parents Happy Holidays and hope that you all have a well-earned restful break when it arrives.

[T1Report cover letter KS3.pdf](#)

[T1Report cover letter KS4.pdf](#)

[T1Report cover letter KS5.pdf](#)



Exams Update – Ms Coy

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please refer to the recent emails regarding the upcoming IAL exams for Years 12 and 13, starting Wednesday, 8th January 2025, and the Year 11 mock exams, which will run for two weeks beginning Monday, 20th January. Overviews and timetables have been shared with you via email and posted on your children's Teams pages for easy access.

In addition, invoices for the June 2025 IGCSE exams will be sent to parents by our accounts team in the coming weeks. Please review these carefully and if there are any issues please do email me at stacey.coy@southview.ae

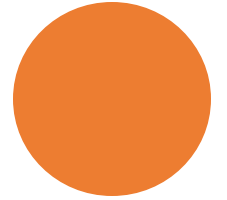
Finally, I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and restful break. Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to working with you all in January.

Kind regards

Stacey.



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Literacy Update - Louise

Holiday breaks and chilly winter weekends offer the perfect excuse to encourage kids to dive into a good book. And whether your child is an enthusiastic bookworm or a little less excited about the whole idea, these suggestions are designed to help keep them turning the pages (and maybe even enjoying it!) over the break from school.

1. Try a reading challenge. (Challenge them to read for a certain amount of time a day/ week)
2. Hook them with a book set.
3. Find other books or series by an author your child already enjoys
4. Don't forget non-fiction!
5. Take reading on the road (audiobooks/podcasts).
6. Finally, make time to read together as a family.





Literacy Update – Louise

SVS has news...

The first issue of SVS stories has officially been published.

Each KS3 tutor group has received a copy of SVS stories to read and discuss during tutor time this week.

Thank you to all the team for their contributions this term.

Please see the following slide where we share pictures of staff and pupils enjoying the first edition!

[SVS Stories Term 1 \(4\).pdf](#)

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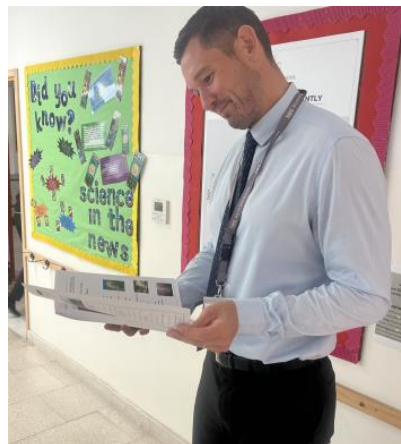
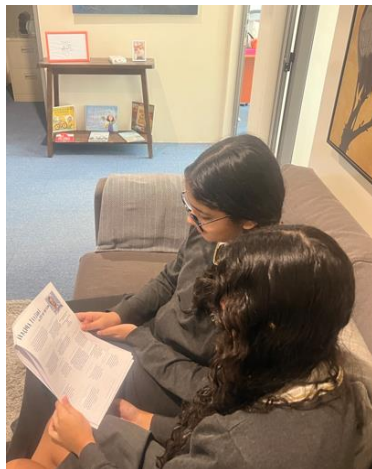
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English Update – Mr. Archibald

As the term comes to a close, we're pleased to share the highlights from the English Department.

Year 7 focused on *identity* in literature, exploring characterisation and self-expression, while also developing their poetic skills. Year 8 studied *The Tempest*, with a trip to see the play performed live, alongside exploring short stories and improving their creative writing. Year 9 engaged with both poetry and the dystopian genre, analysing language and themes while developing critical thinking skills. Year 10 began their International GCSE course, covering novel study, non-fiction texts, and poetry to build a strong foundation in critical reading and analysis. Year 11 have been preparing for their International GCSE exams, focusing on literature analysis, essay writing, and exam strategies.

Looking ahead, next term promises exciting activities such as the Spelling Bee, speaking-focused lessons, and celebrations for World Book Day.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another productive term ahead!



English Update – Mr. Archibald

Here is a great Shakespearian sonnet by Amogh (Year 7). The poem captures the delicate balance between nature's beauty and humanity's tendency to overlook or damage it. Amogh uses rich imagery, such as "a picturesque wave of vibrant crystal," to describe a pristine natural world, yet the poem also reflects a deeper concern about human ignorance and the harm caused by mankind's actions. The sonnet concludes with a somber note about the consequences of this blindness, urging a recognition of nature's worth before it's too late. Amogh's thoughtful exploration of these themes in a traditional sonnet form is a compelling example of how classic poetry can address modern concerns.

A picturesque wave of vibrant crystal
And surrounded by an image of green.

An environment worth silver metal

For those who have seen

A haven to seek for those who treasure
Seeking a place to stop the flow of time
A paradise for those who seek pleasure
Treasure with pleasure, what a lovely rhyme

But a man may not see this lovely gift

He is ignorant to mother nature

Mankind inflicts a change and a great shift

He does not realize that he hurts her

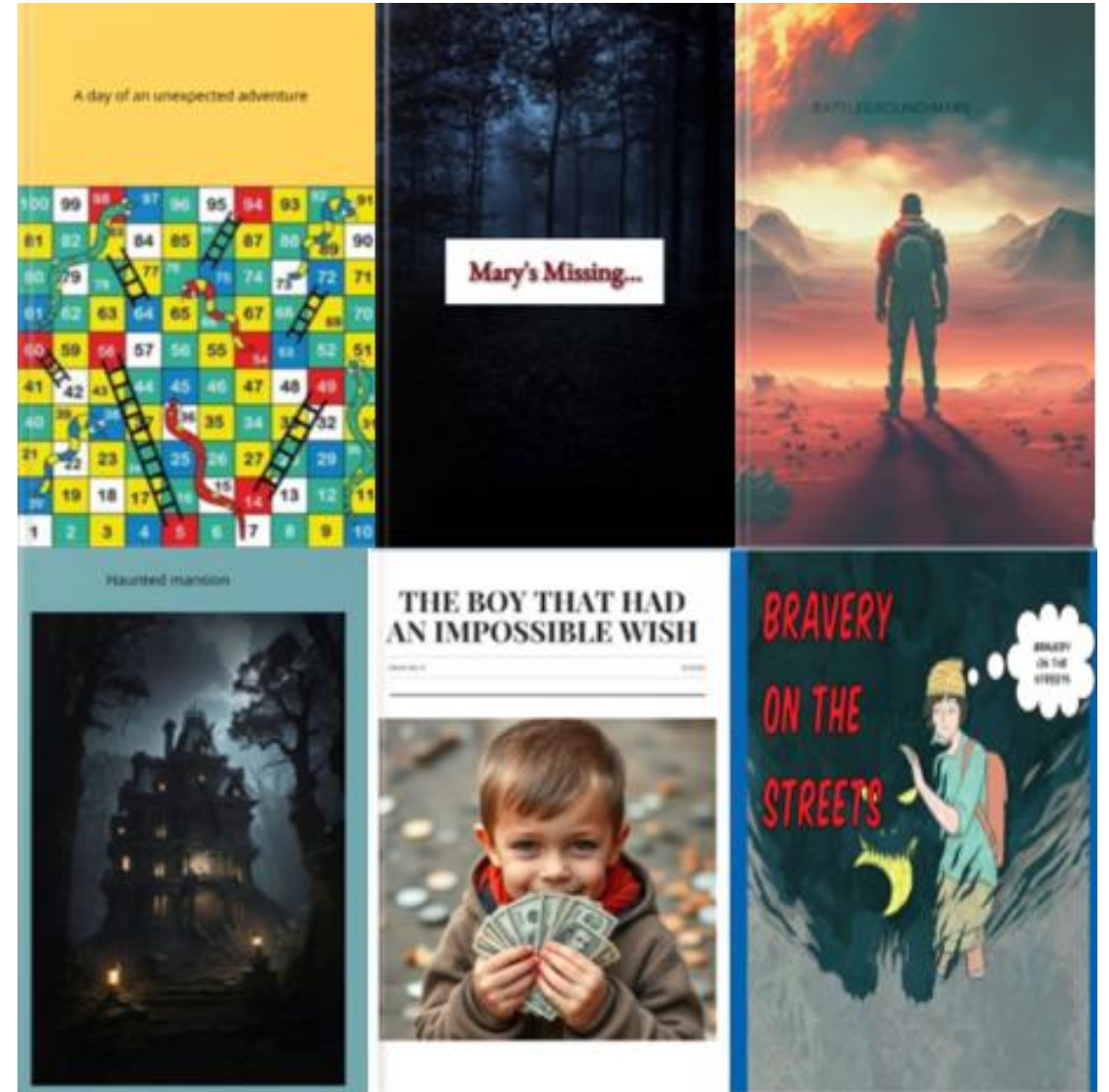
The beauty of nature's gem must be saved

But blind man is for the power he craved.



English Update – Mr. Archibald

These book covers, designed by Year 8 students, represent the short stories they've written. Each cover provides a visual summary of the themes and tone of the story, offering a window into the characters, settings, and ideas explored within. The designs showcase the students' creativity and ability to convey the essence of their narratives, reflecting their developing skills as writers and artists.





Mathematics Update – Ms Griffin

The final standings for Challenge ME were announced last week. South View achieved Silver overall which puts us in the top 20 of all schools across the region – an amazing achievement I'm sure everyone will agree!

Congratulations to every Y7, 8 and 9 who took part, especially those who qualified for Stage 2 of the competition. Stage 2 be one 45-minute quest in school on Thursday 9th January.

Watch out for Question Tutorials on the Challenge ME social media platform starting from next week.

A link to the final leaderboard and video can be found here: <https://challengeme.ae/celebrations/band-3-school-leagues-final-leaderboard/>

Year 7 Qualifiers

Aishah Zoberi
Martin Al Ashkar
Ada Dragoni
Jagan Pillai
Nikita Shibayev



Year 8 Qualifiers

Roqia Shetiah
Talya Gouda
Zafeeruddin Haider
Lana Marsh
Layan Elawadi



Year 9 Qualifiers

Layan Hassan
Logan O'Brien
Mohammed Ahmed Adnan
Al Muthana Shakhatreh
Azra Zeytinci

Mathematics Update

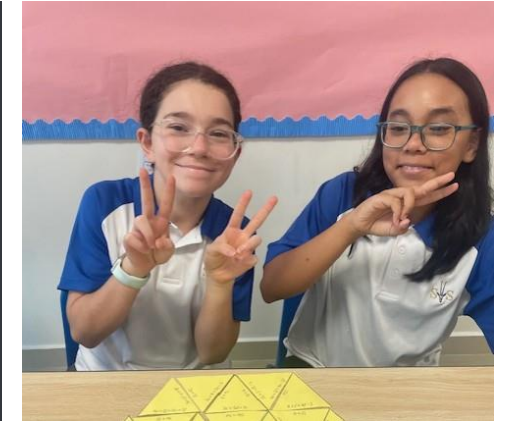
– Ms Griffin



In amongst all the excitement of the competitions we've entered, the maths we've learnt, the puzzles we've completed, the fun we've had, and every amazing achievement, the end of term comes around tinged with a little sadness in the maths department as we say goodbye to Mr Breeze.

Mr Breeze has been a member of the South View community for two years, and throughout that time he has demonstrated high standards and professionalism in his care for his students, love for mathematics, and talent for performing! He will be missed by staff and students alike, and we wish him all the best in his next adventure. Thank you Mr Breeze.

Next term we are excited to welcome two new members of the maths department, Ms Hughes and Ms Kaur.





MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan

As we reach the end of an exciting term 1 in the MFL department we reflect on all the exciting opportunities our students have had and the fantastic work they have produced.

From bake-offs to quizzes, from phonics games to podcasts, it has been a truly exciting term for our linguists.

We look forward to seeing our pupils progress even further into term 2 and advance their knowledge and understanding of the French and Spanish language and culture.

Stand-out moments:

- Bake off
- Phonics fun
- Surveys + songs
- Running dictation
- Day of languages
- Learning new vocabulary and about different cultures.
- Cross-curricular links: Geography (Valencia floods/ Paris, Notre Dame re-opening)

Wishing all our students and parents a restful and safe Winter break. I look forward to welcoming all our linguists back in January 2025. Hasta pronto

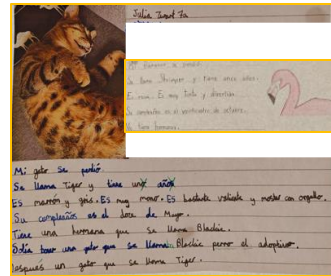




Year 7 Spanish – Term 1 – December 2024

As Term 1 draws to a close, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the incredible progress and creativity demonstrated by our Spanish MFL students this term.

We began our journey focusing on topics such as introducing ourselves, describing our personalities, and sharing details about our family and friends. Students have worked hard to develop their skills in writing, speaking, and listening, and I am proud of their achievements.



Tara B. (7C)

We also had a fantastic European Day of Languages celebration, where many students contributed by designing vibrant logos and baking delicious cakes. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported these events—it was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and collaboration.



Charvik S. (7E)



Haniya A. (7B)



Aisha Z. (7A)

A highlight of the term was the original and imaginative posters students created as part of a "Find My Pet" activity. Their creativity and language application were truly impressive!

It has been an exciting term filled with learning, creativity, and joy. As we look ahead to Term 2, we are eager to continue creating more memorable experiences together. Wishing you all a restful and wonderful winter break and a very Happy New Year 2025!

Warm Regards,
Ms. Gómez



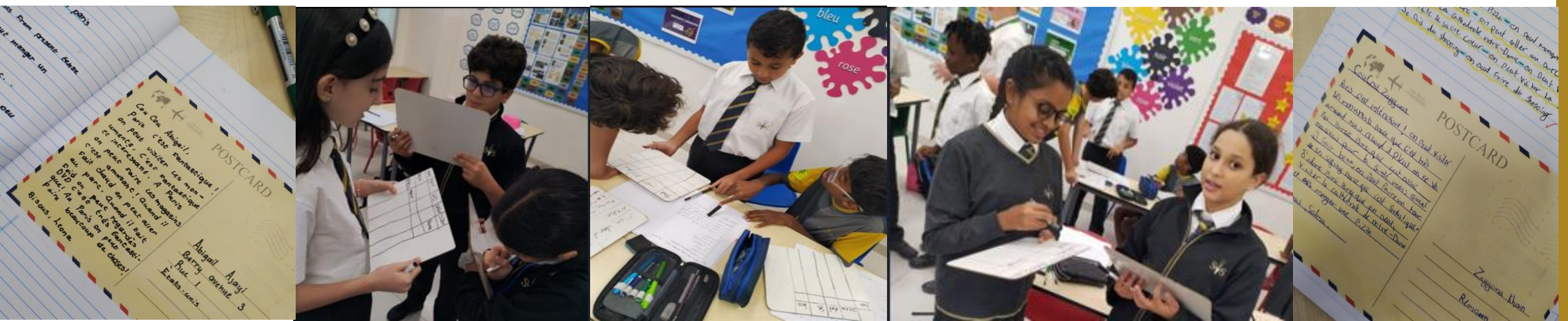
French - Term 1 - Mr. Fitzpatrick

As we near the end of Term 1, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful learning journey your children have undertaken in French lessons. It has been an absolute pleasure to witness their growth, enthusiasm, and determination in developing their language skills. This term, our students have excelled in mastering vocabulary, improving their conversational confidence, and embracing the rich culture and traditions of French-speaking countries. From lively classroom discussions to creative tasks and collaborative group activities, they have truly embodied the spirit of learning.

Thank you for your support and encouragement at home, which has been instrumental in their success.

Merci beaucoup !

Monsieur Fitzpatrick





Humanities Update – Miss Coy



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we close the curtain on Term 1, We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our parents for your unwavering support during what has been a truly remarkable term. Our Year 11s are steadily on the road to their final exams in May, while our Year 10s have embraced the challenge of starting their IGCSEs with determination and focus. Year 7s have settled wonderfully into secondary school life, and our Year 8 and 9 students have been exploring new topics and sharpening their critical thinking skills. Meanwhile, our Sixth Form BTEC students have been showcasing their dedication and creativity, making us proud with their accomplishments.

From trips, ECAs, and our MUN Club, planning our inaugural MUN conference, to debates, projects, and everything in between, it has been a term packed with growth and achievement.

We are so proud of all our students' hard work and enthusiasm this term and are excited to see what they will achieve in Term 2. Thank you again for your continued support, and we wish you a restful and enjoyable break.

Kind regards,

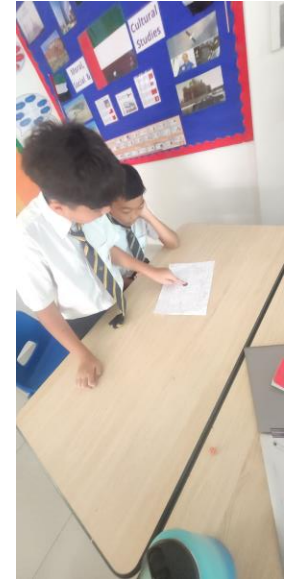
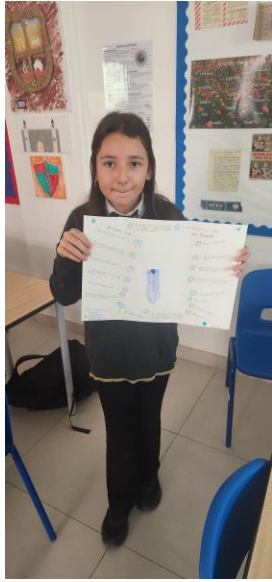
Stacey and the Humanities Department



Something a little fun - Guess the film

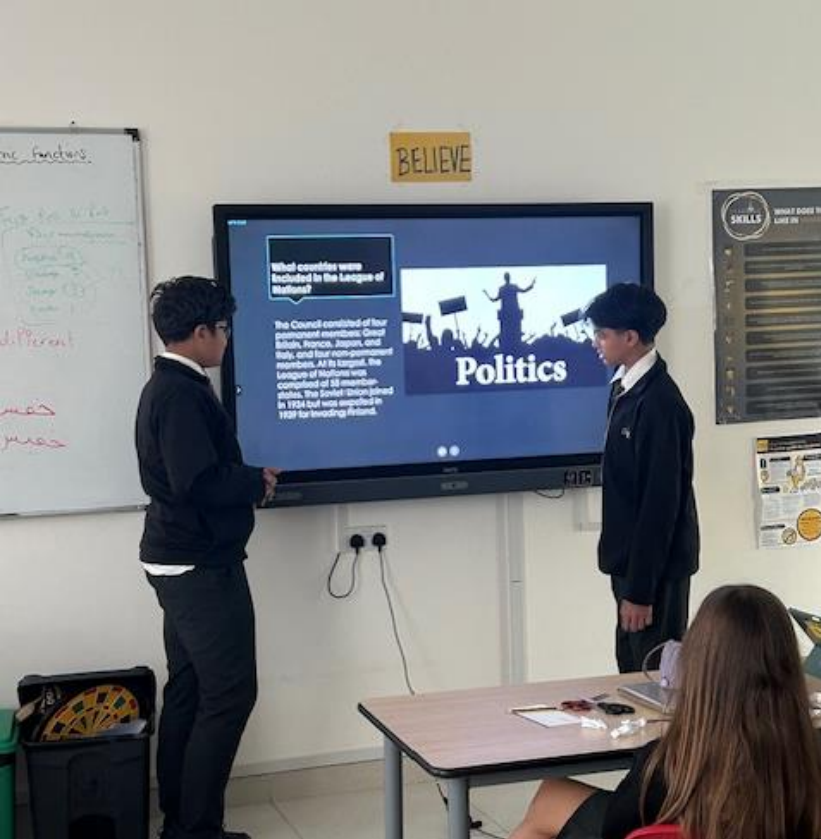
STARRING The Humanities Department





Humanities Update – Miss Coy

This week, our Year 7 historians showcased their creativity by designing and playing board games inspired by the Norman Conquest. From *Snakes and Ladders* and *Heads Up* to *Monopoly*, *Minecraft*, and even an original invention called *Circle of Torture*, students enjoyed a fun and engaging way to explore this fascinating period of history. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm and ingenuity in bringing the past to life!



Humanities Update – Miss Coy

Some of Mr Cook's Y9 Historians have been working collaboratively to produce fantastic presentations. They focused on post WW1 events, specifically the Treaty of Versailles and the League of Nations. They critiqued both of these, showing strengths and weaknesses before sharing their own opinions. This links to the IGCSE curriculum.



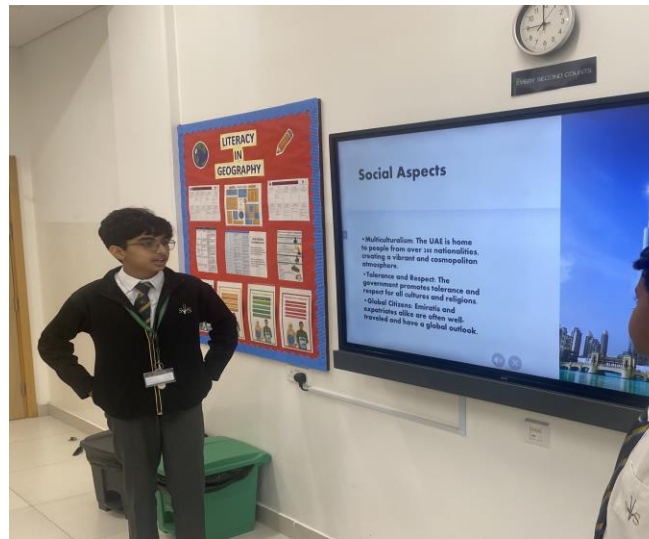
DIWALI

HOLI

CULTURE TRADITION

Diwali is often called the festival of lights and is celebrated by lighting lamps, bursting crackers and fireworks. It is a festival which commemorates the victory of Lord Rama to his wife Sita after saving her from the demon king Ravana.

Holi is a celebration that is celebrated in India. It is celebrated with family and friends gathering playfully. They throw colorful paint and bright powder at each other and into the air. Fully immersed themselves from head to toe in color, a traditional troupe plays a traditional wooden drum called dhol while dancing amidst the colors, each carrying a different meaning during the festival.



MSC Update

In Miss Scoullers' Year 7 MSC class, students enthusiastically presented about their home countries, sharing unique traditions, customs, and cultural practices. These presentations explored not only geographical facts but also the moral, social, and cultural values that shape their communities, such as respect for family, the importance of community support, and different traditions of celebration and inclusion. Through these discussions, students connected their personal backgrounds to broader moral and social concepts, fostering greater understanding, and appreciation for diversity within the class.

As part of our **Great Green Legacy** lessons in MSC, Lamees from 7D has designed her very own sustainable house and garden! Her project features creative eco-friendly solutions such as solar energy, rainwater harvesting, and electric cars. Lamees incorporated innovative ideas to save energy, reduce waste, and promote biodiversity—setting a fantastic example for the whole MSC community. Well done, Lamees! 🌱 ✨

MSC Update





The Arts Update - Mrs Rock

Wow! What a term!

There have been 2 theatre trips, a GCSE Drama performance evening, the first of this year's GCSE Drama performance exams as well as auditions and rehearsals for The Demon Headmaster.

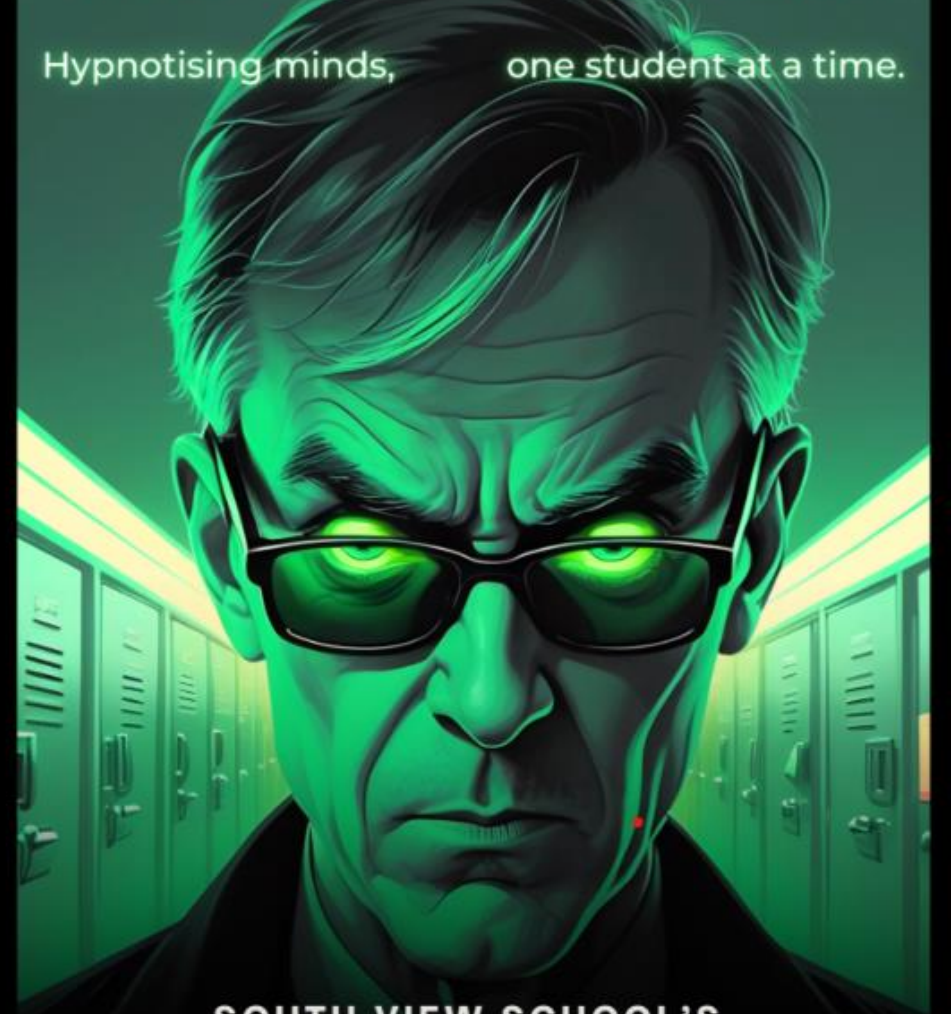
In Art, we have had huge numbers of students joining Art clubs and signing up for Junk Kouture 2025 as well as the first iGCSE Art exam of the year.

In Music, we have a new band formed with a host of opportunities given to students to perform and show off their skills inside and outside of lessons.

All students have truly earned the winter break. We can't wait to see you all in Term 2!

THE DEMON HEADMASTER

Hypnotising minds, one student at a time.



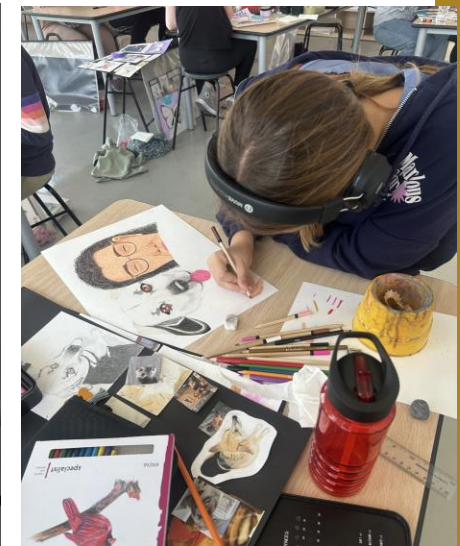
SOUTH VIEW SCHOOL'S
SECONDARY DRAMA PRODUCTION

FEBRUARY 5 & 6, 2025



IGCSE ART

Last week Year 11 Art students completed their final pieces in an Art exam which will make up 50% of their overall mark. They worked very hard and we are proud of their achievements.





Tunes 4 Tuesday



Our final Tunes 4 Tuesday of the year saw the return of some of our more senior students take the stage.

Well done to Tessa, Kai, Aroosha and Alyaa.

We would love to see more students performing on Tuesday mornings. If you are interested, please get in touch with Mr. Themis or Ms. Rock.





Secondary School Band





One of the things we are most proud of this term is the Secondary School Band.

These students have really grown in ability and confidence under the careful guidance of Mr. Themis. A huge thank you to Mr. Themis from all of us!

They have performed at the Winter Fair, completed their first gig at The Little Neighbourhood Café in Remraam and been a huge part of the Winter Concert. Well done and congratulations to you all. We can't wait to see what you do next term.

Band members: Alyaa, Aroosha, Keila, Kai, Emma D, Olivia and Tessa







Little Neighbourhood Gig - Remraam





Secondary Music Winter Concert 2024



Elf in The Gulf

Congratulations to Tessa in Year 11 who performed all weekend at Imersee in Sustainable City with Lauren Noble from CollabCompany. The show was a fantastic feast of festive music and was thoroughly enjoyable for all of the family. We are very proud of her.



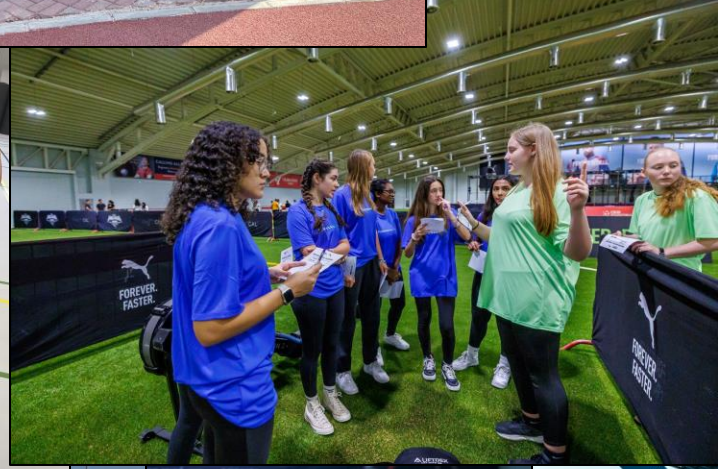
PE Update | Mr. Bladen

As we come to the end of another busy term, I wanted to take a moment to say a huge **thank you** and **well done** to each of you for your hard work, effort, and dedication in PE.

This term has been packed with exciting activities, from learning new skills in an array of sports to representing our school in fixtures and tournaments. Whether it was in lessons, training sessions, or competitions, your commitment and positive attitude have been fantastic to see.

Enjoy your well-deserved break, and we look forward to another term of energy, progress, and teamwork in PE.

Have a great holiday!



**"One man can be a
crucial ingredient
on a team, but one
man cannot make
a team."**

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

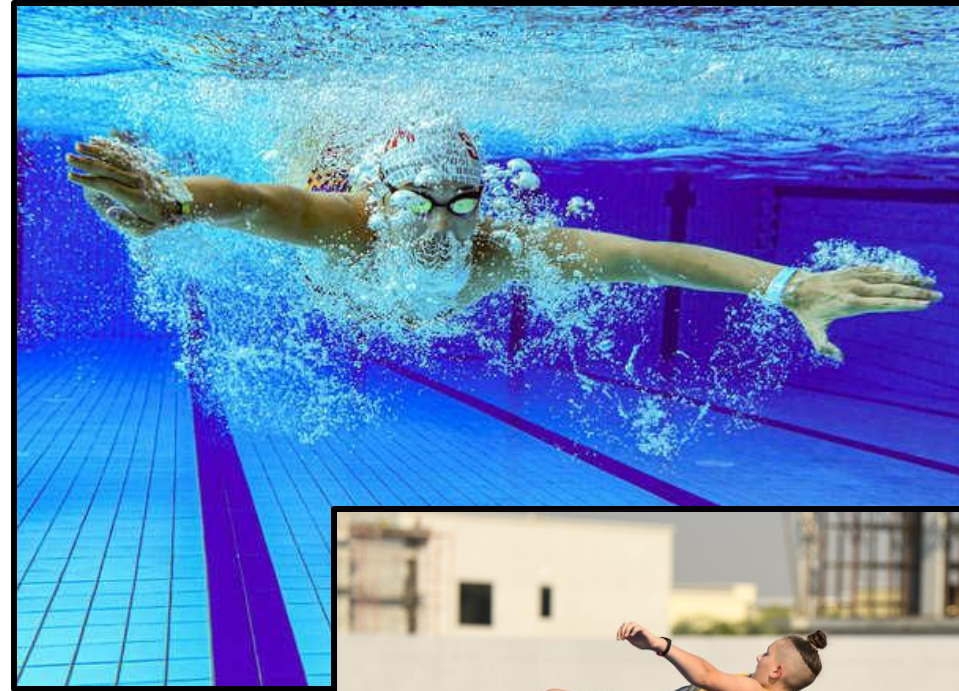
TERM 2A

Next 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 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.





Inclusion Update – Ms. Quick

What a fantastic first term in the inclusion department. The new students that have joined us have settled in well, and everybody has made many new friends and shown great empathy towards each other.

It has been wonderful to see students grow and develop throughout the term, and I would like to thank all parents for their ongoing support. I hope you all have a wonderful Winter Break, and I look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

REQUEST FOR LEGO!!

Next term we would like to have some Lego available in The Base to start a "Brick Club". If you have any Lego that you wish to donate to The Base then please do let me know, it would be greatly appreciated.





Careers Update – Ms. Scouller

MDXplorer bus – 7th January Y10-13 students

The MDXplorer bus from Middlesex University will be visiting Southview on Tuesday, January 7th, 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.

