



## Secondary School Weekly Update

**Date: 22/11/24**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we wrap up an incredibly busy and fulfilling week, I want to extend my gratitude for your continued support and involvement in our school activities. A special thank you to everyone who joined us for the Year 11 Parents' Evening and supported the drama rehearsals on Tuesday, and those who came along to our English Coffee Morning with Mr Archibald on Thursday. We appreciate all who participated and engaged in meaningful conversations in an incredibly important area of our curriculum.

This week was filled with exciting trips: Mr. Bladen and Mr. Cook are currently with our Under-14 football team in Egypt. Miss Rahilly and Mr. Altaf led our Year 11 students in valuable fieldwork experiences for their courses around Old and New Dubai and Mr King took a group of students to a Unified Sports Wall Climbing Event, where they excelled and finished second overall, a fantastic achievement.

Today, we celebrated the closing ceremony of the Dubai 30x30 Challenge. Our entire school came together for a fantastic morning of fitness activities, rounding off a month of health and wellness with great enthusiasm and energy.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you all at our Winter Fair this afternoon! It promises to be a wonderful event where our whole school community can come together to celebrate what has been an amazing school year to this point.

Kind regards,  
Stuart Macpherson  
Acting Head of Secondary





## Upcoming key dates:

Winter Fair – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Year 11 GCSE Drama C1 final performance exam (Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November)

Year 9 Parents Evening – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 4pm-7pm.

National Day – 28<sup>th</sup> November – Students are encouraged to wear National dress or Flag Colours.

Humanities Coffee Morning with Miss Coy – 28<sup>th</sup> November 8.15am Secondary Library.

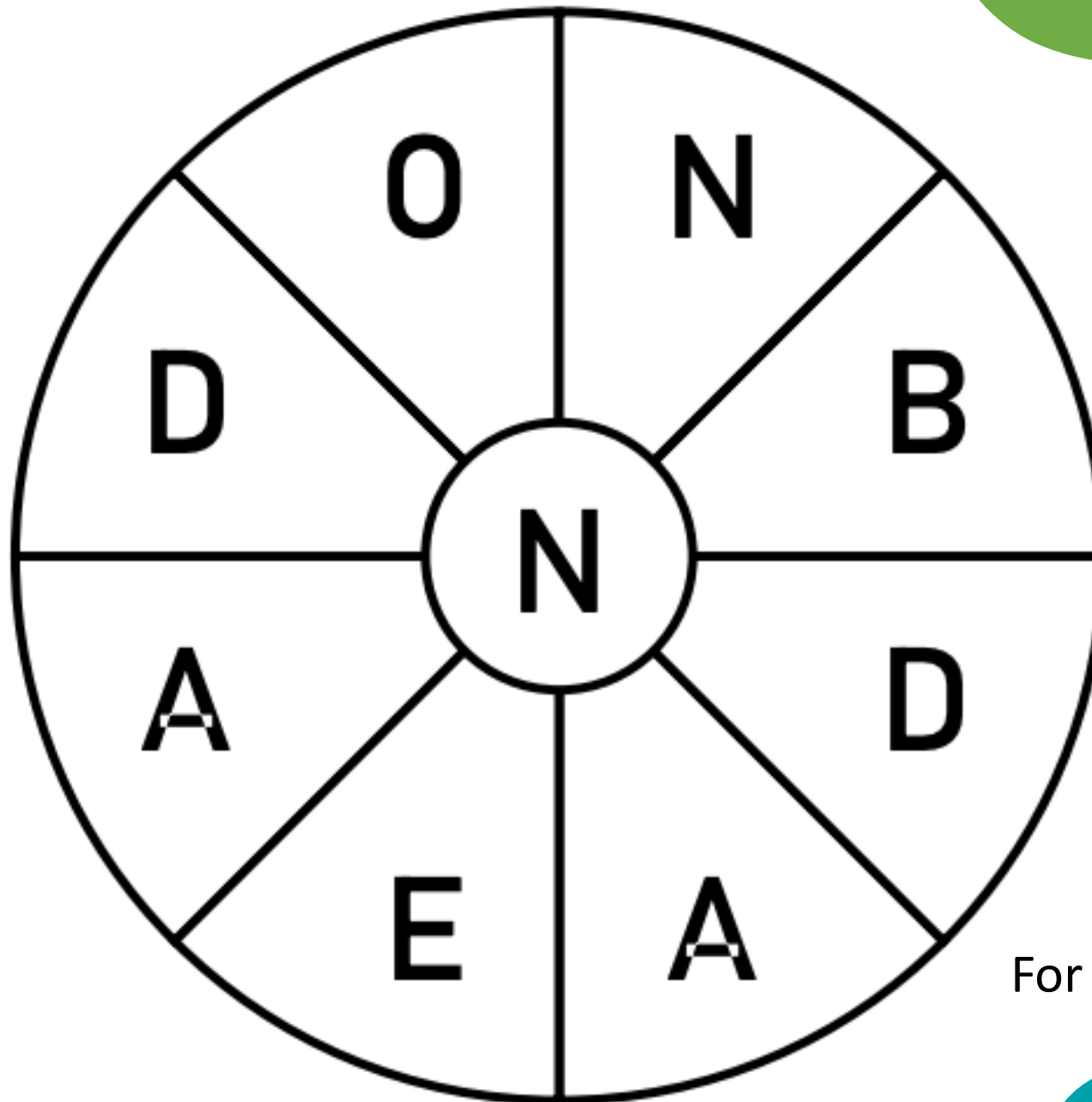
Future Careers Networking Event – 28<sup>th</sup> November.

Year 11 iGCSE Art C1 exam (Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December)

Year 8 Parents Evening – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 4pm-7pm.

# Literacy Update - Louise

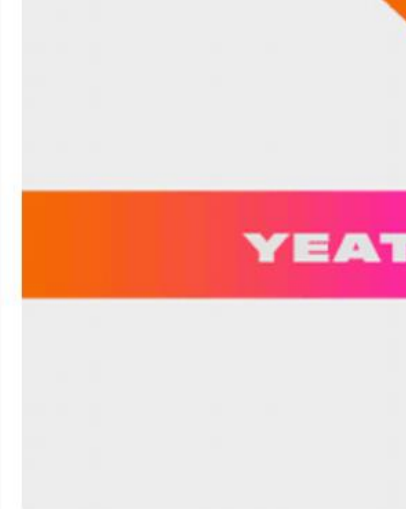
Parents, can you work out this week's 9 letter word?



For example: NONE



## Literacy update: Louise



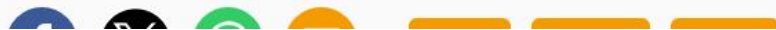
Get books from just Dhs2 at the Big Bad Wolf Book Sale in Dubai this November

Why not stock up on some new books for a very discounted price at the local book sale taking place in Dubai this November.

A perfect opportunity to find a good book before the winter break holiday begins.

For more information see link:

[The Big Bad Wolf Book Sale is coming to Dubai this November](#)



Written by:

# English Update – Mr. Archibald

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As we move further into the term, I would like to commend our students for their hard work and commitment during the recent assessment week. Their focus and perseverance have been truly impressive, and I am proud of the effort they have put into showcasing their learning.

This term, our KS3 students are diving into exciting new units:

- **Year 7** is exploring the beauty of poetry, analysing diverse forms and themes while crafting their own creative portfolios.
- **Year 8** is engaging with a range of short stories, building comparative and creative writing skills.
- **Year 9** is delving into dystopian fiction, studying key texts and concepts, with the unit culminating in an innovative project.

Meanwhile, our KS4 students are continuing their academic studies with dedication, delving deeper into their GCSE English texts and refining their analytical and writing skills in preparation for their upcoming exams.

We are excited to see all our students engaging so enthusiastically with their learning and look forward to the progress they will make throughout the term.



## Mathematics Update – Mrs Griffin

This week, Mr Dutton's Year 8 class have been investigating an inquiry into the following percentages prompt.

$$40\% \text{ of } 70 = 70\% \text{ of } 40$$

**What do you notice?**

**What do you wonder?**

Click the link to see all their amazing mathematical breakdowns of this question

<https://padlet.com/duttonryan21/percentages-inquiry-9e73pbrtb6f5nfbb>



Inquiry Maths

Posing questions	Noticing and wondering
What does ... mean?	We notice that ...
Is it right that ...?	We know that ... because ...
How is it true that ...?	We think that ... because ...
Why is ...?	We wonder whether ...
Would it be ... if ...?	We can change ...





## Mathematics Update – Mrs Griffin

Challenge ME Results for Week 4  
– congratulations to all!

challenge ME  
presents....  
**THE  
SCHOOL  
LEAGUES  
TOP  
SCORERS  
BAND 3  
WEEK 4**

FEATURED TO THE RIGHT ARE  
THE STUDENTS WHOSE  
SCORES HAVE CONTRIBUTED  
TO THEIR SCHOOL'S TOTAL  
THIS WEEK. PLEASE NOTE:  
STUDENTS ARE LISTED IN NO  
PARTICULAR ORDER.

### South View School

Ada Dragoni  
Aishah Zoberi  
Aras Nuri Yavuzer  
Atharv Mishra  
Jagan Pillai  
Kartik Aidasani  
Lana Marsh  
Layan Hassan  
Logan OBrien  
Lydia Oikonomou  
Nikita Shibayev  
Raniya Alblooshi  
Roqia Shetiah  
Sofiya Loza  
Talya Gouda

Follow this link to see top scorers for all schools  
for this week:

<https://challengeme.ae/celebrations/the-top-scorers-from-week-4-2/>

Challenge ME are having difficulty sharing the video for  
the top performing schools in Week 4 on their website.

However if you follow Challenge ME on Instagram, you'll  
be able to see the breakdown – South View School are top  
20 again which is in the Silver Group! We are so proud of  
every student who is taking part in these increasingly  
challenging Quests!



# SCIENCE UPDATES



This week, Year 12 students completed the A-Level Chemistry content with an engaging experiment investigating ion migration. Using potassium manganate (VII) crystals on a microscope slide, they observed the movement of ions under an electric field, reinforcing their understanding of electrochemical principles.





**This week, Year 10 Triple Chemistry students applied their previous practice to perform full titration experiments. They demonstrated their skills in accurately measuring and calculating concentrations, showcasing precision and technique in a real lab setting.**



## Arabic A Update – Mr. Kerba

السادة أولياء الأمور الكرام،  
تحية طيبة وبعد،

نود أن نحيطكم علمًا بأننا نركز حاليًا على تطوير مهارات الفهم والاستيعاب لدى أبنائنا الطلاب من خلال النصوص المعلوماتية، حيث يتم تدريبهم على تحديد الأفكار الرئيسية، تقييم الأدلة التي يقدمها الكاتب، والتعبير عن آرائهم بوعي ومنطقية عبر "أبطال القراءة" بالإضافة إلى ذلك، تستمر مسابقة هذه الموضوعات تهدف إلى تعزيز مهارات التفكير العليا لديهم، مما يساهم في بناء جيل واعٍ ومبدع. "تحدي القراءة العربي"، والتي تأتي داعمة لمسابقة "تميز" منصة هذه المبادرات تسهم بشكل مباشر في إثراء مهارات الطلاب، تنمية قدراتهم، وصقل إبداعاتهم، مما ينعكس إيجابيًا على مستواهم الأكاديمي والشخصي.

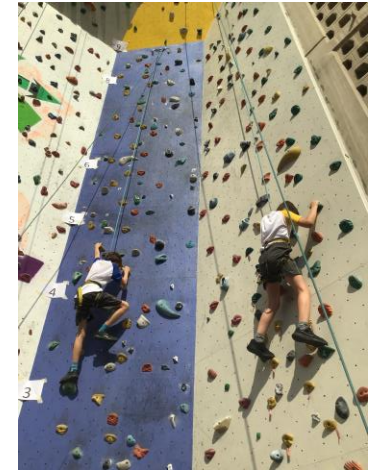
نشكركم على دعمكم المستمر، ونؤمن بأن شراكتكم معنا هي أساس نجاح أبنائنا وتميزهم.

مع خالص التقدير



# Inclusion Update – Ms. Quick

- This week we had 4 students represent SVS at the Unified Sports – Wall Climbing Event, the students were fantastic and really enjoyed their experience. We had 2 students reach the highest level on their wall & we finished 2nd place overall, with the team coming home with a medal! Well done to those who participated and a big thanks to Mr. King for taking them!



# Humanities Update

– Miss Coy

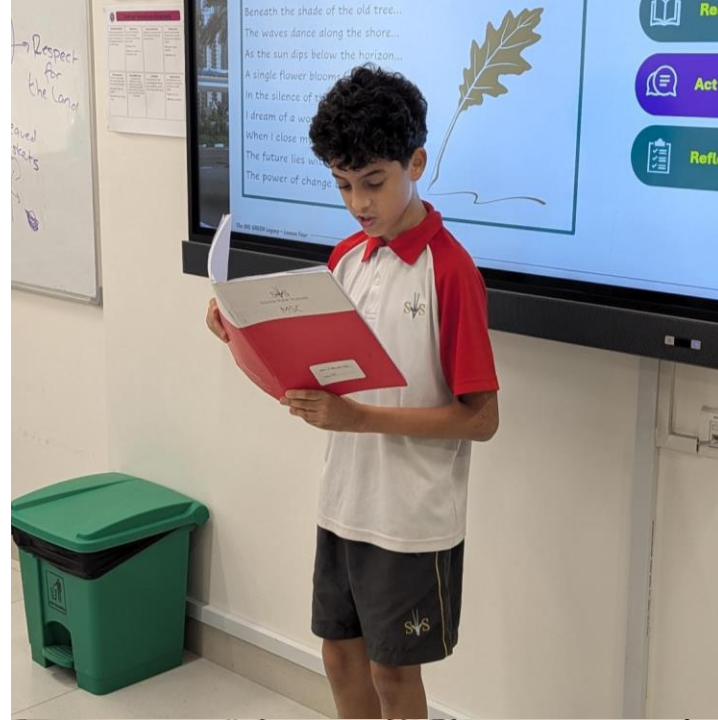






## MSC Update – Mr Altaf

As part of the MoE Big Green Legacy initiative, students embraced the challenge of crafting poems that explore the profound connection between humanity and the natural world. Across all grade levels, students impressed with their creativity and heartfelt dedication, demonstrating a genuine desire to shape a better, more sustainable future.



Only take what you need baskets  
Weaved

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Where dreams lie in reality -

I dream of a world where our dream  
The subtle sound of the waves, ~  
The leaves that wisp in the wind, ~  
The flowers that bloom in the sunlight, ~  
The sun that shines so bright ~  
The clean, fresh air that we breathe ~  
The sky so blue that it's clear, ~  
No pollution, no mess, just nature all  
And everything leads into reality. ~

Past	to day	} differences between how people acted towards nature then and now according to the video
* respect for nature	* stripping and polluting nature	
* only take what they need	* <del>we</del> take more than they need	
* used and valued everything	* waste things	
* did not waste	* do not use every part	
* cherishing livestock	* killing animals	

the baby turtle swam through the sea  
but what was that maybe a jellyfish he could see  
he thought he would be getting a feast  
turns out it was plastic the human who threw this was a beast  
he wanted to grind a fish but they had all died.  
Sad and alone with no good, friends or family he cried.







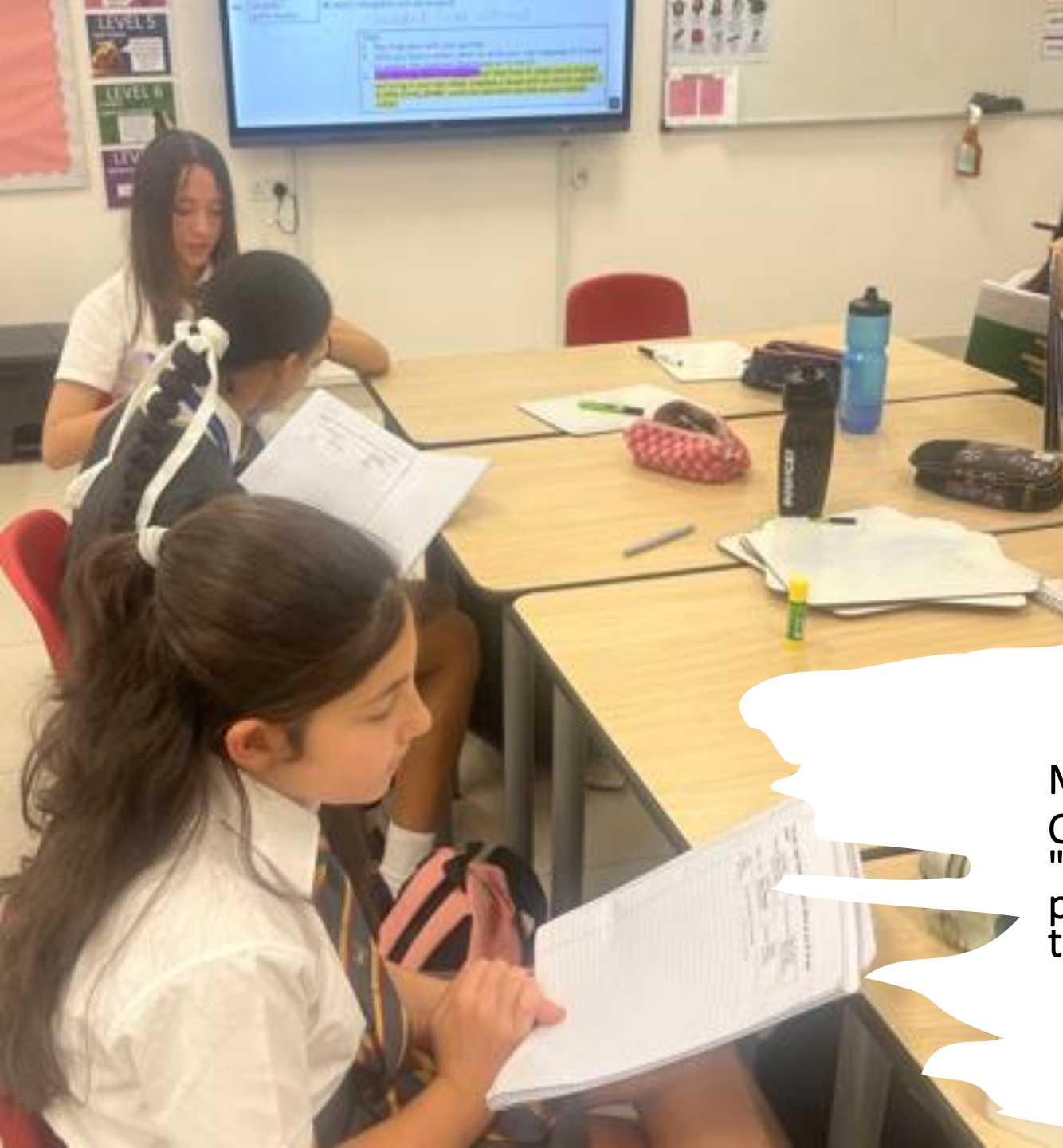


## Geography Update

Year 11 geographers did an outstanding job analysing the key differences in tourism and infrastructure development between Old and New Dubai. They effectively highlighted how these differences influence the demographic of visitors, drawing insightful conclusions about how the contrasting areas cater to distinct groups. The students demonstrated a deep understanding of the varying attractions, accessibility, and amenities that shape the visitor experience in each area, showcasing their ability to connect geographical concepts with real-world examples. Excellent effort, well done!



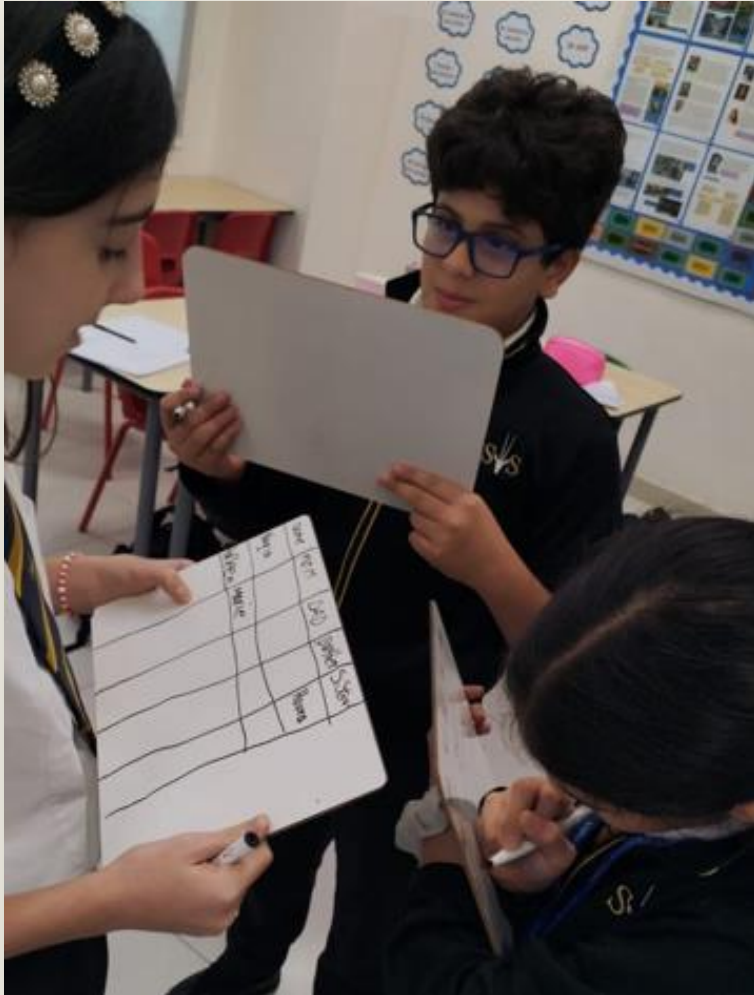




### MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan

Our year 8 students playing a secretive game of "trap door". This activity promotes accurate pronunciation whilst practising key structures from the lesson's learning objective.

## Surveys in French



## Year 7 French Speaking







## The Arts Update - Mrs Rock

On Friday the 15th November, students across Years 7-11 traveled to the Etihad Arena to watch this spectacular production.

It was a masterclass and in acting, set design and puppetry that will give students great food for thought in their Drama lessons.











## GCSE DRAMA C1 DEVISING SHOWCASE EVENING

On Tuesday, our Year 11 GCSE Drama students performed their devised work to a small group of friends, parents and teachers.

I am so proud of each every one of them. Their work was thought provoking, sincere and truly amazing.

This puts them in a great position for their final exam next week.

Thanks to everyone who came to support.



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Thanks also to Zinedine and Isaac in Year 9 for their support with Lights and sound!



# Group 1







# Group 2







# Group 3







## Music Update – Mr Themis



### UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

Our secondary band will be performing at the Winter Fair on Friday the 22nd, starting from 6pm. Come and cheer them on!

On Sunday the 24th, our SVS musicians will be playing a short informal acoustic concert at the Little Neighbourhood café in Remraam, which will run between 1pm and 2pm and will be based in the outdoors seating area. If you live locally or close by, please come and cheer them on; we are hoping to make these events more frequent so our students can get some valuable real-world experience and we can build strong links with the community. Little Neighbourhood is a cosy little venue with great food and ambience, but please note seating is limited so booking a table is recommended.

Y8 enjoyed learning their first song on ukuleles!

# PE Update | Mr. Bladen

## U13 BSME Football Competition

We are thrilled to announce that **9 students from Year 7 and 8** will be representing South View School at this year's **U13 BSME Football Competition**, taking place in **Cairo, Egypt**.

This prestigious tournament will see our students compete against teams from schools across the region, showcasing their skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship on an international stage. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication during training, and we wish them the best of luck as they prepare for this exciting challenge.

#GoSVS!



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WHO  
CAN  
SEE  
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INVISIBLE  
CAN DO  
THE  
IMPOSSIBLE.  
-FRANK L. GAINES







## Sports Update – Mrs Teodoro

### THIS WEEK RESULTS:

U16 girls football vs Bloom - **1-0**

U16 boys football vs DBS JP – 0-0

U16 girls basketball vs EIS Meadows – **30-16**

U12 boys football vs Arbor – **1-0**

U16 boys basketball vs GIS -

Secondary Gymnastics competition – TBC



### SVS Weekly Sports Update

We had a *fantastic* week at South View School, with students from various teams and age groups showcasing their incredible skills across a range of sports, including football, basketball, netball, and gymnastics. No matter the results or challenges we faced, our students demonstrated resilience, determination, and the true spirit of SVS. They continue to inspire us all by showing what South View students are made of—hard work, teamwork, and a passion for sports.

A big congratulations to everyone who participated and thank you for making us proud! Here's to more success and growth in the weeks to come. Keep it up, SVS! 🏆 🎉



## Sports Update – Mrs Teodoro

### UPCOMING FIXTURES

25.11 - U16 boys football vs GIS @ SVS

25.11 - U16 girls football vs Dwight

26.11 - U12 boys football vs GEMS WA @ SVS

26.11 - U13 BSME girls netball vs Jebel Ali

28.11 - U14 boys football vs GEMS Metropole @ SVS



# Tournify

### Follow the U13 boys football tournament:

If you wish to check how the SVS team is performing at the BSME this weekend, download 'Tournify' from the Play Store or App Store. Search for BSME Football to view all scheduled games, rules, and regulations.