



Secondary School Weekly Update January 24th 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It appears that every week at SVS is a busy one and this one has been no exception. Year 11 students have undertaken their mock examinations, and they have conducted themselves perfectly. This is always a very stressful time for students and parents, so I urge you to take some down time this weekend.

Rehearsals are well underway for the school production of *The Demon Headmaster* which will take place during the first week in February, please ensure that you have bought your tickets so as not to be disappointed.

As a staff, we are always looking to improve our practice and learn from each other. Mrs O'Sullivan and Mrs Donovan led an excellent session after school yesterday on Vocabulary Instruction, which is key in all subjects across the curriculum. One 'take away' for me personally, is that a learner needs to encounter a new word 6-20 times in meaningful context to effectively use and remember it. This could be something you could do with your children at home, ask them about their learning and by repeating it to you they will retrieve it and remember it.

Wishing you all a restful weekend
Teresa Woulfe – Head of Secondary





Upcoming key dates

- 27th - 31st January - Year 11 Mock examinations continue
- Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th January – Visiting author Curtis Jobling for Years 7, 8 and 9
- Tuesday 28th January - Sumeru Uniform will be selling winter uniform at SVS
- Thursday 30th- Thankful Thursday is back!
- Thursday 30th – Year 9 Options Evening from 5.30pm -7pm
- Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th February at 6:30pm – Secondary School Production of The Demon Headmaster
- Wednesday 12th February – Sports ‘Day’ - Secondary School



Pastoral Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we come to the end of a very busy week, I'd like to say a huge well done to our Year 11 students for completing their first week of mock exams. Their dedication and hard work have been evident, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts so far.

The highlight of my week was unquestionably our Adopt a Country Form Class Competition. I must commend all Year 7-10 students for their outstanding efforts. Their creativity, enthusiasm, and teamwork were on full display as they delivered amazing presentations, captivating dances, and fascinating fun facts about their countries. The event was a true celebration of culture, with students showcasing their hard work through delicious traditional foods, vibrant decorations, and engaging performances. Their passion and dedication made this experience both educational and fun.

Next week will see the reintroduction of our "Thankful Thursday" initiative. Kindness and generosity have been common themes at SVS and we will look to continue this with form classes take turns to fill our fridge for local community workers. We are looking forward to seeing our students embracing the spirit of gratitude and giving back to those who serve our community. Year 7A will kick off this initiative from Thursday 30th January.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend!

Best regards,

Stuart Macpherson





Academic Update

As already mentioned, it has been a busy week academically here at South View.

Our Year 11 began a very successful week of Mock examinations in our Secondary Hall – crucial practise for the real thing in May/June!

In addition, our Year 9 students have been taking part in one-to-one conversations with members of the academic team about their subject choices for next year.

Alongside this, on Friday 31st during the extended assembly, Ms Shaikh from our Science department has organised a student subject event where Year 9 will be able to chat with Year 10 students and get valuable feedback on life as an IGCSE student.

Please also note that our Year 9 Options Evening will run from 5.30-7pm on Thursday 31st January. This year the event will be situated on Floor 1 of the Secondary school where Year 9 parents and students are invited to meet with our subject specialists and have all your options questions answered.

It would be lovely to see you there.

Best Regards,

Tina Stevens





English Update – Mr. Archibald

This week has been an exciting time for Secondary English!

Our Year 9 students had the opportunity to participate in a Creative Media taster session, where they tackled the challenge of designing a digital media product advertisement. The brief they were given was both creative and purposeful. The students demonstrated impressive creativity, producing engaging and professional-looking advertisements that showcased their growing media and communication skills. This session offered a fantastic blend of English and creative media skills, giving students a glimpse into the world of advertising and digital storytelling. You can see some of their work on the following pages.

Additionally, our ongoing Spelling Bee has reached its second round, with students across secondary showcasing their spelling expertise and competitive spirit. The competition has been heating up, and we look forward to seeing who will advance to the final rounds!

Well done to all students for their enthusiasm and hard work!



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Mathematics Update – Mrs Griffin

The maths department have had lots going on this term so far, welcoming two new teachers to our team – Ms Hughes and Ms Seth. They've really appreciated their welcome to South View, and have enjoyed getting to know their classes over the last three weeks.



Ms Hughes



Ms Seth

Well done to our Y12 and Y13's who have started the year with a busy period of exams, including Pure Maths and Mechanics modules. We look forward to receiving their results at the start of March.

We have four Y9 students taking part in the Dubai Maths Super League at Jumeirah College next week – we have a strong team competing and wish them lots of luck!



Mathematics Update - Ms Griffin

Jagan, Arman



A n J
2 days ago

Our inquiry 📌



What is the number wasn't a multiple of 10 -Jagan
Is it the same answer even if it's with three digits? -Arman

Tomorrow we will be looking at if the method would work if we DECIMALS both 1 and 2 digit decimals. 🤔

Y7 have been working Fractions, Decimals and Percentages so far this term.

Ms Griffin's class investigated the prompt

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

It was an opportunity for some to practice their percentage of amount skills, others looked into patterns and changing numbers, and some used algebraic proof to demonstrate why the prompt above is always true.

All students developed their problem solving, independent, creative, and team work skills!

Zorain, Artem, Tikhon

Aaaa
2 days ago

Indices does not work

The percentages do not work with indices when the numbers does not match to their origin

Zeynep
2 days ago

Zeynep

Why this happens?

1- $40\% \text{ of } 70 = 0.4 \times 70$ and $70\% \text{ of } 40 = 70 \times 0.4$ when we are multiplying 2×3 is equal to 3×2 so this is same with that.
2- We divide the denominator and times with the numerator so we divide and multiply the same numbers!

Martin
2 days ago

$x\% \text{ of } y = \frac{x}{100} \times y = \frac{xy}{100}$
 $y\% \text{ of } x = \frac{y}{100} \times x = \frac{yx}{100}$
Since $xy = yx$, then $\frac{xy}{100} = \frac{yx}{100}$
Therefore, $x\% \text{ of } y = y\% \text{ of } x$
n = amount of variables.
all variables are same

Kiarraah, Tara B, Karma
a day ago

FINAL

This is algebraic proof that it works with any numbers when you swap them into percentages and numbers.

Arabic A Update – Mr. Kerba



أولياء الأمور الكرام،

تحية طيبة وبعد،

نود أن نحيطكم علمًا بأننا نولي اهتمامًا خاصًا بتطوير المهارات النحوية لدى طلابنا، وذلك بهدف تعزيز قدراتهم اللغوية وتمكينهم من استخدامها بفاعلية في كتاباتهم. يتم تطبيق منهجية مكثفة تتضمن تدريبات عملية وتقييمات دورية عقب كل درس، لضمان تحقيق أفضل النتائج وصقل مهاراتهم بشكل مستدام .

كما نؤكد على استمرار "مسابقة تحدي القراءة" التي تهدف إلى تعميق ارتباط طلابنا بهويتهم الثقافية وتعزيز شغفهم بالقراءة.

وفي إطار سعينا لإطلاق الطاقات الإبداعية لدى أبنائنا، تم إطلاق "مسابقة الشعر" ، لخلق روح التحدي بينهم، وزيادة ثقتهم بأنفسهم، واكتشاف مواهبهم الكامنة. القوائد المختارة للمسابقة مرفقة في منصة تيمز وموعد التحكيم للمسابقة

24/2/2025

نسعى دائماً لتقديم الأفضل لطلابنا بدعمكم ومشاركاتكم الفاعلة .

وتفضلوا بقبول فائق الاحترام والتقدير.

Arabic B Update – Mr. Kerba



Dear Parents,

We hope this message finds you well. We are delighted to share a brief overview of what your child has been learning this week and what is planned for the upcoming week.

This week, our Arabic classes focused on developing listening skills through the following activities:

- Enhancing students' ability to distinguish between different sounds and letters.
- Training them to infer the general meaning of texts using context.
- Expanding their vocabulary with new and practical words.

These lessons were designed to strengthen students' understanding and boost their confidence when engaging with spoken Arabic texts.

Next week, we will shift our focus to creative writing skills. Our objectives include:

- Encouraging students to express their thoughts through short texts.
- Training them to utilize their newly acquired vocabulary in innovative and meaningful ways.
- Supporting their ability to organize ideas and present them clearly and effectively.

We encourage you to support your children at home by discussing their daily activities and reviewing the new vocabulary they have learned. Your involvement greatly contributes to achieving the best outcomes for our students.

Islamic Update – Mr. Kerba

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Dear Parents,

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh,

We hope this message finds you well. As we approach the blessed occasion of *Israa and Miraj* on the evening of Sunday, January 26, 2025, through Monday, January 27, 2025, let us reflect on this miraculous journey of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). This event reminds us of the importance of Salah, patience, and faith.

To honor this occasion, South View School will hold *in-class activities* on Monday, January 27, and Tuesday, January 28, 2025. These sessions will help students understand the significance of Israa and Miraj and its lessons for daily life.

We encourage you to celebrate this occasion with your children by:

- Sharing the story of Israa and Miraj in an engaging way.
- Highlighting the importance of Salah and its role in our faith.
- Reflecting on gratitude and trust in Allah's guidance.
- Exploring books or crafts related to this blessed journey.

If you need support or resources, please feel free to contact your child's Islamic Studies teacher.

May this occasion bring blessings to your family and strengthen your connection with Allah (SWT).

Warm regards,





Humanities Update – Miss Coy

TRAVEL & TOURISM

Welcome to this weeks update by Mrs. Saleem !

BTEC Level 2

Year 10 – This week students have been working on their assignments for Unit 8 (Learning Aim B). To submit their dra for review on Friday 24th Jan.

Year 11 – Busy with their mocks. They shall submit their assignment drafts for Unit 8 next week.

BTEC Level 3

Year 12 – The students have been exploring Unit 12 content Assignment briefs to be handed next week.

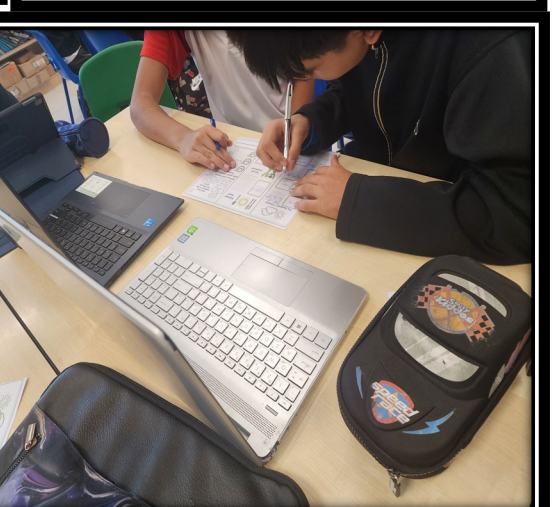
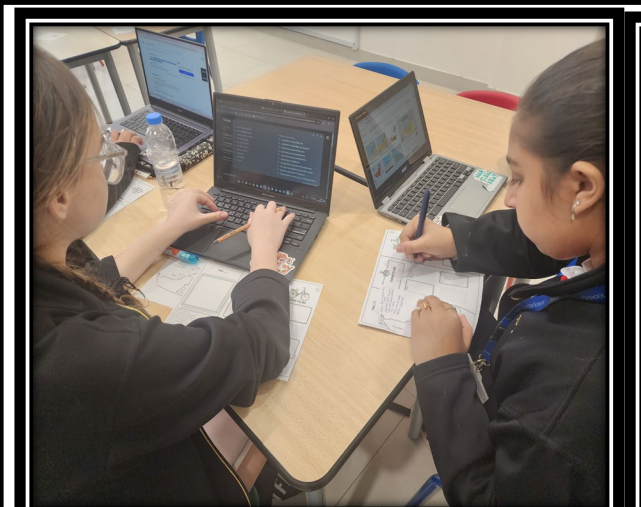
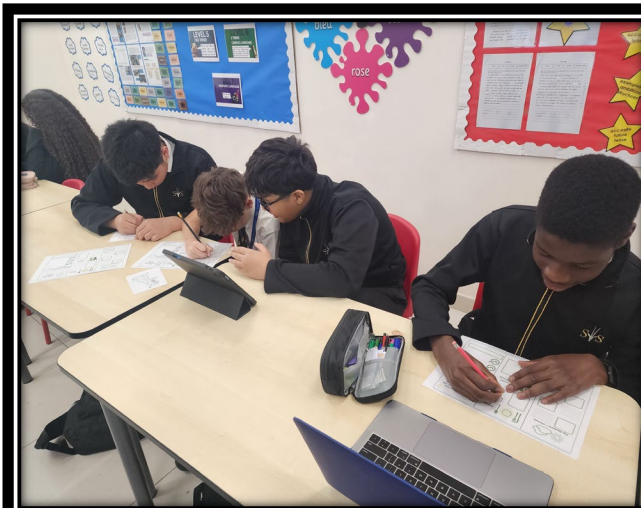
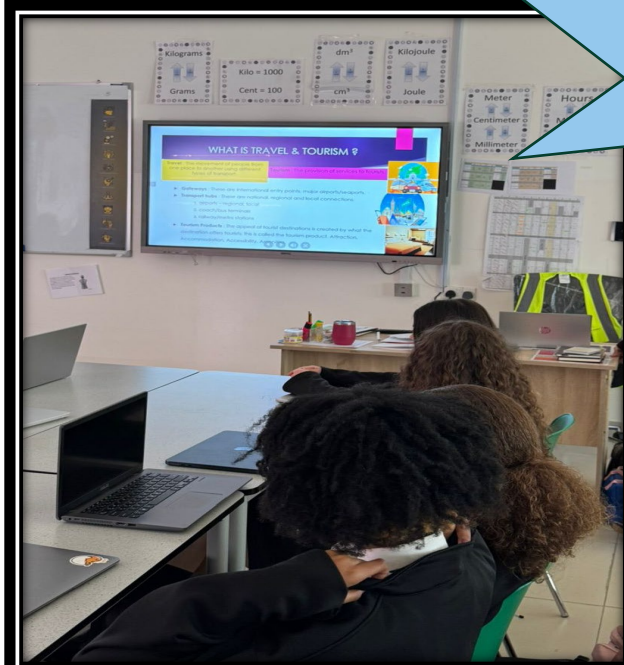
Year 13 – Working on their report on Popularity of Morocco (Unit 2). Submission on Monday 27th Jan.





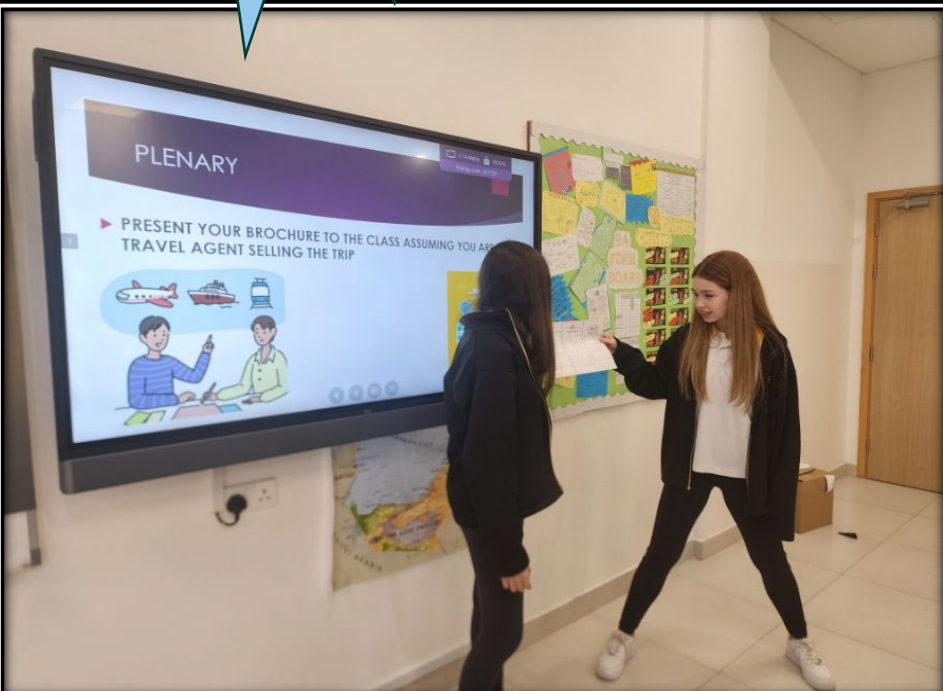
Year 9 Taster Sessions – BTEC Level 2 Travel & Tourism

Year 9's
researching tourism
products of UK, UAE,
India



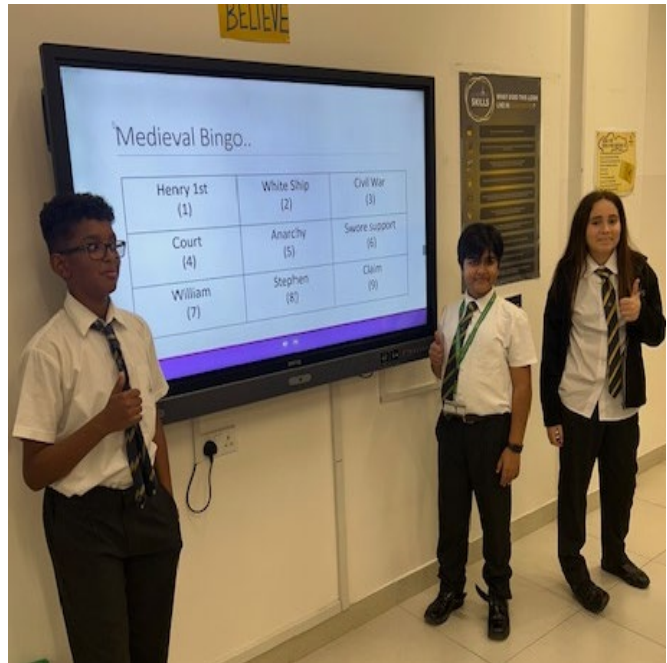
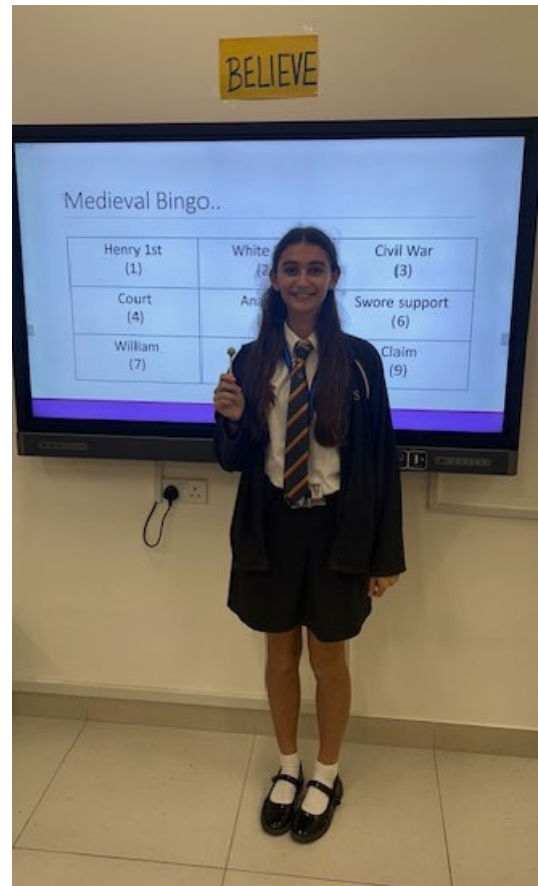


Students created
Travel Brochures &
presented to the
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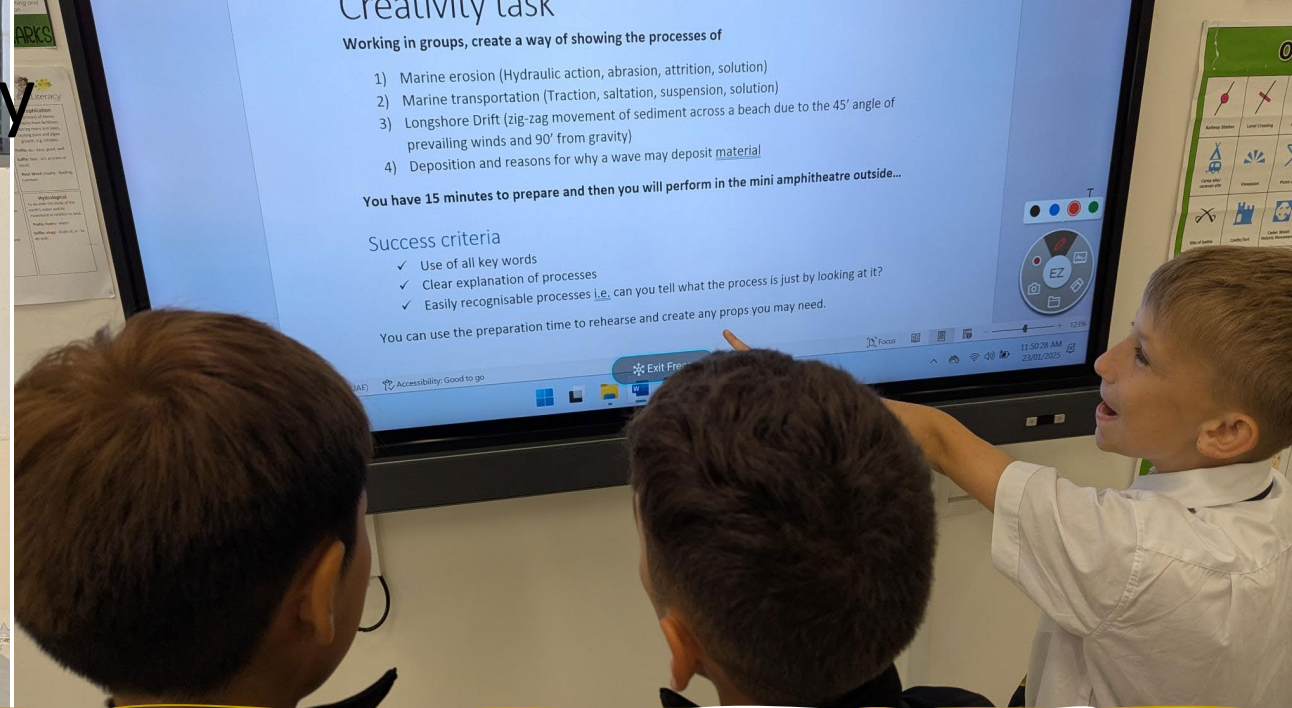
Humanities – History

Mr Cook's integrated some of Miss O'Sullivan and Miss Donovan's literacy tasks from Staff PD on Wednesday for his year 7 classes. 7A / 7B and 7E were playing literacy - key term bingo with some prizes for the winners!





Geography update – Miss Coy



Year 7 geographers brought their learning to life by showcasing their creativity. They revisited key processes like erosion, transportation, and deposition, bringing these concepts to the stage with a dynamic performance in the school's mini amphitheater.





Business & Economics update

Year 9 students enjoyed their taster sessions within the Business and Economics department with Miss Charlton and Mr Sa Nogueira.

They had a go at designing their own marketing mix for a product in teams, choosing a price and promotional strategy for their very own brand. They also learnt about 'the economic problem' to give them a taste of what they could learn about!

All students received information on the 2 business courses on offer (IGCSE and BTEC Level 2) and who they are best suited to. We look forward to speaking with parents at the options evening next week and answering any more questions you may have.





Year 9 Taster Lesson: Exploring Economics and the Basic Economic Problem by Mr Sa Nogueira

This week, I had the pleasure of introducing Year 9 students to the exciting world of Economics during their taster lessons. The session focused on one of the most fundamental concepts in the subject: **the basic economic problem**—how we balance limited resources against unlimited wants.

The students showed incredible curiosity and engagement as we discussed real-world examples of scarcity and decision-making. It was inspiring to see how quickly they grasped key ideas, such as opportunity cost and resource allocation, and applied them to everyday scenarios.

One highlight of the lesson was a group activity where students debated how a fictional country should allocate its scarce resources. Their creativity and critical thinking skills shone through as they presented innovative solutions and well-reasoned arguments.

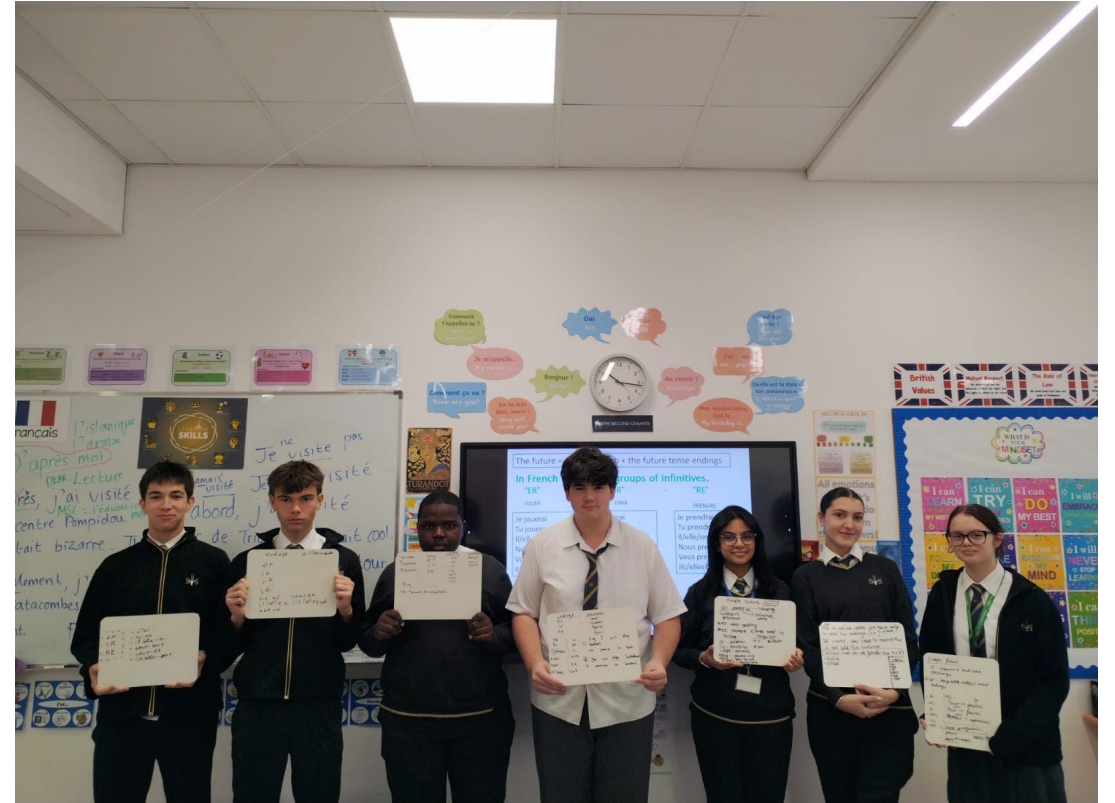
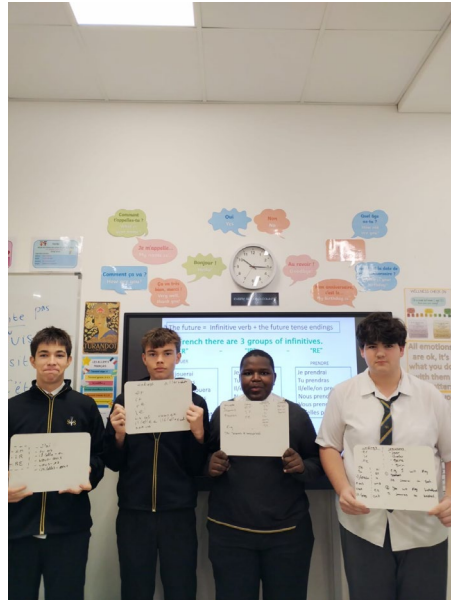
It was truly a privilege to teach such bright and enthusiastic learners. If this session is any indication, the future of our Economics classes looks very promising! I look forward to welcoming these students into the subject next year and guiding them through the fascinating study of how the world works.

Thank you, Year 9, for making this taster lesson such an enjoyable and rewarding experience. Keep up the great work!



MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan

Y10 students completed a cold calling task then worked in collaboration to share their ideas. They then demonstrated their knowledge by teaching each of their peers at the top of the class. Bravo !



Well done to our Y11 linguists who completed their speaking exams this week! Fantastic work. Good luck for Monday.





The Arts Update - Mrs Rock

Less than 2 weeks to go until another first... South View School's very first theatre play!

This year, we have focused on the acting skills of our fantastic students' and you will not be disappointed.

Come and support our Secondary students who have shown great dedication and have been working tirelessly on the play since September.

Our cast and production team ranges from Year 7 all the way to Year 12 and we are very proud of their work.

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THE DEMON HEADMASTER

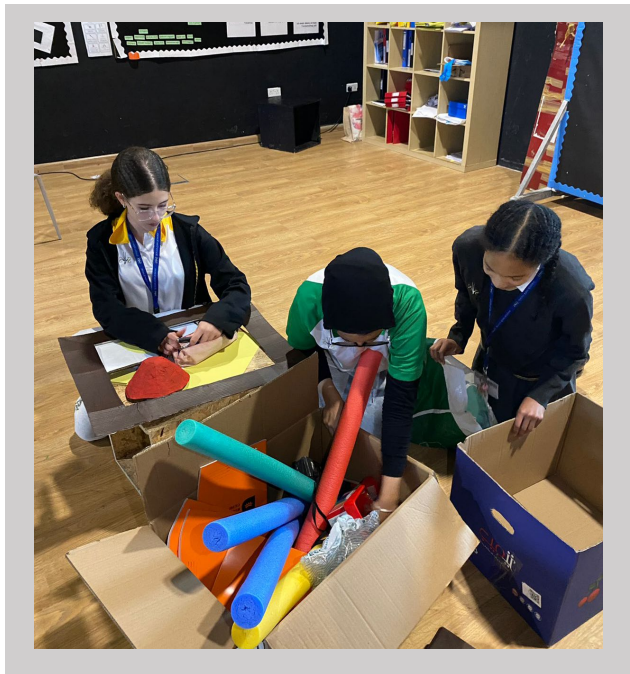
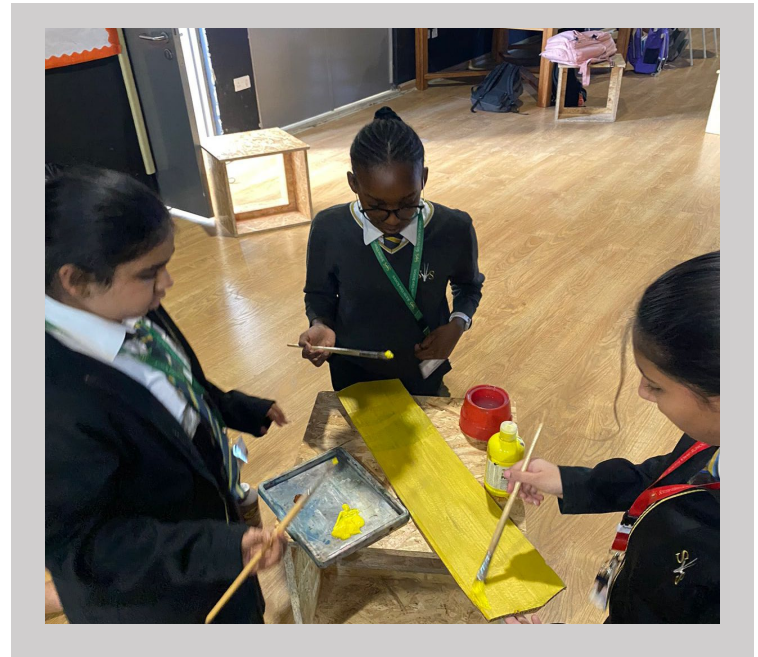
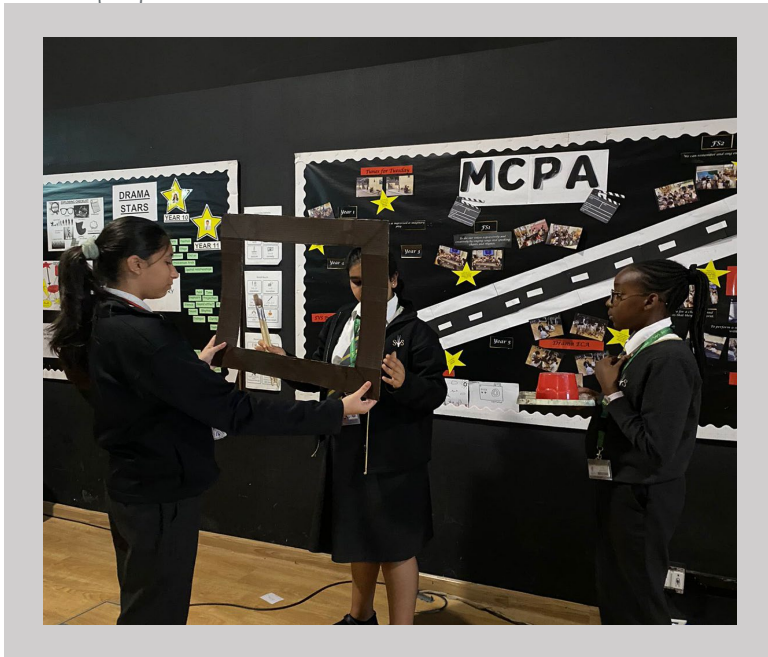
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A note from our show Media Team:

Exciting news! We have been working on an upcoming show based on the thrilling play 'The Demon Headmaster'! In these pictures, our talented production team is hard at work creating all the props that bring the hypnotic world to life. Stay tuned for an unforgettable experience!



PE Update | Mr. Bladen

Year 11 Mock Exams: Get Ready for PE!

We are halfway through the Year 11 mock exams, with **Paper 2 on 27th January**. These exams are a great opportunity for students to showcase their understanding and identify areas for improvement as they prepare for their final GCSE PE assessments.

To support revision, we recommend the following resources:

- **Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Physical Education - Revision Guide**
- **Revise Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Physical Education - Revision Workbook**
- **Seneca Learning:** <https://app.senecalearning.com/>
- **BBC Bitesize:** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zxbg39q>

We encourage all students to plan their revision carefully, use these resources effectively, and reach out to their teachers if they have any questions. Good luck to all Year 11s!



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Don't be afraid of **failure.**
This is the **way to succeed.**

—— *LeBron James* ——



Sports Update – Mrs Teodoro

SVS Sports Highlights

It's been another action-packed week of sports at SVS!

Our secondary football teams, featuring boys from Year 7 to Year 10, showcased their skills at the Dubai School Games Football Tournament. The players had the fantastic opportunity to compete at the Al Nasr Club facilities, facing teams from a variety of schools across Dubai.

In netball, the U12 and U14 teams continued their impressive performances in the DASSA Netball League. Their dedication to morning training sessions is clearly paying off, with noticeable progress in their gameplay.

The Volleyball League kept SVS busy as well, with our U14 and U16 boys' and girls' teams representing the school with pride. A special shoutout goes to the U14 girls' volleyball team for their remarkable victory against GEMS WSO!

A big thank you to all the parents for your unwavering support during both home and away games. Your encouragement means the world to our teams!





Sports Update – Mrs Teodoro

THIS WEEK RESULTS

DSG U12 Boys Football	8th place
U16 Netball @SVS vs DH	Win
DSG U13 Boys Football	8th place
U12 Netball @SVS vs GEMS Founders	Win
U14 Girls Volleyball @NIBRAS	Lost
U14 Boys Volleyball @ DIA EH	Lost
DSG U14 Boys Football	8th place
U14 Girls Volleyball @ SVS vs GEMS WSO	Win
U16 Girls Volleyball @ SVS vs Dwight	Lost
DSG U15 Boys Football	8th place
U13 Netball @ SVS vs KSAB	Win
U16 Boys Volleyball @ Uptown IS	Lost

UPCOMING FIXTURES

27.01	U16 Netball @ Safa CS
27.01	U16 Boys Football @ GEMS First Point
28.01	U12 Netball vs Arbor @ SVS
29.01	U14 Girls Volleyball vs UAS @ SVS
29.01	U14 Boys Volleyball vs Bloom @ SVS
30.01	U14 Girls Netball vs FIS @SVS
30.01	U16 Boys Volleyball vs SCS @ SVS
30.01	U16 Girls Volleyball vs Bloom
31.01	U13 BSME Games – Girls Football, Boys Volleyball @ Amity Abu Dhabi
01.02	U13 BSME Games – Girls Netball, Boys Football @ Amity Abu Dhabi
02.02	U13 BSME Games – Athletics @ Amity Abu Dhabi



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