



Secondary School Weekly Update

Date: 27/09/24

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We had some very exciting events this week with my highlight being the MFL department celebrating European Day of Languages. Our teachers encouraged students to explore different cultures through their culinary traditions. Students were invited to bake and share dishes from their home countries, showcasing their language skills, baking skills and creativity. Just when I thought it couldn't get any better than Monday's Languages Bake Off, our marketing team released the amazing "I'm a language student of course..." video on our social media pages. I hope you get a chance to view it.

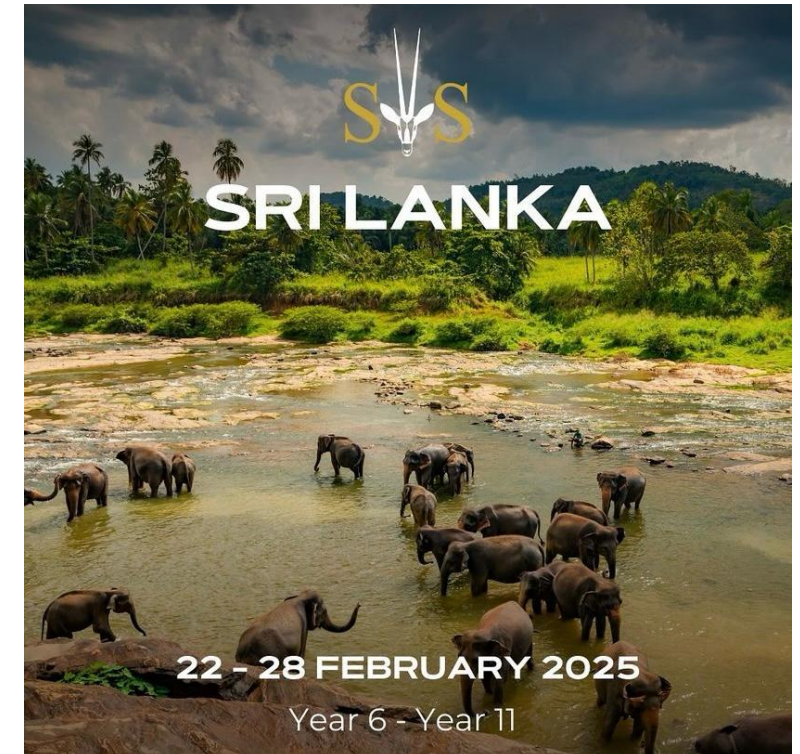
Tuesday saw the return of our **Tunes on Tuesday** initiative. Staff and students from both primary and secondary schools were excited to bring back our beloved "Tunes on Tuesday" sessions! This initiative not only brightens the school atmosphere but also provides a platform for our talented students to showcase their musical skills. If your child is interested in performing, please encourage them to speak with Mrs Rock or Mr Gikopoulos.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school community so vibrant and engaging. I would like to wish you all a restful weekend.

Kind regards,
Stuart Macpherson
Acting Head of Secondary



International Trips – Mr. Whaites





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Here is a reminder about the incredible opportunities available to our students this year, through our International trips program.

Please find the all the important information below regarding the registrations process for these trips. You have been sent an email this week which includes the trip itineraries, as well as the trip presentation that has been presented to both staff and students.

Please note that the deadline for registrations for the Azerbaijan ski trip has been extended to Monday 7th October.

Borneo

- **Registration link:** <https://ecov.co/svs/borneo>
- **Trip dates:** 22 February - 1 March 2025
- **Registration deadline:** 22 October 2024
- **Balance payment deadline:** 22 December 2024
- **Connect link:** ecov.co/connect/svs/borneo

Azerbaijan – Ski

- **Registration link:** <https://ecov.co/svs/ski>
- **Trip dates:** 24-28 February 2025
- **Registration deadline:** 7th October 2024
- **Balance payment deadline:** 24 December 2024
- **Connect link:** ecov.co/connect/svs/ski

Sri Lanka

- **Registration link:** <https://ecov.co/svs/srilanka>
- **Trip dates:** 22-28 February 2025
- **Registration deadline:** 22 October 2024
- **Balance payment deadline:** 22 December 2024
- **Connect link:** ecov.co/connect/svs/srilanka

Prices for All Trips:

- **Azerbaijan - Ski: AED 5750 + Flight Cost (AED 1700 - AED 2300)**
- **Sri Lanka: AED 5000 + Flight Cost (AED 1700 - AED 2300)**
- **Borneo: AED 8500 + Flight Cost (AED 4000 - AED 4500)**



Literacy Update – Louise



As we approach the month of October, our students will be engaging in a range of activities during Thursday's tutor time to help them develop their oracy skills. Throughout the month we'll be reflecting on the role listening and speaking play in oracy, and how you can support your children to become great listeners and communicators.

What is oracy?

Oracy is all about how we talk and listen to others. The Oracy Framework can help you figure out which speaking and listening skills you need in different situations. It breaks these skills down into four strands: physical, linguistic, cognitive, and social-emotional.



Physical: this strand is about how you use your body and voice when you talk. It includes things like your gestures, body language, and how you change your voice to express emotions or speak louder or faster.



Linguistic: this is about the words and phrases you choose to use and how you put them together when you speak.



Cognitive: this strand is about how you organise your thoughts, explain your ideas clearly, and ask questions to better understand things.



Social & Emotional: this is about how you connect with others, take turns speaking, and make sure everyone feels heard and understood.



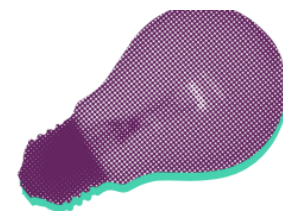
Literacy Update - Louise




Next week in tutor, our students will take on challenge 1: Listening to understand. This is an exciting, engaging and low stakes way of encouraging effective talk and listening amongst our pupils.

Challenge 1 Listening to understand

When you don't fully understand what someone is saying, asking questions can help you figure out exactly what they mean. This helps you avoid making wrong guesses that could lead to misunderstandings. By asking questions, you can ensure you get the correct information and understand someone better.




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Challenge  Sit back-to-back with a friend. Ask your friend to draw a detailed picture of a fantasy creature, but don't look at their drawing!

As they describe the creature to you, try to draw the same creature on your paper.

While your friend is describing the creature, ask questions to help you understand its features and details more clearly. When you've finished your drawing, compare it with your friend's picture to see how closely it matches.


Since you can't see your friend or their drawing, you'll need to pay close attention to what they're saying. Ask clarifying questions like, 'are the wings on the creature's back feathered or scaled?' or 'Is the creature's tail long and slender, or short and bushy?' These kinds of questions will help you capture the details more accurately and get your drawing to match theirs better.

You could say... 

"What size is the ___ compared to the rest of the creature?"

"Can you clarify the exact shape of the creature's ___?"



Reflection 

Which types of questions were most effective in getting the details you needed, and why?

How did not having visual or non-verbal cues from your friend change the way you listened and asked questions?




THE BIGGEST INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION FAIR IN DUBAI

Najah connects students from across the UAE with universities and colleges from all around the world, including UAE, USA, Canada, UK, Finland, Spain, Singapore, and more.

Najah Dubai: 6 - 8 October 2024, Dubai World Trade Centre

Careers Update – Ms. Scouller

Our Year 11, 12 and 13 students are invited to join Dubai's largest international education fair on Tuesday 8th of October. Letters have been handed out in class. Please sign the letter and hand back by the 1st of October.





English Update Mr. Archibald

- This week we started our Monday Mentor programme where students from the Primary school read to some of our Year 10 students.
- The programme aims to promote a love of reading both within the Primary and Secondary schools.
- We look forward to this being regular feature of our Monday mornings and hope to open it up to more students as the year progresses.





Mathematics Puzzle Of The Week

See if you can solve our challenging puzzles

TERM 1 PUZZLE 2 Year 7, 8 and 9:

What is half of 1.01?

- A 5.5 B 0.55 C 0.505 D 0.5005 E 0.055

TERM 1 PUZZLE 2 Years 10 and 11:

The first two terms of a sequence are 1 and 2. Each of the following terms in the sequence is the sum of all the terms which come before it in the sequence.

Which of these is *not* a term in the sequence?

- A 6 B 24 C 48 D 72 E 96



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Asjid Ali Khan in Year 9 provided an excellent answer to share for this problem.

"When we divide 1.01 by 2 we are splitting it into two equal parts. Each part is 0.505, think of it as sharing a pizza with a friend you both get half which in this case is 0.505."



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A 6

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C 48

D 72

E 96

Saman Hasan in Year 10 gave a brilliant reason for her correct answer to this problem

"The sequence would go:
1, 2, 3, 6, 12, 24, 48, 96.....
72 does not fit because the next term after 48 is 96"

SCIENCE UPDATES



Year 11 Triple Science Chemistry students have been actively researching the environmental causes and effects of acid rain, focusing on how pollutants like sulphur dioxide contribute to its formation. They are also exploring why larger fractions from fractional distillation, such as heavy hydrocarbons, undergo cracking to produce more useful, smaller molecules like alkanes and alkenes for fuels and plastics.



Meanwhile, our Year 11 Double Science students are continuing their Energetics topic by investigating and comparing the energy released by different alcohols during combustion. Through practical experiments and calculations, they are determining how the molecular structure of each alcohol affects the amount of energy produced, enhancing their understanding of exothermic reactions.



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Lastly, our Year 9 Chemistry students are exploring the concept of diffusion by conducting experiments that demonstrate how it occurs in both liquids and gases. They have observed diffusion in liquids using potassium permanganate and in gases through the reaction between concentrated ammonia and concentrated hydrochloric acid, forming a visible ammonium chloride ring, which highlights how particles spread and mix over time.





Arabic A Update – Mr. Kerba

السادة أولياء الأمور المحترمين،

تحية طيبة وبعد،

نود إعلامكم بالتحديثات التالية الخاصة بالأنشطة الأكاديمية لطلاب المرحلة الثانوية:

1. مسابقة الإملاء:

سيتم تنظيم مسابقة الإملاء للمرحلة الثانوية على جولتين:

1. الجولة الأولى: بتاريخ 17/10/2024

2. الجولة الثانية: بتاريخ 28/10/2024

جدول الكلمات الخاص بالمسابقة مرفق على منصة "التيمز" للاطلاع.

1. تنمية مهارات الفهم المقروء وتحليل النصوص:

في إطار تعزيز مهارات القراءة والفهم لدى الطلاب، سيقومون بدراسة قصة قصيرة مقررة حيث سيتعلمون تفسير المفردات الجديدة وتحليل النص الأدبي، بما في ذلك استنتاج الدلالات التعبيرية والإيحائية والمجازية. سيتم تشجيع الطلاب على طرح تساؤلاتهم العميقة حول أحداث القصة وكتابة نهاية بديلة لها، مما يعزز قدراتهم النقدية والإبداعية. كما سيقوم الطلاب بتحليل عناصر القصة الأدبية المختلفة. هذه الأنشطة سيتم متابعتها عبر منصة "التيمز".

1. مسابقة أبطال القراءة:

نحث الطلاب على متابعة المشاركة في مسابقة "أبطال القراءة"، حيث يمكنهم إرسال تسجيلات القراءة الخاصة بهم عبر منصة "التيمز". نأمل منكم متابعة هذه الأنشطة مع أبنائكم لضمان الاستفادة القصوى من الفرص التعليمية المتاحة.

Arabic B Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Parents,

I hope this message finds you well.

This week, our instructional focus has been primarily on reading comprehension. Students have engaged in learning strategies designed to identify specific details and analyze the structure of various texts. They effectively built upon the knowledge acquired in the previous week, enabling them to recognize key ideas within the readings.

Looking ahead to next week, we will transition our focus to enhancing listening skills. Students will learn to analyze audio materials relevant to our topics and will practice identifying specific details within these recordings.

For our beginner students, they will be working on speaking about themselves by following model examples. Additionally, they will continue to develop their understanding of the alphabet and connect this learning to new vocabulary under the theme "My Family," during which they will describe their family members.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in your child's education.

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Islamic Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Respected Parents,

We are pleased to update you on your child's progress in their Islamic studies. Alhamdulillah, they are doing well, and we are confident that with your continued support, they will excel further.

We kindly request that you encourage your child to focus on completing their Quran memorization at home. A Quranic target will be shared with your child on Microsoft Teams .

For next week, the following topics will be covered in the Islamic Studies classes:

- **Year 7:** التطوع عبادة وانتماء (Volunteering: Worship and Belonging)
- **Year 8:** من بشائر المصلين (The Glad Tidings for Those Who Pray)
- **Year 9:** الصلوات ذات الأسباب (The Prayers with Specific Reasons)
- **Year 10:** التناصح في الإسلام (Advising One Another in Islam)
- **Year 11:** العقل والفكر في الإسلام (The Role of Mind and Thought in Islam)
- **Year 12:** الاستعفاف (Modesty and Abstinence)
- **Year 13:** الإسلام ينبذ التطرف (Islam Rejects Extremism)

Thank you for your cooperation and dedication to your child's Islamic education. May Allah (SWT) bless our efforts and guide us all on the straight path.

Jazakum Allahu Khairan.



MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan

What a week it has been in the languages department at South View!

- Monday: We kicked language day celebrations off with a wonderful Bake off. We are so proud of all our students who entered, and the winners will be revealed very soon.
- Tuesday: Ms Gomez language quiz in the library. Well done to our winner Tara, Y7.
- Thursday: "I'm a language student of course..." Video reveal in tutor time. Greeting your teachers in a different language during the register.
- Friday: Awards for bake off contestants.





MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan



THE GREAT LANGUAGE Bake Off

To celebrate the **Day of Languages**, our MFL department invites you to enter the bake off on **Monday, 23rd September!**

THE BRIEF

Design, bake, and decorate a cake with a language theme. Your cake could represent a country, city, language or a place special to you.
It must be nut-free.

Deliver your cakes to Ms. O'Sullivan's class on Monday, 23rd September before form time.

THE PRIZES

The students with the best design and best tasting cake will receive gift vouchers and a chance to enjoy breakfast with our Principal, Mr. Flint!









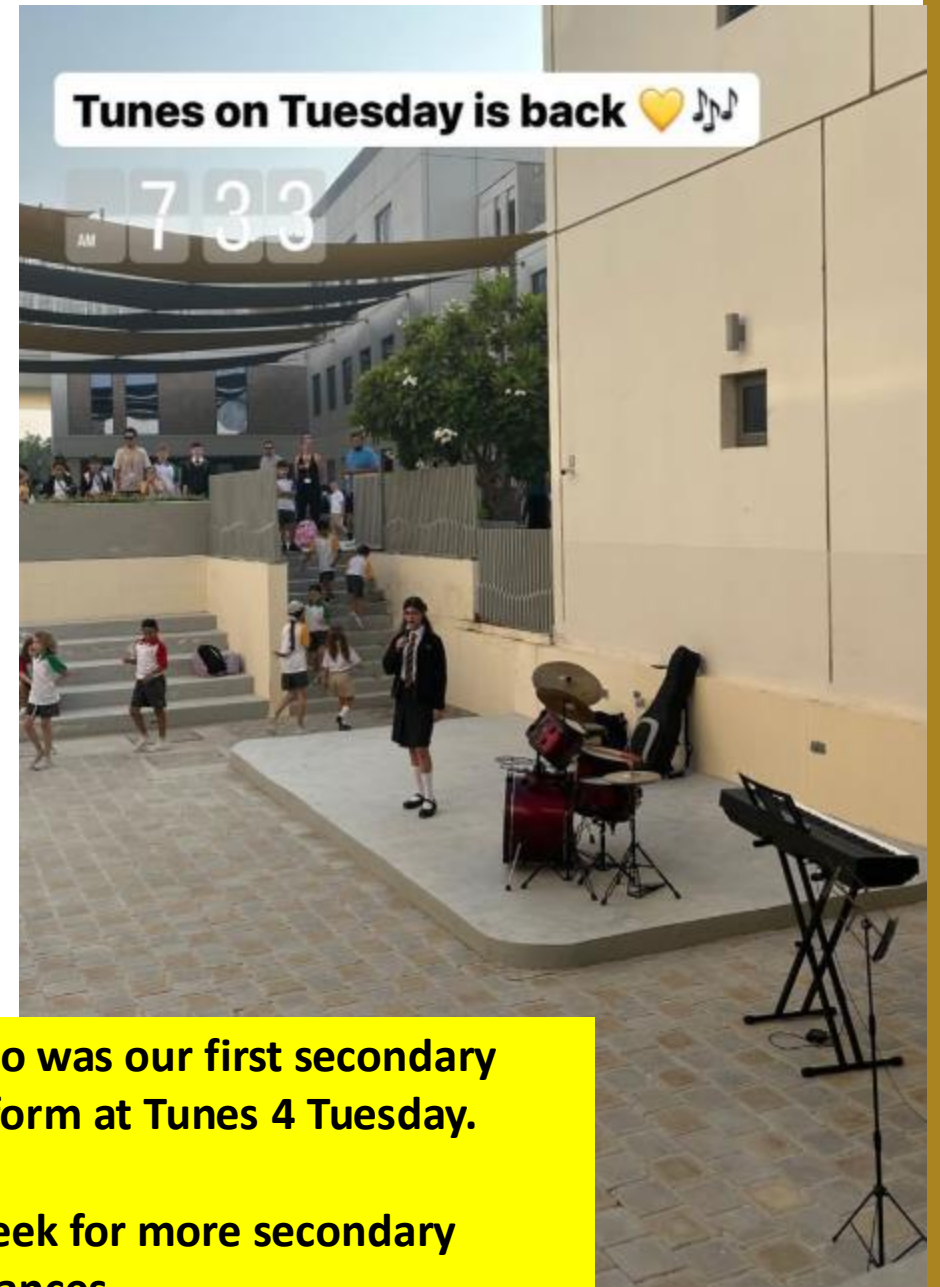
The Arts Update - Mrs Rock

We have had a fantastic week in the Arts Faculty. Rehearsals for the show have begun and there is a buzz of activity during lunchtimes in the Art and Music rooms. Thank you to all those students have attended clubs so far.

If your child is part of 'The Demon Headmaster', they will be receiving a consent form for you to sign in order to be part of the show. Please return this by the end of Friday 4th October, 2024.

You can find a copy of the letter here:

[DHMparentletterandconsent1.docx](#)



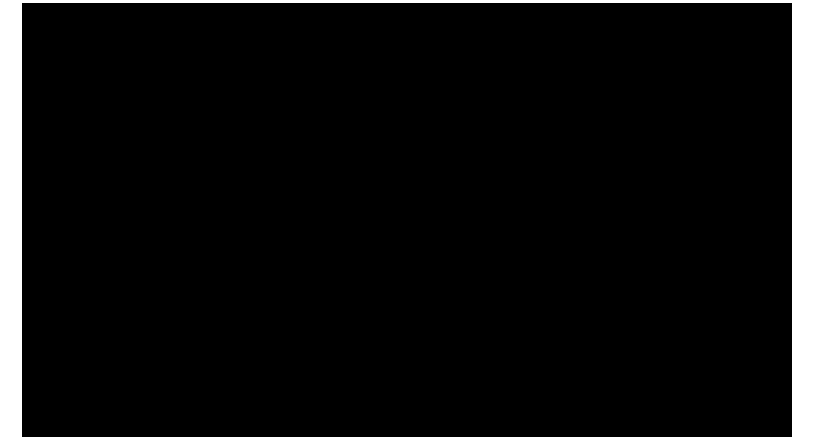
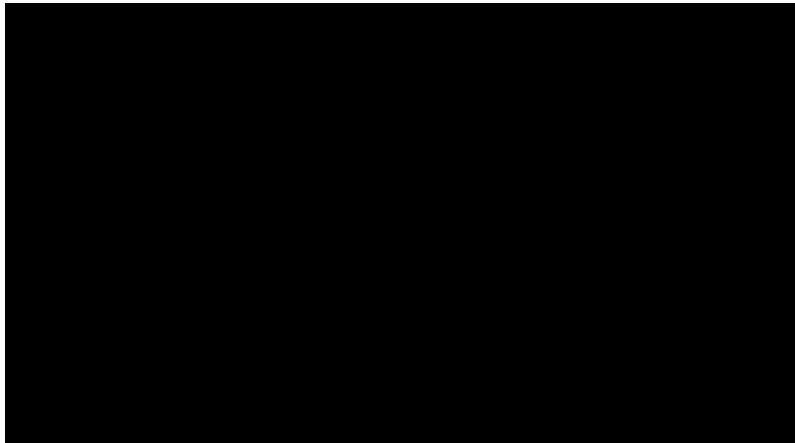
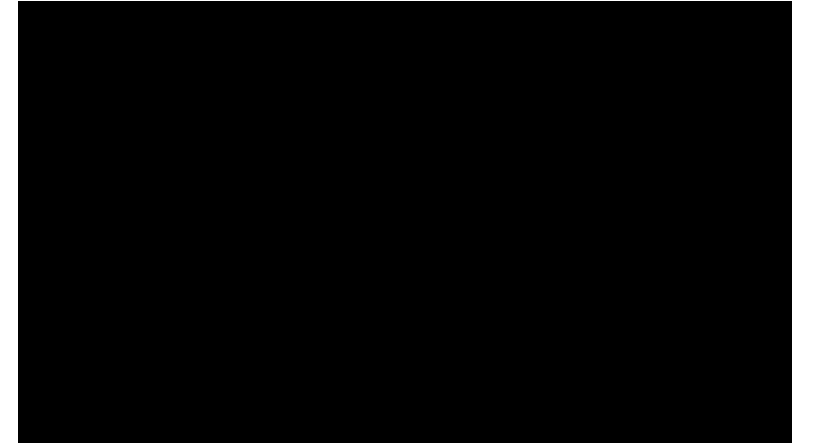
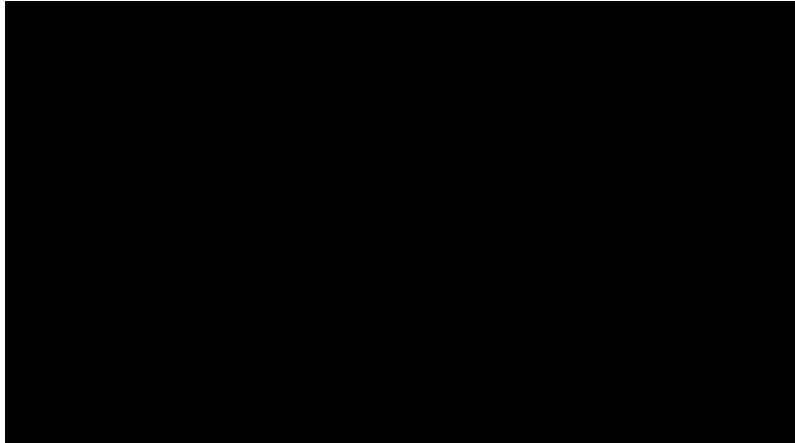
Well done to Luna in 7B who was our first secondary student of the year to perform at Tunes 4 Tuesday.

Join us at 7:20am next week for more secondary performances.



Music Update-Mr Themis

Another week of great performances, with Y7 building their keyboard skills and Y8 working on rhythm fundamentals. Our ECAs have started as well, with Choir on Monday and Band on Tuesday lunchtime!



PE Update | Mr. Bladen

FOREVER FASTER



Ski your allocated distance in the fastest time.

AGE 16-19 | 1500M SKI (Shared)

AGE 13-15 | 1200M SKI (Shared)

- Ski Erg resistance can be personalised
- Handles must be passed from one athlete to the other.

SCORE = Time to complete distance

LEGS GO!

EMOM | YOU GO I GO | 6 MINUTES

Partner 1 - Minute 0 | 2 | 4

Partner 2 - Minute 1 | 3 | 5

25m Shuttle Run
Max Goblet Squats

Chose between scaled kettlebell weights.

8kg | 1 point

12kg | 1.5 points

16kg | 2 points

SCORE = Goblet squat points

THE DESCENDENTS

Wall Balls | 6/4lbs (M/F)
Plate GTO | 13/15 | 10/5kg (M/F)
16/19 | 15/10kg (M/F)

30 Burpees | Synchro
30 Plate Ground to Overhead | YGIG
30 Wall Balls | Shared

20 Burpees | Synchro
20 Plate Ground to Overhead | YGIG
20 Wall Balls | Shared

10 Burpees | Synchro
10 Plate Ground to Overhead | YGIG
10 Wall Balls | Shared

SCORE = Time to complete the workout



Following the success of the Oxygen Global Kids Fitness competition before summer, Precision Events are excited to announce that they are opening a **NXT GEN category** for the upcoming **Precision Pairs competition** on **Saturday 12th October 7.45-11am** at **ISD in Sports City.**

What is NXT GEN Precision Pairs?

Precision Pairs is the biggest pairs fitness competition in the world.

A great opportunity for young athletes to compete with their friends testing their strength, speed and endurance in a fun and competitive environment.

The competition is made up of 3 workouts that will be scaled to suit the competitors age and ability:

Who can compete?

- 2 boys or 2 girls in the following age categories:
- 13-15 years old
- 16-19 years old

NB - all competitors must be within the age category on the day of competition - 12th October 2024. If an athlete who was 15 or below wished to compete with a 16-19 year old, the pair would need to register for the older age category)

What is the entry level?

- Young athletes who are up for a challenge and ideally have some experience performing the movements outlined in the images above.

When is it?

- 7.45-11am at ISD Dubai, Sports City
- Each team will be allocated a heat time between the times above, which will be confirmed prior to the event.




How do the young athletes sign up?

If you think this event is for you, then please sign up on the registration link below.

[Registration Link:](#)

For more information feel free to email oxygen@precisionevents.events or check out the Precision Series Instagram page [@precisionseries](https://www.instagram.com/precisionseries) for all the latest information and updates leading up to the event.

Dubai Juniors Racenight is Open for Registration. This takes place on **Fri Oct 4th** at DIA Al Barsha in conjunction with Dubai Sports Council and is open for all athletes across the Region from **6 - 12** years old.

   Medals for Top 3 in each event and age group.

Parents can go to:

<https://bookings.ultimateathleticsuae.com/>

to individually enter!

Entries close on Oct 1st 11.59pm



JUNIORS SCHEDULE

GIRLS TRACK		BOYS FIELD	
4:45 PM	60M HURDLES	4:30 - 5:00 PM	U9 LONG JUMP
5:00 PM	80M		U11 JAVELIN/SHOT
5:15 PM	800M		U13 HIGH JUMP
5:30 PM	150M	5:00 - 5:30 PM	U9 HIGH JUMP
5:45 PM	300M		U11 LONG JUMP
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ALL RACES FOLLOW THE AGE GROUPS: U7, U9, U11, U13
MUST BE UNDER THE AGE ON THE DAY.



ULTIMATE RACENIGHT JUNIORS

FEE: 50AED PER EVENT

04TH OCT
FRIDAY 04:30 PM

DIA AL BARSHA

AGE GROUPS: U7, U9, U11, U13

EVENTS: 60H, 80M, 150M, 300M, 800M, 1500M,
LONG JUMP, HIGH JUMP, SHOT, JAVELIN.

 **050 225 7024**
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**“ The sky has no limits.
Neither should you.”**



- Usain Bolt



Sports Update Mrs. Teodoro



We're inviting you to an exciting Government initiative designed to connect our school community and inspire student health & happiness. This DHA initiative will give you the opportunity to **win 1 of 50 iPhone 13's** should you take on the challenge and support our school in climbing to the top of the inter-school challenge leaderboard.

How to participate and enter the student prize draw

- Select the link <https://my.coredirection.com/challenge/detail/9q4qQtNO3tzDi0iR> and click **"Join Challenge"**
- Download the [Core Direction Health Coach App](#) & collect points for your daily activity
- Collect 450 points or more during the challenge to enter the iPhone 13 prize draw

How to earn points: Earn up to 10 points per day from any of the 5 metrics.

- **Earn Steps Points:** Each 1000 steps = 1 Core point
- **Earn Active Heart Rate Points:** Each 3 minutes in the active zone = 1 Core Point
- **Create an activity & Invite Friends:** 7 Core Points
- **Book an Activity & check-in:** 10 Core Points
- **Watch an On-Demand Video:** 3 Core Points





Sports Update Mrs. Teodoro

Upcoming events:

30.09 - U16 Girls Football vs Dwight @ SVS 4pm

01.10 - U12 Girls Football @ Fairgreen 4pm

02.10 - U16 Girls Basketball vs SCS @ SVS 4pm

02.10 - MeFit Teen Summit 24



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