



Secondary School Weekly Update. Date:30/08/24

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been a real privilege to start the academic year as the Head of South View Secondary School. The students have made an incredibly positive start and I feel it is important to comment on how well they have conducted themselves in relation to our school uniform and behaviour standards.

This morning, we had our very first Secondary School Assembly as a full school of Year 7-13. With almost 400 students on our roll, it has been incredible to witness and be a part of the incredible growth of the school over the last 4 years. Our Assembly was centred around celebrating the academic achievement of our Year 11 and 12 students after their recent outstanding GCSE results, alongside highlighting the importance of developing character traits and habits to help our students towards their academic goals.

As a high achieving school, we will always place emphasis on academic achievement, but equally as important to us is the kind of people we want our students to be. We strive to model the behaviour and teach the skills which allow our students to flourish in the classroom and as people. The phrase do "The Basics Brilliantly" is one that we have used from the beginning of my time at SVS. When kindness, respect, hard work and contributing positively to our community is recognised and celebrated, I am sure this will only lead to positive outcomes for our students.





I would like to thank all our fantastic teachers for the work they have put in preparing thought provoking and challenging lessons throughout the week, with a special mention to our new teachers, who have “hit the ground running” and brought a real passion and energy to their subjects.

Finally, I would like to thank the entire parent body for the work you have done to prepare your sons and daughters for the new academic year. We often say “Success is a team sport” and that it is very rare for individuals to succeed without help. I am very excited to get to know all our new parents and continue to build relationships between home and school to provide the best possible support for our students to thrive here at SVS.

I wish you all a restful weekend and look forward to meeting with as many of you as possible at our forthcoming events highlighted below.

Kind regards,

Stuart Macpherson

Acting Head of Secondary

Upcoming Dates

Please mark your calendars with the following key dates:

Thursday 5th September, 8:15 am, Secondary Library: Year 7 Parent Coffee Morning hosted by Eesha Matharu (Head of Year 7)

Wednesday 18th September, Meet the Tutor Evening 6pm, Secondary Sports Hall: An opportunity to hear from Head of Secondary and to meet your son/daughter’s form teacher.



Academic Update - Mrs Stevens



Hello everybody and welcome back! I hope you all had a restful summer break. It has been wonderful to have our students old and new back in the building and see South View come to life again.

Our students have made a really positive start to the year, with everybody approaching their learning with refreshed heads.

I wanted to start the Year by saying CONGRATULATIONS to our Year 10 and 11 for an outstanding set of Examination results for 23_24! 85% of our students achieved grades 9-4 compared to only 67.6% in the UK.

These results were opened by many of our students at our Results Day on Thursday 22 August where parents and staff joined them in celebrating their achievements.

In addition, our new 6th Form Learning space 'The Loft' was completed over the summer and will be officially opened this Monday, so there are already many exciting things happening to support our students learning here at South View.





Sixth Form Update – Mr. Burgess

As the new academic year begins, we are excited to welcome back our students and introduce the impressive new Sixth Form Centre. This facility is designed to support relaxation, studying, and the enhancement of student relationships. For Year 12s, this year represents a significant transition from GCSEs to A Levels, with a strong focus on developing independence and honing time management skills. Meanwhile, Year 13 students are entering a pivotal year where they will build on their previous achievements, finalize their university choices, and set strategic targets to reach their academic and career goals. This promises to be a year of tremendous growth and accomplishment for all.



Literacy Update - Louise

Exotic reading challenge:

- Welcome back everyone! If any students (or parents) have any pictures from the summer break of them enjoying a book somewhere exotic in the world, please send them on to Miss O'Sullivan.
- This can be done via email (louise.osullivan@southview.ae) or students can share on their tutor teams pages.
- There will be a form competition shortly for students to try and guess the teacher reading, and as a bonus, guess the location where they are reading.



Careers Update – Ms. Scouller

- We are excited to welcome back our students for a new and promising school year!
- There are some exciting careers and university events coming up in the next few weeks.
- If you have any questions about these events or would like to schedule a meeting please do reach out.





English Update – Mr. Archibald

Welcome back to another exciting year at South View School from the English Department! We're eager to share a host of new initiatives alongside our cherished traditions.

A warm welcome to our new Year 7 students! We understand that moving to secondary school can be both exhilarating and challenging. To ease your transition, our first unit will focus on identity and transformation, guiding you as you start this new phase of your academic journey.

Year 8 students will kick off the year with a project-based study of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. We're also thrilled to announce that they will have the opportunity to see a live performance of the play in October.

Year 9 students will immerse themselves in poetry as they prepare for their International GCSE qualification next year, setting a solid foundation for their future studies.

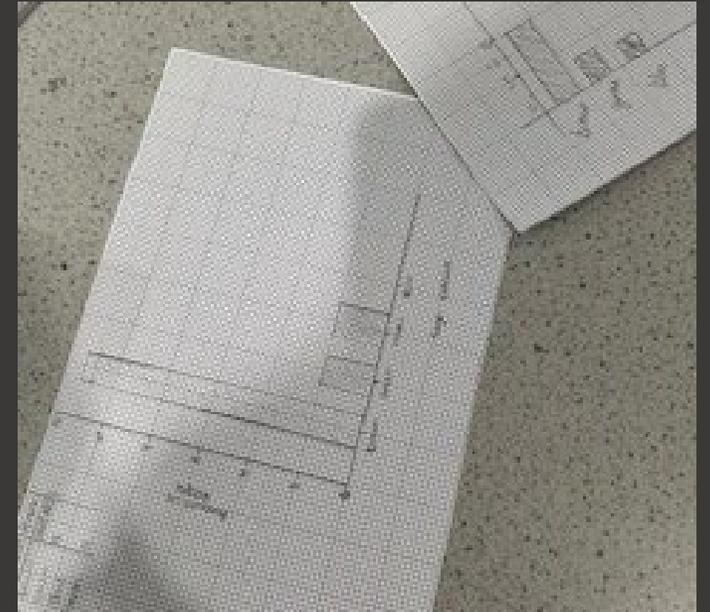
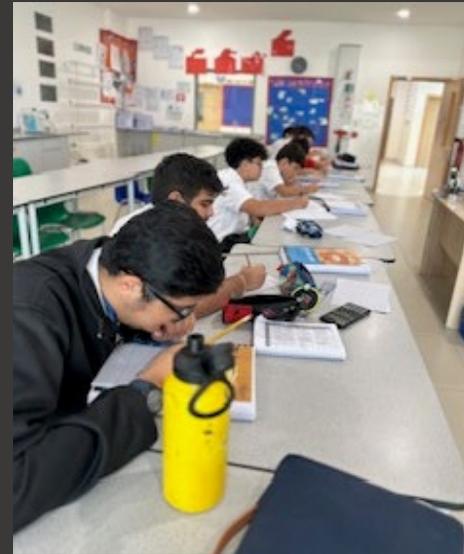
Our International GCSE students are diving into their coursework, and we're excited to see their continued progress and achievements.

Here's to a year filled with growth, discovery, and success for all our students!



Science Updates

After a long break and celebrating some fantastic Science iGCSE results, we have hit the ground running this term. This week, we have focused on mastering graphs—both drawing and interpreting them—as these are key skills essential in Science from Year 7 to Year 13.



Arabic Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear South View School Parents and Students,

A warm welcome to the new school year! We are delighted to have you as part of our school community and are excited about the year ahead. Together, we look forward to fostering a productive and enriching learning environment for your children.

I'd like to share some important updates from the Arabic department. Your children have been thoughtfully allocated to their Arabic classrooms, where they will begin their journey of engaging and meaningful learning. Next week, we will be conducting an Arabic benchmark assessment, which will serve as our baseline to understand each student's current proficiency level. This assessment will help us tailor our instruction to meet their individual needs and ensure their success throughout the year.

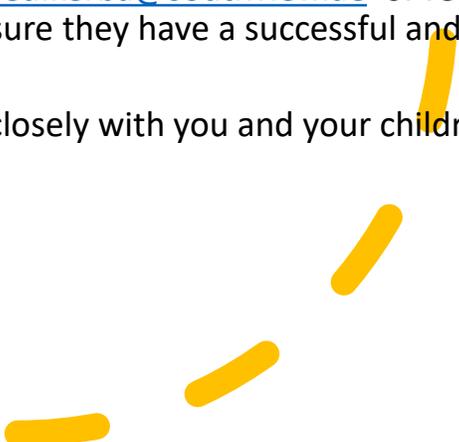
We are also pleased to introduce two new members to our Arabic department: Ms. Sahar Attia and Mr. Ahmed Salahuldin. Both bring extensive experience and passion to our team, and we are confident that they will make significant contributions to your children's learning.

Additionally, I am pleased to inform you that Ms. Fatima Banafea will be our Arabic A and B Coordinator for Secondary. She will be available to support your children and can be reached at fatima.banafea@southview.ae.

As for myself, I am Abdelhamed Kerba, the Head of Arabic and Islamic Studies for this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at abdelhamed.kerba@southview.ae or reach out to Ms. Fatima Banafea. We are here to support your children and ensure they have a successful and rewarding year.

Thank you for your trust and collaboration. We look forward to working closely with you and your children.

Best regards,
Abdelhamed Kerba
Head of Arabic and Islamic Studies
South View School



Islamic Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Parents,

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته.

As we warmly welcome you to South View School, we hope that the first week has been both smooth and enjoyable for you and your children. We are truly excited to have your family as part of our school community, and we are committed to ensuring a supportive and enriching environment for all of our students.

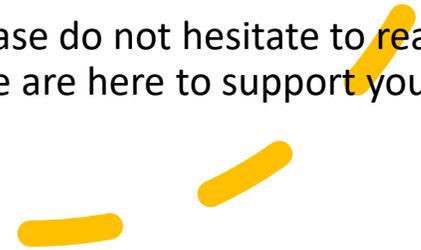
We are pleased to inform you that the students have now been successfully allocated to their respective Islamic classrooms. Our teachers have worked diligently to ensure that each student is placed in the most suitable group to foster their understanding and appreciation of Islamic studies. We believe this will lay a strong foundation for their spiritual and educational growth throughout the year.

In addition, we are excited to announce that you will soon receive the login details for the Islamic Treasure application. This app will serve as a valuable tool, offering resources and activities that will enhance your child's learning experience at home. It is designed to complement the lessons taught in class and to support your child's continued development in Islamic studies.

Next week, we will be conducting our Islamic baseline assessments. These assessments are an important part of our academic year, as they help us understand the current knowledge and learning needs of each student. The results will allow our teachers to tailor their instruction to better meet the needs of all our students, ensuring that each child receives the guidance and support they require to succeed.

We wish you and your family a happy and restful weekend. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or need further information. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way.

Warm regards,





Inclusion Update – Ms. Quick

Welcome back!

Over the summer we have made some changes to The Base, with some smaller working rooms added to help aid students learning further, and we have also welcomed in the EAL department into this fantastic space.

We have been delighted to welcome new students and welcome back returning students to SVS and it's great to see how happy everybody is to be back in school. This week the students have been settling into their lessons taking place in The Base. In particular, the Year 10 students who have taken Life Skills as an option this year have been introduced to this great subject by Mr. King and getting an understanding of what the next 2 years will hold for them. The inclusion team have lots of fantastic plans and ideas for the year ahead and we cannot wait to see the students flourish at SVS.





Humanities Update – Miss Coy

Welcome Back!

We are thrilled to welcome back all our students, both new and returning, to another exciting year at South View School. A special welcome to our new Year 7 students who are beginning their journey with us in Humanities.

We also extend a warm welcome to our two new teachers Miss Charlton and Mr. Nogueira, who have joined our Business department. We're excited about the fresh perspectives and energy they bring to our team.

This year promises to be full of exciting ventures in Humanities, with a strong focus on Enterprise, Sustainability, and our Model United Nations programme.

Students have already spent time getting to know their new teachers and are eager to dive into the fascinating topics ahead.

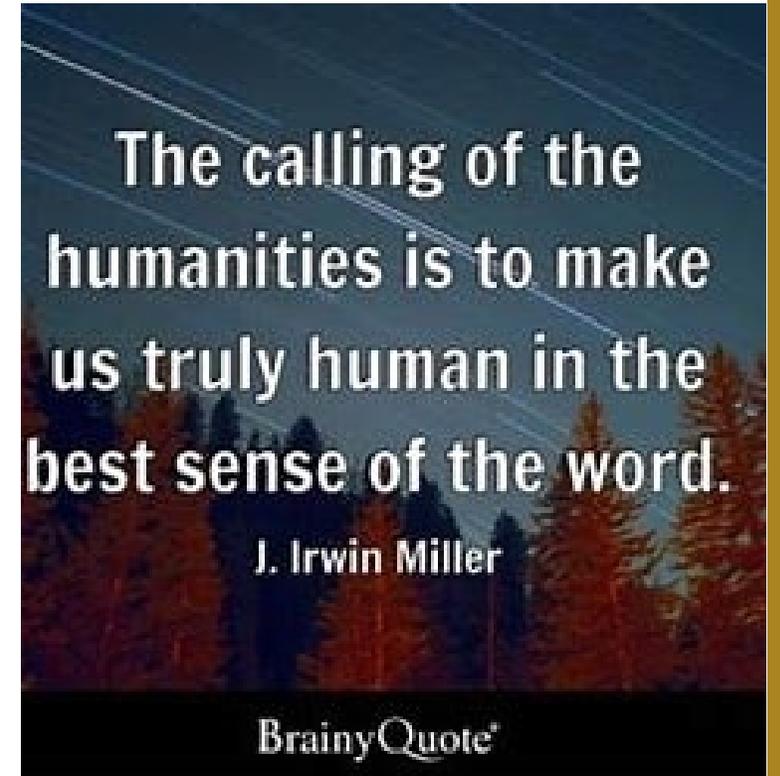
A massive congratulations to our Students on their IGCSE results. There has been amazing achievements In History, Business, Geography and Global Perspectives.

For our Year 9 and 10 students, please refer to the email sent this week regarding Global Perspectives.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Please do not hesitate to get in touch throughout the year if you need anything.

All the Best, Miss Coy.





MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan



The Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) team are delighted to be back in the classroom. It has been wonderful meeting our new students and being reunited with students from previous years.

Our return to school has been made even more exciting through the fantastic results achieved by our language students in their recent GCSEs. This has served as great motivation for many of our younger students and a great source of inspiration to strive towards.

One of our Year 11 Spanish students from last year spoke to a current Year 9 language class to talk about his recent success in his exams and language learning journey.



MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan



Here you can see our new Year 7 French students preparing for the year ahead with Mr Fitzpatrick. Students were introduced to the scheme of learning of term 1 and showed great excitement about getting started.

All students have been introduced to the "Linguist Award", which each MFL teacher will be awarding to a student in their class at the end of the half term period.

Our main goal and priority for the students to achieve this award is their efforts when using and speaking in the target language.





The Arts Update - Mrs Rock

It has been a great first week back and so lovely to see all our new and returning students.

We are joined this year by two fantastic new teachers:

Ms. Sweeney (ART)

Mr. Themis (MUSIC)

We are very lucky to have them both on the team.

Congratulations to last year's Year 11 cohort on their superb exam results. We are very proud of you all.

Events and clubs coming up for students to get involved in:

- Secondary school production
- Band club
- Art club
- Junk Kouture competition

LOOK OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION NEXT WEEK!



PE Update | Mr. Bladen



WELCOME BACK!

As we embark on a new academic year at South View School, our Key Stage 3 students have been braving the weather to dive straight into their PE units. Both boys and girls have started the year with football, alongside netball for the girls and handball for the boys.

We have welcomed our new GCSE cohort in Year 10 and welcomed back our Year 11. Our new Year 10 GCSE PE students are starting their journey into the world of physical education at an advanced level. Meanwhile, our Year 11 GCSE PE students have returned with a renewed focus, ready to build on their achievements from last year. With their final exams on the horizon, they are committed to refining their skills, deepening their understanding of the curriculum, and pushing towards their personal bests.

We are thrilled to announce the start of our Year 12 BTEC Sport class at SVS. This marks an exciting new chapter for students who are passionate about pursuing a career in sport, fitness, and related industries. The course offers a comprehensive blend of practical and theoretical learning, providing students with the skills and knowledge they need to excel in the sports sector.

For the first time at SVS, our KS5 students will be taking part in PE, where they have hit the ground running. These sessions are designed to provide a break from their academic studies, offering them a chance to stay physically active and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

We're excited to see the enthusiasm and dedication from all our students as they embark on their academic journey and look forward to a fantastic year ahead in Physical Education at SVS!

**Before you can
ACHIEVE...
you must
BELIEVE
in yourself.**

***You are more
capable than
you think.***

Simone Biles





"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do."

-Pelé



BASKETBALL
MINDSET TRAINING



SECONDARY SQUAD TRIALS



Swim squad – Friday, 30th of August & 6th of September, 6.45am

U12 & U16 girls football – Monday, 2nd of September, 6.45am

U13 & U14 girls football – Tuesday, 3rd of September, 6.45am

U12 & U14 boys football – Wednesday, 4th of September, 6.45am

U16 girls basketball – Wednesday, 4th of September, 6.45am

U16 boys football – Thursday, 5th of September, 6.45am

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