



## Secondary School Weekly Update Friday 31st January 2025

Dear Parents / Guardians

Our Year 11 students completed their mock examinations this week and I'm sure there will be a lot of relieved students and parents this weekend. This experience has served as preparation for what their external examinations which begin in May. The Year 11 students have been exemplary in the way they have conducted themselves.

A focus for Year 9 this week has been on the options process that will decide what GCSE subjects they take going into Year 10. Last night we hosted almost 100 parents and staff to go through this process and give insight to what students might expect for each subject. Many thanks to the parents who attended to support their children and the school, we appreciate your support.

Next week is another exciting one here at SVS as we are showcasing our production of The Demon Headmaster. The students and staff have worked incredibly hard on this over the last few months, please support them by coming along to watch. Performances are on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> at 18.30 in the Primary hall.

A team of students and staff are in Abu Dhabi this weekend for the U13 BSME games, they have been training hard over the last few weeks. I wish them every success and hope their hard work bears the results that they deserve.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Woulfe – Head of Secondary





## Upcoming key dates

- Production of The Demon Headmaster – Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th February 2025
- Children's Mental Health Week – 3rd – 7th February 2025
- Secondary Sports' Day – Wednesday 12th February 2025
- Year 11 Mock Examinations Results Day - 14th Feb 2025



## Pastoral Update

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we round off another busy and productive week, I want to take a moment to commend all our students for their hard work and dedication. A special mention must go to our Year 11 students, who have now completed their mock assessments.

Next week, we will be focusing on Children's Mental Health Week, raising awareness and providing activities throughout the week to educate students on this crucial topic. We are also very excited to host our first-ever SVS Colour Run on Friday, a fun and engaging event to promote both mental and physical wellbeing.

On a less positive note, since the start of term 2, we have noticed a drop in uniform standards, particularly concerning footwear. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring students arrive at school on time and are wearing the correct uniform in line with our expectations. Your cooperation helps us maintain high standards and a positive learning environment for all. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards

Stuart Macpherson – Assistant Head Teacher





## Academic Update – Ms. Stevens

It has been another very successful week academically here at South View.

Our Year 11 had their second week of exams and their feedback on the process and the use of the hall has been overwhelmingly positive, with many saying how valuable the experience has been in preparing for the real thing in the summer. Now that exams are over Year 11 will return to timetabled lessons on Monday.

In addition, on Thursday evening we had our Options evening for Year 9, which was a huge success with almost every parent and student from the year group in attendance. Parents and students spoke to our subject experts and gained valuable insight into the IGCSE and BTEC courses we offer here at South View. The presentations from the evening can be found on this page.

Finally, Ms Sheikh and the Year 10 organised a fantastic Options forum for the Year 9 students this morning, where they were able to ask questions and get information about the courses from the students themselves.

Best Regards – Tina Stevens Assistant Head Teacher Academics



[Year 9 2025 Options](#)

[Year 10 Science Options evening .pptx](#)



## Mock Results Year 11 - Miss Coy

**Year 11 Mock Results Day – Friday, 14th February**

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

On the last day of term, **Friday, 14th February**, Year 11 students will take part in a **Mock Results Day**, where they will receive their exam results in a format similar to their official results day in the summer.

This experience is designed to help students reflect on their performance and prepare for their final exams. During **Periods 3 and 4, students will be gathered in the library** to receive their results. Teachers will not be providing feedback or sharing results before this time.

We encourage parents to use this opportunity to discuss the results with their child over the Mid Term Break and support them in setting goals for the upcoming exam period. Teachers will give students feedback when they return to school. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with either myself or Miss Quick.

Miss Quick has sent an email with more details earlier in the week. Please ensure you read it.

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Have a lovely weekend, Stacey



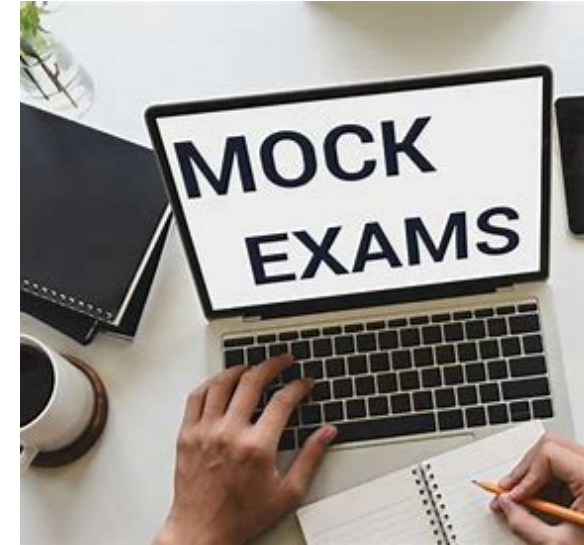
## Mock Update – Miss Coy

Dear Year 11 Students,

I would like to congratulate all of you on successfully completing their mock exams. These exams were conducted exactly as they will be in the summer, and every student approached them with confidence and resilience. I am incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication throughout this process.

I hope this experience has given students a valuable insight into what to expect in their final exams and provided the motivation for the final stretch of Year 11. With continued focus and determination, I know they will achieve their best.

Well done, Year 11—I am so proud of you all, Miss Coy





## Literacy Update – Louise

For more information:

[Effective Oracy Activities to Boost Speaking and Listening Skills | ESU](#)

### **IDEAS FOR DEVELOPING ORACY (SPEAKING AND LISTENING SKILLS) AT HOME:**

REGULAR PRACTICE OF ORACY ACTIVITIES IS ESSENTIAL IN NURTURING PROFICIENT SPEAKERS AND ACTIVE LISTENERS. THE [LONG-TERM BENEFITS](#) INCLUDE IMPROVED ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE, BETTER INTERPERSONAL SKILLS, AND GREATER SELF-EXPRESSION. TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND ALL EDUCATIONAL PRACTITIONERS SHOULD INTEGRATE THESE EXERCISES INTO THEIR EDUCATIONAL ROUTINES FOR MAXIMUM BENEFIT.

#### **AT-HOME EXERCISES**

##### **FAMILY DISCUSSIONS AND DINNER CONVERSATIONS**

Regular, structured family discussions during dinner can significantly enhance a child's oracy skills. These discussions can be about daily events or important family matters. The key is to ensure that each family member, including the children, gets a turn to speak and listen.

##### **READING ALOUD AND LISTENING TO AUDIOBOOKS**

Reading aloud to children and encouraging them to read aloud offers dual benefits: it builds oracy and improves reading skills. Listening to audiobooks also introduces children to fluent, expressive language, increasing their listening skills and vocabulary.

##### **PLAYING LANGUAGE-BASED GAMES**

Engage in games that involve word uses, such as Scrabble, storytelling dice, or charades. These games not only build vocabulary but also enhance quick thinking and articulation.



# Careers Update – Ms. Scouller

## What is the InvestIN Career Quiz?

By answering a series of expertly crafted questions, you will unlock a personalised report that unveils an industry aligned with your skills and interests.

### Inside the report, you will discover:

*Key insights into the career we believe best suits your strengths and passions.*

*A detailed skills profile showing how your abilities align with the chosen career.*

*Tailored guidance on your educational journey, from GCSEs and A-Levels to university.*

*Practical advice from industry professionals on what you can do now to prepare for your future.*

[\*\*TAKE THE QUIZ\*\*](#)





## English Update – Mr. Archibald

It has been a busy and exciting time in the English Department!

Our **final round of in-class spelling bees** has now concluded, and next week we will be holding the grand final to determine the top spellers in Years 7, 8, and 9. The competition has been fierce, and we are incredibly proud of all the students who have participated with such enthusiasm and determination. Best of luck to our finalists!

A huge **well done to our Year 11 students**, who have now completed their English Literature mock exam. Their hard work and commitment to their studies have been evident, and we look forward to reviewing their progress as they continue to prepare for their final examinations.

We were also delighted to welcome **Curtis Jobling** to our school this week for a special visit with our KS3 students. Curtis is an acclaimed author and illustrator, best known as the designer of *Bob the Builder* and the author of the *Wereworld* fantasy series. His engaging presentation offered fascinating insights into the creative process behind storytelling, character development, and world-building. Students had the opportunity to ask questions and gain inspiration for their own writing—an experience we are sure they will remember for a long time.





## Mathematics Update – Ms. Griffin

### Dubai Maths Super League (DMSL)

Four of our amazing Y9 mathematicians travelled to Jumeirah College on Tuesday to take part in the Y9 stage of the Dubai Maths Super League.



Congratulations to Mohammed, Logan, Reyansh and Al Muthana for their fantastic team work and problem solving skills!

\*Y10 DMSL will take place on 24th February\*

\*Y7 DMSL is on 6th March\*





## Maths ECAs FAQs

Y7 and Y8 – Ms Hughes – Monday lunchtime  
Y9 and Y10 – Ms Seth – Thursday lunchtime  
Y11 and Sixth Form – Mr Gaby – Tues after school or Thurs  
lunchtime

### *(1) What are they for?*

The maths clinic is for students to come and ask for help with their classwork or homework. Students can also ask for support in updating revision books (Y9, Y10 and Y11), or catching up on any work they may have missed.

### *(2) Who are they for?*

Anyone who wants a bit of help in maths!

In February specific students from Y9, Y10 and Y11 will be required to attend. More information on this to come next week.

### *(3) Should I bring anything with me?*

Bring specific topics or questions that you need help with. In Y9,10 and 11, the same and also bring revision books and calculators.

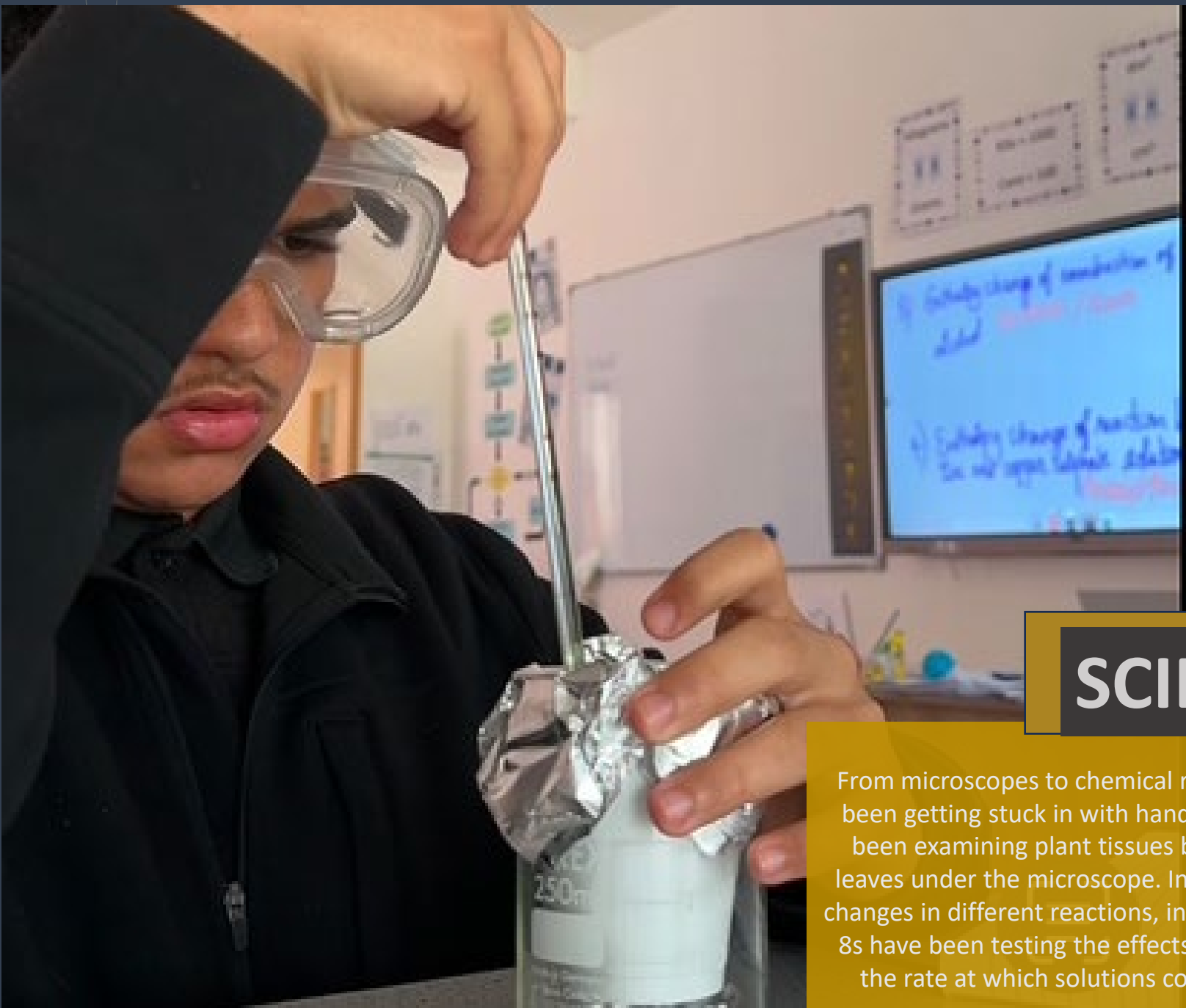
### *(4) Do I have to stay for the whole ECA?*

No. You can if you want or need to, but if you only have one question that you need help with, you can ask it and then leave.

### *(5) Can I eat my lunch at the ECA?*

Yes, so long as you clean up after yourself!



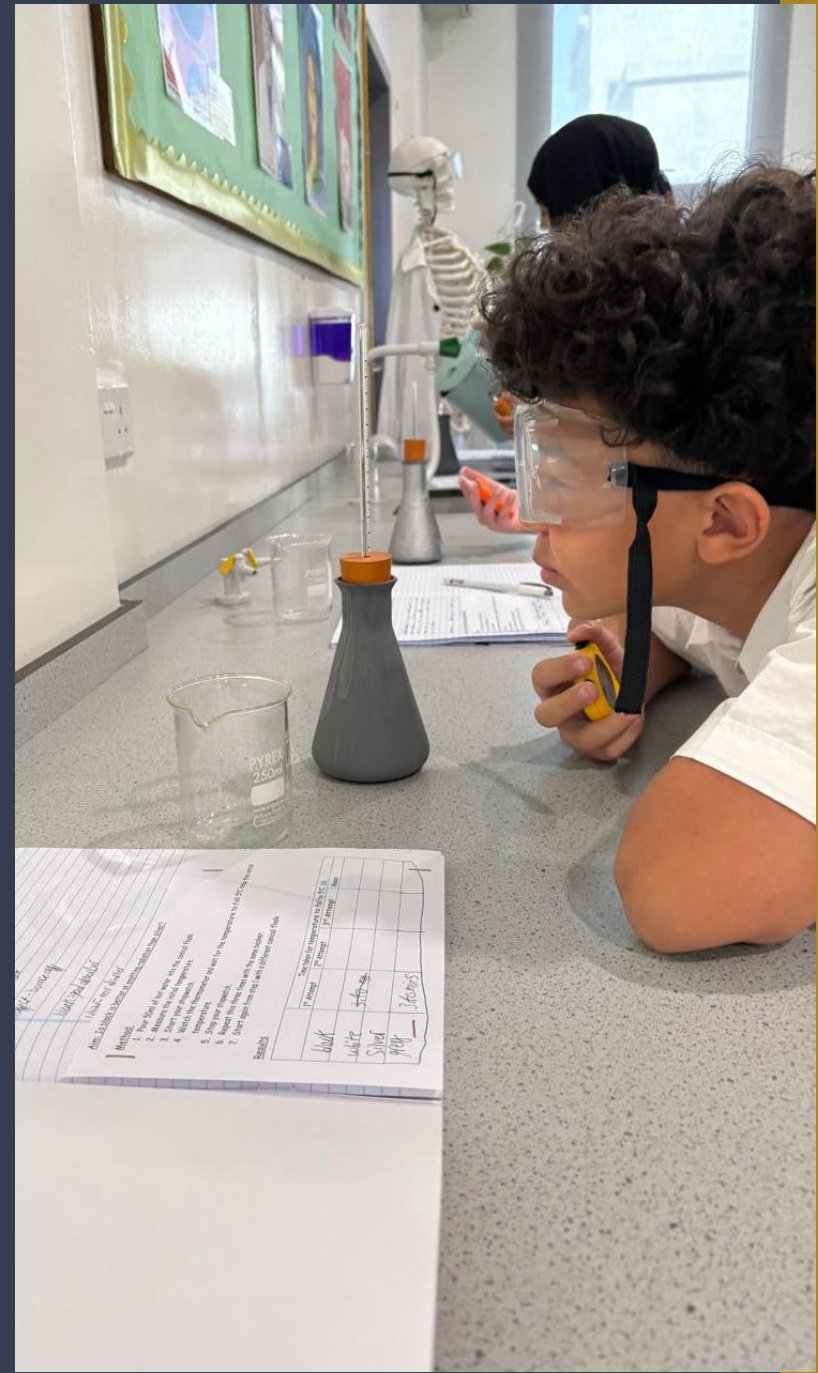


## SCIENCE UPDATES

### Science in Action!

From microscopes to chemical reactions and thermal experiments, our students have been getting stuck in with hands-on investigations. Year 12 AS Biology students have been examining plant tissues by observing transverse sections of roots, stems, and leaves under the microscope. In AS Chemistry, students have been exploring enthalpy changes in different reactions, investigating how energy is transferred. Meanwhile, Year 8s have been testing the effects of infrared radiation and how different colors impact the rate at which solutions cool down. It's been a fantastic week of discovery and experimentation!











## Arabic A Update – Mr. Kerba

\*السادة أولياء الأمور الكرام، تحية طيبة وبعد، \*

في إطار حرصنا على الارتقاء بمستوى أبنائنا في اللغة العربية، تم التركيز على جميع مهاراتها الأساسية، مع إيلاء اهتمام خاص لمهارة الاستماع، باعتبارها مؤشراً دقيقاً على قدرة الطالب على الفهم والاستيعاب. كما تم تعزيز مهارات قراءة الأسئلة وتحليلها، إلى جانب تطوير مهارات الكتابة، مما يسهم في تقييم مستوى الطالب وتحديد الجوانب التي تحتاج إلى دعم وتطوير .

وفي هذا السياق، نؤكد على أهمية مواصلة المشاركة الفاعلة في \*مسابقة تحدي القراءة العربي\*، ونحث أبناءنا على الاستمرار في هذه المسيرة المباركة، لما لها من أثر عظيم في تنمية الفكر، وتعزيز المخزون اللغوي، وترسيخ الهوية الثقافية .

كما نود التنويه إلى انطلاق \*مسابقة الشعر، والمقرر عقدها بتاريخ 24\* فبراير \*2025، والتي تهدف إلى صقل مواهب الطلاب في فنون الإلقاء والتعبير، وتعميق ارتباطهم بجماليات اللغة العربية .

نأمل منكم تقديم كل أشكال الدعم والتشجيع لأبنائنا، وتحفيزهم على بذل المزيد من الجهد، إيماناً منا بأن لغتنا العربية هي وعاء فكرنا، وجسر تواصلنا مع تراثنا وهويتنا .

\*وتفضلوا بقبول فائق التقدير والاحترام\*.



## Arabic B Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Parents,

We hope this message finds you well. Here's an overview of what your child has been learning in Arabic class this week and what's planned for the upcoming week.

This week, our focus was on writing skills, with activities aimed at: Helping students structure their thoughts into well-organized paragraphs, expanding their ability to use descriptive language effectively, and encouraging creativity through short story writing and personal reflections.

We remind all students to complete their assignments on I start Arabic to maximize their learning experience.

Next week, we will transition to speaking skills, where students will: practice expressing their ideas confidently in Arabic, engage in structured discussions and debates to enhance fluency, and apply their newly acquired vocabulary in real-life conversation scenarios.

### Exciting News!

**We encourage all students to participate in the upcoming poetry competition. Details have been shared with them on Teams. Your support in motivating them to take part would be greatly appreciated!**





## Islamic Update – Mr. Kerba

To remind:

Dear Parents,

*Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh.*

We are pleased to announce that **registration is now open** for the **South View School 6th Quran Competition, Hafez Al-Quran**. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to deepen their connection with the Holy Quran and showcase their memorization and recitation skills.

### Competition Details:

- **First Round:** April 29, 2025
- **Second and Final Round:** April 30, 2025
- **Registration Deadline:** April 9, 2025

The competition will feature **different levels** to suit participants' abilities. Please choose the appropriate level for your child.

### Important Notes:

1. **Assessments** will be conducted in the presence of the principal and an external assessor from the Islamic Affairs Department.
2. **Certificates and Prizes:** All participants will receive a certificate of participation, and winners will be awarded valuable prizes from SVS.
3. **Memorization Practice:** Students should memorize their assigned Surahs and verses at home. They can submit recitations to their Islamic teachers through Seesaw/Teams for feedback.
4. **Final Recitations:** The first and second rounds will take place on **April 29 , 30, 2025**.

We are excited to invite students from **other schools** to join this competition as well, fostering a spirit of community and shared love for the Quran.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of the Islamic Department.

<https://forms.office.com/r/eTXd7t5FT9>

Best regards,

*Islamic Department*



# Humanities Update Business & Economics

Firstly, a huge **congratulations to all year 11 students** who sat their Business and Economic mock exams in the last 2 weeks.

- **Y10 – BTEC DEADLINE Monday 3rd February**

All year 10 reports must be submitted by Monday 3rd February. **All criteria and instructions are on Teams.** Please do support your child if they are completing any last part of their assignment this weekend. This is crucial for their unit 1 mark.

- **Y10 – Economics IGCSE**

Students have been calculating business revenues, cost and profit as part of micro economics.

- **Y12 – Level 3 Business BTEC DEADLINE Tuesday 4th February**

Students have been working on corrections on their unit 3 finance report this week. Their final and improved draft must be submitted via Turnitin on Tuesday.

- **Y13 – Level 3 Business BTEC**

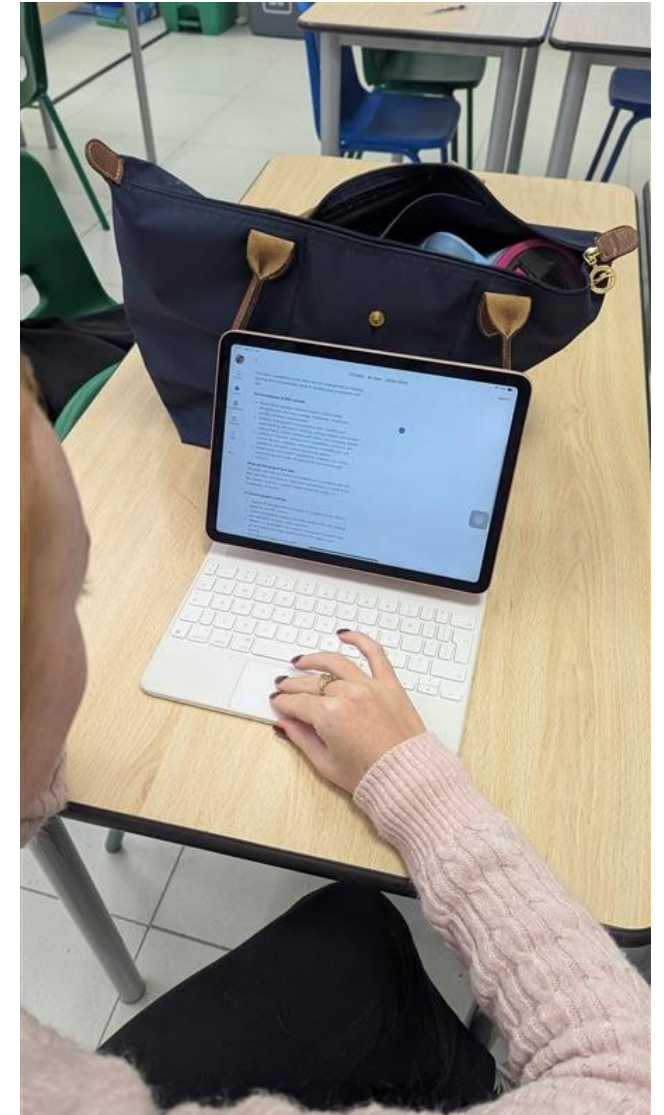
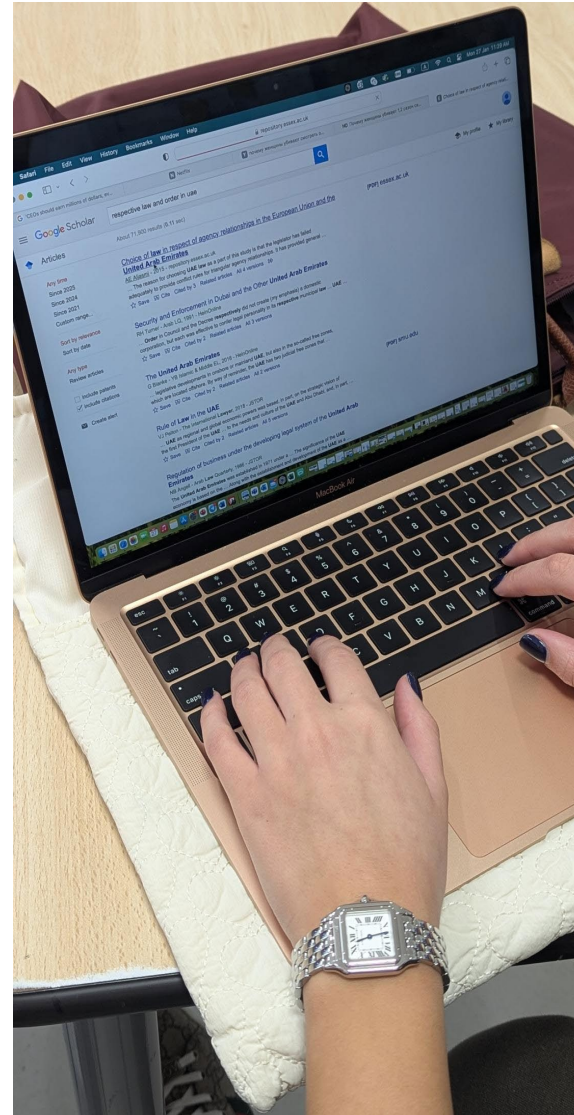
Students have begun their 'Business Ethics' module. This week we have researched employment law, environmental law and watched a documentary about fast fashion. There have been some fantastic debates happening in class where students have considered the trade off between ethics and profit.



## MSC Update – Miss Coy



This week, Year 13 students have started working on their final projects, reflecting on all the topics they've studied throughout their MSC courses. By completing this task, they will further enhance their literacy, analytical, and evaluative skills.



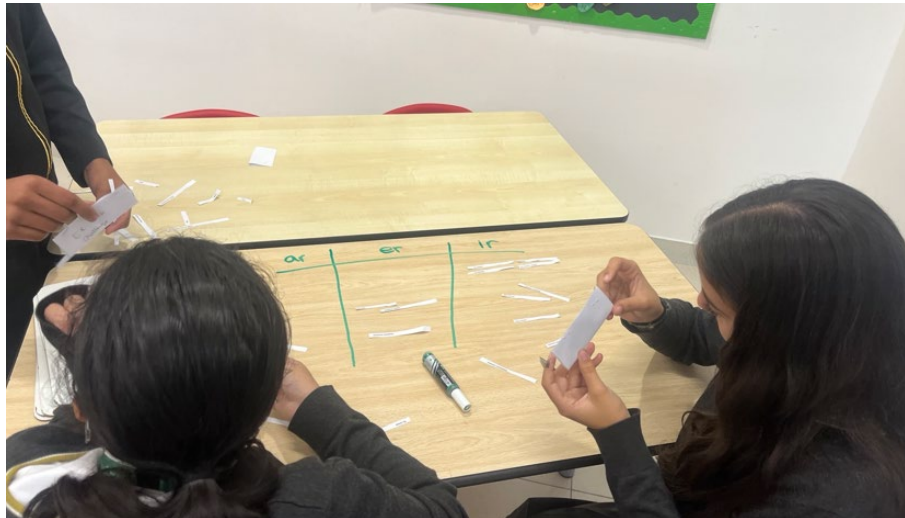
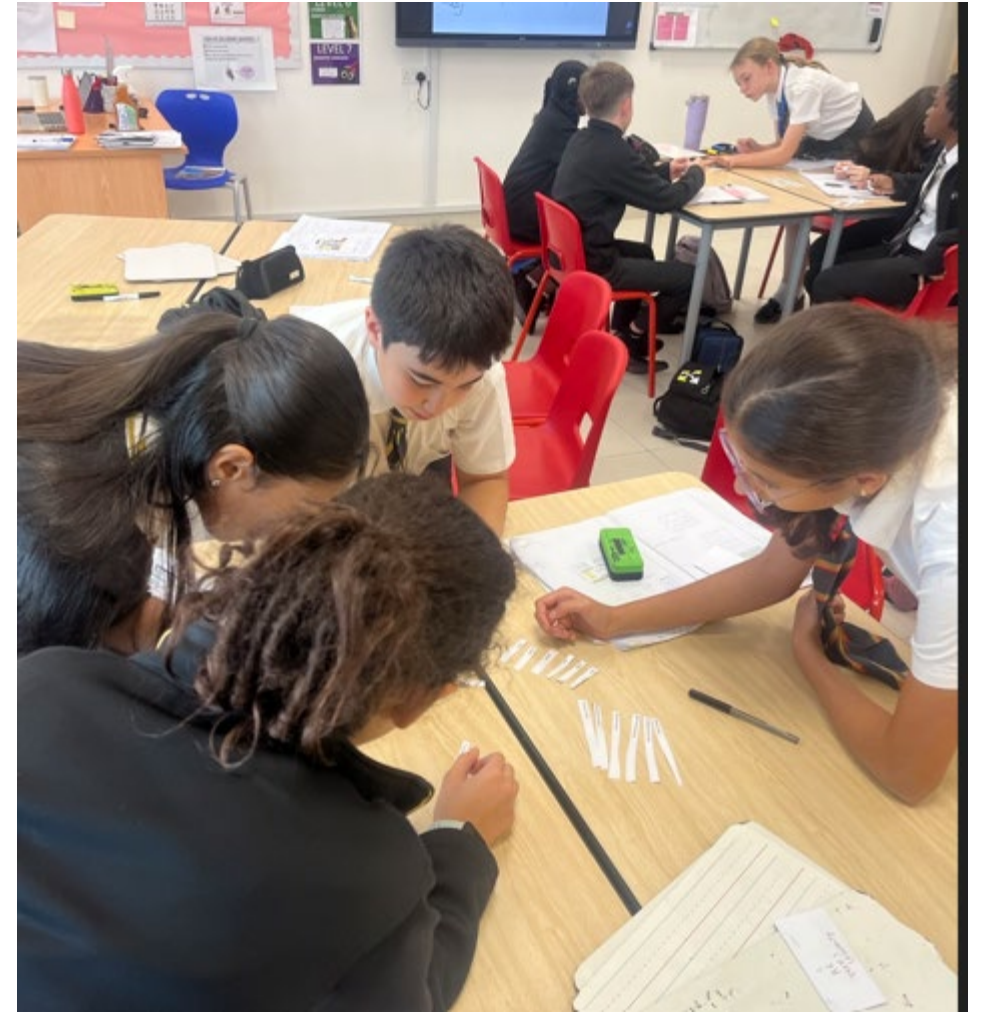
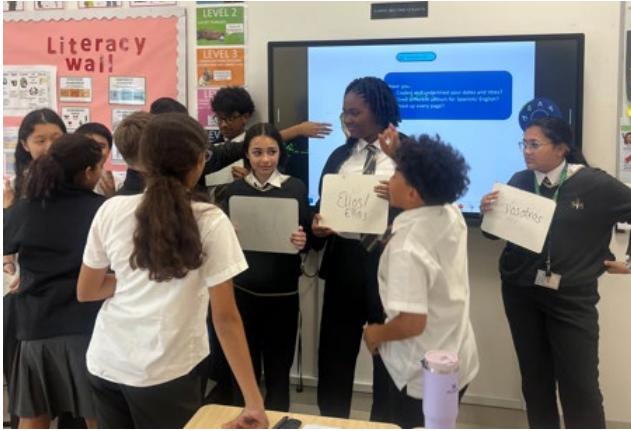




## MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan

It's been a busy week of collaboration and teamwork in Spanish class this week.

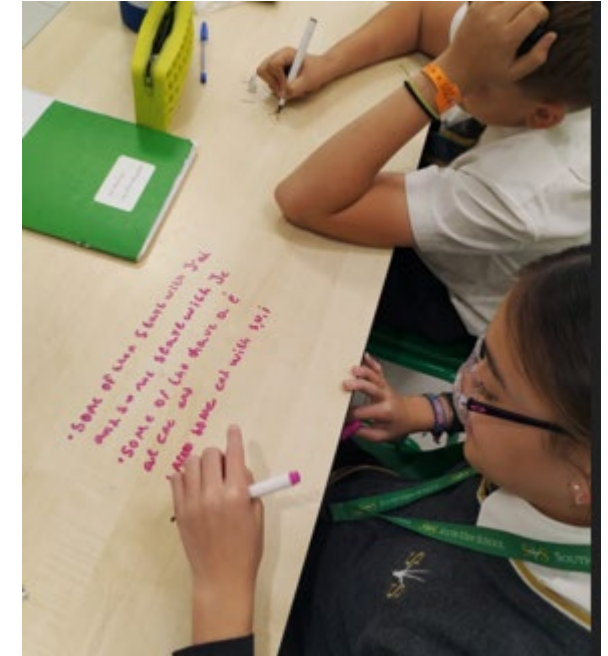
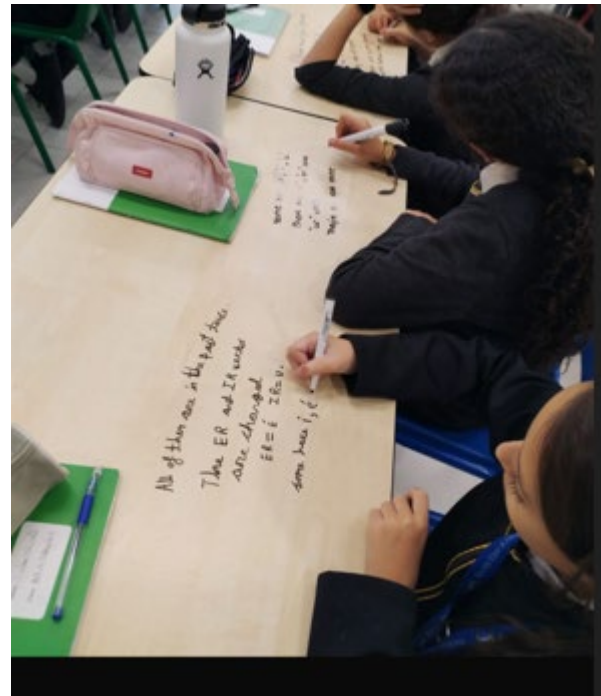
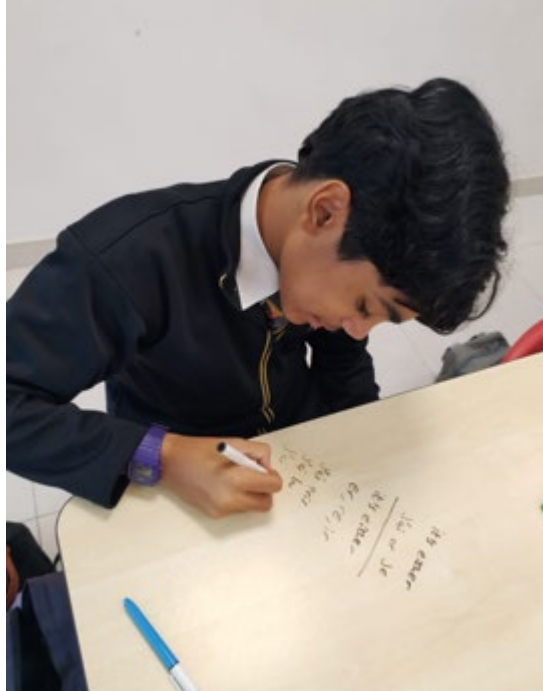
Our students have worked well as a team to consolidate their learning on the present tense. Students worked together to categorise AR,ER, IR verbs and had to work as a class to put the pronouns in order.





## MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan

Meanwhile, our French students have been identifying patterns and demonstrating their knowledge of key verbs through enquiry-based questions posed by Mr Fitzpatrick.

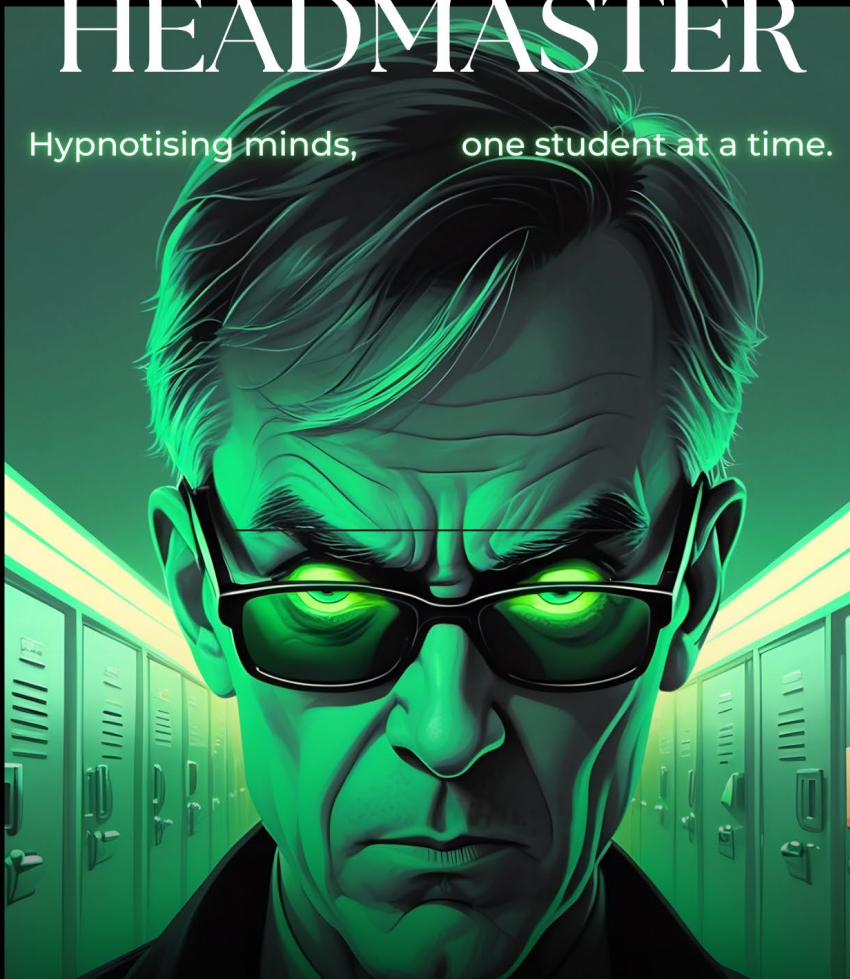






# THE DEMON HEADMASTER

Hypnotising minds, one student at a time.



Tickets on sale for AED 20 at the Finance Counter

**FEBRUARY 5 & 6, 2025**

**06:30 PM | PRIMARY HALL**

**The Arts Update - Mrs Rock**

## FINAL CALL!

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR OUR FANTASTIC  
SECONDARY SHOW 2025.

Tickets are available from the finance counter.

There will be a few tickets available on the door  
on both nights- cash payments only!

**Refreshments will be on sale  
on the night for CASH ONLY so  
please bring small change  
along.**

See you there....



# GCSE DRAMA- Masterclass and Revision

From the week beginning **Monday 10th February** until the end of Term 2, there will be extra slots available for Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE Drama students for the following:



- C2 extra scripted rehearsals
  - C1 coursework help
- C3 written exam practice

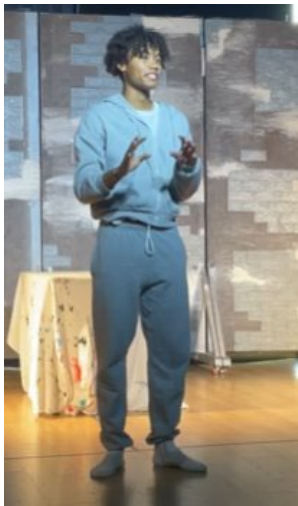


Please come along to the Drama Studio at any of the following times:

Tuesdays 3:35pm- 4:30pm

Wednesday lunchtimes

Thursdays 3:35pm-4:30pm







# PE Update | Mr. Bladen

**Sports Day 2024 – Wednesday, 12th February**

Get ready for an exciting day of fun, competition, and house pride!

Sports Day is just around the corner, and the whole school will be involved in a range of activities, from thrilling athletic events to archery, dodgeball, and more.

Make sure to wear your **PE kit** and come prepared to support your house—**Ignis, Aqua, Terra, or Aeris**—as we compete to crown this year’s champions.

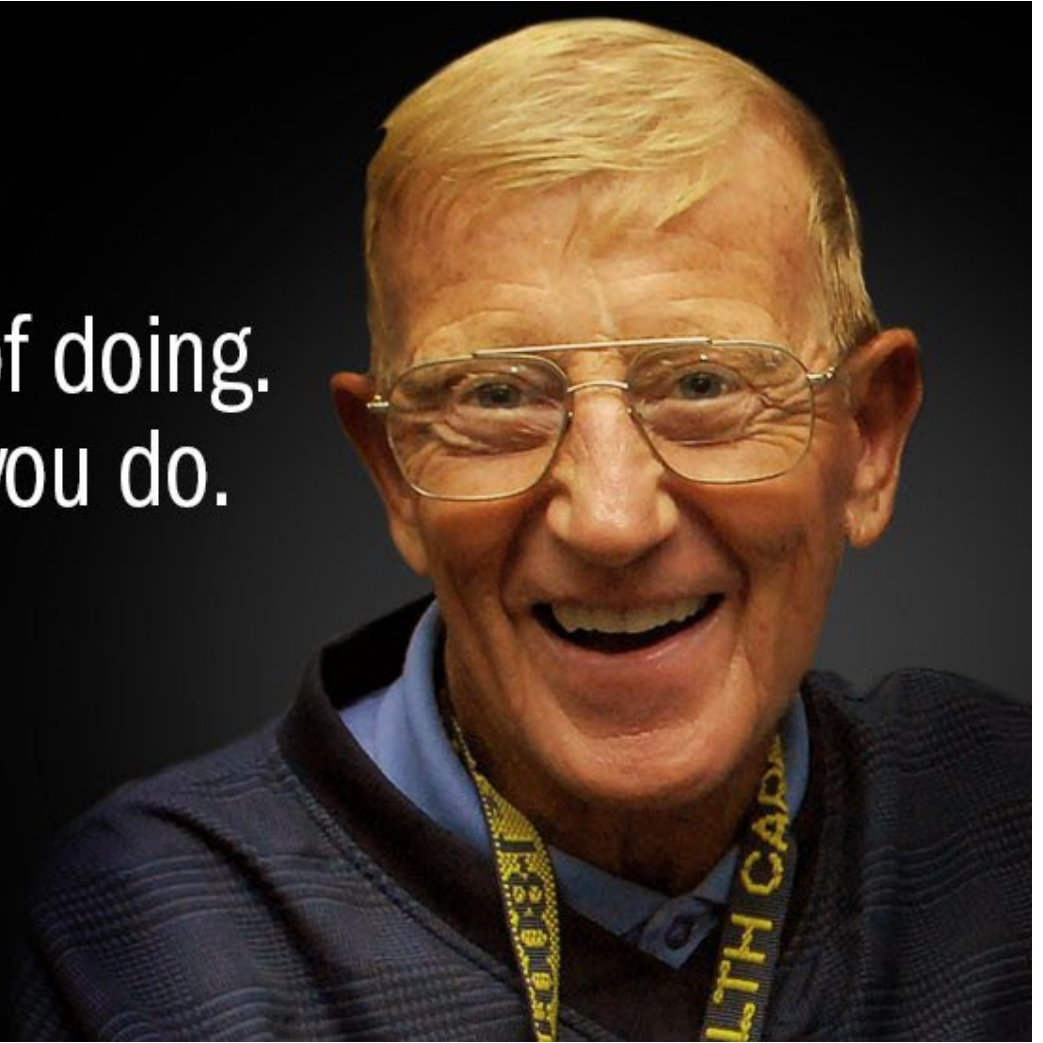
Can anyone dethrone last year’s winners, **Ignis**? Let’s bring the energy, teamwork, and sportsmanship to make this year’s event unforgettable!





**Ability** is what you're capable of doing.  
**Motivation** determines what you do.  
**Attitude** determines  
how well you do it.

– Lou Holtz





## Sports Update – Mrs Teodoro

### Best of Luck to Our SVS U13 BSME Team!

We are excited to announce that South View School will be participating in the U13 BSME Games this weekend at Amity International School in Abu Dhabi!

Our athletes will compete across multiple sports:

**Friday** – Boys Volleyball & Girls Football

**Saturday** – Boys Football & Girls Netball

**Sunday** – Athletics (Track & Field Events)

We would love for our school community to come and support SVS at this prestigious event. Let's cheer on our athletes as they showcase their talent, teamwork, and determination!

For full event details, please check the **U13 BSME Games Handbook** here:

[BSME Games Handbook](#)

We wish our SVS team the best of luck—go SVS!





## Sports Update – Mrs Teodoro

### THIS WEEK RESULTS

U16 Netball @ Safa CS	Won
U16 Boys Football @ GEMS First Point	Won
U12 Netball vs Arbor @ SVS	Win
U14 Girls Volleyball vs UAS @ SVS	Lost
U14 Boys Volleyball vs Bloom @ SVS	Win
U14 Girls Netball vs FIS @SVS	
U16 Boys Volleyball vs SCS @ SVS	
U16 Girls Volleyball vs Bloom	

### UPCOMING FIXTURES

31.01	U13 BSME Games – Girls Football, Boys Volleyball @ AIS
01.02	U13 BSME Games – Girls Netball, Boys Football @ AIS
02.02	U13 BSME Games – Athletics @ AIS
03.02	DASSA Individual Championship @ Hamdan
03.02	U14 Boys Volleyball @ HIS
03.02	U16 Netball vs Kings AB @ SVS
04.02	U12 Netball @ JESS AR
05.02	U12 & U13 DASSA Tournament @ Dubai 7's
05.02	U14 Girls Volleyball @ FIS
06.02	U16 Girls Volleyball @ GEMS Founders
06.02	U16 Boys Volleyball @RWA



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