



# Secondary School Weekly Update

1st December 2023

Dear Parents,

We've almost made it to the end of the first term and I hope you and your families can enjoy the long weekend. One more week of school left until the winter break with school closing for three weeks on Friday 8th December. We'll be back to school from Tuesday 2nd January with normal lessons resuming straight away.

We have a busy final week with students off to COP28 and show rehearsals and sporting fixtures continuing as normal. The term 1 data reports will be shared on Thursday 7th December and please note the festive jumper day on Friday 8th December for those who wish to wear.

Please read on for updates from around the school, including a message from the IT support team.

Kind regards

Jon Pennock

## Upcoming key dates

Monday 4th December – No school

Tuesday 5th December – School resumes for final week of term following **WEEK 2** lessons

Thursday 7th December – End of term 1 celebration assemblies for students

Thursday 7th December – First term data reports released to parents

Friday 8th December - Festive jumper day. Students may wear festive jumpers to school along with normal uniform

No coffee morning this week and we look forward to seeing parents in the new year.



## Update from the IT team

Dear Parents,

In order to ensure that we maintain a safe and responsible approach to the use of technology at SVS and in accordance with sound educational practice, it is necessary that all parents sign and agree to the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy. The consent is required for all the students from Y3 upwards.

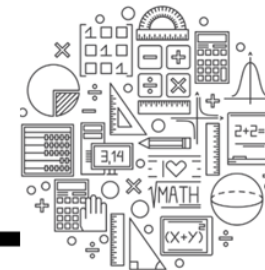
Please click [Steps to fill up the BYOD AY-23-24.pdf](#) to view the help document on how to access and fill up the BYOD form.

***Kindly ignore this mail if you have already submitted this form, if not please complete the AUP/BYOD consent form as soon as possible.***

For any technical queries please contact us at: [itsupport@southview.ae](mailto:itsupport@southview.ae)



# Maths Puzzle Competition



## Y7 and 8 Winners

Congratulations to Farida in 7A for winning the KS3 maths puzzle 6!!

Second  
Layan, 7A

Third  
Hanin, 8B

Fourth  
Mariia, 7E

Other entries  
Elanur, 7C  
Franco, 7B

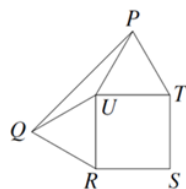


PUZZLE 6:

The diagram shows the square  $RSTU$  and two equilateral triangles,  $PUT$  and  $QRU$ .

What is the size of angle  $QPU$ ?

- A  $10^\circ$    **B  $15^\circ$**    C  $20^\circ$    D  $25^\circ$    E  $30^\circ$



## Y9, 10 and 11 Winners

Congratulations to Tessa in 10B for winning the KS4 maths puzzle 6!!

Second  
Retaj, 10B

Third  
Saman, 9B

Fourth  
Deima, 11B

Correct entries  
Kenzy, 9A  
Joey, Y10  
Kostya, 10C  
Esmat, Y10  
Adilma, 10A



PUZZLE 6:

What is 20% of  $3\frac{3}{4}$ ?

- A  $\frac{123}{200}$    B  $\frac{13}{20}$    C  $\frac{7}{10}$    **D  $\frac{3}{4}$**    E  $\frac{4}{5}$



## Science Update

SOME OF OUR BUDDING ENTREPRENEURS IN YEARS 8 AND 9 STUDENTS WERE AWARDED TICKETS TO WILD WADI WATERPARK FOR EXCELLING IN THE SCIENCE WEEK/ENTERPRISE PROJECT. THEIR EXCEPTIONAL BUDGETING, CREATIVITY AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS EARNED THEM THIS WELL-DESERVED RECOGNITION



## Science Update

This week, some of our Year 7 students explored the basics of reproduction in living organisms. Others have delved into acids and alkalis in Chemistry, differentiating between their properties and how they interact with each other.

# Arabic Update – Mr. Kerba

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Dear parents,

I express my gratitude for your presence at yesterday's parent-teacher evening. Happy National Day to everyone! Looking ahead, the upcoming week will be dedicated to honoring students who have excelled in our reading competition and spelling bee, scheduled for December 7th. We kindly request your child's attendance at this event.

Furthermore, I encourage you to support and encourage your child to make reading a daily routine during the winter break. Please have them share their reading progress with their respective teachers.

For those seeking additional resources during the winter break, I highly recommend reaching out directly to the Arabic Teacher for assistance.

Thank you for your continued support.





## Islamic Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Parents,

Assalamu Alaikum,

We hope this message finds you well. As part of our commitment to keeping you informed about your child's Islamic studies progress, we would like to provide you the following updates.

Next week, we have scheduled a revision period in the Islamic studies curriculum. kindly request your support in encouraging your child to complete their Quran and Hadith targets as outlined by the teaching team. Your involvement and guidance in matter are crucial to the success of our students in their spiritual and academic journeys.

Additionally, please be informed that the upcoming week will focus on revisiting and reinforcing the lessons and teachings that your child has learned in the classroom. revision is an essential step in solidifying their understanding and application of Islamic principles.

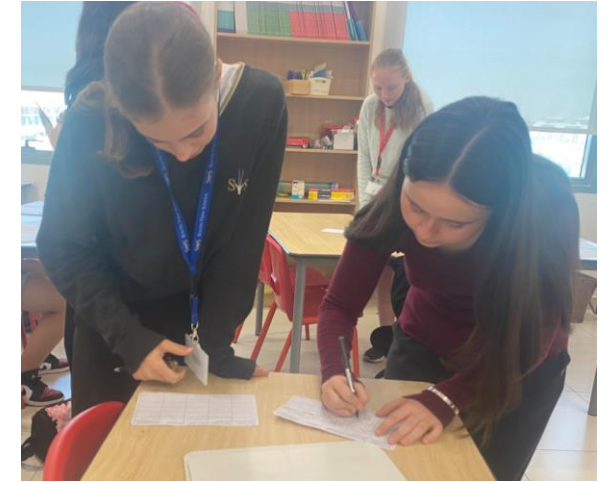
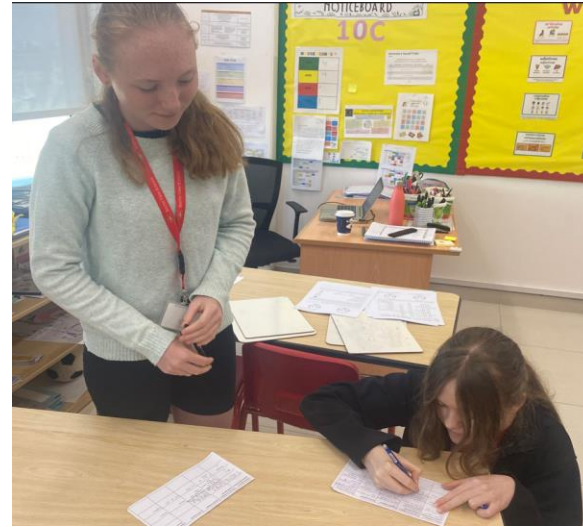
We appreciate your ongoing collaboration in nurturing a positive and enriching Islamic education for your child. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us.

Jazak ALLah Khair for your continued support.

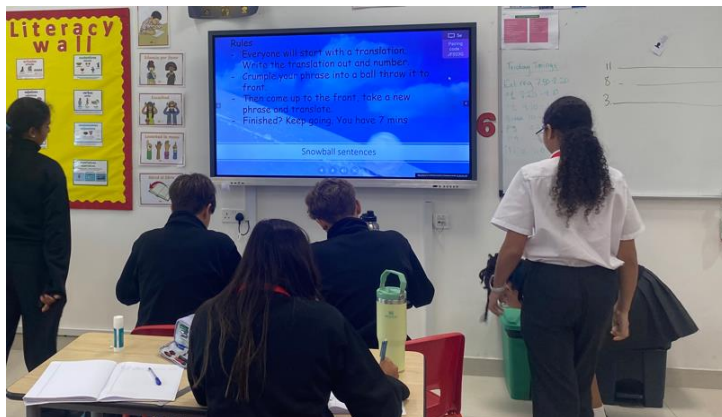




## MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan



From class surveys on part-time jobs (KS4) to questionnaires on television preferences (KS3) our students have been putting their language skills to practise in a range of speaking activities.



In MFL, our students have been embracing the winter themed snow-ball fight activity to practise their translation skills too.





## The Arts Update – Mrs Rock

- Well done to our Year 10 GCSE Drama students who performed the opening of 'Romeo and Juliet 'to our Year 9 students on Thursday.
- These students are doing so well in Drama- we are super proud of you!



**Performance**  
Our secondary choir and our secondary school band will be performing in the Ampitheater on Friday December 8th at 7:30am

**Band**  
Practice will continue in the Secondary Music Room on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes at 1:05pm to 1:25pm.

### **Choir**

***Choir this week***

***will Tuesday, Wednesday and***

***Thursday lunchtime at 1:05pm to 1:25pm***

***and Thursday Morning from 7:10am to 7:40am.***

***Please try your best to be there and let Ms Noelle know if you cannot make practice.***





# PE UPDATE - MR. BLADEN

This week saw an end to our Term 1 fixtures with the following results:

**U16 Boys Basketball 33-23 Greenfield**

**U12 Girls Football 0-2 Greenfield**

**U16 Boys Basketball 14-26 Jebel Ali**

**U14 Boys Football 3-1 Jebel Ali**

**U14 Girls Football 2-1 JESS**

All details are available on our school SOCS website:

<https://www.schoolssports.com/school/Default.asp?Id=29779>

Next term will be even more action packed with Cross Country, Netball, Football (Cup), Volleyball and Athletics; with our U13's and U15's also competing in this year's World School Games and BSME Games.





## U13 AND U15 BSME FOOTBALL

Our boys had a fantastic trip over to Qatar for this years BSME Football Tournament. We played against some of the top schools in the middle east, where they finished 8th and 6th respectively. They worked unbelievably hard and were a credit to themselves and the school. Well done boys, we are incredible proud of you!





# DUBAI FITNESS CHALLENGE



Last Friday, the secondary schools were involved in the 'Closing Ceremony' of this year's DFC. Over 290 students took part in events ranging from Football to Tug of War! It was a fantastic (and exhausting) way to finish the 30x30 challenge. Our students took part in every activity with rigour and enthusiasm. Well done to all, and we are already looking forward to next year!





## Trips and ECAs – Mr. Sanguigni

### **ECAs**

Secondary ECAs are now underway for term 1 and can be viewed using this link.

[SVS Secondary ECA 2023-24 Term 1.pdf](#)

### **ECA Enrolment Procedure**

Enrolment will be direct with the teacher running the ECA. Students should enrol directly with the teacher for lunch time ECAs and should collect a permission slip for after-school ECAs.

### **Residentials**

Year 7 ,8 and 9 residentials are now available for booking and will take place from 29th January to 1st February 2024.

For more information, please use the following links

Year 7 & 8: [svs-year-7-8-outdoor-education-program.pdf](#)

Year 9: [svs-year-9-outdoor-education-program.pdf](#)

Please contact [dario.sanguigni@southview.ae](mailto:dario.sanguigni@southview.ae) if you have any questions regarding ECAs or trips.