

Secondary School Weekly Update

Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Parents,

Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your sons and daughters for how they conducted themselves during the first set of formal assessments for this academic year. The maturity with which they have approached their exams has been impressive. Over the next two weeks students will receive feedback and will begin to address the areas to improve. Please reiterate to your sons and daughters that success in any form of assessment must be judged against individualised progress from prior performances and not against their peers. It's ok to make mistakes, that is how we all learn and improve!

Please see updates from around the school on the later pages as well as key dates for next week. Good luck to our students who are taking part in the Young Talent Music Competition this weekend, we are looking forward to seeing the updates.

Enjoy the weekend, and I look forward to seeing you around the school soon.

Kind regards

Jon Pennock

Upcoming key dates

- Next week we are back to Week 2 timetable. Y10 and Y11 students have their final assessments on Monday and Tuesday
- Wednesday 8th November Y11 Maths Super League event
- Thursday 9th November Coffee morning with Ms. Lynch Head of Literacy
- Friday 10th November-The Mixtape Factory payment deadline
- Tuesday 14th November GCSE Drama C1 mock exam
- Wednesday 15th November Year 7 Parents evening



Trips and ECAs Update - Dario

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: <u>svs-year-9-outdoor-education-program.pdf</u>

Please contact dario.sanguigni@southview.ae if you have any questions regarding ECAs or trips.

English Update – Mr. Archibald

SVS are extremely excited to be welcoming back Bookworm Bookshop for another exciting bookfair from **Monday 6**th **November – Thursday 9**th **November** in our school Conservatory. Bookworm have been hosting bookfairs for many years at prestigious schools around Dubai.

Students will be able to purchase books next week with the guideline amount being 55aed -100aed.

The students will visit the bookfair on the following days:

Year 7 – Monday & Wednesday

Year 8 – Thursday

Year 9 – Wednesday

Year 10 – Wednesday

Year 11 – Thursday

Year 12 - Monday



DUBAI MATHS SUPER LEAGUE

Year 11 team

DATE: 8TH NOVEMBER 2023

LOCATION: DUBAI COLLEGE

SCHOOLS ACROSS DUBAI ARE COMING TOGETHER FOR A COMPETITION TAILORED FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS WHO HAVE A KEEN INTEREST AND PROFICIENCY IN MATHEMATICS.

STUDENT NAMES

MARTHINUS LE ROUX

JULIA RAJEEV

DEIMA ALI

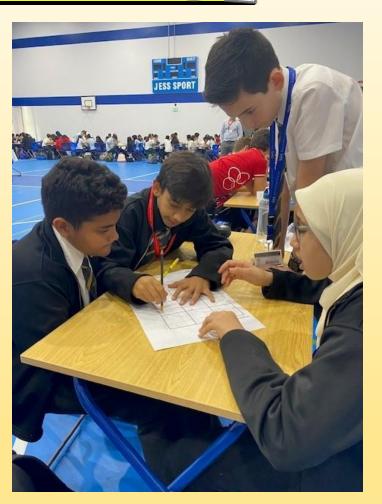
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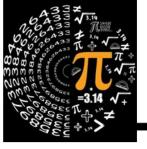
DUBAI MATHS SUPER LEAGUE



Year 8 team







Maths Puzzle Competition



Y7 and 8 Winners

Congratulations to Farida in 7A for winning the KS3 maths puzzle 4!!

Second Maxine, 7A

<u>Third</u> Layan, 7A

Joint Fourth Aamnah, 7A Lillia, 7A

Correct entry Layan, 8C



PUZZLE 4:

What is the value of $0.6 + \frac{2}{5}$?

A 0.15

B 0.24

C 0.8

D

E 2.4

Y9, 10 and 11 Winners

Congratulations to Saman in 9B for winning the KS4 maths puzzle 4!!



Joint second

Tessa, 10B Emma, 10B Alula, 10B

Joint Third Joey, 10A

Hala, 10B

Fourth Diema, 11B

PUZZLE 4:

Workers digging a tunnel for an underground railway complete 5 metres of tunnel on a typical day. Working every day, how long will it take them to dig a tunnel of length 2 kilometres?

A three months E nearly two years B six months

C just under a year

D just over a year

Correct entry

Arda, 10C Diya, 10A



Arabic Update Mr. Kerba

Dear Parents,

This past week has been a busy one, with students diligently doing their Arabic assessments next week will Listening and speaking assessments during Arabic lessons.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the upcoming Arabic Spelling Bee, an educational development project designed to enhance students' spelling and writing skills. This initiative aims to break down barriers between students and writing, while providing them with a solid foundation in spelling skills.

We encourage your child's participation and support in this valuable project.

The competition will consist of two rounds:

The first round will take place on November 20.

The second round on November 27.

To learn more about this initiative, please click <u>Spelling Bee.pdf</u>, For information on Arabic A Spelling Bee, please click <u>Arabic A Spelling Bee.pdf</u>, and for details on Arabic B Spelling Bee, please click <u>Arabic B Spelling Bee.pdf</u>.

Additionally, I would like to extend my congratulations to the winners of the Read and Win competition. Your dedication to reading and learning is truly commendable.



we would like to congratulate the new record holder

Layan Hassan and Hanin taha Y8 for 33 stories!!!

students reading more than 20 stories

Fatima Shetiah Y7-D = 27 stories

Rugia Shetiah Y7-D = 27 stories

Lillia Aboueldahab Y7-A = 26 stories

Jana Ahmed Y8-B = 24 stories

Alma Akkache Y8-A = 24 stories

Malika Elemary Y7-A = 22 stories



بإشراف إيمان مصطفى supervised by Iman Moustafi

Islamic Update Mr. Kerba

Dear Parents,

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh.

This week in Islamic studies, we have successfully completed our assessments, and starting from the upcoming week, students will continue their journey through the Islamic curriculum.

We would like to encourage your children to diligently work on their Quran memorization and send their progress to their respective Islamic teachers.

Thank you for your continued support.



Humanities Update – Ms. Coy

"Today, students from years three to seven took part in an entrepreneurship talk. Eight Billion Ideas talked to us about starting our own businesses and how entrepreneurship is important for the future of business. We took part in lots of activities and came up with our own ideas for the future of jobs. After a fun competition, a group was declared the winner and we all enjoyed talking about each others' ideas. We would love to see Eight Billion Ideas back at SVS."

Lana Marsh – Year 7

The Arts Update Mrs Rock

Rehearsals will be back to normal next week on Mondays and Thursdays after school. Cast and crew should check their teams page for messages.

<u>REMINDER – The deadline for all payments for cast and crew in the school show is Friday 10th November, 2023!</u>



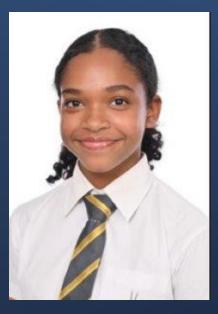












GOOD LUCK TO...

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Emma

Keila

Liran

Who are representing SVS in the Young Talent Music competition this year!

SVS Choir

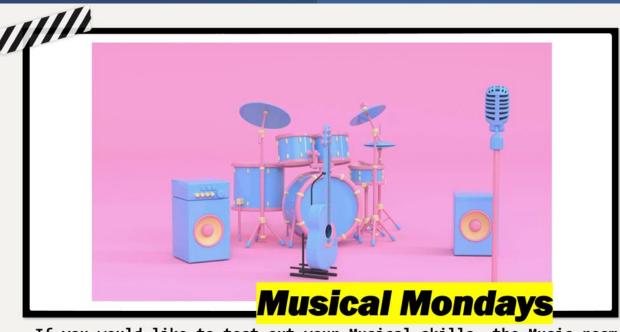
Choir will return this week. Can members please try their best to make it to practice and on time. Practice will be Tuesday lunchtime at 1:20pm - 1:40pm and Thursday Morning from 7:10am - 7:40am

Band

Band practice will return on Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime this week from 1:30pm – 1:40pm. Full attendance is necessary.

Tunes Tuesday

Some of our secondary musicians will be performing in the Ampitheater on Tuesday. Please come along and support. They will be performing from 7:30am – 7:50 am



If you would like to test out your Musical skills, the Music room will be open to all students every Monday from 1:20pm-1:40pm



PE Update - Mr. Bladen

Another full week of fixtures for our sporting teams with the following results:

- U16 Boys Football 6-1 SAFA Community
- U16 Girls Basketball 27-31 EIS Meadows
- U14 Boys Football 1-1 DBS Jumeirah Park
- U14 Girls Football 0-6 Sunmarke
- U16 Boys Basketball 23-32 Arbor

Please see next week's fixtures below:

- Monday 30th October Mixed Relay Cross Country
- Tuesday 7th November U12 Girls Football @ NAS
- Tuesday 7th November U12 Girls Football vs RGS
- Wednesday 8th November U13 Athletics @ GEMSMA
- Thursday 9th November U15 and U17 Athletics @ GEMSA

- Thursday 9th November U14 Boys Football vs JESS
- Thursday 9th November U16 Boys Basketball @ Arcadia
- Friday 10th November U12 Netball Seeding Tournament
- Saturday 11th November BSME U13 and U15 Netball @ Brighton College Abu Dhabi

All details are available on our school SOCS website: https://www.schoolssports.com/school/Default.asp?ld =29779



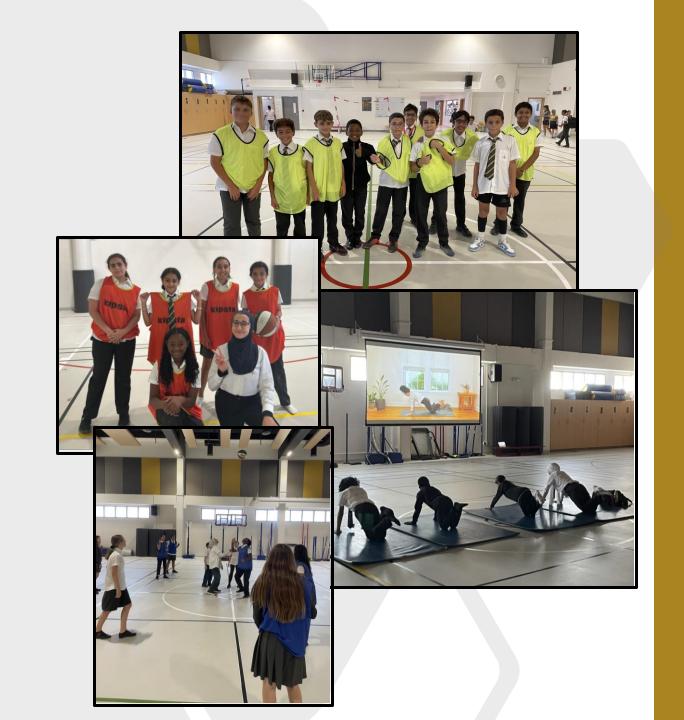
It has been a jam-packed week of activities as part of the DFC 30x30.

Congratulations to AERIS who won the Year 7 Football tournament this week. There was drama from start to finish with shoot outs, penalties and last-minute winners.

There was Halloween Yoga, where our students followed along with the Bride of Plankenstein.

The Girls Basketball tournament did not disappoint. There was exceptional teamwork, skills and determination on show. Well done to the eventual winners!

Please see the following page for next week's activities.



Dubai Fitness Challenge sparks an exciting month-long celebration of fitness and wellness. It challenges you to complete 30 minutes of exercise each day for 30 days (30X30).

A Royal Vision: An initiative of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of the Executive Council of Dubai – the challenge aims to inspire everyone to create a fitness-focused mindset and seek healthy, active lifestyles.

Mark Your Calendar: Dubai Fitness Challenge will take place at various locations across the city from 28 October to 26 November 2023. Don't miss the flagship events: Dubai Ride, Dubai's biggest cycling event on 12 November, and Dubai Run, the world's largest fun run on 26 November.

From Monday 30th onwards, there will be a physical activity taking place during lunchtime in the SMPH for both staff and students over the 30 days. Please see the schedule and feel free to join in during any session.



Join us every lunchtime in the SMPH for your 30 minutes of physical activity during this years Dubai Fitness challenge.



28th October - 26th November 2023



We have partnered with the English department, where we will be running a 'Read and Run Marathon' where our students are challenged to run 26 miles over the 30 days and read 26 short stories (accelerated reader books).

If you are interested, please collect a booklet from the PE department to document your miles and books over the DFC 30 days.