

September 8, 2023

### Secondary update

Dear Parents,

Another week has flown by and the students are throwing themselves fully into the academic year. We have school photos on Monday and Tuesday next week so please ensure your sons and daughters are heading into school looking extra smart. Please find below upcoming dates for your diaries as well as updates from across the secondary school.

Key dates:

- Student photos Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September.
  - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September photos for 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 9A, 9B, 9C, 12A, 11A
  - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September photos for 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E, 10A, 10B, 10C, 11B
- Meet the tutor evening on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September from 5.30pm in the Secondary Sports Hall. Please respond to the invite that was sent earlier in the week if you wish to attend.
- Coffee morning Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Meet the Inclusion Team
- Coffee morning Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Meet the Secondary Leadership Team (invite will follow in next week's update)

This update has messages regarding

- PE – Squad trials
- Literacy at SVS
- Science at SVS
- Opportunities in the Arts
  - Choir
  - Secondary school band
  - Musical competitions
  - Drama trips to the theatre
  - Secondary school show
- Introducing STEAM at SVS
- Opportunity to join in a running event (Females only)

Should you have any queries about the secondary school then please do reach out to us via email. The list of contacts is shared at the end of the update. Special note for Y11 parents, please can you look out for an email from Mr. Gavin in order for us to recall the English Language exam scripts for our students.

I wish you all a relaxing weekend.

Kind regards



Jon Pennock

**Message from Mr Bladen – Head of Secondary PE**

# Secondary Squad Trials

## Term 1

**Trials will take place from the 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

**These will take place at 6.45am at the designated areas below:**

Day	Swimming Pool	Secondary Sports Hall	Tennis Court (WY)	Astro
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>				U12 Boys Football (JC)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Swim Squad @ 3.35pm	U16 Boys Basketball (JS)		U12 Girls Football (JM) U13 Girls Football (JM) U16 Girls Football (NQ)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>				U14 Boys Football (RB) U16 Boys Football (SM)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>		U16 Girls Basketball (JM)		
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Swim Squad (JS)		Tennis (IA)	

### Message from Miss Lynch – Literacy Coordinator

As September unfolds, we are excited to kick off International Literacy Month! Throughout the entire month, we aim to inspire our students to embrace the power of effective communication through reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Additionally, we will be fostering a deeper understanding of the significance of literacy in our day-to-day lives. To mark this special month, we are thrilled to introduce the following initiatives:

1. **SVS word of the month:** “Embrace” has been chosen as this month's word, perfectly encapsulating the spirit of a new academic year. We have encouraged our students during form time with thoughtful discussion on the meaning and versatile applications of this word, both inside and outside the classroom.
2. **“Strange Town” writing competition:** This week, we launched our first writing competition of the year. Students will be free to write their piece independently and submit it on or before the due date at the end of September. This is a great opportunity to make cross-curricular links by challenging students to incorporate elements from various subjects in their writing.
3. **Literacy Bingo:** An activity taking place during morning registration. Keep an eye out on our social media feeds for updates.

This is a gentle reminder to send me on pictures of our students reading in an exotic place. Please can all images be sent through on email to Miss Lynch [gemma.lynch@southview.ae](mailto:gemma.lynch@southview.ae).

Thank you in advance for the support and your contribution in supporting literacy :D

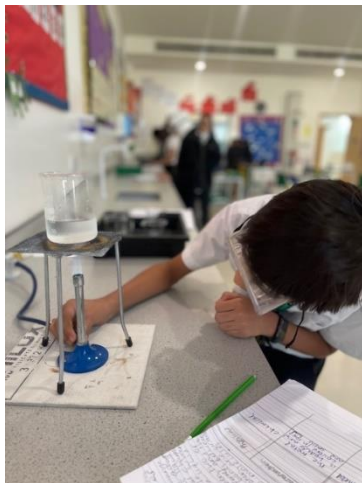
### Message from Mrs McCullough – Head of Science

With great excitement, the Secondary Science department welcome all students back for another exciting journey at South View School.

Our Year 8 students have wasted no time in immersing themselves in intriguing Science experiments, focused on distinguishing between chemical and physical changes. They ventured into a series of experiments designed to illuminate the captivating transformations that occur within matter. Their keen observations and thoughtful analyses are truly commendable, showcasing their potential as budding scientists.

Meanwhile, our Year 7 students have been diving into crucial lessons on lab safety. Understanding how to work safely and efficiently in the lab is a fundamental skill that lays the

groundwork for all future scientific explorations. Additionally, they've delved into the mechanics of Bunsen burners, gaining hands-on experience with a vital tool in any laboratory.



## ARTS FACULTY UPDATE

The Arts faculty have had an energetic start to the new academic year and it has been great to see all of the students enjoying being back in school. We have lots of exciting lessons, clubs and projects planned for the year!

### Music



If you are interested in joining our choir, please sign up at the Drama and Music notice board outside the music room. THERE WILL BE NO AUDITIONS. Practice times and dates to follow.



Do you play an instrument or sing? Why not join our Secondary school band this year? If you are interested, please sign up at the Drama and Music notice board outside the music room. Audition dates to follow.

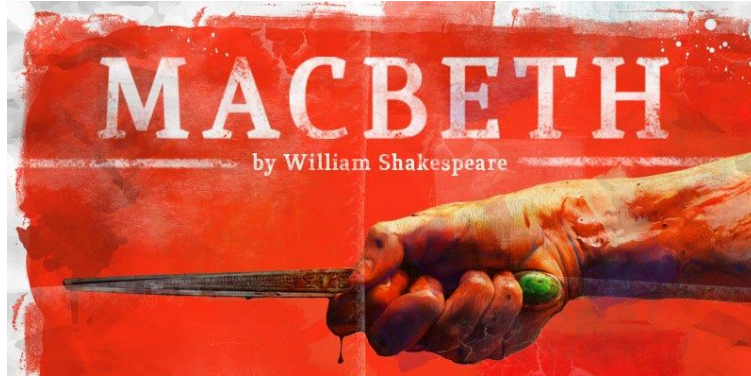
What do  
YOU  
want to hear?

What would you like to hear from our secondary school choir and band this year? Please write any suggestions you have on the Drama and Music notice board outside the music room. Please remember that the songs must be school friendly.

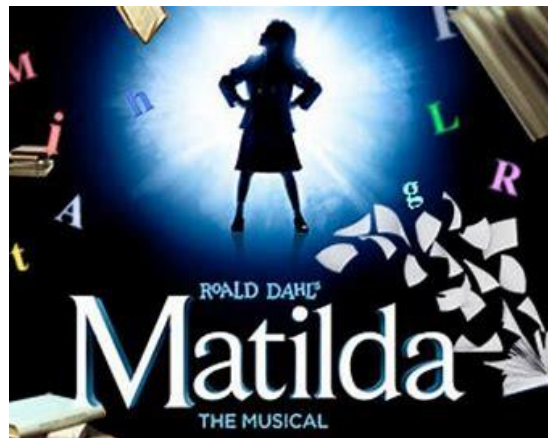


South View School will be participating in the Young Talented Music Competition once again this year. It is open to all Secondary students. It gives our musicians an ideal platform to showcase their talent, skills, and confidence. If you would like to participate in the competition, there will be auditions held in the Secondary Music room next Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet outside the secondary Music room, deadline for signing up is 3:35pm on Tuesday. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Noelle

## Drama



Years 9, 10 and 11 will see a production of 'Macbeth' at the QE2 on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> of October. This will help GCSE English Literature students with their understanding of the play. This will also help all Drama students to experience live theatre in a professional setting.

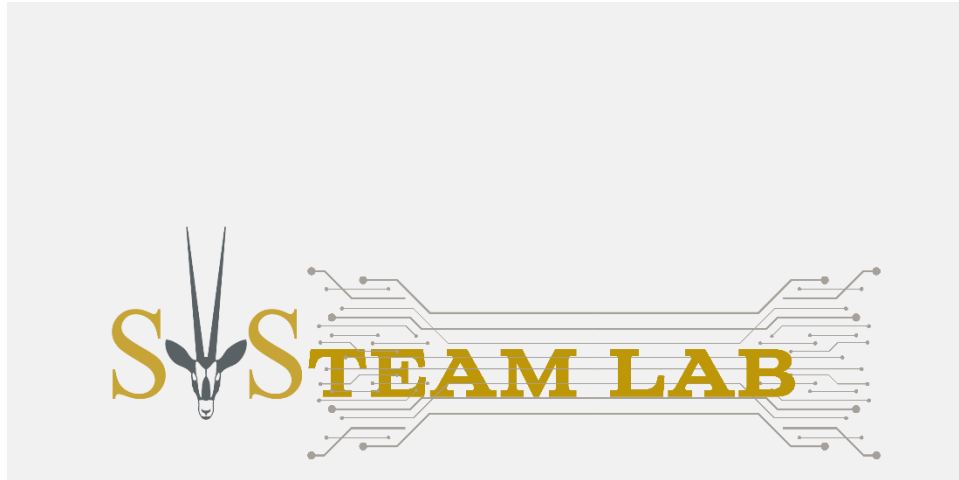


We have secured 30 tickets to see 'Matilda' at Dubai Opera on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of October. Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. The payment and reply slip deadline is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Students should have a letter or email Ms Rock [charlene.rock@southview.ae](mailto:charlene.rock@southview.ae) for more details.

## SVS SECONDARY SCHOOL SHOW 2024

Plans are well under way for our secondary show. More details will follow next week... All students of all abilities are welcome to join in what will surely be an unforgettable experience for our performers, supporters and audience.

## Message from Mr. Marais – Head of Computing



Welcome to the Future: Introducing our brand new STEAM Lab!!

It is with great excitement and pride that we unveil our state-of-the-art STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) laboratory here at South View School. The future of education and innovation has just arrived, and we are thrilled to invite you all to explore the endless possibilities within these walls!

Our STEAM lab has been carefully designed to ignite your curiosity, foster your creativity, and empower your dreams. Whether you are a budding scientist, an aspiring engineer, a coding aficionado, or simply someone eager to unlock the wonders of the world through science, this space is your gateway to a world of discovery.

What awaits you in our STEAM Lab:

- You will have the opportunity to conduct experiments, make groundbreaking discoveries, and dive deep into the world of science.
- Robotics: unleash your inner engineer as you build and program robots, developing problem-solving skills and experiencing the thrill of hands-on engineering challenges.
- Innovation: The perfect place to brainstorm, design, and create. From 3D printing to coding, you'll have the tools and resources to bring your ideas to life.
- Digital Universe: Dive into the digital realm and access cutting-edge software for coding, simulations, and data analysis.



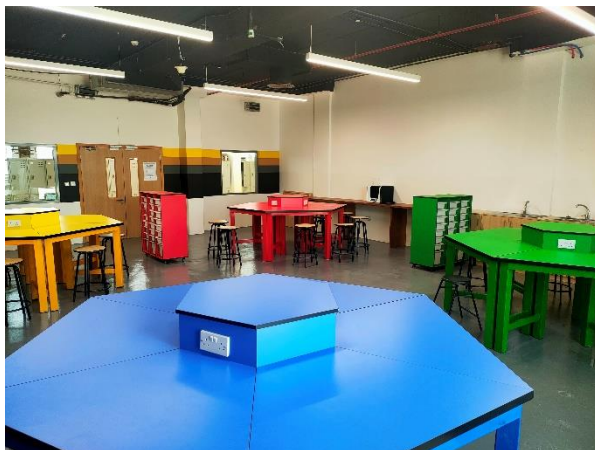


- Environmental Exploration: Learn about our planet's ecosystem and sustainability through hands-on projects that emphasize the importance of protecting the environment.
- Space Discovery: Embark on an astronomical journey and engaging with the mysteries of the universe.

The inauguration of our STEAM lab signifies our commitment to providing you with a dynamic and immersive education experience that will prepare you for the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow's world. This space is a testament to our belief in your potential to change the world through science and innovation.

We invite you to dream big, think critically, and to explore fearlessly within the walls of our new STEAM lab. Together, we will push the boundaries of knowledge and inspire the next generation of scientists, engineers, and innovators.

Welcome to the future, welcome to our STEAM lab!



## Message for any female runners out there...

We're thrilled to share the news that registration is now open for the 10th Edition of the Dubai Women's Run 2023! As the largest womens-only event in the region, it boasts support from both the UAE Athletics Federation and Dubai Sports Council.

What's more?

This year's run aligns with the first weekend of the Dubai Fitness Challenge.

We are extending an invitation to your students, parents and school employees to join us as we celebrate women and our young leaders of tomorrow; and teach them to make their well-being their priority.



You can find all the details about the event and register through this link:  
[https://www.premieronline.com/event/dubai\\_womens\\_run\\_2023\\_6472](https://www.premieronline.com/event/dubai_womens_run_2023_6472)

Female school and university students, mothers and employees can enjoy the 10% discount by using the code **STUDENT10** during registration.

If you require any assistance with the registration process or have any inquiries regarding DWR 2023, please do not hesitate to reach out to Leny at +971549942268 or via email at [leny@planbadv.com](mailto:leny@planbadv.com) / [connect@dubaiwomensrun.ae](mailto:connect@dubaiwomensrun.ae). Your questions and needs will be handled with the utmost care and attention.

We are excitedly anticipating your participation in the event.

We can't wait to see you at the start line!

## Key contact details

Please find below the list of contacts for our secondary leadership, teaching and support teams. Each one of us will be pleased to communicate with you, however, please take note of the specific roles within the school for each staff member so that your query can be best directed and answered as accurately and quickly as possible. As parents, your first port of call should be your child's form tutor.

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