



# Secondary School Weekly Update

Friday 10th May  
2024

Dear Parents,

I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather that this week has had to offer, and thankfully we have had no repeat of the rains from last week.

This week we have had students auditioning for the talent show, competing on the sporting fields and for our older students, it has been a seriously busy week of exams. Please read on for updates from around the school and I look forward to seeing you around the campus soon.

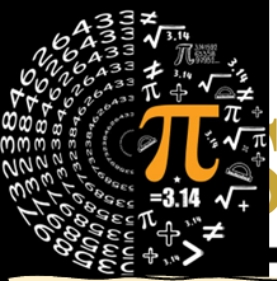
Kind regards

Jon Pennock

Upcoming key dates:

- Tuesday 14th May – Junk Kouture City final (online) 7pm
- Year 11 Exam schedule for next week is below.
- Y12 exams on Tues 14th (Maths) and Weds 15th (Physics)
- Y10 English Language on 23rd May

Date	Exam series	Board	Qualification	Examination code	Subject	Title	Session	Duration	Start Time
13/05/2024	Jun-24	Pearson	International GCSE	4BS1 01R	Business	Paper 1R: Investigating small businesses	Afternoon	1h 30m	12pm
13/05/2024	Jun-24	Pearson	International GCSE	4ET1 01R	English Literature (Linear)	Paper 1R: Poetry and Modern Prose	Morning	2h 00m	9am (8.30am)
14/05/2024	Jun-24	Pearson	International GCSE	4FR1 01R	French	Paper 1R: Listening	Morning	0h 35m	9am
14/05/2024	Jun-24	Pearson	International GCSE	4FR1 02R	French	Paper 2R: Reading and Writing	Morning	1h 45m	9am
15/05/2024	Jun-24	Pearson	International GCSE	4HI1 01R	History (Linear)	Paper 1R: Depth Studies	Morning	1h 30m	9am
15/05/2024	Jun-24	Pearson	GCSE	1AA0 1F	Arabic	Paper 1: Listening and understanding in Arabic Foundation Tier	Afternoon	0h 35m	4pm
15/05/2024	Jun-24	Pearson	GCSE	1AA0 3F	Arabic	Paper 3: Reading and understanding in Arabic Foundation Tier	Afternoon	0h 50m	4pm
15/05/2024	Jun-24	Pearson	GCSE	1AA0 1H	Arabic	Paper 1: Listening and understanding in Arabic Higher Tier	Afternoon	0h 45m	4pm
15/05/2024	Jun-24	Pearson	GCSE	1AA0 3H	Arabic	Paper 3: Reading and understanding in Arabic Higher Tier	Afternoon	1h 05m	4pm
16/05/2024	Jun-24	Pearson	International GCSE	4MA1 1FR	Mathematics A	Paper 1FR Foundation Tier	Morning	2h 00m	9am
16/05/2024	Jun-24	Pearson	International GCSE	4MA1 1HR	Mathematics A	Paper 1HR Higher Tier	Morning	2h 00m	9am
17/05/2024	Jun-24	Pearson	International GCSE	4CH1 1CR	Chemistry	Paper: 1CR	Morning	2h 00m	9am
17/05/2024	Jun-24	Pearson	International GCSE	4SD0 1CR	Science (Double Award)	Paper: 1CR	Morning	2h 00m	9am (8.30am)
17/05/2024	Jun-24	Pearson	International GCSE	4GE1 01R	Geography (Linear)	Paper 1R: Physical geography	Afternoon	1h 10m	12pm



# Maths Puzzle Competition



## Y7 and 8 Winners

Congratulations to joint KS3 puzzle winners this week:  
Hanin in 8B, Sarah, Mariam, and Layan all 7A!!

### Joint second

Lillia, 7A  
Laila, 7A

### Third

Jana, 8B

### Fourth

Malika, 7A



Other correct entries: Talya G 7E, Alma 8B, Yizhen 8A, Malik 7B

## TERM 3 PUZZLE 3:

What is the difference between the largest two-digit multiple of 2 and the smallest three-digit multiple of 3?

- A 5
- B 4
- C 3
- D 2
- E 1

## Y9, 10 and 11 Winners

Congratulations to Edward in 10A for winning the KS4  
maths puzzle this week!!



### Second

Tessa, 10B  
Hala, 10B

### Third

Diya, 10A

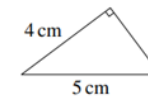
### Fourth

Jack, Y11

Other correct entries:  
Harvey and  
Zacharias, both in Y11

## TERM 3 PUZZLE 3:

What is the area of this triangle?



- A 6cm<sup>2</sup>
- B 7.5cm<sup>2</sup>
- C 8cm<sup>2</sup>
- D 10cm<sup>2</sup>
- E 12cm<sup>2</sup>

# Science updates



This week, some of our Year 8 students had the exciting opportunity to perform heart dissections as they concluded their study on breathing and respiration, delving into the anatomy of chicken and cow hearts.





**Attention Parents!**

*This Science Week, we're embarking on an exciting project, and we need your help! We're kindly requesting empty candle jars and jam jars to be. Don't worry if there's still some candle wax in them - we don't mind (however, we kindly request food be removed from food jars)! We just need as many as we can get. Please send your empty jars with your child to school. Your contribution will enhance this year's Secondary Science Week and make it even more engaging for our students. Thank you for your support!*

*Additionally, if parents can donate prizes from their workplaces - experiences, tickets, etc. - please get in touch with Mrs. McCullough (Elizabeth.mccullough@southview.ae)*

# Arabic Update

## – Mr. Kerba

Dear Parents,

We hope this message finds you well.

We are writing to inform you of some important updates regarding the Arabic department and upcoming assessments. This year, our school will be introducing Arabic external benchmark assessments, aimed at providing a comprehensive measure of our students' progress and achievements. These assessments will play a crucial role in tracking your child's development and ensuring they are on the right path towards success.

We would like to inform you that the external benchmark Arabic assessments will be held on June 10th.

Here are some general top tips for studying Arabic at home:

- **Set Clear Goals:** Define your objectives for learning Arabic, whether it's fluency, passing a test, or basic conversation skills.
- **Create a Study Schedule:** Establish a consistent study routine to dedicate time each day or week to Arabic learning.
- **Use a Variety of Resources:** Explore diverse resources such as textbooks, online courses, language apps, podcasts, and movies to keep your learning engaging and well-rounded.
- **Practice Speaking and Listening:** Language learning involves active participation. Practice speaking Arabic aloud, listening to native speakers, and engaging in conversations whenever possible.
- **Focus on Vocabulary and Grammar:** Build a strong foundation by learning essential vocabulary and mastering Arabic grammar rules.
- **Immerse Yourself:** Surround yourself with Arabic language and culture by watching Arabic TV shows, listening to Arabic music, and reading Arabic books or news articles.
- **Utilize Flashcards and Mnemonics:** Use flashcards or mnemonic techniques to memorize vocabulary effectively.
- **Seek Feedback and Correction:** Join language exchange groups or find a tutor to receive feedback on your Arabic skills and correct any mistakes.
- **Stay Persistent and Patient:** Learning a new language takes time and effort. Stay motivated and patient and celebrate your progress along the way.
- **Review and Revise Regularly:** Periodically review previous lessons and practice materials to reinforce your learning and track your improvement.

These tips should provide a solid foundation for anyone looking to study Arabic effectively at home.

**Arabic B,** Last week, our focus was on honing reading skills. Students successfully identified ideas and details from familiar texts, while also practicing to improve their fluency in Arabic.

In the upcoming week, we'll be revising grammar and discussing certain structures covered in class. Additionally, we'll primarily concentrate on enhancing writing skills. We'll delve into planning and composing texts using familiar keywords from our new units.

Thank you once again, and we wish you a wonderful weekend ahead.

# Islamic Update – Mr. Kerba

Assalamu Alaikum,

We hope this message finds you well. We extend our sincerest gratitude for your unwavering support and active participation in your child's educational journey.

We write to you today with important updates regarding the Islamic department and upcoming assessments. This academic year, our school will be introducing Islamic external benchmark assessments, aimed at providing a comprehensive evaluation of our students' knowledge and understanding of Islamic studies. These assessments will serve as a vital tool in monitoring your child's progress and ensuring their academic growth.

For **internal assessments** in Islamic studies, please note that they are scheduled for June 3rd, 2024.

Regarding the **external Islamic benchmark** tests, they are scheduled for June 10th, 2024.

We encourage you to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns regarding these assessments. Our dedicated Islamic teachers are here to support you and your child every step of the way.

Additionally, we would like to remind you about the upcoming Quran competition scheduled for May 29th and 30th, 2024. We encourage your child to participate and showcase their knowledge and recitation skills.

Thank you for your attention, and may you have a blessed and peaceful weekend.



WORLD FINALISTS  
ANNOUNCEMENT  
**20 MAY**

# JUNK KOUTURE

ABU DHABI

## CITY FINAL

LIVE ON YOUTUBE  
**TUESDAY, MAY 14  
2024 | 19:00 GST**

**PREPARE YOUR  
WATCH PARTY**

The world's largest youth sustainable fashion competition. The 2024 Junk Kouture Abu Dhabi City Final will see teams of designers from schools all over the UAE present haute couture designs made entirely from recycled materials and compete for one of the ten places up for grabs to represent Abu Dhabi at the next Junk Kouture World Final. *An evening of creativity and sustainability!*

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## The Arts Update - Mrs Rock

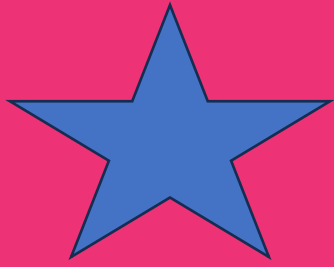
Don't forget to join us in supporting Mia and Sofia in the Junk Kouture city finals on Tuesday 14th May – live on Youtube.

### Farewell Year 11!

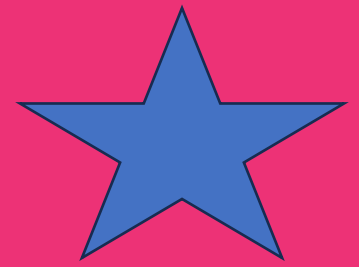
This week wraps up the GCSE for our Year 11 iGCSE Art and Design students who have now completed all of their work.

Year 11 GCSE Drama students also sat their final exam this week.

We wish you all the very best of luck with your results in August! It has been a pleasure to teach you all.



# *SVS Has Talent!*



*2024*

Auditions are now complete!

We have seen a wide variety of entertaining acts. Announcements of who has made it into the finals on Friday 14th June, will be announced next week!



**RSI Global ART COMPETITION 2023 2024**

Organised by RSI Art Award.

## **Art Competition**

Ms Lucente and several Art students attended the RSI Global Art exhibition on Thursday evening where their entries were displayed...





## **SVS Arts Showcase 2024**

Our annual Arts Showcase will be the evening of Wednesday 26th June.

This will be a great evening held to celebrate and showcase the fantastic talents of our students across all arts subjects. There will be Art displays, drama sketches, musical performances and dance.

We already have some performances planned but if your child wishes to get involved in any aspect, please ask them to speak to Ms Rock next week.

### **Choir and Band**

All rehearsals will continue as normal next week in preparation for the showcase.

### **Tunes 4 Tuesday**

After a short break, Tunes 4 Tuesday will begin again next week. Please sign up outside the music room if you would like to be involved.



**Congratulations to Olivia Newman,  
winner of the Year 8 Music  
Variations competition**

# UKULELE CLUB

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WHY NOT COME TO UKULELE  
LESSONS EVERY MONDAY IN THE  
MUSIC ROOM FROM 1:20PM -1:40PM



# PE Update | Mr. Bladen

An action-packed week of fixtures:

13.05.24 - U12 Boys Basketball vs Brighton College

13.05.24 - U13 Girls Rounders @ Repton AB

13.05.24 - U14 Girls Basketball @ Regent

14.05.24 - U12 Girls Basketball vs Arcadia

15.05.24 - U14 Boys Basketball vs Arbor

15.05.24 - U15 Girls Rounders @ Sunmarke

16.05.24 - U14 Girls Basketball @ Nibras

17.05.24 - Aquathon @ Hamdan Sports Complex

Please see this week's results:

**U12 Boys Basketball 22-15 Jebel Ali**

U13 Girls Rounders 4.5-6 Raffles World Academy

U14 Boys Basketball 40-41 Arcadia

**U15 Girls Rounders 6-4 Arcadia**

All details are available on our school SOCS

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

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Last Saturday saw a group of students from Year 9 and 10 volunteering as judges at the largest fitness competition in the MENA region. The students were in charge of counting reps and timekeeping for 87 teams completing one of the events of skiing and box jumps. The students showed great enthusiasm and behaved exemplary throughout the day, with many athletes and organisers commenting on how fantastic they were. Thank you for being outstanding ambassadors of our school community!



# Football Trial

## WORLD SCHOOL GAMES FOOTBALL 2024

10 – 14 OCTOBER 2024  
BARCELONA, SPAIN

### AGE GROUPS

**U11 BOYS** (7-a-side): Players born on or after **1st September 2013**

**U13 BOYS** (7-a-side): Players born on or after **1st September 2011**

[Minimum number of players required to register  
the U11 & U13 teams: 10]

### COST

Student individual price for **1 TEAM: AED 9800**

Student individual price for **2 TEAMS: AED 9400**

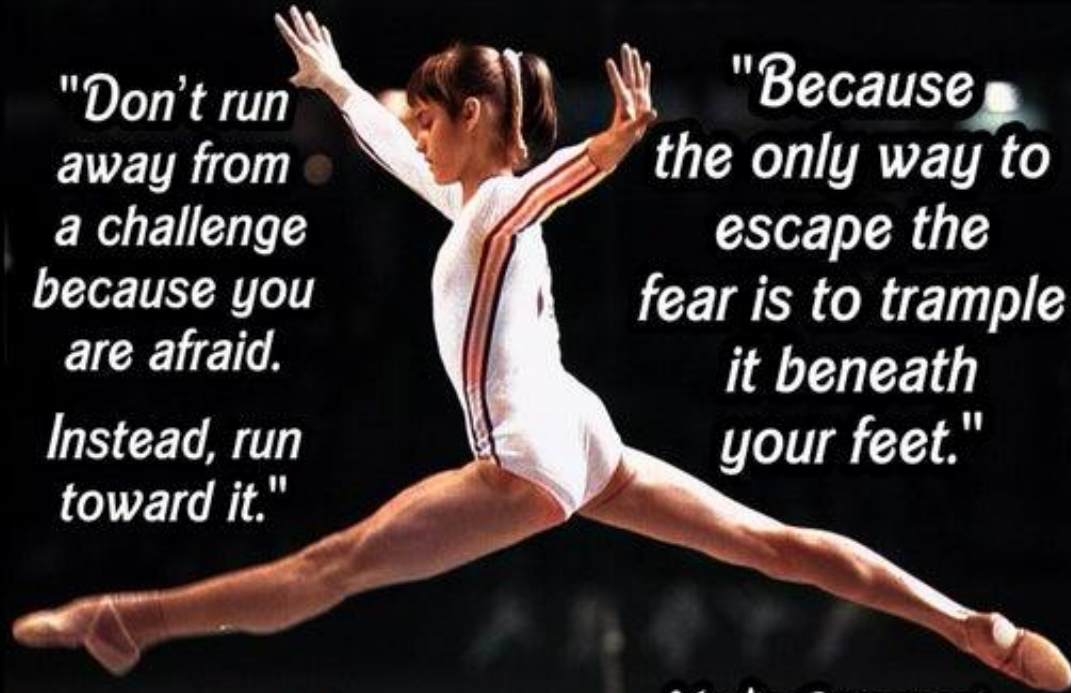
### INCLUDED IN THE COST

Competition Entry | Media Coverage | Winners medals & trophies |  
Participation medals for all players | Return flights | Full board meals |  
4 nights accommodation at Cambrils Park Resort |  
Airport transfers in Spain |

**TRIP LEADERS:** Sonia Teodoro & Ryan Bladen

**TRIAL SESSION FOR THE TEAMS WILL BE HELD ON  
16TH MAY AT 6:45 AM AT SVS.**

*"Don't run  
away from  
a challenge  
because you  
are afraid.  
Instead, run  
toward it."*



*"Because  
the only way to  
escape the  
fear is to trample  
it beneath  
your feet."*

*Nadia Comaneci*