

September 15, 2023

Secondary update

Dear Parents,

It was great to meet so many of you at Wednesday night's Meet The Tutor Evening. Thank you to all who attended and I hope you had a useful insight into your child's daily routine in school. Please find below upcoming dates for your diaries as well as updates from across the secondary school.

Key dates:

- Coffee morning Thursday 21st September – Meet the Secondary Leadership Team at 8.15am in The Conservatory. If you can't make that time but have a question to ask the team then please send an email to Ms Reyes Evangeline.reyes@southview.ae who will forward it on to the appropriate person
- PE trials – see Mr Bladen for more details
 - U12 Boys Football still open for players to join
 - Spaces open in Swim squad
 - Spaces open in Tennis squad

This update has messages regarding

- Information on our Camps International trip to Nepal
- European day of languages
- Opportunities in The Arts
- Literacy at SVS

Should you have any queries about the secondary school then please do reach out to us via email. The list of contacts was shared at the end of the previous update.

I wish you all a relaxing weekend.

Kind regards



Jon Pennock

Message from Ms Coy – Head of Humanities

I hope this message finds you well. I am thrilled to share some exciting news with you. Our 3rd Camps International trip this year is heading to the breathtaking Nepal and is being relaunched to our incredible year 7 to 11 students.

To learn more about this unforgettable adventure, please visit the following link

<https://gateway.campsinternational.com/application-form>

Booking code – 8459

You will find detailed information about the trip, itinerary, and the school booking code if you wish to sign your child up.

If you have any questions or require further information, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can contact myself at Stacey.coy@southview.ae or Adil Rafiq at adil@campsinternational.com . Both of us will be more than happy to assist you with any inquiries.

I want to ensure that both you and the students are well informed about this exciting opportunity, therefore, students will be attending special assembly next week led by Camps where they will hear in more detail about the trip. Additionally I will host a parents evening which can be attended either in person at the school or via zoom.

This trip to Nepal promises to be an enriching and life changing experience for our students.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to embarking on this incredible adventure with your children.

Message from Ms O'Sullivan – Head of MFL



[EDL.ECML.AT/LANGUAGESINMYCLASSROOM](https://edl.ecml.at/languagesinmyclassroom)

Languages in my classroom/school

How many languages are spoken in your classroom or school? For this challenge we are inviting you to create a poster showcasing all the languages present in your learning environment.



Head of Modern Foreign Languages

The 26th of September has marked the European Day of Languages (EDL) since 2001. The aim of this day is to:

- raise awareness of the wide variety of languages in Europe
- promote cultural heritage & linguistic diversity.
- encourage people of all ages to learn languages.
- promote translation, interpretation, other language-related professions.

Here at South View School, we are celebrating the wide range of languages spoken by our staff, pupils, and our community. Over the next few weeks students will be engaging with a range of activities to celebrate and explore different languages.

Please find the link below for an international poster competition titled **'Languages in my classroom/school'**.

Deadline: 10 October 2023 (to Miss O'Sullivan's room, floor 2 room 5)

Further details: Outlined on posters around school and tutor groups teams' page.

Prizes for top 5 entries, but all the artwork will be displayed in a dedicated gallery on the EDL website. **All** posters adhering to the guidelines will be showcased.

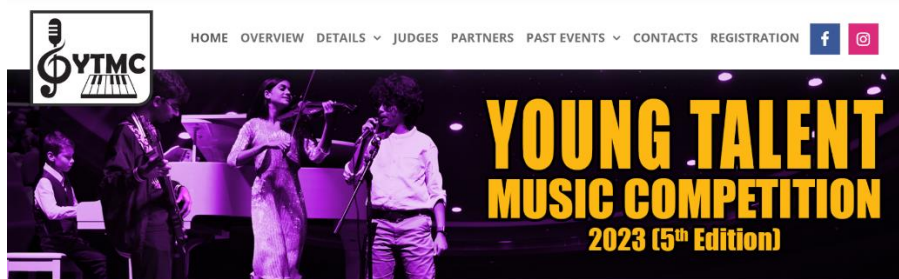
Please see Miss O'Sullivan for further details.

Here is the link for further details: [European Day of Languages > Activities > Languages in my classroom \(ecml.at\)](https://edl.ecml.at/languagesinmyclassroom)

Information has been shared via teams and tutor groups for students to get involved.

ARTS FACULTY UPDATE

Music



Auditions were held this week for the Young Talent Music Competition and we have had the most entries ever seen at the school. More details will follow but congratulations and well done to all entries.

Choir



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.

SVS SECONDARY SCHOOL SHOW 2024

We can finally reveal that our Secondary School show for this Academic year will be....



We are very proud to be working with Collab Company Dubai, led by the amazing Lauren Noble who judged our very first Secondary school Talent Competition last year. We are lucky to have this fantastic opportunity which is sure to stretch our already talented and dedicated students.

This year, students involved in the school show will not only gain new skills and have an experience they will never forget but will also have the opportunity to achieve a Grade 6 Trinity College London exam. This qualification also credits students with UCAS points towards university!

There are lots of roles on offer both large and small. We ask all students who are interested in being involved to attend a meeting at lunchtime on Monday the 18th of September in the Drama Studio. Those that sign up will receive more information about everything on offer to them. There will also be an opportunity for parents to meet myself and Lauren regarding the Trinity exams in due course.



South View Secondary School and Collab Company presents....!
Auditions for the 2024 Secondary School Production



The Mixtape Factory



Want to be part of the Secondary School Show?
We have teamed up with Collab Company to create the greatest show yet!

(Needed: actors, singers, dancers, musicians, production crew, designers, artists, business brains)



Come and find out more at the pre audition meeting:

When: Monday 18th September – 1:10pm (lunchtime)

Where: The Imagine Theatre (Drama Studio)

You must attend the meeting to put down your name and get access to the scripts and music for auditions the following week.

See Ms. Rock or Ms. McMahon for more details...

Reminder 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.



SOUTH VIEW SCHOOL

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.

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