

September 22, 2023

Secondary update

Dear Parents,

Please find below upcoming dates for your diaries as well as updates from across the secondary school.

Key dates:

- Sibling photos Monday 25th September.
- European Day of Languages Tuesday 26th September
- Coffee morning Thursday 28th September – Meet Mr Cook, Head of Year 7 to discuss the introduction to secondary and how we use Teams in school. Please meet in the Conservatory at 8.15am and Mr Cook will take you to his classroom for the presentation. If you can't make that time but have a question to ask then please send an email to Ms Reyes Evangeline.reyes@southview.ae who will forward it on to the appropriate person
- Cake sale Thursday 28th September during lunchtime.

This update has messages regarding

- Komodo
- Important message from our IT support team
- Girls football trials information
- Information on ECA opportunities within the Humanities subjects and our Camps International trip to Nepal
- European day of languages
- Opportunities in The Arts

I wish you all a relaxing weekend.



Kind regards

Jon Pennock

Message from Mr Macpherson – Assistant Headteacher Pastoral



Dear Caregivers,

Komodo is a wellbeing platform for students.

Our mission is to positively impact the lives of all students. Here's some information about how Komodo can support your child to flourish and thrive at school.



Regular Wellbeing Surveys

Students complete regular wellbeing surveys during school hours. Students can communicate with assigned staff at the end of every survey. Students are able to request an in person check in at any time and are prompted to do this at the end of each survey.

The statistics speak for themselves.



Half of all lifetime mental health disorders emerge by age 14, and suicide accounts for a third of all deaths among people aged 15-24 years.

Research shows that **regular check-ins** provide a comfortable environment for students to open up about concerns and voice their needs.

Self-reported information gives staff an accurate insight into difficulties faced by students, providing opportunity for prevention and early intervention.



What does a survey look like?

Komodo's Psychology Team has worked closely with your school to design custom surveys, which measure **specific areas of wellbeing** per year level.

Questions are created with the backing of evidence-based psychometric research. Wellbeing topics could include sleep, bullying, social media, relationships with others, confidence, enjoyment of school, self-efficacy, and overall wellbeing.



By highlighting cohort trends and flagging individual students who are struggling in particular areas of wellbeing, Komodo enables your school to optimise **proactive pastoral care**.



How does my child login to Komodo?

Komodo works on any device with an internet connection. Students login via the Komodo App or website.

What does a wellbeing profile look like?

Komodo builds a wellbeing record over time, meaning students develop a wellbeing profile alongside their academic performance during their time at school. Viewing patterns over time can empower a child to connect areas of their wellbeing, learn how to ask for support, and develop positive wellbeing habits for life.



How will your school use Komodo?

The Pastoral Care team is able to identify shared wellbeing challenges using aggregate analytics. Emerging issues are revealed across the student population, allowing whole-school strategies to be developed for proactive support.



What about confidentiality?

Confidentiality is the right to keep personal, identifiable and medical information private. This includes anything recorded in Komodo surveys. Dedicated staff members can only view data for the students they have pastoral care responsibilities for. Students cannot view other student profiles.



Can you view your child's account?

Komodo data is powerful and most accurate if surveys are answered honestly. To this end, caregivers do not have a login to Komodo.

We are encouraging a space where students can share anything on their mind without the concern of who might see their information. Teaching staff will only share student information if there is a genuine wellbeing concern requiring escalation to additional mental or physical health services.

Message from IT Support

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 [here](#) to view the help document on how to access and fill up the BYOD form. `

Kindly complete the AUP/BYOD consent form by **Sep 29, 2023**.

For any technical queries please contact us at: itsupport@southview.ae

Message from Miss Quick – Girls Football squad trials

Due to the high interest in the Girls Football Squad Trials this year, from next Thursday 28th September we will be having a B squad training session @ 6:45am. Any girl who didn't get on the A squads or couldn't attend the trials are encouraged to join this training session weekly, which ISM will also be running.

Message from Ms Coy – Head of Humanities

Please encourage your students to join up to the following Humanities ECAs.

Model United Nations – A platform for students of all year groups to engage in diplomacy, international affairs and problem solving.

Enterprise Club – A fantastic opportunity for students to explore entrepreneurship and business skills

Sustainability Club/Garden - This club is open to all year groups who are interested in promoting and practicing sustainability.

Masterclasses

History Year 11

Geography Year 11

Business Year 11

Psychology Year 10

Masterclasses for more year 10 subjects will be offered after term 1 depending on the needs and wants of our students.

Students will be focusing on exam skills in these sessions.

Details Regarding International Trip to Nepal.

Parents and carers are invited into school next **Wednesday 27th September at 5pm** to hear more information about the trip. This meeting will take place on the **first floor in Miss Coys Classroom.** (History) I understand not everyone will be able to attend, so I am offering the option of attending via a teams call also. . Please see details below. Deadline for deposit payments have been extended to the 9th October. If you have any further questions please do get in touch with me at Stacey.coy@southview.ae

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 361 279 872 722

Passcode: R2pann

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to be working with Camps International, offering our students the opportunity to join us on a 8 Days expedition to

Nepal in January*, 2024.

If you are interested in receiving more information or securing a place on the expedition please register using the QR code or link

below:

<https://register.campsinternational.com>

Your School Code is 8459

Who are Camps International?

Camps International are award winning global leaders in ethical and sustainable school expeditions. They offer fully supported

school expeditions, to industry leading safety standards, across Africa, Asia and Latin America, providing an authentic cultural

experience for every travelling student.



Where will they be going and what will they be doing?

Discover Nepal's amazing landscape and get stuck into some thrilling physical challenges, from mountain biking to white water rafting. This exciting expedition will be one to remember.

What will they get out of the experience?

This fully supported expedition will provide our students with a unique opportunity to live alongside rural communities, broadening their perspective on the world. It will allow students to push boundaries and step outside of their comfort zone, embarking on a personal development journey. It will enable them to reach and exceed their academic and personal potential, develop valuable life skills and gain key extra-curricular experience highly regarded by universities and employers.

How much does it cost and how will we pay for the expedition?

This all-inclusive expedition costs AED10400 and can be paid via scheduled payment plans.

Kindest regards,

South View School

* Pending your schools preferred travel dates.

Message from Ms O'Sullivan – Head of MFL



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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.



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.

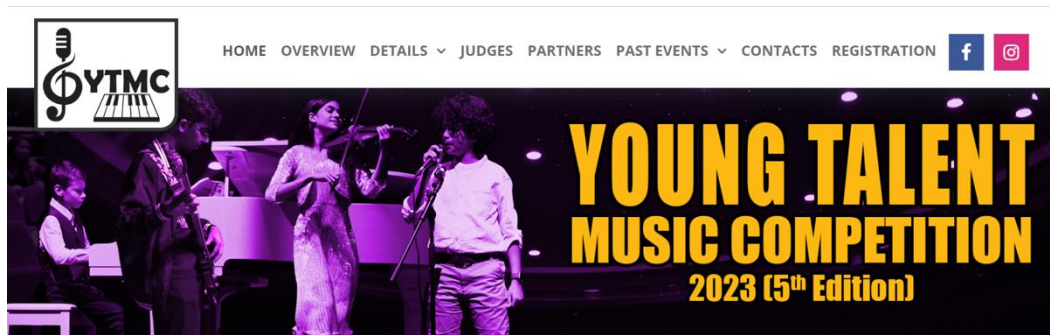
Here is the link for further details: [European Day of Languages > Activities > Languages in my classroom \(ecml.at\)](#)

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

Messages from Mrs Rock – Head of The Arts

ARTS FACULTY UPDATE

Music



The following students made it through to the Young Talent Music competition:

Liran Sukdeo

Kai Abad

Omphile Khomo

Emma Dilbert

Congratulations to all that participated. If you did not get through this time, please do not worry, there are lots of other events you can get involved with throughout the year and you may get through to this particular competition next year.




If you are interested in joining our school Band, we will be having auditions at lunch on Wednesday October 3rd and Thursday October 4th. Practice from then on will be every Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime from 1:20pm-1:40pm. In order to join the band, you must be able to play an instrument to some degree. You can sign up on the Drama and Music noticeboard outside the Secondary Music room. Audition times will be posted on the board on Monday October 2nd.

THE MIXTAPE FACTORY - SVS SECONDARY SCHOOL SHOW 2024

Sign ups and auditions are well under way for the show. Our first meeting involved around 90 students, which is fantastic. There will be plenty of roles for all.

This year, students involved in the show will be asked to contribute 150aed. This will allow us to be able to avail ourselves of the services of Collab Company and provide team t-shirts and other merchandise for our cast and crew members. We will not ask for this to be paid until we have sent the final cast and crew lists in a few weeks' time. Those in the cast and crew will receive a letter with the plan from now until the final show days which will be: Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd of February 2024.



THE MIXTAPE FACTORY

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The Production

SYNOPSIS
Seven strangers find themselves volunteering their many community service hours for extra credit whilst others are attending Saturday detention sessions inside the same dusty, old warehouse in Dubai.

As the group rifle through hundreds of boxes, they begin to uncover the truth behind this abandoned warehouse: that it was once called The Mixtape Factory and it was home to an immense collection of every sort of recording and playback device known to us today. From the vintage video reel to the humble mixtape, the VHS to the DVD, the vinyl LP to the shiny CD... The Mixtape Factory stocked them all!

As days turn to weeks the seven strangers begin to discover more and more about the old warehouse - and each other - with a string of clues that start to come together. Maybe together they can discover the answer to one burning question: who in their right mind would abandon such a priceless collection of musical history?

A collab with Collab Company ensures that every character, plot device and piece of music within our original productions are tailored directly to the performing artists of our school partners!





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As well as this, students involved in any aspect of the show have the opportunity to take a Trinity College London grade exam in Performance Arts. This can also provide university credits. Collab company's previous cohort completing this course, achieved the second highest score in the UAE!

There is a fee attached to this which is at least half the price of what you would pay to complete the course elsewhere with more bespoke teaching. Those students who have registered an interest will receive a pack of information to share with you. There will also be a coffee morning and a chance for you to ask questions about the qualification once the cast list is finalised. If you are interested in finding out more about Collab Company and Lauren Noble who will be supporting the show and running the course, please click on the link below.

[Collab Company | advancing the arts](#)

Art Masterclasses for GCSE Art and Design students

Classes will be every Wednesday lunchtime beginning next week 27th of September.

Art masterclass sessions are designed to help students in reaching the highest level of proficiency in their iGCSE examination. Students will develop their artistic skills and gain a deep understanding of the principles and concepts essential for success in the Art iGCSE.

Message from Mrs McCullough – Head of Science

In the Secondary Science department, a whirlwind of activity abounds. Year 7 students have been delving into the structure of microscopes and preparing plant slides for observations. Meanwhile, in Year 10, the lab comes alive with experiments as students test household substances, unearthing their hidden chemical properties. Simultaneously, Year 11 students have used calorimetry to measure and compare the energy released by different fuels.

