



Secondary School Weekly Update

24th November 2023

Dear Parents,

We've had an incredibly exciting week in the secondary school with our students and staff experiencing a number of firsts throughout the week. Our first GCSE Drama performance was recorded on Thursday, our first KS3 spelling bees took place Tues, Weds and Thurs, we had our first competitors in an external chess competition and, much to the delight of the watching audience, eight staff members faced the hot sauce challenge.

The week finished with the Dubai Fitness Challenge closing ceremony and we said good luck to our boys football teams as they headed off to Qatar for their BSME tournament.

Please note that from Monday 27th November, visitor tags will not be available from Gate 1. If you are coming onto the school site and don't have your parent badge, then please proceed to Gate 3 to sign in.

Please read on for updates from around the school and please keep eyes on our social media feeds for more updates.

Enjoy the weekend and see you around the campus soon.

Jon Pennock

Upcoming key dates

- Tuesday 28th November – National Day celebrations. Students can wear national dress or clothes in the colours of the UAE flag. There will be some in class activities for students to complete during the day.
- Tuesday 28th November – **Year 7** trip to Etihad Museum
- Wednesday 29th November – **Year 9** Parents evening
- Thursday 30th November – Coffee morning with Mrs Griffin with a focus on how we support and identify our most able gifted and talented students. Please meet by 8.15am in the school canteen if you wish to attend



Careers Update – Ms. Scouller

On Wednesday, our Year 11 and 12 students attended a University Preparation seminar. This seminar provided an insight into the application process for Universities in Canada, US, UAE, Europe and Australia. It included guidance on selecting the right University, mastering standardised tests and understanding University life.

English Update – Mr. Archibald

This week, we have had three bee-utiful events for our KS3 **Spelling Bee Final**. All students in KS3 participated in the preliminary rounds over the last three weeks where they displayed exceptional diligence and remarkable linguistic skills. This event has highlighted our learners' dedication to academic excellence and their passion for the English language. With words ranging from the everyday to the challenging, our students exhibited poise and confidence making the Spelling Bee a truly enriching experience for all.

As we reflect on the success of this event, we extend our congratulations to all the participants for their hard work and commitment. Well done to all our finalists and a special recognition goes to **Malik Moussa** in Year 7, **Logan O'Brien** in Year 8, and **Vachagan Arakelian** in Year 9 for winning their respective categories. We believe that such academic competitions play a crucial role in fostering a love for language and learning among our students. We also want to express our gratitude to the teachers and staff who organised and facilitated this event, particularly Ms. Gemma Lynch, for ensuring its success!



Chess Tournament

On Thursday South View School took part in an inter school rapid chess tournament at Dwight School Dubai.

A huge congratulations to the following students for their participation and excellent sportsmanship and effort:

KS3 Team

Youssef Gaballah
Altynai Bazarbaeva
Alma Akkache
Liam Jameson

KS4 Team

Adam Speaks
Jean Wollmarans
Kareem Naim
Kyle Halabi

A special mention to Kareem Naim, who scored 5 points out of 7, finishing in 5th place out of 48 participants, one point away from winning the whole competition!

Thank you to Mr Dutton for organising and taking the students to the competition. Students are looking forward to the next one already!

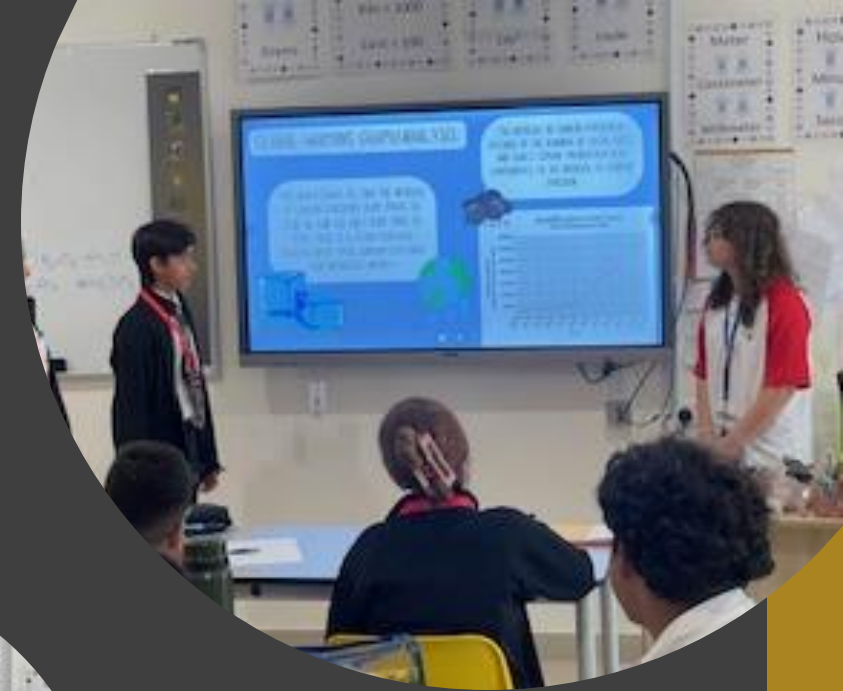
Interested in taking part
next time?
Come to chess club on
Wednesday lunchtime!

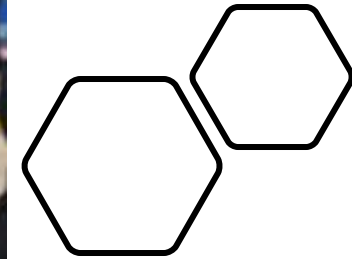




Science update

Some of Year 8 students engaged in collaborative Science projects this week, focusing on pollution, global warming, and their impacts on both the environment and the human body





Science update

In our weekly Year 9 Masterclasses, we dedicate time to fortifying key skills for success in Science. This week emphasised the importance of keywords and definitions across Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.





Arabic Update – Mr. Abdelhamed

We would like to congratulate the winners of the spelling bee...



Round 1

Layan y7AB

Hanin y8B

Rogia y7D

Youssef y8D

Mira y7CD

Layan y8C

Malik y7AB

Esmat y 10

Deima y11



Arabic A:

Thank you very much to the parents of year 11 and year 12 students for attending the parents' evening. It was wonderful to see your active involvement and collaboration in tracking your child's progress in Arabic. If you were unable to attend and still wish to meet with the teacher, please feel free to send a direct message via email.

We are pleased to announce the successful completion of the first round of the spelling bee. The names of the winners are available, and the final round is scheduled for November 27. We kindly request all parents to regularly check the weekly newsletter and Teams for updates on Arabic news.

Students have concluded their spelling intervention plan, and in the upcoming week, new topics will be introduced for all year groups.

Arabic B:

This week's focus in Arabic learning centered around reading and comprehension. We encourage students to practice reading the assigned text at home.

A homework assignment will be posted on Teams this Friday and is expected to be returned by Tuesday.

The second round of the Spelling Bee competition is on Monday, 27/11. Those who qualify from the first round will be contacted by the teacher to determine the time and place on Monday.

With only 10 days remaining until the Language Global Competition, please send an email to your Arabic teacher if you wish to represent SVS in this competition.

Winners of Arabic B in Y8,9 spelling bee winners are:

Malihaa Farooq 8B

Mohammad Adnan 8B

Hamzeh Albayya 9A

Saman Hasan 9B

Islamic Update – Mr. Abdelhamed

Dear Parents

Assalamu Alaikum, We hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. As partners in your child's educational journey, we would like to share some updates on their progress in Islamic education and seek your support in fostering a strong connection between home and school in this regard.

Islamic Education Progress:

We are pleased to inform you that your children have been actively participating in our Islamic education program. They have shown a keen interest in learning about Quranic teachings, Hadith, and the principles of Islam. Our dedicated teachers have been working diligently to create a nurturing environment that encourages spiritual growth and a deep understanding of our faith.

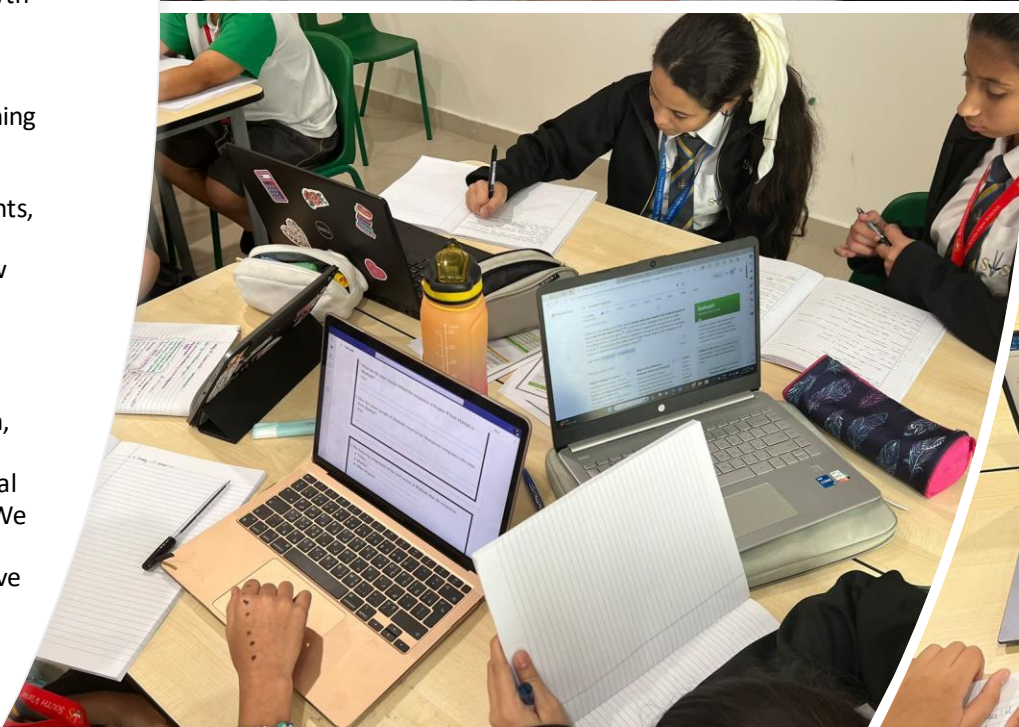
Teachers Newsletter on Teams:

To keep you informed and engaged in your child's learning experience, we have created an Islamic education newsletter on Microsoft Teams. This newsletter will provide insights into the topics covered, upcoming events, and valuable resources to enhance your child's understanding of Islam. We kindly request you to follow this newsletter regularly to stay connected with your child's academic journey.

Encouraging Quran and Hadith Targets:

As part of our commitment to holistic Islamic education, we have set targets for Quranic memorization and the study of Hadith for students. Your support plays a crucial role in motivating your child to achieve these targets. We kindly request you to encourage and guide them in completing their Quran and Hadith goals, fostering a love for the sacred texts of Islam.

Thanks a lot for your continuous support.



Humanities Update Miss Coy

Year 8 students successfully completed their first fieldwork studies trip this week, focusing on how human activity impacts the environmental quality of Remraam Community. They explored measures that our community can take to enhance sustainability. Impressively, all students behaved impeccably and represented both our school and community amazingly.



The logo for COP28 UAE, featuring the text 'COP28UAE' in white and green on a dark background.

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Humanities
Update Miss Coy

Just a reminder for all the students who are attending the **COP28 trip** please ensure you return your permission slip by **Monday 27th** to Miss Coy. Thank you.

Humanities Update

Miss Coy

Year 7 Students will be visiting the Etihad Museum next **Tuesday 28th November**. Please see the email sent by Mr Cook on Wednesday.

This museum exhibits materials and documents related to the UAE. The galleries recreate historic Arab houses, mosques, souks and date farms whilst also depicting scenes from the desert and marine life. It is sure to be an exciting experience for all. This trip links in with both our MSC and Islamic Studies curriculum.

All students have been given a permission slip. This needs to be returned by **Monday 27th November** at the latest to the finance desk in reception.

Cost of trip is 40Dhs





The Arts Update - Mrs Rock

Year 11 GCSE Drama C1 Devised Exam 2023

Sherif Ismail, Leonardo Piccozzi, Kyle Redman and Zacharias Didcott completed the very first SVS GCSE Drama devised performance exam on Thursday this week.

This component is worth 40% of their overall grade and sees students devising a 10-15 minute performance from scratch based on a stimulus.

They devised an excellent, thought provoking piece based on discrimination. We are extremely proud of them and looking forward to their next performance exam in March 2024.

A huge thank you to Year 10 GCSE Drama students for supporting Year 11 and being a fantastic exam audience.

An even bigger thanks to our Year 9 technical team: **Jason Price-Whittle, Benjamin Ajayi and Charlie Firmin** all in 9B, who provided the lights and sound for the exam. We really appreciated your help!





Rehearsals are in full swing in a dash to get Act One of the show completed before the end of the term.

Thanks so much to all students for working so hard and showing great dedication. This is sure to be the greatest show yet!





Band

Practice will continue
in the Secondary
Music Room on
Monday Wednesday
and
Thursday lunchtimes
at 1:20pm to 1:40pm

Choir

Choir will continue
Tuesday lunchtime
at 1:20pm to 1:40pm and
Thursday Morning from
7:10am to 7:40am. Please
try your best to be there
and let Ms Noelle know
if you cannot make
practice.





PE Update - Mr. Bladen

Another great fixtures week here at SVS, please see the results below:

- U12 Girls Football 2-2 Arbour
- U16 Girls Basketball 16-24 Arbour

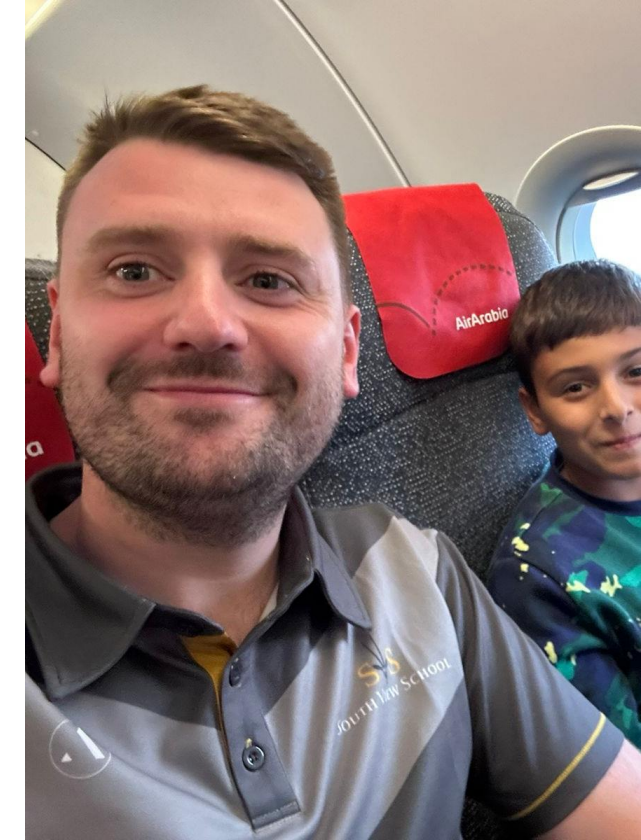
Please see next week's fixtures below:

- Monday 27th November - U16 Boys Basketball vs Greenfield
- Thursday 30th November - U16 Boys Basketball @ Jebel Ali
- Thursday 30th November - U14 Boys Football @ Jebel Ali
- Thursday 30th November - U14 Girls Football @ JESS

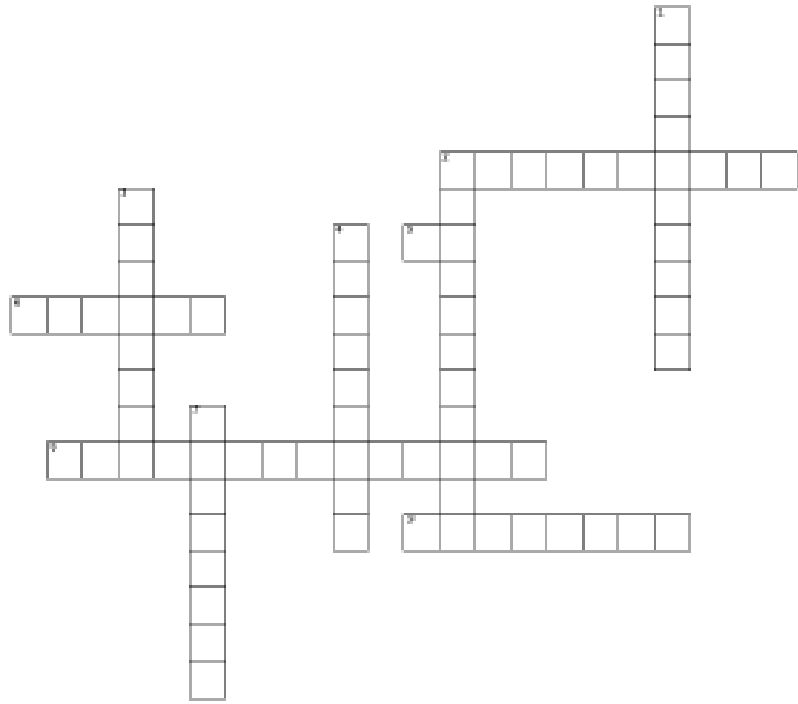
All details are available on our school SOCS website:

<https://www.schoolssports.com/school/Default.asp?Id=29779>





Our BSME U13 and U15 Boys Football team has landed safe and sound in Qatar, ready for the tournament that lies ahead. We wish them a successful weekend and hope they can bring us back some silverware! Go SVS!!



ACROSS

- 2. a part related to the whole.
- 5. ordinates A set of numbers that show the position on a graph.
- 6. To multiply out.
- 8. Times
- 9. The reflection is exactly the same.

DOWN

- 1. When a shape is turned around a fixed point.
- 2. How likely something is to happen.
- 3. Two lines that never cross.
- 4. An ordered list of numbers.
- 7. To make an expression or fraction less complicated.

English as an Additional Language (EAL Dept)

- What can I do to improve my English ?
- Useful Websites:
 - British Council
 - Learn English with Music
 - Write and Improve
 - Flash cards for vocabulary
 - Keep a Diary
 - Read for Pleasure





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: [svs-year-9-outdoor-education-program.pdf](#)

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