



28th Sept 2023

Secondary School Weekly Update

Dear Parents,

Please see the upcoming key dates for Secondary along with updates and messages from across the school.

I hope you enjoy the long weekend and look forward to seeing you around the campus soon.

Yours sincerely,

Jon Pennock

Upcoming key dates

- Dyslexia and ADHD awareness coffee morning – Tuesday 3rd October in Secondary library
- Macbeth trip Y9-11 – Wednesday 4th October (during the school day)
- Matilda trip (all years) - Thursday 5th October (6pm-12pm)
- Nepal - Deposit Deadline 9th October 2023
- Year 9 Options Evening 11 October
- Year 11 Options Evening 25 October



Academic Update from Mrs Stevens

- Year 9 Options Evening 11 October
- Year 11 Options Evening 25 October
- Assessment Week 1 W/B 30 October

TEACHING SOME VS TEACHING ALL

THIS IS WHERE THE ACTION FOR IMPROVEMENT LIES

TOM SHERRINGTON

M Material being taught.
PK Prior knowledge

Without attention, without thinking – there is no learning. So it's fundamental that we consider and check that everyone is thinking. For learning to happen, several things to be fired up:

- they need to be thinking, focusing their attention to achieve the learning goals.
- they need to build new learning on prior knowledge in order to make meaning.
- they need to engage in practice and receive feedback that moves them forward.

Here are six things to think about when trying to reach **ALL**, not just some; for **ALL** students to make meaning successfully, not just a few.

SECURE ATTENTION

Securing students' attention is critical for thinking

Securing mental attention is paramount. Students will mind-wander naturally and inevitably unless they have tasks or questions that occupy their minds. Set up routine tasks and questions that **ALL** students must do. Accountability techniques like Cold Call are essential for achieving this.

CHECK PRIOR KNOWLEDGE

Checking prior knowledge helps to make connections

It's vital, to check your assumptions about prior knowledge – going back as far as you need to allow **ALL** students to connect to things they already know. Take students from where they actually are by using numerous checking processes including quizzing, pair talk and general assessment over time.

ENGAGE IN QUESTIONING

Good questioning reveals students' thinking

An inclusive classroom involves **ALL** students in questioning flows. If you combine whiteboards, think pair share and cold calling, you have three tools that work in combination. You flex the questioning method to ensure every student can practise, can think and can reveal their thinking to you.

PRACTICE & REHEARSAL

Practising talking and writing helps to make meaning

To make meaning with words and phrases, students need to connect them to concrete knowledge they have. For this to happen, **ALL** students need to practise using all the words. Good lessons where everyone is learning involve all students consolidating by practising, both in writing and through talk.

RESPOND TO KNOWLEDGE GAPS

Feedback loops let teachers address learning issues

We must adapt our teaching inputs in response to how well **ALL** students are learning. Our routines should be about finding out where they struggle and then reteaching those areas. We rebuild through: more examples, more practice, more concrete reference points, visual aids. Whatever it takes.

DESIGN EFFECTIVE SCAFFOLDS

Scaffolds enable all to participate in making meaning

Scaffolds allow **ALL** students to participate and make meaning within a lesson flow or a task, without needing to rely solely on their prior knowledge. The skill of a teacher lies in working out which scaffolds to use and when to reduce the level of scaffolding so that students ultimately no longer need them.

DESIGNED BY JAMIE CLARK | @XPATEDUCATOR REFERENCE BLOG: 'TEACHING SOME VS TEACHING ALL' TOM SHERRINGTON / DIAGRAM: SARAH COTTINGHAM



English Update from Mr Archibald

BSME Writing Competition

The English department welcomes students to enter the BSME writing competition.

Students across years 9 – 11 are encouraged to create a piece of writing for this year's BSME writing competition. The judges of this competition, open to students across the Middle East, are looking for pieces that engage imaginatively with the source concept, pieces that challenge our ideas of what stories can be, or pieces that use a playful knowledge of genre or reader expectation to produce a surprising, satisfying end product.

The theme of the event this year is 'Crossroads'.

The piece can be either continuous prose in any genre, poetry or a blend of both. This is a purposefully open-ended task in both theme and form in order that schools can easily integrate the event into their curriculum and to allow students free rein to experiment and express themselves to the fullest extent.

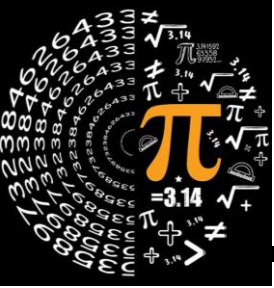
Age Categories

The competition will award winners and two runners up in the following age categories:

KS3 (year 7-9) 800 words maximum

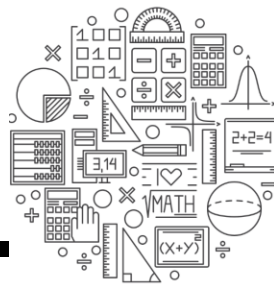
KS4 (years 10 and 11) 1000 words maximum

The deadline for receiving event entries is Friday the 23rd of February 2024.



Mathematics Update

Maths Puzzle Competition Winners



Y7 and 8 Winners

Congratulations to Yehor Yarmiichuk in 8A for winning the KS3 maths puzzle!!

Joint second
Hanin, 8B
Mohammed, 8B



Third
Elanur, 7C

Joint fourth
Franco, 7B
Andrii, 7A

Y9, 10 and 11 Winners

Congratulations to Samen in 9B for winning the KS4 maths puzzle!!

Second
Joey, 10A



Joint third
Kostya, 10C
Esmat, 10C

Fourth
Julia, Y11

Correct entry
Micaela, Y11

PUZZLE 2:

The number 5012 is reflected in the mirror-line shown.
Onto which number is it reflected?

- A 5102 B 2015 C 5012 D 2105 E 5105



PUZZLE 2:

My recipe for apple crumble uses 100 g of flour, 50 g of butter and 50 g of sugar to make the crumble topping. When my family come for a meal, I have to use two and a half times each amount to provide enough crumble. In total, how much crumble topping do I then make?

- A 0.5 kg B 2 kg C 2.5 kg D 5 kg E 50 kg

Islamic Studies

Dear Parents .

Al Salam Alukom Wa Rahmat Allah,

We hope this message finds you well. We are excited to share some important updates regarding our Islamic Studies program at school.

Islamic Treasure App Launch: We are thrilled to announce that the Islamic Treasure App has been officially launched in our school. This app will serve as a valuable resource for your child's Islamic education. Students can now log in and access a wealth of Islamic knowledge and materials to enhance their learning experience.

Weekly Quran and Hadith Targets: To further enrich our students' understanding of Islamic teachings, we have implemented a new initiative. Starting this week, students will be assigned weekly Quran and Hadith targets, along with corresponding homework assignments, on the Islamic Treasure App. These targets and assignments will help reinforce their learning and allow them to deepen their connection with the Quran and Hadith.

We kindly encourage your support and involvement in this initiative by:

- **Ensuring Regular Access:** Please encourage your child to regularly log in to the Islamic Treasure App to check for new assignments and resources.
- **Completing Homework Assignments:** Encourage your child to diligently complete the assigned Quran and Hadith homework, as this will significantly contribute to their Islamic education.

We believe that this new approach will foster a stronger sense of connection to our Islamic heritage and promote a deeper understanding of our faith among our students.

Thank you for your continued support in nurturing your child's Islamic education. We hope you and your family have a great weekend.

Mr. Abdelhamed Kerba
Head of Islamic Studies



Humanities Update from Ms Coy

Nepal Trip: 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

Deadline for deposit payments have been extended to the **9th October**. If you have any further questions or would like the parent presentation sent to you, please do get in touch with me at Stacey.coy@southview.ae





Humanities Update from Ms Coy

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.

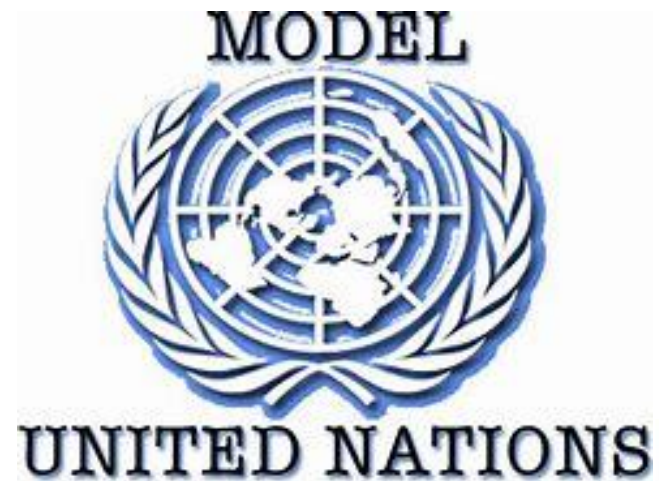
Masterclasses

History Year 11

Geography Year 11

Business Year 11

Psychology Year 10

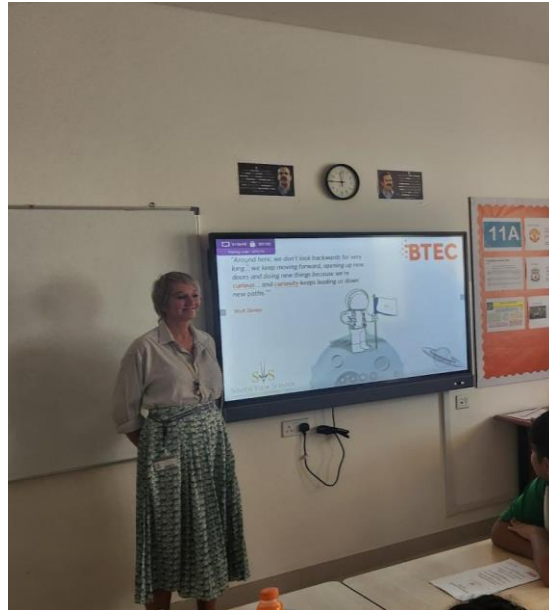




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BTEC MASTERCLASS

Today BTEC students in Year 10 and Year 12 received an insightful masterclass in their BTEC from our Quality Nominee Mrs Stevens and amazing BTEC Teachers Mr Bacon, Miss Tombs and Miss Scouller. They deep dived into their student handbook, guidebook and policies and procedures regarding their assignments. Knowledge is power and it was so great to see these students unlocking their potential.





MFL Update from Ms O'Sullivan

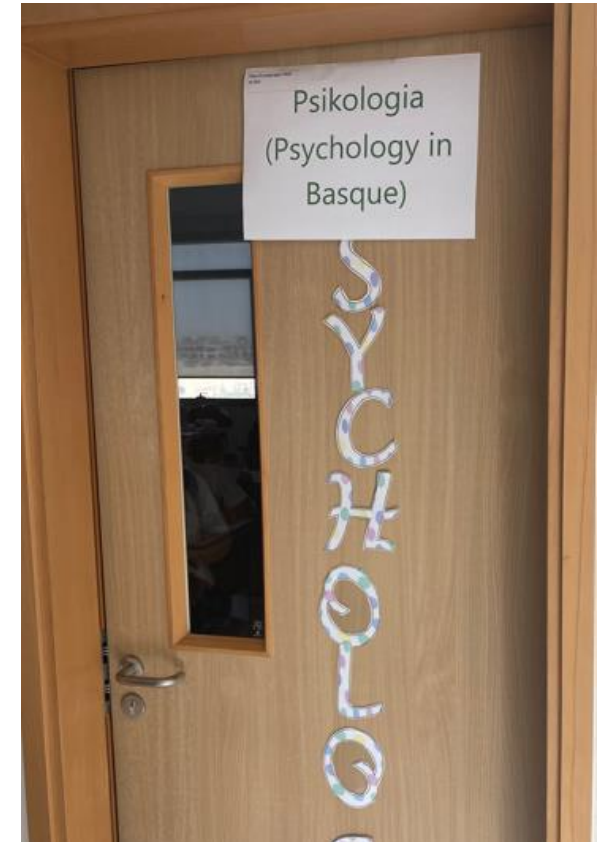
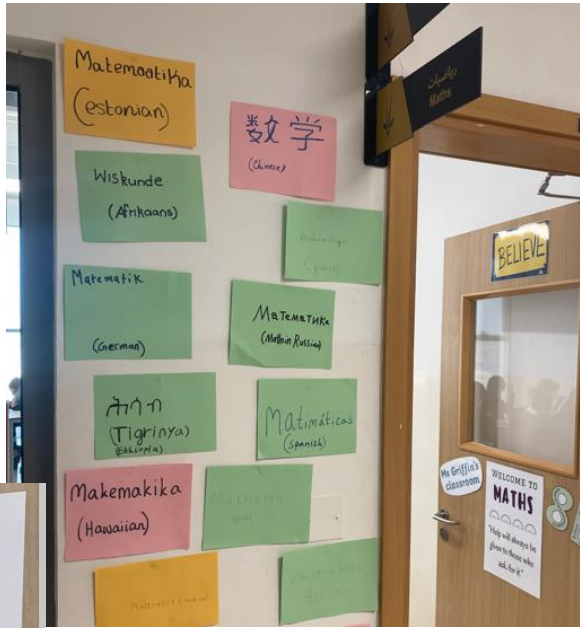
This week has been an exciting week for the language department at SVS. The students have taken part in a range of activities to celebrate the linguistic diversity in our school community.

Many of our teachers were involved with the celebrations and translated their subject teaching room into a different language for the week. Students were greeted by staff members in a different language, and some even responded to the register in their mother tongue.

Escape room: During Tuesday lunch time, some of our students attended a virtual escape room, where they were quizzed on different facts about languages and learned some new idiomatic sayings in different languages.

Celebration of Languages Video: Please head to the SVS Instagram page to enjoy a video which celebrates the key values of our school in a huge range of wonderful languages. Well done to all those involved!





The Arts Update from Mrs Rock

TRIP REMINDER FOR THOSE ALREADY SIGNED UP IN YEARS 9-11

Wednesday 4th October, 2024 (during the school day)

- go to p1 as usual
- Meet in the drama studio at the beginning of p2
- You only need to bring your lunch/ snacks/ water bottle
- Make sure you bring a packed lunch as you will not be able to use the canteen and there is nothing available to purchase at the theatre.
- There will be no eating in the theatre so you will need to eat on the way there and back- only water is permitted in the theatre!
- We plan to be back at school for the start of p6
- Make sure you are in full school uniform.

If you have any questions, please email charlene.rock@southview.ae



Theatre by
QE2



Macbeth

by William Shakespeare

School Shows

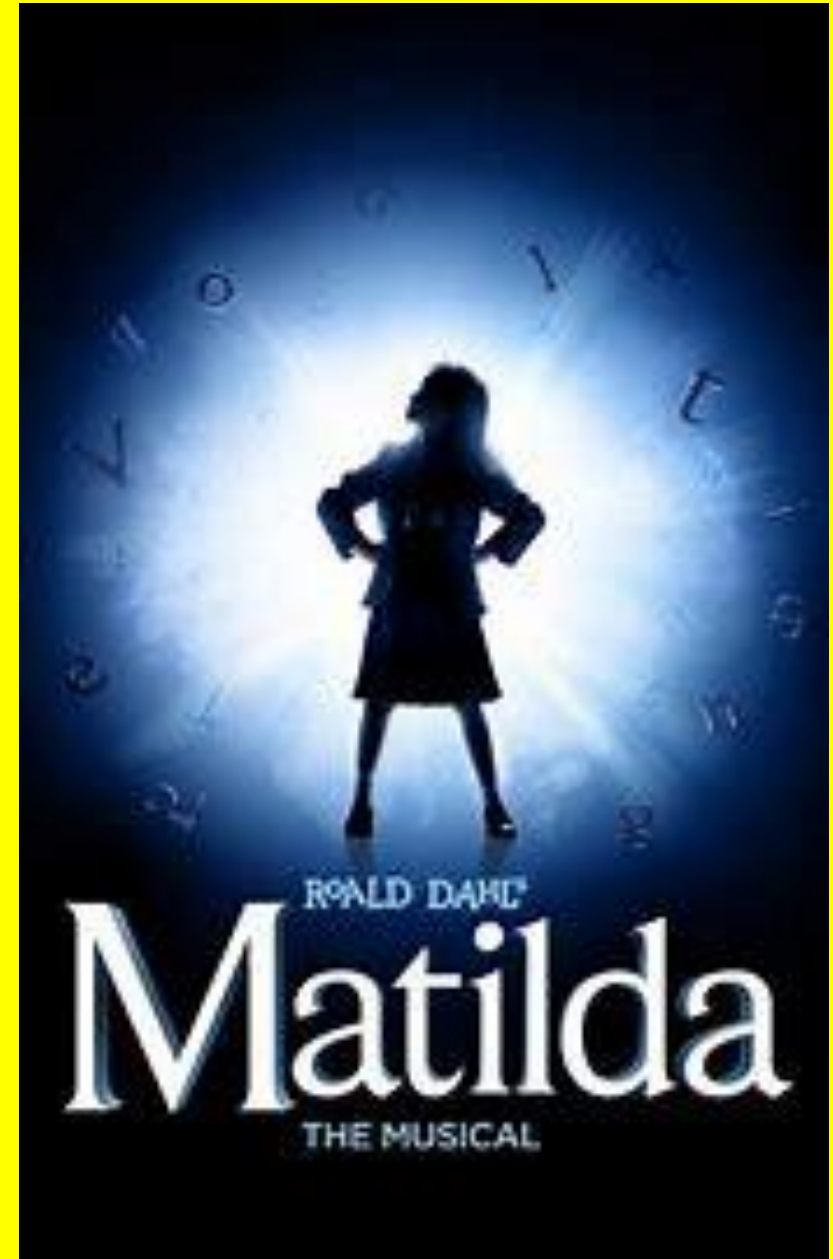
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TRIP REMINDER FOR THOSE ALREADY SIGNED UP IN YEARS 7-11

Thursday 5th October, 2024 (6pm-12am)

- ❑ **Timings:** This is after the school day has ended. The excursion will meet and depart from the school reception at 6pm and return to school at approximately midnight. Pupils will be expected to attend school as normal the following day.
- ❑ **Snacks-** Pupils may bring snacks to eat on the bus to and from the venue but no outside food or drink will be allowed inside the venue. Students may purchase food and drinks from the venue itself and may bring money for this purpose if they wish. Please remember, we are a nut-free and pork-free school.
- ❑ **Clothing:** Students may wear their own clothes, but we would suggest that this is smart/ casual and appropriate for a visit to the theatre.
- ❑ **Mobile phones:** mobile phones will be permitted for the journey but must remain off for the duration of the performance.



If you have any questions, please email charlene.rock@southview.ae



All students will be sent an email link over the next week to sign up to a wonderful resource called DigitalTheatrePlus. This has some excellent productions available to watch as well as some great resources for research that covers Drama, Music and English. Please ask your child to look out for the link in their student emails.



Band

There will be auditions for the South View Secondary band at lunchtime this Wednesday October 4th and Thursday October 5th. Timings for auditions will be posted on Monday October 2nd, please check the Music and Drama .

Choir

Thank you to all those who this week, next week we will have choir on Tuesday October 3rd at lunchtime from 1:20pm to 1:40pm and Thursday morning October 5th from 7:10am to 7:45am. If you are interested in joining our Secondary Choir this year, please see Ms. Noelle.



Musical Monday

Every Monday lunchtime from 1:20pm-1:40pm students will be allowed in to the Music room to play instruments. Students can explore various instruments, fostering their musical curiosity and skills through hands-on experiences. Ms. Noelle will be there to supervise and help students with any instrument that they are curious about

Collab Company proudly presents

The Mixtape Factory

in collaboration with South View School



Congratulations to all those that auditioned this week.

We are really excited about casting this show.

We hope to have a cast list before Monday 9th October. Students should look out for notices on teams and parents will receive an email shortly after that.

TRINITY
COLLEGE LONDON

Join us for a COFFEE MORNING – Thursday 12th October at 8:15am in The Music Room

This invitation is open to anyone interested in finding out about the opportunity to sit Trinity exams for university credits, the secondary school show and the Arts Faculty.





GCSE Art Masterclass

Y10 and Y11 students are welcome to join every **Tuesday during lunchtime** for enriching Art masterclass designed to help them to excel in their artistic journey.

Focus on specific techniques and concepts essential for success in GCS Art.



PE Update from Mr Bladen

After extensive trials and training sessions, our Secondary School Squad fixtures are ready to commence with a full week of matches:

- Monday 2nd October - U16 Girls Football @ Kent College
- Tuesday 3rd October - U12 Boys Football @ Arcadia
- Wednesday 4th October - U13 and U15 Swimming Gala at SVS
- Thursday 5th October - U14 Boys Football vs Sunmarke
- Thursday 5th October - U16 Boys Basketball @ Nibras

All details have been sent to parents and available on our school SOCS website: <https://www.schoolssports.com/school/Default.asp?Id=29779>

Also, a reminder that there is the U14B Girls Football training on a Thursday morning at 6.45am.

