



Secondary School Weekly Update

Friday 3rd May
2024

Dear Parents,

It's been another frustrating end to a week where the weather has dictated the need to be online. I would like to thank the five Year 11 students and the staff members who battled the weather to attend school yesterday for an IGCSE exam, we will be back to normal operations on Monday morning. Thank you also to all Year 7 parents who were able to attend the rearranged parent-teacher meetings on Tuesday evening, it is always lovely to see the positive interactions at these events.

Please read on for updates from around the school, including an exciting opportunity for our KS3 students with the launch of our Futurepreneur competition.

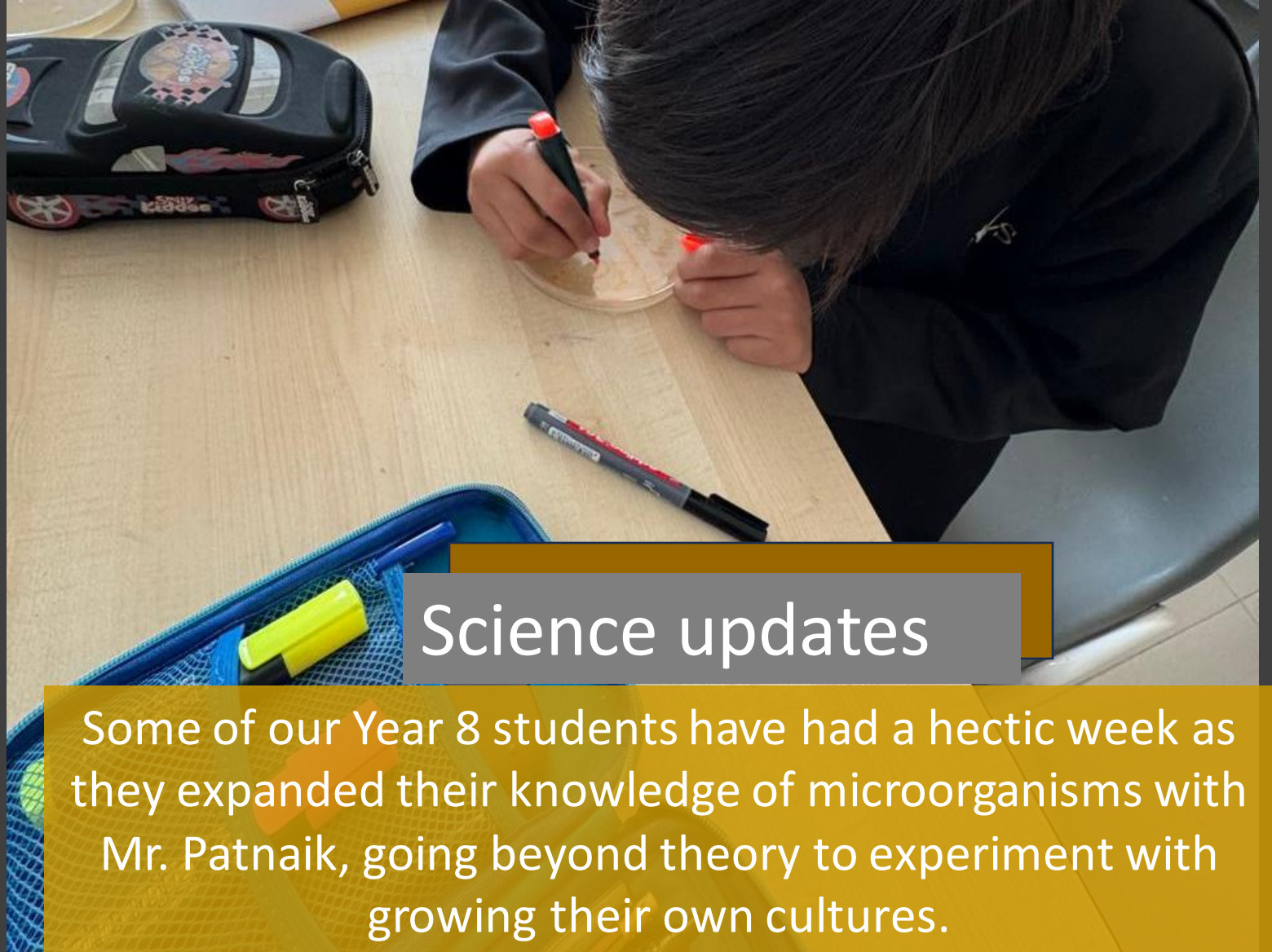
Kind regards

Jon Pennock

Upcoming key dates

- Auditions start on 6th May for the SVS Talent show which will be on Friday 14th June
- Y11 Exam schedule for this week is below
- Y12 Physics exam P1 on Friday 10th May
- Y10 English Language exam Thursday 23rd May

Date	Exam series	Board	Qualification	Examination code	Subject	Title	Session	Duration	Start Time
06/05/2024	Jun-24	Pearson	International GCSE	4FR1 03	French	Oral	n/a	0h 10m	in school
06/05/2024	Jun-24	Pearson	International GCSE	4SP1 03	Spanish	Oral	n/a	0h 10m	in school
06/05/2024	Jun-24	Pearson	GCSE	1AA0	Arabic	Oral	n/a	0h 10m	in school
06/05/2024	Jun-24	Cambridge	O Level	3180	Arabic	Paper 1	Afternoon	1h 30m	1pm
07/05/2024	Jun-24	Cambridge	International GCSE	0653	Combined Science	Alternative to Practical 62	Morning	1h 00m	9am
08/05/2024	Jun-24	Cambridge	International GCSE	0457	Global Perspectives	Written Paper 12	Afternoon	1h 15m	1pm
09/05/2024	Jun-24	Pearson	International GCSE	4IT1 01R	Information And Communication Technology (ICT)	Paper 1R: Written Paper	Afternoon	1h 30m	12pm
09/05/2024	Jun-24	Cambridge	O Level	3180	Arabic	Paper 2	Afternoon	1h 30m	1pm
09/05/2024	Jun-24	Pearson	GCSE	1DR0 3A	Drama	Paper 3A	Afternoon	1h 45m	4pm
10/05/2024	Jun-24	Pearson	International GCSE	4BI1 1BR	Biology	Paper: 1BR	Morning	2h 00m	9am
10/05/2024	Jun-24	Pearson	International GCSE	4SD0 1BR	Science (Double Award)	Paper: 1BR	Morning	2h 00m	9am



Science updates

Some of our Year 8 students have had a hectic week as they expanded their knowledge of microorganisms with Mr. Patnaik, going beyond theory to experiment with growing their own cultures.

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Science updates

Elsewhere, some of our Year 8 students have been engaged in a focused exploration, investigating the process of respiration by conducting experiments to test exhaled air and identify its various byproducts.



Science updates

This week, our Year 9 students have been actively collaborating on a research project aimed at discerning the contrasting properties of giant covalent compounds and simple covalent molecules





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 would like to express our sincere thanks to the parents for their gracious attendance at the year 7 parents meeting and for their participation in their children's progress. For those who could not attend, we kindly ask them to communicate with the teacher if they have any inquiries.

We are pleased to inform you that our students have greatly benefited from using the "Seen" platform for electronic assessments, which reflects positively on their advancement in Arabic language skills.

We hope that you will focus on analyzing the novel and enhancing the students' reading skills, as this will help them understand texts more deeply and effectively.

We also look forward to the students benefiting from our efforts and achieving significant progress in their language skills.

All details and criteria related to the speaking test and the class project have been shared with the students, and the deadline for submission has been set for June 6th.

Finally, we will commence end-of year exams on June 10th, and we will send the specific details later.

Islamic Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Parents,

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

We hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. We extend our warmest gratitude to all parents for their unwavering support in ensuring their children's active participation in Islamic Studies activities, including completing the Quran and Hadith targets assigned on teams.

Your dedication to your child's Islamic education is truly commendable and greatly appreciated.

As the rainy season graces the UAE, we pray that you and your loved ones remain safe and protected.

We would like to remind you about the upcoming Quran competition scheduled for May 29th and 30th, 2024. If your child has not yet registered for the competition, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Islamic Studies teachers for assistance with registration.

Your continued involvement and encouragement are instrumental in fostering a strong Islamic identity and spiritual growth in our students. We are truly blessed to have such supportive parents like you.

May Allah (SWT) bless you and your families with abundant blessings and guidance.

FUTUREPRENEUR

Entrepreneurs of tomorrow

Business Update – Miss Tombs

This week has seen the launch of the exciting business competition, Futurepreneur! The competition is open for years 7, 8 and 9. Get brainstorming your product, service or event ideas and remember to sign up using the link that your form tutors have posted on Teams. The deadline to sign up is **Tuesday 7th May**. Our judges, Mr Bacon, Mr Sanguigni and Mr Altaf cannot wait to hear your fantastic business ideas soon!



Mr Bacon



Mr Sanguigni



Mr Altaf



MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan

With end of year exams in sight, in the languages department, we are regularly asked by parents how they can help support their child with their language learning at home. We have put together a guide on our best tips and tricks for revising and improve in MFL.

Please encourage your son or daughter to talk to their language teacher if they would like a printed copy to bring home.

Ideas to Support Language Learning

- Encourage your child to **watch a TV show or a movie with subtitles** in another language.
- Get **books, films and magazines from abroad** if you go on holiday.
- Get a subscription for a **language magazine**.
- Download **interactive games** about learning languages.
- **Ask your child to teach you** to say something in the foreign language every day.
- Encourage your child to look for most **popular singers and bands** from other countries and **play music** in the foreign language at home.

Advantages of learning a foreign language

creativity
communication
jobs
travelling
tolerance
adaptability
confidence
culture
memory
achievement
multitasking
international friends





MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan



How to prepare for 'End of Year exams':

- Use resources on class teams page.
- Use your knowledge organisers and revision/ homework booklets.
- Create revision clocks and mind maps.
- For writing, review model answers and practice writing strips.
- For speaking, record your voice on vocaroo and listen back for errors/ phonics.
- For listening and reading, review key vocabulary and exam skills and strategies discussed in class.

Key links/websites:

[KS3 - England - BBC Bitesize](#)

[English-Spanish Dictionary - WordReference.com](#)

[Digital Flashcards & Revision Cards for Students | Quizlet](#)

[Quizizz | Free Online Quizzes, Lessons, Activities and Homework](#)

[Wordwall | Create better lessons quicker](#)

Revision Techniques for Your Child. Encourage Them To...

- create mind maps to revise vocabulary;
- make revision cards before exams. try to use different colours to distinguish word class (noun, adjectives, verbs etc.);
- use 'look, cover, write' and check lists to practise spellings;
- ask a friend to choose one topic and try to talk about it for one minute;
- use sticky notes to revise key vocabulary and phrases;
- involve you in vocabulary testing: test how many words they can remember;
- find apps about learning languages to revise through playing games;
- play word association games;
- put up posters around your home (e.g. fridge, bedroom) with key verbs, tenses, etc;
- record answers on your phone and listen to them for 5-10 mins a day.



The Arts Update - Mrs Rock

It has been a very busy beginning to term 3.

Our musicians worked really hard to rehearse for the Spring Carnival and their performances were fantastic.

Please join us in supporting Mia and Sofia in the finals of Junk Kouture on Tuesday 14th May online.

We are in the process of organising our prop and costume cupboard. If you have any unwanted prop or costume items you are willing to donate, please get in touch with us and we promise to put them to good use.

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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!**



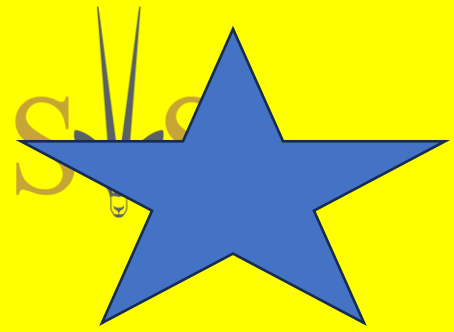
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SVS Has Talent!



2024

Last year, our first SVS Has Talent was fantastic. All of our finalists were of a high standard and provided a fabulous afternoon of entertainment.

This year's final will be on Friday 14th of June during the school day.

If you think you have what it takes to make the final, please practise your acts. There are no rules here- you can do any kind of performance you would like.

AUDITIONS WILL BE AT LUNCHTIMES DURING THE WEEK OF MONDAY THE 6TH OF MAY – PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE NOTICEBOARD OUTSIDE OF THE MUSIC ROOM TO BOOK YOUR SLOT!



Due to online learning Thursday and Friday- we have extended the deadline for sign-ups. Monday lunchtime (6th) will be the final chance for you to sign up. There are still a few audition slots available.

Tunes Tuesday

Well done to all those who performed on Tuesday morning. If you would like to showcase your talents, please sign up for Tunes Tuesday on the Music board outside the Music room.





Spring Fair

Well done to our superb performers from the Spring Carnival last week. We really appreciate your hard work and dedication. Thanks also to our fabulous hosts and of course, to our SVS tech team for your support.

Band & Choir announcements

Choir and Band practice will be cancelled next week as there will be auditions for the SVS talent show.

PE Update | Mr. Bladen

Another busy week of fixtures:

06.05.24 - U12 Boys Basketball @ Jebel Ali

06.05.24 - U13 Girls Rounders @ Repton AB

07.05.24 - U12 Girls Basketball v Regent

08.05.24 - U14 Boys Basketball vs Arcadia

08.05.24 - U15 Girls Rounders @ Sunmarke

Please see this week's results:

U13 Girls Rounders 1.5-23.5 Repton AB

U12 Girls Basketball 35-23 GEMS Metropole

U15 Girls Rounders 5.5-4 Sunmarke

All details are available on our school SOCS

website: [https://www.schoolssports.com/school/Default.](https://www.schoolssports.com/school/Default)

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“Never let the fear of
failing discourage you
from trying”

- *Sue Bird*
3 Time Olympic
Gold Medalist

