



# Secondary School Weekly Update

Friday 9th February 2024

Dear Parents,

Too many fabulous events to mention this past week, so please read on for updates from around the school, including a small number of the pics from our trips to Al Ain, Nepal and Sri Lanka. Thanks to all parents who came to support today's Sports Day. The weather held off for us and the competition was tough and at times intense, but always in the right spirit. Well done to all students who took part.

Next week we are in school on Monday and Tuesday and then we have the half-term break. On those two days, our show performers and backstage teams will be running through the last rehearsals for the shows on Wednesday and Thursday after half term. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there to support the performers.

Please check out page 21 of the update for a request for recyclable items that our students can use to make their entry to the 'Junk Kouture' competition. We really appreciate any donations here.

Enjoy the weekend and looking forward to seeing you around the campus soon.

Jon Pennock

## Upcoming key dates

- Next week school is open as normal on Monday and Tuesday with Week 1 lessons
- Wednesday 14th Feb – School closed for half term break
- Monday 19th Feb – School open as normal with Week 2 lessons
- Wednesday 21st Feb & Thursday 22nd Feb – The Mixtape Factory (Secondary school show)

**From start....**



**....to finish**



**Y7 and Y8  
Residential in  
Al Ain**





# Day 1

## Adventure Island

### Team Building

### Beach Cinema





**Morning line up  
ready to walk to the  
adventure centre**



**Day 2  
Rafting  
Duckies  
Bodyboarding**



# We only stopped for rest, food, or group photos...





# Day 3

## Hiking, Shelter building, Raft building





**Day 4  
Kayaking or  
more Duckies!**

# English Update – Mr. Archibald



Over the last two weeks, our English classrooms have been humming with exciting projects that bring language and literature to life!

Year 7 students have transformed into "Globe Guides," crafting immersive "how-to" experiences for Shakespeare's iconic theatre. Year 8 students are channelling their inner Greta Thunberg, creating persuasive advertisements for sustainable products. Year 9 classrooms have become debating chambers, where passionate voices tackle global issues, and Year 10 students are honing their communication skills through powerful writing and captivating presentations.

These projects are not just exercises - they're journeys of discovery, fostering creativity, critical thinking, and a love for language.



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## Arabic Update – Mr. Kerba

To Dear Parents,

We hope this message finds you well and in good spirits. We would like to share with you a summary of the events and activities that took place at our school over the past week.

The past week witnessed a significant amount of activity at the school, with a focus on enhancing students' skills in various subjects. The activities were characterized by regular reviews of analytical and literary reading, as well as exercises on grammar and language rules. This was an extremely fruitful opportunity to promote learning outside the classroom, thanks to the excellent winter atmosphere that added an atmosphere of excitement and interaction.

The assignments for the mid-term break were published and shared with the students with all the necessary details. The deadline for submitting the assignments is Wednesday, February 29th, so please ensure that they are completed on time.

Upon returning from the mid-term break, the focus will be on various reviews and exercises aimed at enhancing listening and speaking skills in preparation for the final test in these two skills at the end of the semester.

We wish your sons and daughters an enjoyable winter break filled with warmth, enthusiasm, and relaxation. And we always thank you for your continuous support of our efforts to enhance your children's learning experience.

### Arabic B

- This week we learned more new vocabularies and completed reading comprehension exercises on our new topics.
- We reviewed the new structures and grammar from last week.
- Next week, we will focus on improving speaking and conversation skills.
- After the midterm break, we will have our listening and speaking assessments.
- The homework for the midterm break will be shared on Teams.

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# Islamic Update – Mr. Kerba

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Dear Parents

I hope this message finds you and your family in the best of health and iman (faith). Firstly, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your unwavering support and cooperation in nurturing our students' growth, both academically and spiritually. Your partnership is invaluable, and we are truly grateful for your continued trust and involvement in your child's education.

This past week has been particularly enriching for our students as they actively participated in the commemoration of the blessed journey of Israa and Miraj.

I am pleased to inform you that our students have also been diligently engaged in their Islamic studies curriculum. This week, they were assigned Quranic verses and Hadith targets on our online learning platform, teams.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support and partnership. May Allah (SWT) bless you and your family with abundant blessings and guidance.

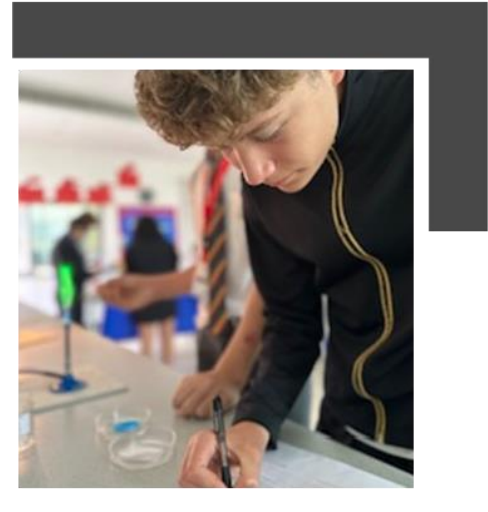




# Science Update

Our Year 7 students embarked on a thrilling Space Couture Day during Focus week. Delving into the intricacies of space suits, they explored the various elements that make these suits essential for astronauts. Working collaboratively in groups, the students then unleashed their creativity to sustainably design and craft their own space suits. Their efforts then took center stage in a fashion show, showcasing not only their imaginative designs but also fostering teamwork and an appreciation for sustainable innovation.





## Science Updates

As part of our Science Focus week activities, some of our Year 9 students recently participated in an engaging Forensics Day. They were immersed in a simulated crime scene with evidence including blood, vomit, and hair (no actual living organisms were harmed for/during the event), students applied various forensics techniques, analysing evidence alongside suspect statements to deduce the criminal. This hands-on experience not only deepened their scientific understanding of content covered so far, but it also fostered teamwork and critical thinking skills.





## Science Updates

In a dynamic hands-on session, our Year 9 students were tasked with the challenge of separating an unknown mixture and purifying water using limited equipment. Given the autonomy to select their apparatus, students made strategic choices and were required to stick to their selections. With a focus on critical thinking, they meticulously determined the order of techniques to maximise water purification, emphasising the importance of resourcefulness and problem-solving skills in scientific endeavours.



## Science Updates

During Focus Week, our Year 10 students embraced a challenging titration practical, a method used to determine the concentration of a substance in a solution. This process involves the controlled addition of one solution to another until a chemical reaction is completed. This practical not only honed their lab skills but also highlighted the real-world applications of titrations in fields such as pharmaceuticals, environmental monitoring, and quality control, emphasizing the practical relevance of their scientific studies.



Inclusion  
Update – Ms.  
Kelly



PARENT COFFEE MORNING



## HOW TO FOSTER CONNECTION WITH YOUR CHILD TO SUPPORT EMOTIONAL REGULATION

Practical strategies for parents to support secure parental attachment relationships by fostering connection, to support children's emotional wellbeing and regulation.

**TUESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 20TH  
8.30AM**

**FACILITATED BY:**



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Psychotherapist

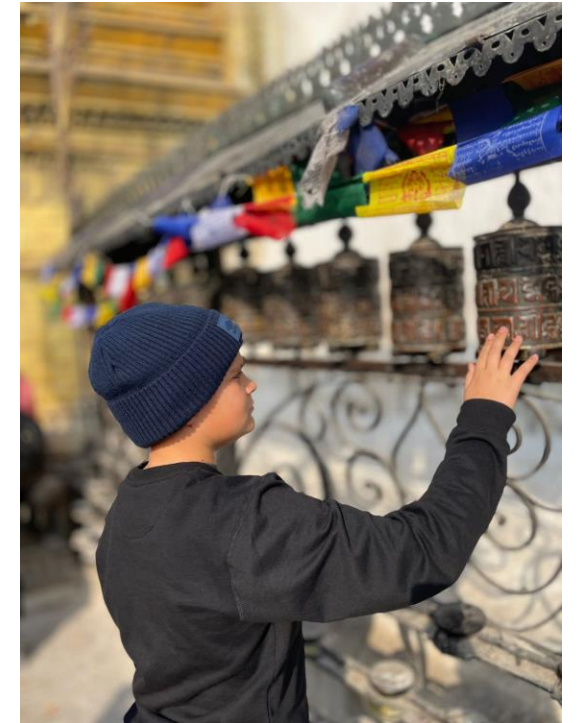


Our recent trip to Nepal was an incredible adventure, featuring mountain biking, community work, white water rafting, hiking, camping, exploration, card games, and rock climbing. From the majestic Himalayan landscapes to the warmth of local communities, Nepal offered a diverse range of unforgettable experiences.

# Humanities Update – Miss Coy

## Nepal Trip 2024

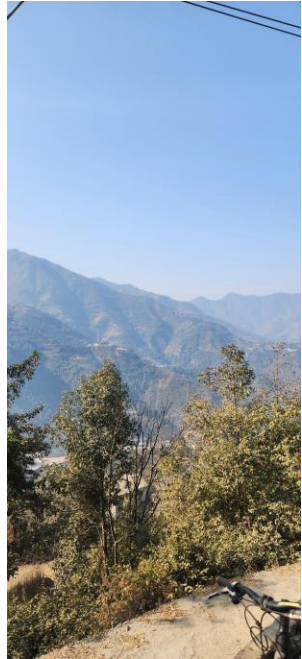




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# THE MIXTAPE FACTORY



It 's almost time...

What we have all been waiting for...

*The South View Secondary School  
Show 2024!*

*After weeks of blood, sweat and tears, we are  
almost ready to open the doors to our first  
performance.*

*Be ready to laugh, to cry and most  
importantly... dance, dance, dance!*

Tickets are still available at the finance office  
in reception and please remember to bring  
cash for refreshments on the day.



RSI Global ART COMPETITION 2023 2024  
Organised by RSI Art Award.

## Art Competition

Art competition theme

*Wellbeing*



Registration Opens **September 2023**

Last day of artworks submission **February 2024**

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# Join Us in the RSI Art Competition!

Dear Parents,

As we continue to navigate through the school year, we are thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity for our students to channel their creativity and contribute to the theme of **Wellbeing**.

We are encouraging all budding artists to participate in the upcoming **RSI Art Competition**. This competition serves as a platform for our students to express themselves, explore their inner thoughts, and promote mental and emotional wellness through the powerful medium of art.

The deadline for expressing your interest in participating in this enriching competition is rapidly approaching. If you haven't already submitted your interest, we urge you to do so by the deadline of **Tuesday February 13th**.

For more details, please reach out to Ms. Lucente and visit [Home - RSI Art Awards](#)

Wishing all our student artists the very best in the RSI Art Competition!



Mia in Year 10, is ready to begin putting her fantastic design for this amazing competition together. She will be assisted by Sofia in Year 10.

***We are still looking for the following items for this competition as well as our school show in the name of Sustainability. Please send any of these in if you can spare them:***

Cardboard boxes (any size or shape)

Tin Foil

Coloured paper (use

Used wire

aluminum duct

any old fabric or material



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# Tunes for Tuesdays

*Join us at 7:30am on Tuesday morning in the playground to see who we have lined up next!*

Well done Sahana, Jana and our Mixtape factory swing and ensemble



# PE Update | Mr. Bladen

A quiet week ahead for fixtures leading into half term:

12.02.24 - U14 Girls Volleyball @ Collegiate International School

This week's results:

**U16 Girls Netball 22-5 Hartland**

**U12 Girls Netball 21-3 GEMS Metropole**

U14 Boys Volleyball 0-2 Blooms World Academy

U14 Girls Netball @ Jebel Ali School

U16 Boys Volleyball 0-2 GEMS Al Mizhar

All details are available on our school SOCS

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







**WE ARE HUMAN BEINGS, AT THE END OF  
THE DAY. SUCCESS AND FAILURE ARE  
A PART AND PARCEL OF OUR LIFE.**

**- HIMA DAS**



**HER STORY**

# || Swimming

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Just a brief reminder that in Term 2, our KS3 students will be Swimming in PE (Boys, Week 1 – Girls, Week 2).

Please ensure that you have appropriate swimwear, sliders, towel, cap and goggles for these lessons.





Sri Lanka  
2024



**What an incredible adventure we had in Sri Lanka.**

**We arrived to our accommodation with beautiful scenery all around us.**





**Day 1 was all about our warm Sri Lankan welcome.**

**We snorkelled at Koggala before drinking fresh coconut water while relaxing on the beach.**

**Back at camp, we were treated to a traditional Sri Lankan fire dance!**

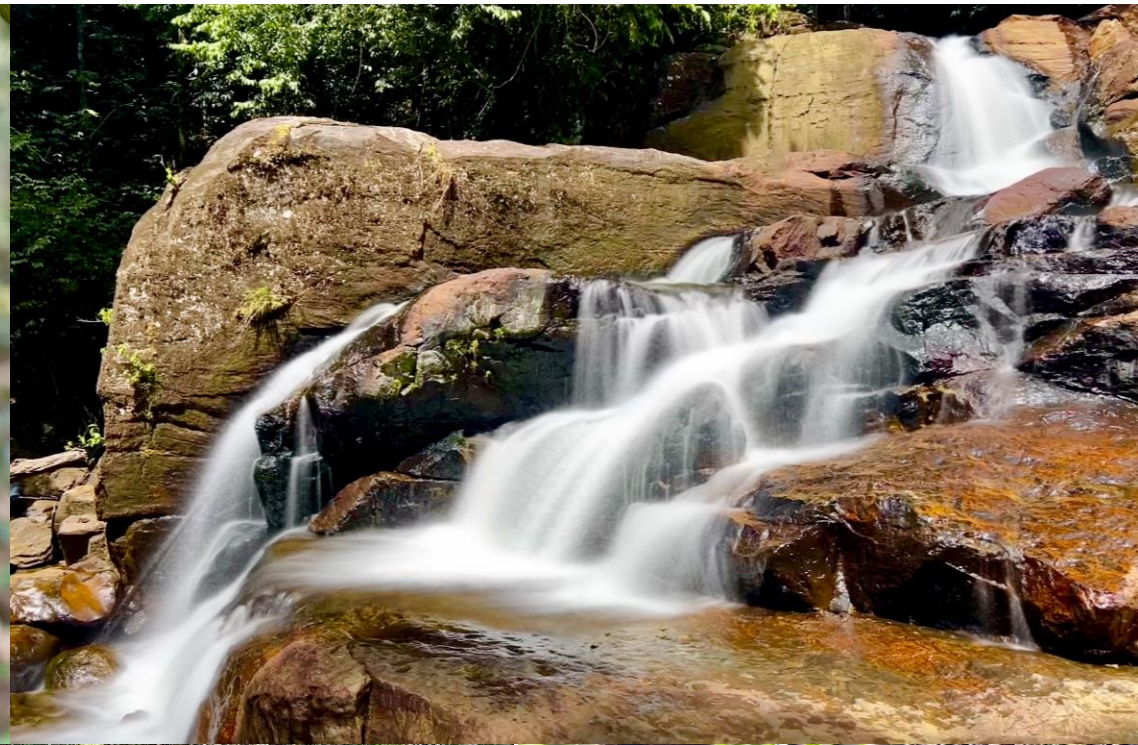




**Day 2 we trekked through the Kanneliya rainforest looking at the animals and plants that call it home.**

**We found a beautiful waterfall before having a dip in the river.**

**At camp we competed in fun team games.**





**Day 3 we had a boat ride on Koggala lake to visit a cinnamon plantation.**

**Later that day we visited a Buddhist temple then had the chance to explore Unawatuna Town before settling down to movie night at basecamp.**

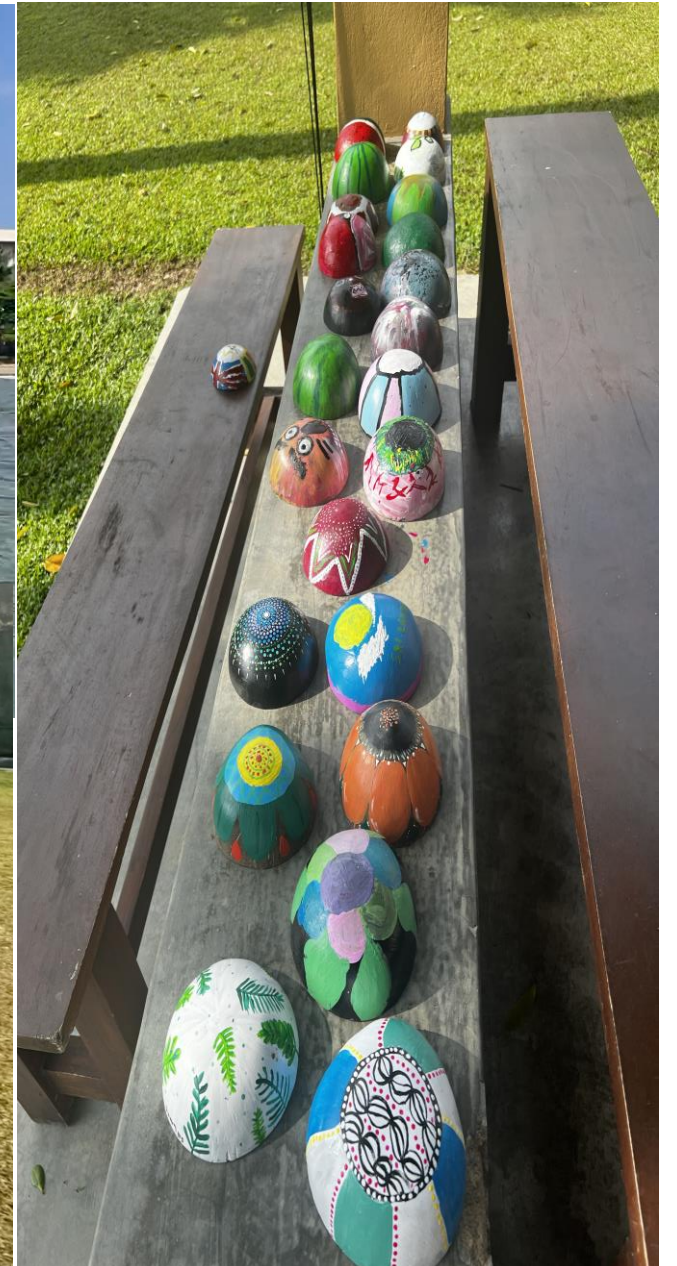




**Day 4 was filled with Sri Lankan culture.**

**We spent the morning coconut painting and coconut leaf weaving then learned to surf in the afternoon.**

**We also visited a local school to learn about education there.**

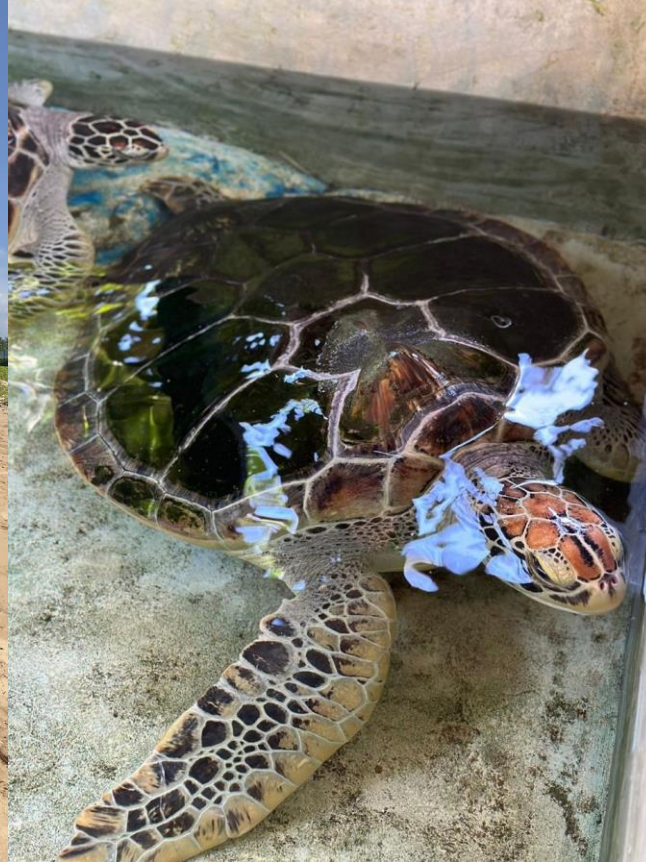






**Day 5 we paid our respects at the Tsunami memorial before heading off to Mahamoodara turtle hatchery.**

**We completed a beach clean-up and helped reinforce the turtle sanctuary walls before having some bonus surf lessons.**





**Day 6 we visited a traditional tea plantation and factory before heading off to the oldest weaving factory in Sri Lanka.**

**We made traditional Sri Lankan pancakes using coconuts before heading into Galle to explore the fort and old town.**





**Day 7**

**After an amazing journey, our adventure was over and we headed back to Dubai to share our experiences with our family.**

**We cannot wait to return next year.**

**Thank you Sri Lanka!**

