



Secondary School Weekly Update

Friday 2nd Feb 2024

Dear Parents,

What a week we've had in Secondary!

I've been receiving daily updates from Sri Lanka, Nepal and Al Ain for our residential trips and it looks like the students have had the most amazing experiences. I hope parents are looking forward to having them all back safe and sound, and we are very much looking forward to hearing all the stories of white-water rafting, trekking in foreign countries, giving back to local communities, learning how to surf and so much more. Huge thanks to the staff members who have supported the trips as well.

Please read on for details of next week's coffee morning and for updates from across the school.

I hope you have a restful weekend and I look forward to seeing you around the campus soon.

Kind regards

Jon Pennock

Upcoming key dates

- Next week's lessons follow a Week 2 timetable.
- Secondary Sports day – Friday 9th Feb
- Secondary School show 'The Mixtape Factory' - 21st and 22nd Feb



Pastoral Update – Mr. Macpherson

Dear Parents,

Following the very well attended Wellbeing Coffee morning last week. We would like to invite you to the second of three Wellbeing Coffee Mornings on Thursday 08/02/24 to discuss Wellbeing themes specifically linked to our students in Year 7 and 8. Please meet with Mr Cook (Head of Year 7) and Miss Rahilly (Head of Year 8) in our canteen from 8.15am before moving to a secondary classroom. They will run the same presentation from 4.00pm in our school library for any parents who cannot make the morning slot. I am very much looking forward to speaking with you.

Wellbeing Matters Coffee Morning Series



Mr Cook
Head of Year 7



Ms Rahilly
Head of Year 8



Mr Wood
Head of Year 9



Miss Quick
Head of Year 10

08/02/24

22/02/24



Arabic Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Parents,

We hope this message finds you well. We are delighted to share some exciting highlights and important updates from the Arabic department this week.

Arabic Achievements Highlights:

Academic Excellence: Our Arabic students have demonstrated outstanding academic achievements, showcasing their dedication to learning and the pursuit of excellence.

Project Success: Special recognition goes to students who displayed remarkable creativity and dedication in their projects. Their innovative approaches and collaborative spirit truly stood out.

Students' Efforts during Inspection Week:

Dedication to Excellence: Throughout the inspection week, our students put forth commendable effort in maintaining high standards of discipline and academic performance. Their commitment to showcasing the best of our school is truly commendable.

Collaborative Spirit: The teamwork demonstrated by our students during the inspection reflects the strong sense of community within our Arabic program. Together, we continue to build a supportive and thriving learning environment.

A heartfelt thank you to all our students for their hard work and commitment. We greatly appreciate your ongoing support.

Arabic B Update:

We extend a massive thanks to our students for their brilliant work and significant effort during inspection week.

Throughout this week, we continued with new topics, expanding vocabulary, and teaching students how to apply new knowledge in different contexts.

Next week, the focus will be on reading comprehension, where students will learn various strategies. Additionally, they will engage in writing activities in their notebooks.

Homework assignments will be shared on Teams.

Listening and speaking assessments are scheduled after the midterm break, and any further information will be communicated via Teams.

We value your partnership in creating a positive learning experience for your children.

Thank you for your continued support!

Islamic Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Parents,

I hope this message finds you well. We wanted to inform you about some significant developments happening at our school this week.

Firstly, our school is undergoing a KHDA inspection, a crucial evaluation ensuring the highest educational standards. We've been diligently preparing to showcase the excellence and commitment to quality education that defines us. Your continued support is invaluable, and together, we're confident in our ability to impress the inspectors and maintain our standing as a center of educational excellence.

In addition to the inspection, we have assigned a special focus on Quran and Hadith studies this week.

Our dedicated team has set specific Quran and hadith target to enhance the understanding and appreciation of these fundamental aspects of our curriculum. We believe that a strong foundation in these studies contributes not only to academic growth but also to the development of moral and ethical values in our students. We kindly request your support in encouraging your child to actively participate in these studies, fostering a positive and enriching learning experience.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. Your partnership is crucial in creating a nurturing environment for our students.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan

Our Year 7 French students have been writing a message of gratitude to some of their teachers in French.

They have been able to describe their teachers in detail and hand deliver these messages to some of the teaching staff.

Our linguists had to give some of their teachers a helping hand with the translations.





The Arts Update - Mrs Rock

Don't miss your chance to see our fabulously talent students perform. This performance is certain to get you all up on your feet.

Tickets are on sale now from the finance office next to Reception. - less than 3 weeks to go...

Refreshments will be available before the show and during the interval – CASH PAYMENTS ONLY. NO CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!



SOUTH VIEW SCHOOL SECONDARY
PROUDLY PRESENTS

THE MIXTAPE FACTORY

IN ASSOCIATION WITH COLLAB COMPANY

Seven strangers volunteer their community service hours inside the same old warehouse in Remraam. As they rifle through the boxes, they begin to uncover the truth behind this abandoned space... that it was once a vibrant café called *The Mixtape Factory* and it was home to an immense collection of every sort of recording and playback device known to us all today!

From the vintage video reel to the humble cassette tape, the classic vinyl LP to the futuristic CD, the retro VHS to the outdated DVD... yes, *The Mixtape Factory* stocked them all...

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



WHEN: 21 AND 22 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7PM
WHERE: PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS HALL
TICKETS: 30DHS (FROM SVS FINANCE OFFICE)

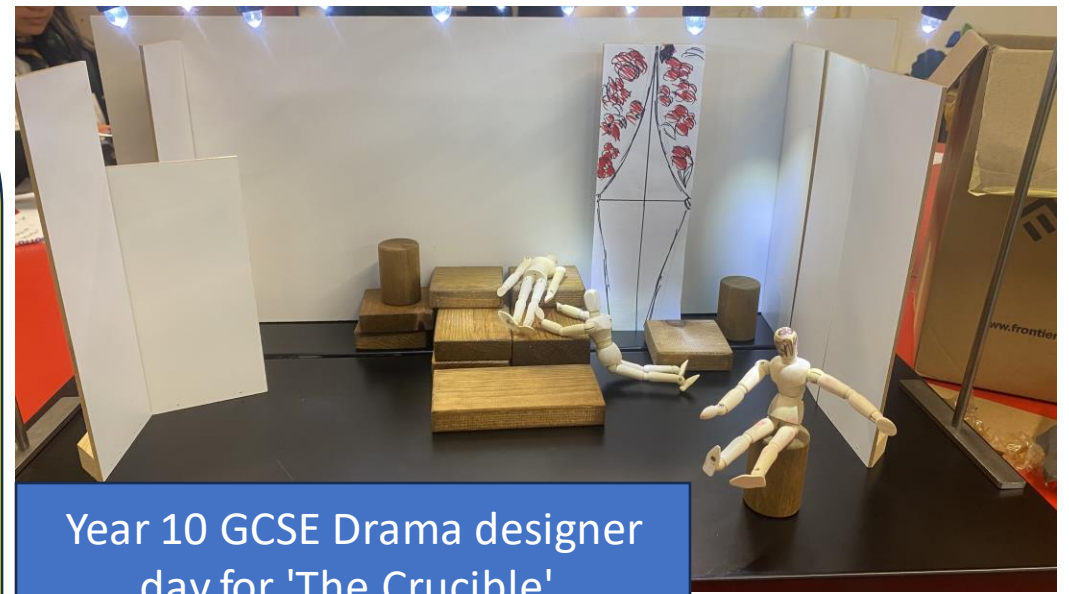




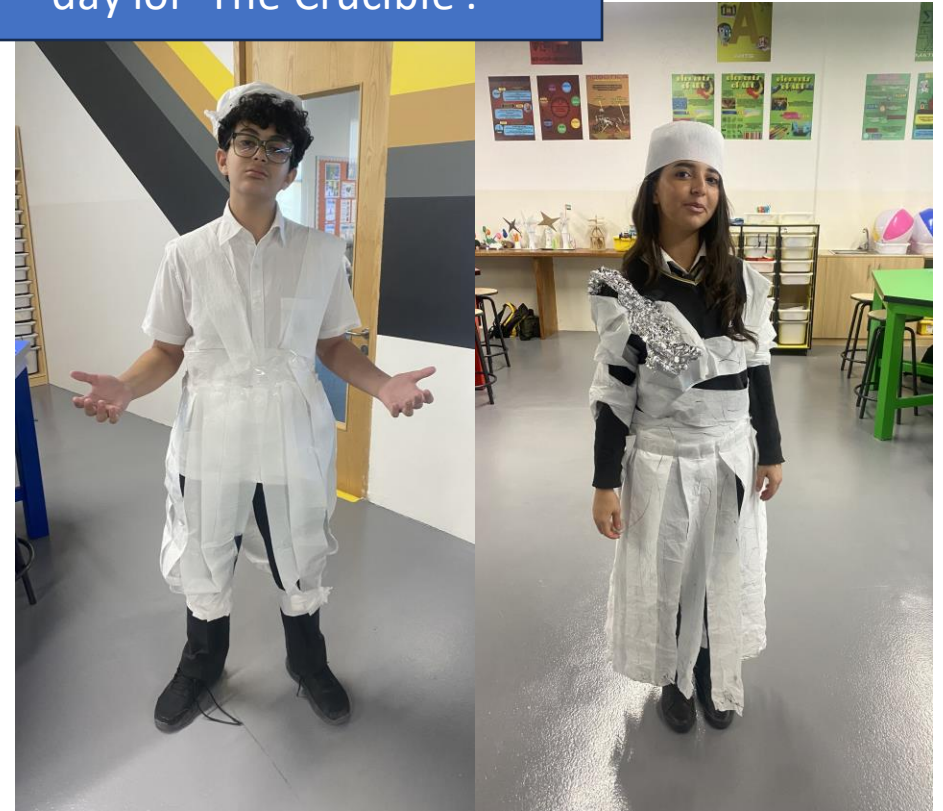
It has been a very busy week in the Arts Faculty. To name a few...

- Year 11 GCSE mock exams in ICT and Drama
- Yr 8 Create a band in Music
- Focused Year 10 GCSE Art sessions
 - The Mixtape factory design and rehearsal day
 - Extra STEAM lessons
- Yr 10 GCSE Drama design day for 'The Crucible'.

Thanks to all of our students for working so hard. Your rate of learning has been exceptional this week and you have also created some great memories!



Year 10 GCSE Drama designer day for 'The Crucible'.

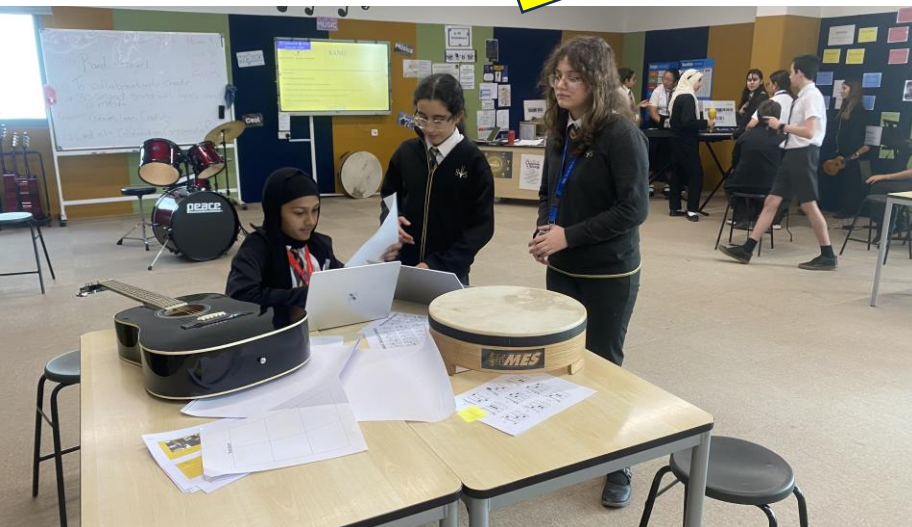




Year 8 Band competition



Winning band... The Flying Deers





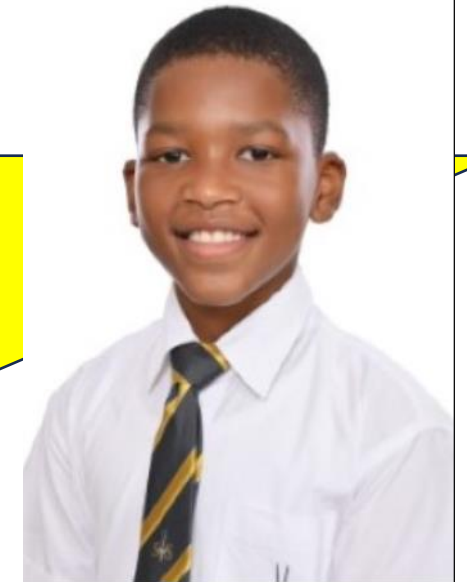
Winner!!!

Omphile is our first ever student to be successful in all stages of the competition and he came 3rd.

We are so proud of you and can't wait to see you perform in the school show!



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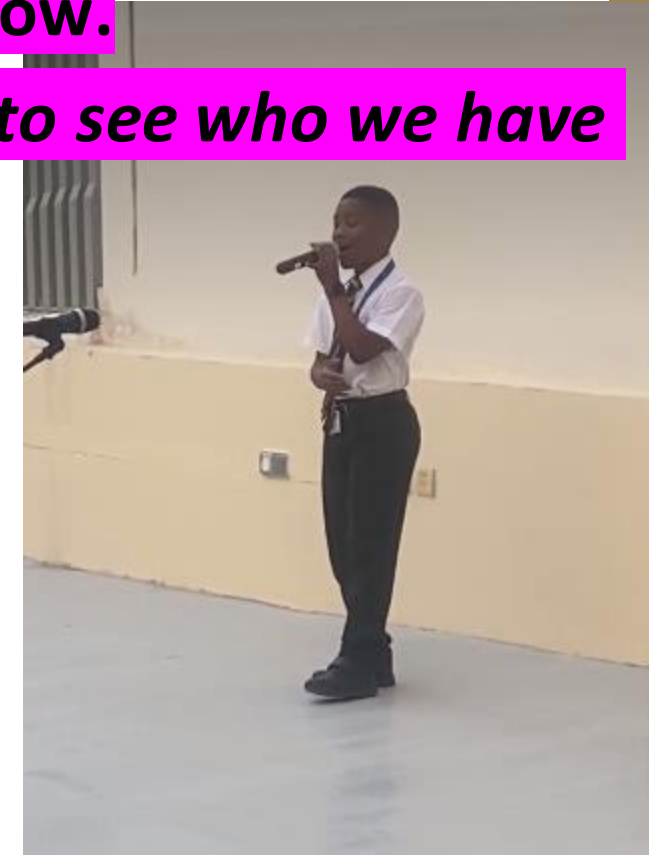
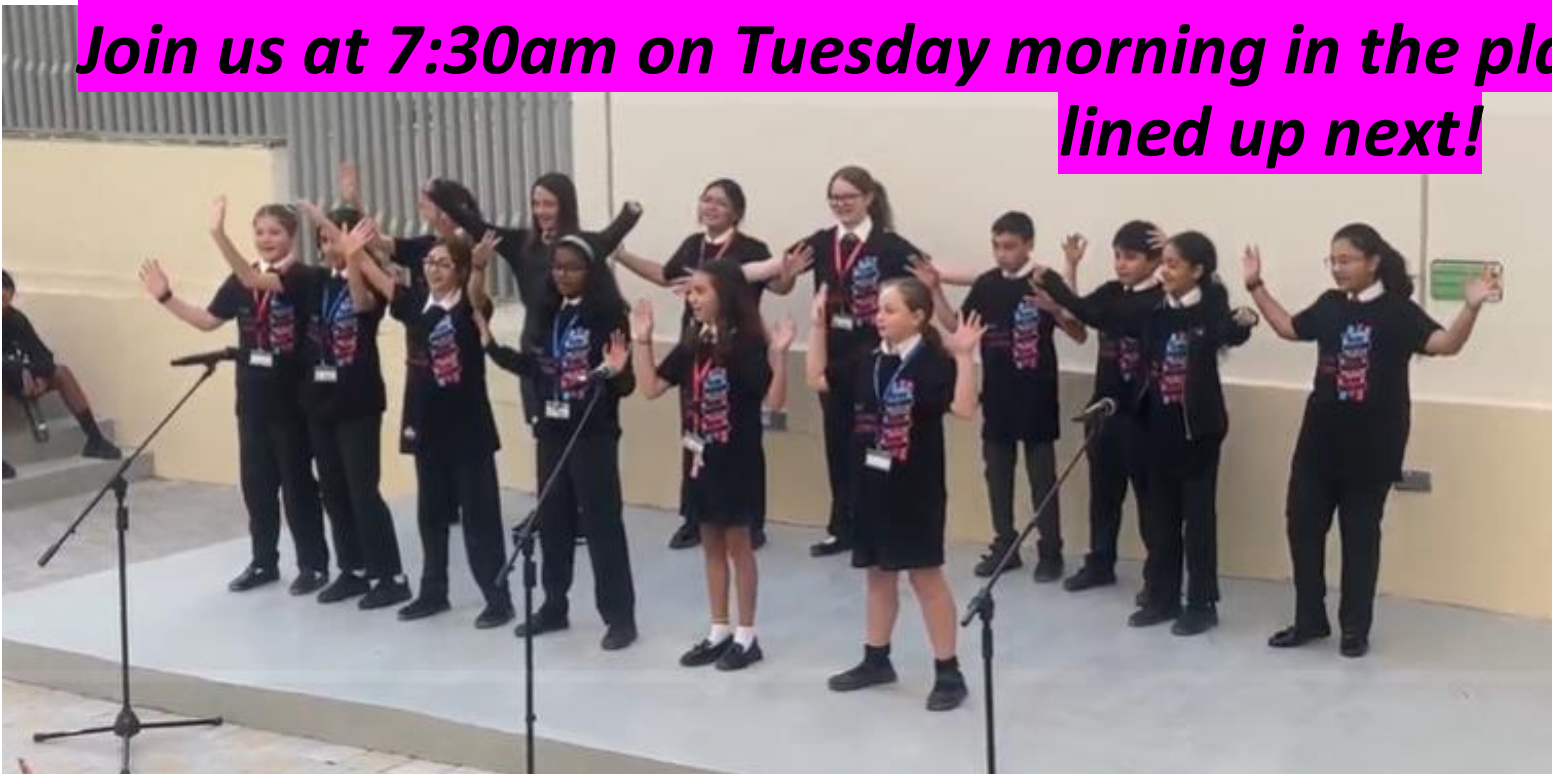


Tunes for Tuesdays

This week saw the fabulous Omphile perform his winning song (even with a sore throat he was amazing!)

We also had a few members of the cast of 'The Mixtape Factory' treat us to something they are working on for the show.

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





Musical Mondays

Musical Mondays is now Musical Wednesdays. If you would like to test out your Musical skills, the Music room will be open to all students every Wednesday from 1:05pm-1:20pm

Band Practice will be every Monday and Thursday lunchtime at 1:20pm-1:40pm in the Music room

Choir Practice will be every Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtime at 1:20pm-1:40pm in the Music room

 **Tunes Tuesday**

Would you like to showcase your amazing performance skills? Why not school them off at tunes Tuesday..

Every Tuesday in the amphitheatre at 7:30am

PE Update | Mr. Bladen

Another action-packed week ahead of fixtures:

- 05.02.24 - U16 Girls Netball @ Hartland
- 06.02.24 - U12 Girls Netball v GEMS Metropole
- 07.02.24 - U14 Boys Volleyball @ Blooms World Academy
- 08.02.24 - U14 Girls Netball @ Jebel Ali School
- 08.02.24 - U16 Boys Volleyball @ GEMS Al Mizhar

This week's results:

- U16 Boys Football 3-8 Jebel Ali School
- U14 Boys Volleyball 2-0 Kent College**
- U16 Boys Volleyball 0-2 Raffles International School
- U16 Girls Volleyball 0-2 GEMS Winchester School

All details are available on our school SOCS

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



A photograph of Shaquille O'Neal performing a dunk on an outdoor basketball court. He is wearing a patterned jacket and dark shorts, with his right arm extended to hold the basketball in the hoop. The background features a city skyline with several tall buildings under a bright, hazy sky. The court has a green surface and metal support structures.

“Excellence is not a singular act but a habit. You are what you do repeatedly.”

- SHAQUILLE O'NEAL -



Last week our U13's competed in this year's World School Games event. There were four days of tough competition across three sports. Our students put a huge amount of effort and dedication into the competition and did fantastically well.

Some notable performances were:

Athletics

Gold - Christopher (High Jump)

Silver - Christopher (Long Jump)

Silver - Tiago (200m)

Bronze - Kaitlyn (Javelin)

Swimming

Bronze - Zafeer (50m Butterfly)



Tennis Championships

This week a select few of our SVS Tennis Squad competed in the DASSA Individual Tennis Championships held at The Emilio Sanchez Academy in Nad Al Sheba.

All of our players did extremely well, with one in particular.....

Karina (Year 9) won the U15 tournament.

A huge congratulations to her. She has put a huge amount of time and effort into Tennis, and this has massively paid off. She is currently ranked No. 1 in the UAE and was a well-deserved winner at the tournament this week.

Congratulations once again, everyone here at SVS is extremely proud of you!



Sports Day

🏆 SVS Secondary School Sports Day 🏆

Get ready for an exhilarating day of athleticism and team spirit at SVS Secondary School Sports Day.

🌟 Date: **Friday, 9th February**

Highlights:

- Thrilling track and field events
- Team sports that will test your skills and teamwork
- House-based competitions for that extra dash of rivalry

Dress Code: Show your house pride! Wear your PE kit in your house colors.

🏅 Medals and Trophies Await! 🏅

Cheer for your teammates, showcase your athletic prowess, and let the spirit of friendly competition soar! Don't miss the chance to be part of the most exciting event of the school year.



|| Swimming

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.

