

#### Secondary School Weekly Update

Dear Parents,

Today we enjoyed the launch of the 30x30 fitness challenge in our sports gear alongside some inclement weather conditions. The week has flown by and students are ready to sit their first round of assessments from Monday morning.

The schedule has been shared with students (on Teams) and parents (via email) and we are looking forward to celebrating the achievements of all students. Please do take the time to sit with your sons and daughters this weekend to discuss how they are feeling and please encourage them to try their best and make sure when they are in an exam that they keep working and checking their answers all the way until the end. Please remind them that we do not see success as 100% scores, we are looking for them to each make progress against their previous result and other starting points.

In this week's update we have notes from across the school and key dates are mentioned below. Year 11 parents, please look out for an email from Mr Gavin with a specific update for your child.

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

Jon Pennock

Upcoming key dates:

Assessment Week 1 – W/B Monday 30 October Year 6 Transition day 1 – Monday 30 October Coffee Morning – Careers/Unifrog on Thursday 2nd November



## **Trips and ECAs Update from Mr. Sanguigni**

#### **ECAs**

Secondary ECAs are now underway for term 1 and can be viewed using this link. <u>SVS Secondary ECA 2023-24 Term 1.pdf</u>

#### **ECA Enrolment Procedure**

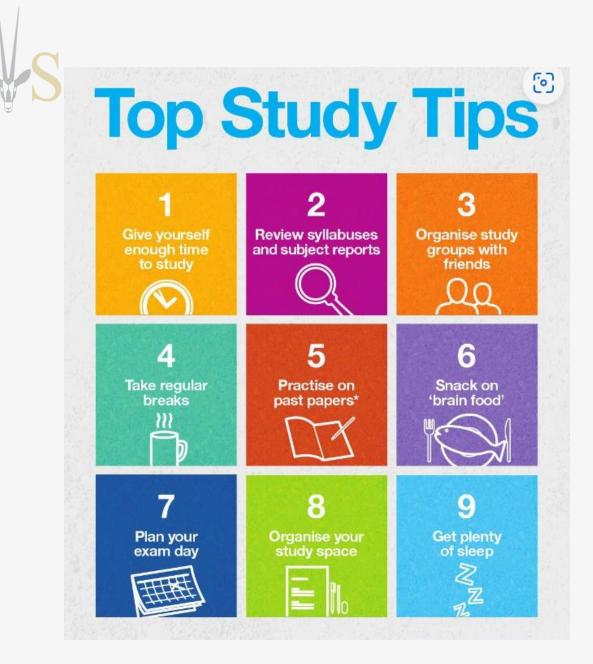
Enrolment will be direct with the teacher running the ECA. Students should enrol directly with the teacher for lunch time ECAs and should collect a permission slip for after-school ECAs.

#### **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: <u>svs-year-7-8-outdoor-education-program.pdf</u> Year 9: <u>svs-year-9-outdoor-education-program.pdf</u>

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



## Academic Update – Ms Stevens

 Assessment week 1 begins on Monday 30 October

• Please refer to revision Information which was emailed to parents and posted on Teams bulletin boards on 09 October

• Ms Scouller will be running a Coffee Morning on 02 November to give more information about careers and Unifrog



#### SVS Community partnership from Mr. Bacon

SVS are always striving to provide our students with the most inspiring and well-rounded educational experience possible. With this in mind, we are looking for parents and members of the school community who would be willing to share their time, experience and/or place of work with our future entrepreneurs, doctors, programmers, engineers and everything else in between.

Below is a link to a short Microsoft Form which we would encourage willing members of our school community to complete in order to let us know the ways in which you can provide an exceptional learning experience for our students. This could be through a student talk about your profession, a tour of your place of work/office/factory, a zoom meeting or even work experience opportunities.

Once the entries have been processed, I will be in touch to discuss specific details of the partnership. If you have any questions in addition to the Form please email <u>michael.bacon@southview.ae</u>

Link to Form - https://forms.office.com/r/M9dz9PBx7j



#### Arabic Update Mr. Kerba

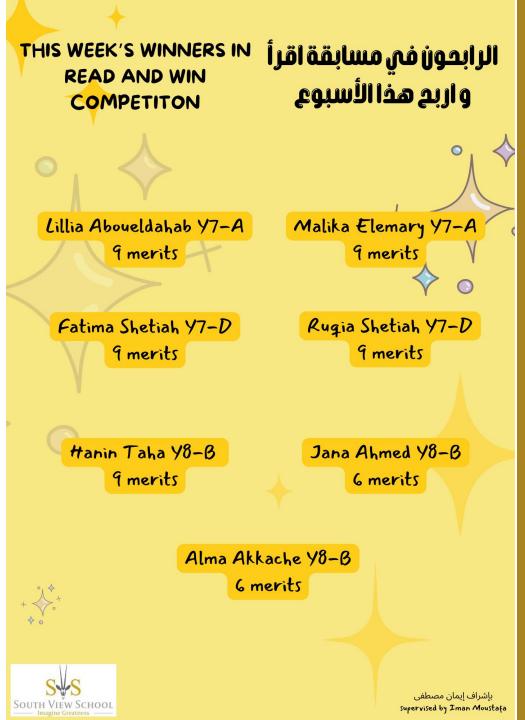
I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to Ms. Elham Bakry, our new Arabic and Islamic teacher. Ms. Ilham joins our educational community with a wealth of knowledge and experience, specifically in the field of teaching secondary school. Her passion for education and dedication to nurturing young minds make her a valuable addition to our team. We are confident that her expertise will contribute significantly to our students' academic growth and cultural understanding.

We are excited to announce the launch of our Arabic **Spelling Bee**, an educational development project aimed at enhancing students' spelling and writing skills. This initiative seeks to break down barriers between students and writing while equipping them with a foundational set of spelling skills. **The competition will consist of two rounds:** 

The first round will take place on November 20.

The second round on November 27.

To learn more about this initiative, please click <u>Spelling Bee.pdf</u>, For information on Arabic A Spelling Bee, please click <u>Arabic A SPELLING BEE.pdf</u>, and for details on Arabic B Spelling Bee, please click <u>Arabic B Spelling Bee.pdf</u>. Additionally, I would like to extend my congratulations to the winners of the Read and Win competition. Your dedication to reading and learning is truly commendable.



# Islamic Update Mr. Kerba

**Dear Parents** 

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu,

We hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. We are delighted to provide you with an update on the remarkable progress our students have made in the field of Islamic Studies, particularly in Quran memorization and recitation.

We are proud to report that our students have exhibited outstanding dedication and commitment to their Islamic Studies, and this is reflected in their exceptional progress across all areas. The growth we've witnessed is a testament to their hard work, the guidance of our dedicated instructors, and your continued support.

We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all the students who have actively participated in and successfully completed their Quran memorization and recitation. Your children's achievements are a source of great pride for us, and we applaud their diligence and perseverance in this noble endeavor.

In this regard, we kindly request all parents to continue motivating and encouraging their children to memorize their assigned verses from the Quran. Your support at home plays a pivotal role in helping our students attain excellence in this sacred endeavor. Your involvement and guidance can truly make a difference in their journey of Quranic learning.

As we move forward, we want to inform you that our students have completed their revision, and the upcoming week will be an Assessment Week. During this time, our instructors will assess the progress and understanding of the material covered in the Quranic studies. We kindly request your continued support by ensuring your child is well-prepared and ready for these assessments.

In conclusion, we express our deepest gratitude to you, the parents and guardians, for your unwavering support and commitment to your child's Islamic education. It is your partnership with us that allows our students to excel and thrive in their studies.

Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or require any further information regarding your child's progress in Islamic Studies. Your active involvement and feedback are highly valued.

We look forward to seeing the continued growth and achievements of our students, and with your continued support, we are confident that they will reach even greater heights in their Islamic education.

Jazakum Allah Khairan for your ongoing support and cooperation.

## <u>Humanities Update -</u> <u>Miss Coy</u>

Miss Rahilly, Miss Scouller and our fantastic Year 11 geographers' students embarked on an urban fieldwork trip as part of their Geography IGCSE. Visiting the Al Fahidi historical neighbourhood and the Dubai Frame offered a valuable opportunity to understand how land use changes across different parts of Dubai. Students conducted a variety of fieldwork methods to understand how land use changes from the central business district to old Dubai. through interviews, traffic counts and land use surveys, they comprehended the dynamics of urban landscaped in different areas of Dubai.













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# The Arts Update – Mrs Rock

Rehearsals for the school show began this week and we are excited to be finally working together. With just 13 school weeks until show day, every rehearsal is vital. Students should check the school show teams page regularly for updates on rehearsals which will mainly be on Mondays and Thursdays after school.

(Please note, there will be no rehearsals next week due to assessment week!)

If you child is involved in the show, please check your emails and sign them up via the link. Payments should be made to the finance team.

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



Congratulations to **Liran Sukdeo in 9C** who successfully auditioned to be part of the senior ensemble for this year's Pantomime at Fairmont the Palm.

We are extremely proud of you and cant wait to see you in action!



## PE Update - Mr. Bladen

Another full week of fixtures for our sporting teams with the following results:

- U16 Boys Football 1-3 Jebel Ali
- U16 Girls Football 2-4 Fairgreen
- U12 Girls Football 0-2 EIS Meadows
- U14 Boys Football 1-0 GEMS Metropole
- U16 Boys Basketball 23-25 DBS Jumeirah Park

Please see next week's fixtures below:

- Monday 30th October U16 Boys Football vs SAFA Community School
- Tuesday 31st October Swimming Gala @ Deira International School
- Wednesday 1st November U16 Girls Basketball @ EIS Meadows
- Thursday 2nd November U14 Boys Football vs DBS Jumeirah Park
- Thursday 2nd November U14 Girls Football @ Sunmarke
- Thursday 2nd November U16 Boys Basketball vs Arbour

All details have been sent to parents and are available on our school SOCS

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Cameron participated in this year's Dubai School Games Golf tournament held at The Trump during the half term break.

The tournament provided a platform for him to showcase his golfing skills and compete against other talented players across Dubai.

He demonstrated excellent proficiency in the game, displaying his accuracy, precision, and technique throughout the tournament (almost scoring a hole in one!!)

His sportsmanship and camaraderie throughout the event, was also exemplary. Well done Cameron!





Dubai Fitness Challenge sparks an exciting month-long celebration of fitness and wellness. It challenges you to complete 30 minutes of exercise each day for 30 days (30X30).

A Royal Vision: An initiative of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of the Executive Council of Dubai – the challenge aims to inspire everyone to create a fitness-focused mindset and seek healthy, active lifestyles.

Mark Your Calendar: Dubai Fitness Challenge will take place at various locations across the city from 28 October to 26 November 2023. Don't miss the flagship events: Dubai Ride, Dubai's biggest cycling event on 12 November, and Dubai Run, the world's largest fun run on 26 November.

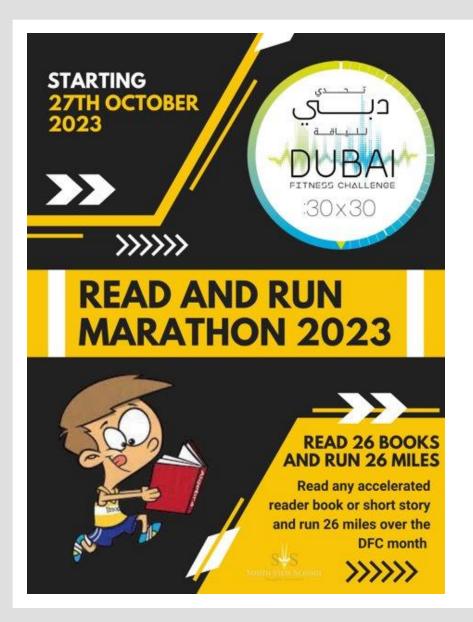
From Monday 30th onwards, there will be a physical activity taking place during lunchtime in the SMPH for both staff and students over the 30 days. Please see the schedule and feel free to join in during any session.



Join us every lunchtime in the SMPH for your 30 minutes of physical activity during this years Dubai Fitness challenge.



28th October - 26th November 2023



We have partnered with the English department, where we will be running a 'Read and Run Marathon' where our students are challenged to run 26 miles over the 30 days and read 26 short stories (accelerated reader books).

If you are interested, please collect a booklet from the PE department to document your miles and books over the DFC 30 days.