



# Secondary School Weekly Update

8th December 2023

Dear Parents,

I hope this update finds you well and that you are looking forward to a restful break with your families. The students have been fantastic around the school this term and are fully deserving of the holiday time over the next three weeks. We finished Term 1 with a lovely assembly from the pastoral team, celebrating the many successes from across the school on Thursday morning.

For our younger students this is certainly the time to recharge the batteries, and for our older students it is important to strike the right balance between resting and keeping revision ticking over. Please see the key dates below and for parents of Y11 students, please look out for the email from Mr. Gavin which details the suggested winter revision.

For parents of Y7-9 students, please note the deadline for reserving a place on the residential is Friday 5th January. There are full details from Mr. Sanguigni at the end of this update.

I wish you all a restful break and a happy new year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Kind regards

Jon Pennock

## Upcoming key dates

Mon 11 December – Mon 01 January: Winter break

Tuesday 02 January: School opens for Term 2 with Week 1 lessons

Tuesday 09 January: Y10 Parents Evening

Friday 12 January: International Day

Wednesday 17 January: Y8 Parents Evening

Wednesday 17 January: Y11 Mock examinations begin

Friday 19 January: Assessment Week 2 Begins



## Important message from IT team

Dear Parents,

In order to ensure that we maintain a safe and responsible approach to the use of technology at SVS and in accordance with sound educational practice, it is necessary that all parents sign and agree to the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy available on Engage portal. The consent is required for all the students from Y3 upwards.

Please click [Steps to fill up the BYOD AY-23-24.pdf](#) to view the help document on how to access and fill up the BYOD form.

***Kindly ignore this mail if you have already submitted this form, if not please complete the AUP/BYOD consent form as soon as possible.***

For any technical queries please contact us at: [itsupport@southview.ae](mailto:itsupport@southview.ae)

Thank you.

Kind regards,

SVS Team



## English Update – Mr. Archibald

As we approach the end of this term, we're delighted to reflect on the enriching experiences and achievements of our students. The term was marked by notable events, including the highly engaging Spelling Bee, the showcase of creative talents in the Creative Writing Competition, and a captivating trip to witness a live performance of Macbeth.

**Spelling Bee and Creative Writing Competition:** Our students displayed commendable enthusiasm and skill in the Spelling Bee, showcasing their linguistic prowess. The Creative Writing Competition brought forth imaginative narratives and unique voices, highlighting the creative spirit within our school community.

**Trip to Macbeth Performance:** Our recent excursion to experience a live performance of Macbeth was a resounding success. It provided students with a valuable opportunity to witness the power of live theater, enhancing their appreciation for literature and the dramatic arts.

### Looking Ahead: Exciting Initiatives for Next Term:

**Wide Reading Programme for Key Stage 3 (KS3) Students:** We are thrilled to announce the launch of a Wide Reading Programme for our KS3 students. This initiative aims to instill a love for reading, promoting independent exploration of diverse literary genres. We believe that cultivating strong reading habits is a foundation for academic success and personal growth.

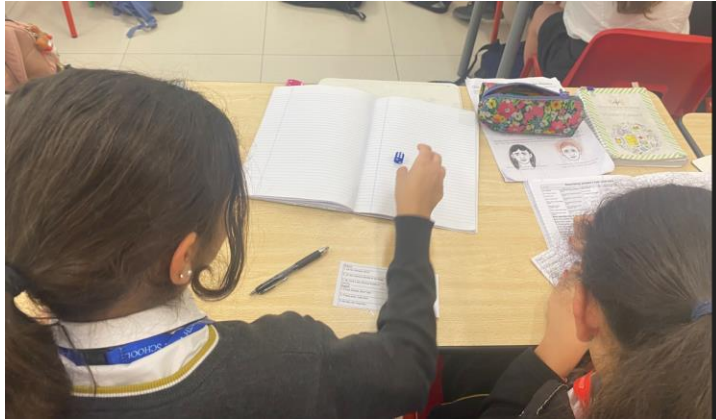
**Debating Competition:** Our Year 8 students will have the chance to participate in a Debating Competition next term. This platform encourages the development of critical thinking, effective communication, and persuasive speaking skills. We anticipate lively and thought-provoking discussions that will contribute to our students' intellectual development.

**TED Talk Presentations:** Towards the end of the term, our Year 9 students will engage in TED Talk presentations. This initiative empowers students to explore and share their ideas on various topics, fostering creativity and confident public speaking.

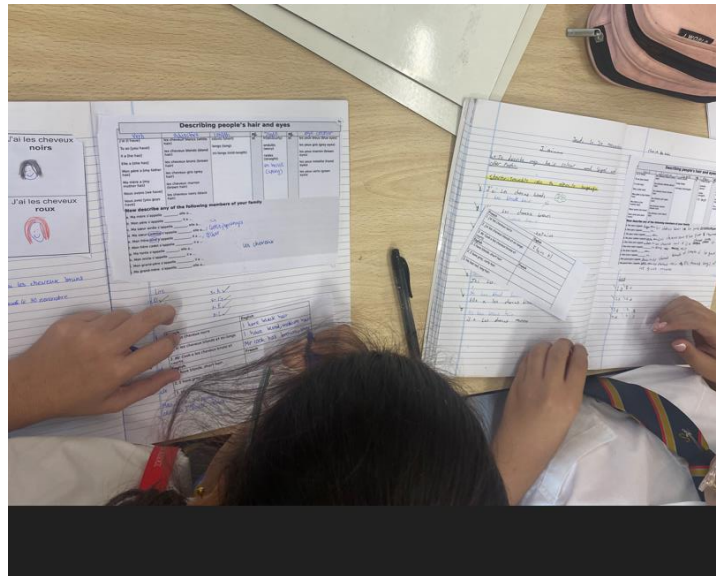
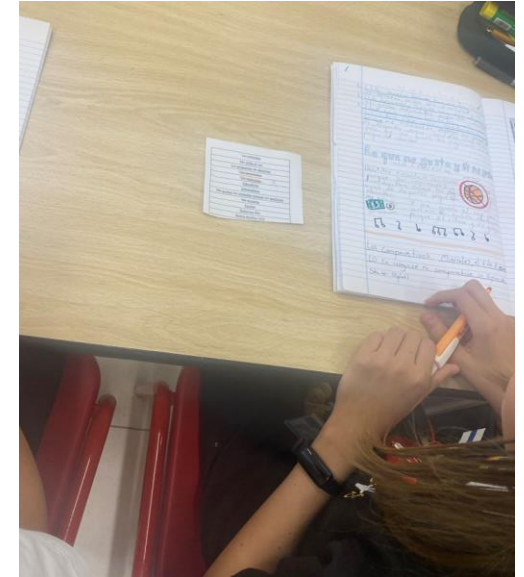
We appreciate your continued support and partnership in creating a dynamic learning environment for our students. We look forward to another term of growth, learning, and shared accomplishments.



## MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan



Year 7 French showed us their wonderful translation skills with a game of one pen, one dice to practise the vocabulary based on physical descriptions.



Meanwhile, Year 8 Spanish students raced each other in a competitive game of vocabulary splat. Things got rather messy and competitive.



# Arabic Update – Mr. Abdelhamed

Dear Parents,

I hope this message finds you well. As we reach the end of Term 1, we would like to express our gratitude for your ongoing support and collaboration in your child's Arabic studies. It has been a rewarding journey, and we are thrilled to see the progress and enthusiasm displayed by each student.

We are pleased to inform you that Term 1 has successfully concluded, and your child has completed a significant portion of their Arabic language curriculum. The dedication and effort they have shown are truly commendable.

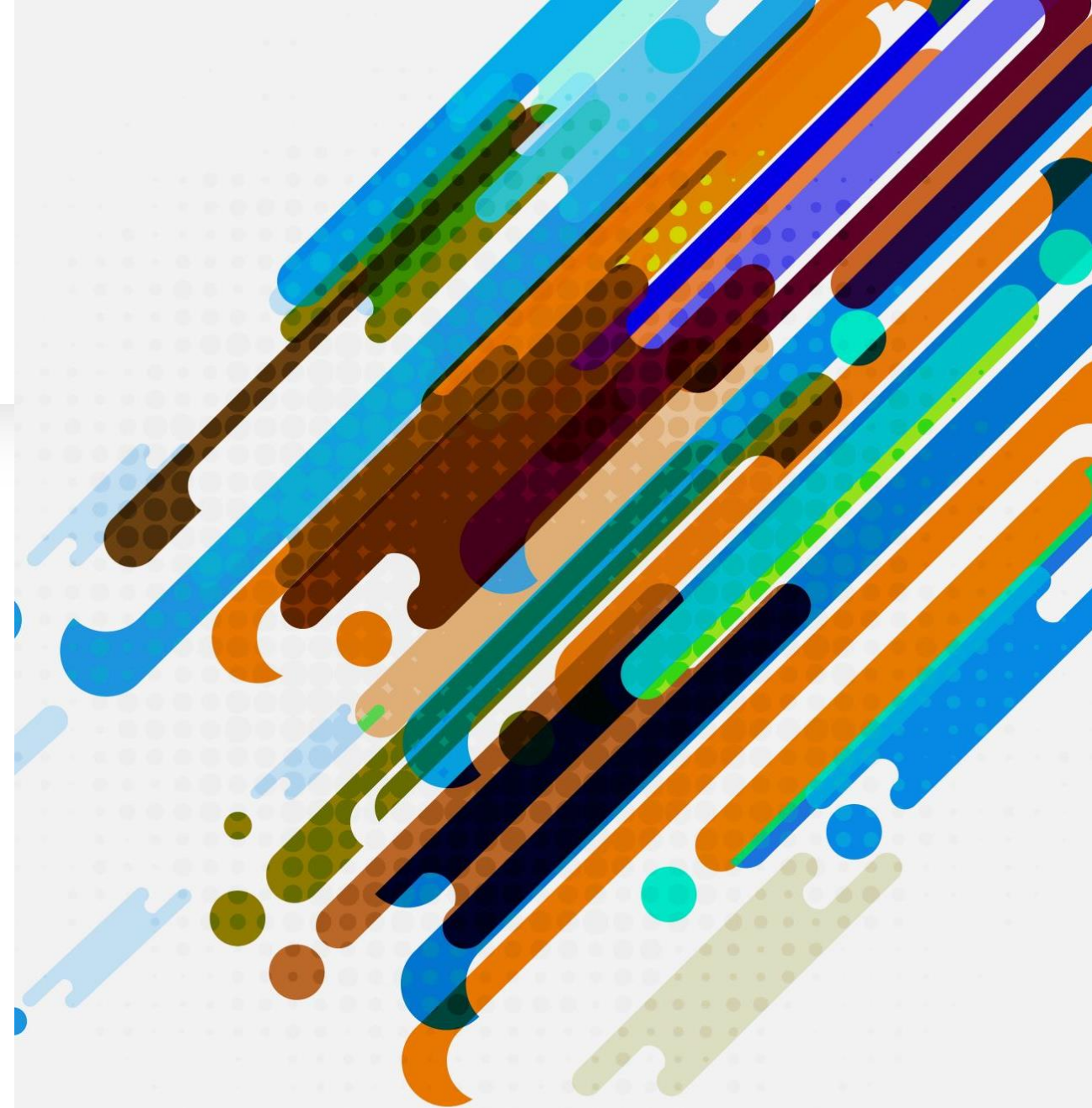
As we approach the Winter Break, we want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a joyous and festive holiday season. May this time be filled with warmth, laughter, and cherished moments with your loved ones.

Looking ahead to Term 2, we are excited about the continued growth and development of our students. The new term holds the promise of more learning, exploration, and achievements. We anticipate even more engagement and progress as we delve into further aspects of the Arabic language and culture.

Thank you once again for entrusting us with your child's education. We value the partnership we have with you in fostering a positive and enriching learning experience.

Enjoy the Winter Break, and we look forward to welcoming your children back for Term 2 with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

Best wishes,



# Islamic Update – Mr. Abdelhamed

Dear Esteemed Parents,

Assalamu Alaikum,

As we approach the end of Term 1, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for your steadfast support and collaboration in fostering a nurturing Islamic learning environment for your children. It has been a privilege to witness their growth and engagement in our Islamic studies program.

We are delighted to inform you that Term 1 has concluded successfully, and your child has actively participated in various aspects of Islamic education. Their dedication to learning about our rich Islamic heritage and values has been truly inspiring.

As we enter the Winter Break, we want to extend warm wishes to you and your family. May this season bring you joy, tranquility, and the opportunity for meaningful moments with your loved ones. It is a time to reflect on the blessings of the past term and express gratitude for the achievements and progress your child has made.

Looking ahead to Term 2, we are excited about the continued journey of spiritual and academic development. The upcoming term will provide further opportunities for your child to deepen their understanding of Islamic principles, history, and culture.

Thank you for entrusting us with the important task of nurturing your child's Islamic education. Your partnership is invaluable, and together, we strive to create a positive and enriching learning experience.

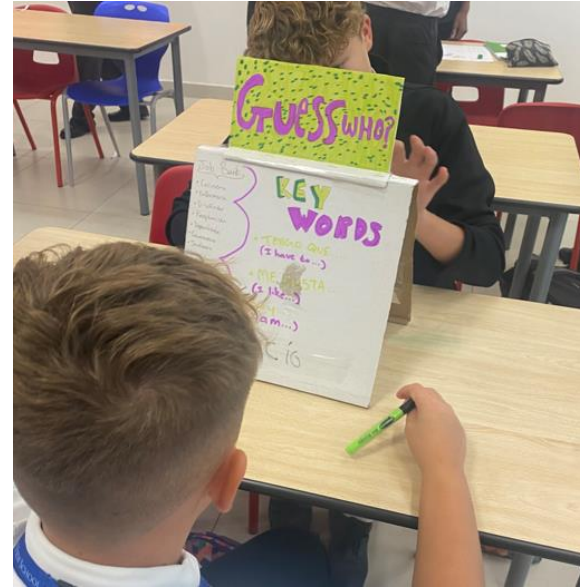
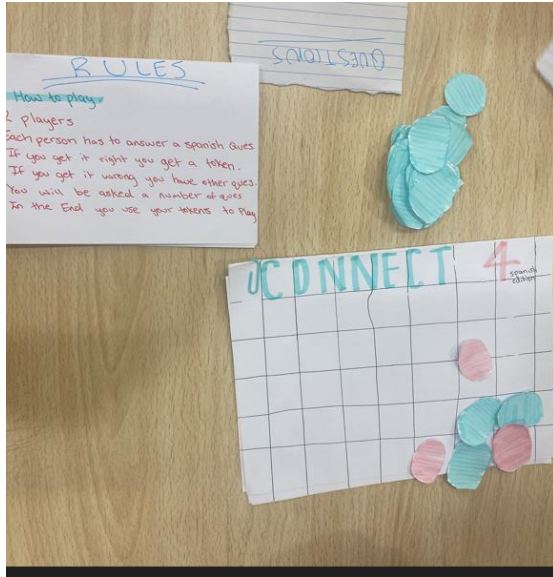
Enjoy a restful Winter Break, and we eagerly anticipate the return of your children for Term 2, filled with renewed enthusiasm and commitment.

Wishing you and your family a blessed and peaceful Winter Break.

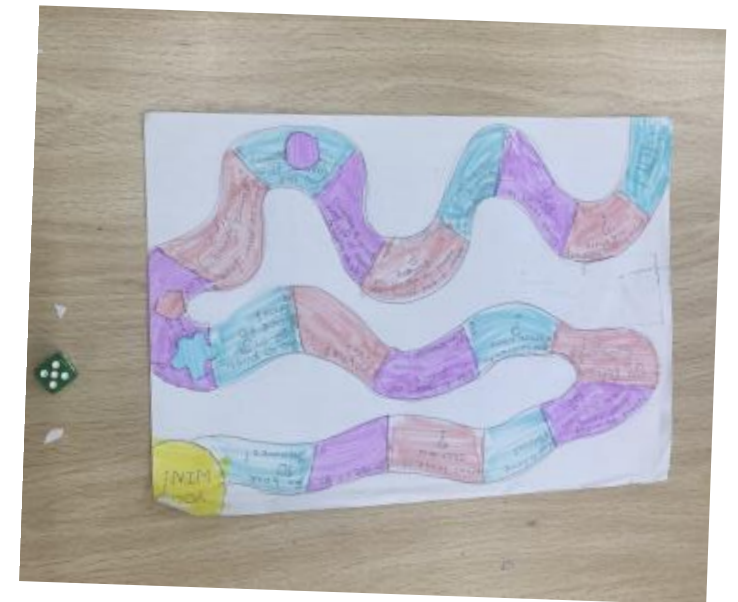




# MFL Update



Some of our Year 9 students created their own revision activity games. They then explained the rules to their peers and played a range of games including snakes and ladders, guess who, connect 4 and snap. It was an exciting way to practise some of their learning over term 1.





## The Arts Update - Mrs Rock

**It has been a fantastic first term in the Arts Faculty. A huge thank you to all the staff who have helped us out, the parents for loaning us your children outside of school hours and of course, our amazingly talented students. Your engagement and commitment to the Arts has been outstanding so far!**

**Term 2 will see some of our students in the finals of the Young Talent Music Competition as well as the big one.... The Secondary School Show – The Mixtape Factory".**

**Look out for more information in Term 2! Have a wonderful winter break!**





Collab Company proudly presents  
*The Mixtape Factory*

in collaboration with South View School



What an absolute pleasure it is to work with these talented and enthusiastic young people.

We had a great last rehearsal of 2023 today. We have strict schedule ready for term 2 to make sure we are at our best for show day.

Well done everyone!



Congratulations to Omphile in 7E who made it through to the semi-finals of the competition.

We are super proud of Omphile as well as all our entrants in what is a very difficult competition.





## Year 11 GCSE Art and Design

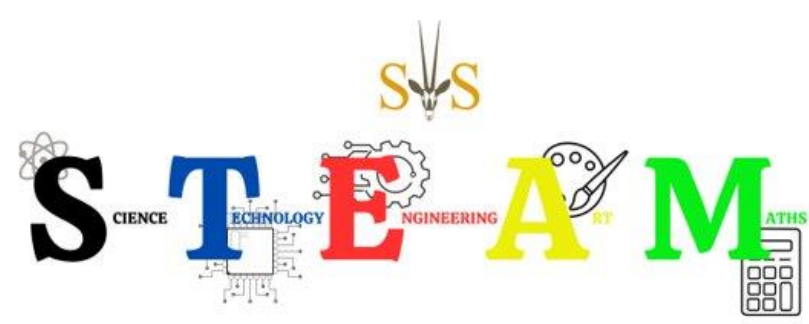


The Year 11 GCSE Art and Design students completed the first 50% of their GCSE this week.

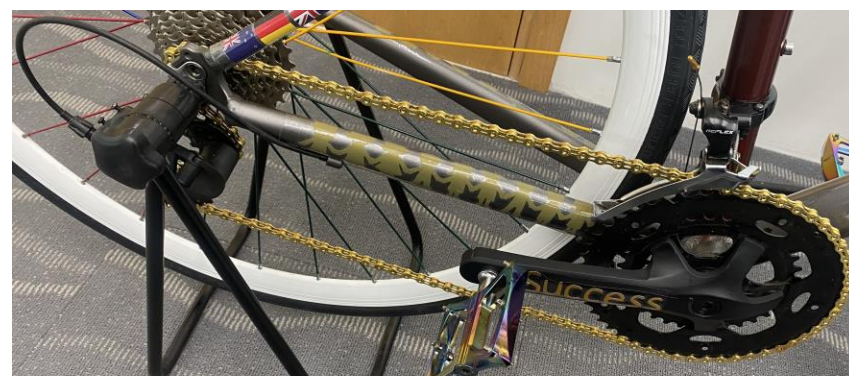
After weeks of exploring and developing their ideas, they completed their final Art work for their first submitted exam.

Well done and best of luck to you all!





In STEAM the students engaged in hands-on learning about Newton's third law whilst eagerly constructing balloon-powered car models. As they assemble these miniature vehicles, they delve into the fundamental principles of physics. They explore how the expelled air from the balloon propels the car forward, demonstrating Newton's law of action and reaction. The students witness firsthand how the force created by the air leaving the balloon in one direction results in an equal and opposite force propelling the car in the opposite direction.

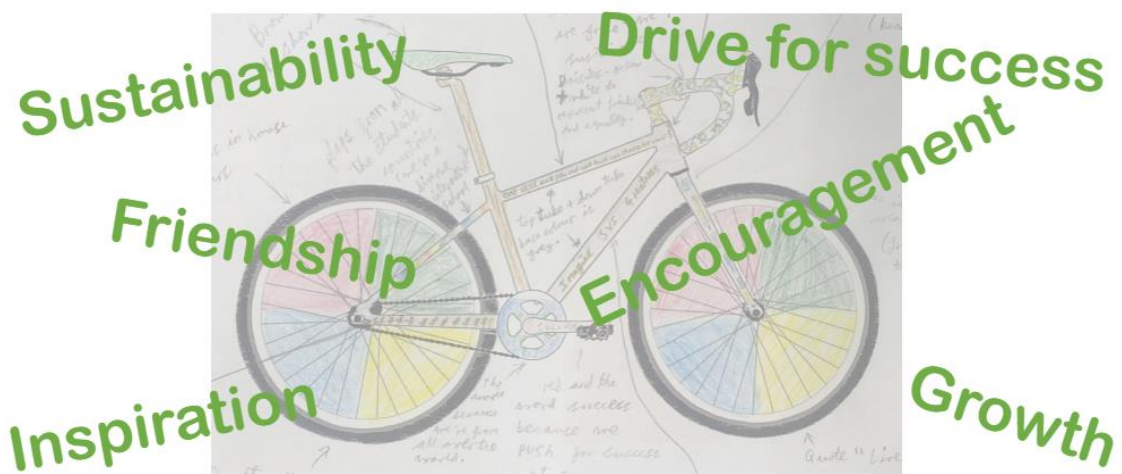


Last year, secondary students had the opportunity to design an SVS bike.

We had some fantastic entries and some excellent presentations.



Bike Design Competition



This week, Alula Marsh's design was brought to us in the flesh. We are very proud of you Alula- the bike is stunning and a real representation of what makes us part of SVS!





Don't forget to try and catch our very own Liran Sukdeo in 'Beauty and the Beast' at The Fairmont on the palm.

Break a leg Liran!



## PE Update

### Mr. Bladen

It has been a fantastic first term this academic year in Physical Education.

Our students progress and effort has been exemplary. This outstanding attitude has translated in some brilliant achievements/performances both in and out of school.

Keep up the hard work and you will reap the rewards in Term 2!





Congratulations to all our squads for an exceptional term! You have all made us very proud. You have been a credit to yourselves and the school. A special mention to all our 'MVPs' this term, congratulations on receiving your awards. Well done SVS, roll on TERM 2!!!

# MVP





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**THERE IS NO WAY AROUND THE  
HARD WORK. EMBRACE IT. YOU  
HAVE TO PUT IN THE HOURS  
BECAUSE THERE IS ALWAYS  
SOMETHING YOU CAN IMPROVE**

**– ROGER FEDERER**



# || 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.





## Trips and ECAs Update - Dario

### Residentials

Year 7 ,8 and 9 residentials are now available for booking and will take place from 29th January to 1st February 2024.

Please note, **the deadline to sign up for residentials is Friday 5th January.** After this date, it will not be possible to enrol.

For more information, please use the following links

Year 7 & 8: [svs-year-7-8-outdoor-education-program.pdf](#)

Year 9: [svs-year-9-outdoor-education-program.pdf](#)

Please contact [dario.sanguigni@southview.ae](mailto:dario.sanguigni@southview.ae) if you have any questions regarding ECAs or trips.

### ECAs

Secondary ECAs are now underway and can be viewed using this link.

[SVS Secondary ECA 2023-24 Term 1.pdf](#)

### 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.