



19th January 2024

Secondary School Weekly Update

Dear Parents,

It's been a much quieter end to this week after the excitement of International Day. The focus for our students has been on assessments and revision, with Year 11 well into the swing of their mock exam fortnight.

Today we wished good luck to our U15 BSME students as they headed to Abu Dhabi for competition which concludes tomorrow. Wednesday is the next World School Games competition for our Under 13 athletes, so we wish them all the very best of luck. Please note, these sporting competitions take precedent over the in-school assessments, and we will be arranging catch up exam slots for the week beginning Monday 5th Feb.

One point of order for our uniform, please can I remind parents that hooded jumpers are not part of the school uniform. This includes the hoodies from Year 6 last year. Students are welcome to wear these tops to and from school but must not wear them during operational hours.

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

Jon Pennock

Upcoming key dates

W/B 22 January follows Week 2 timetabled lessons

Thursday 25th Jan – Wellbeing and mental health coffee morning with Mr Macpherson (details on next slide)

From Wednesday 24th Jan – Under 13 World School Games

Year 11 Mocks continue all week

Assessment Week 2 continues for Year 9 and 10

Assessment Week 2 begins for Year 7 and 8



Pastoral Update – Mr. Macpherson

Dear Parents,

The wellbeing of our students is the number one priority of our pastoral team. We are always looking for ways to improve the support we provide, and we have recently launched some very exciting new wellbeing initiatives that we hope will support, challenge and inspire our students. I would like to invite all secondary parents to a coffee morning on Thursday 25/01/23 to discuss these and the general support we provide our students, to look after their wellbeing and mental health. Please meet with me in our canteen from 8.15am before moving to a secondary classroom. I 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.



English Update – Mr. Archibald

Here are some of the exciting activities taking place in the English department for students in Years 7-9.

Year 7 News Broadcast Project:

Our Year 7 students have been actively engaged in exploring current events through the lens of journalism. They have been delving into news articles, analysing headlines, and discerning reliable sources of information. To culminate their study, the Year 7s will be showcasing their newfound skills by creating their own news broadcast. This project not only enhances their understanding of media literacy but also hones their communication and presentation skills. We are looking forward to witnessing their creativity and enthusiasm come to life in these broadcasts.

Year 8 Podcast Creation:

In Year 8, students have been immersing themselves in the world of podcasts. They have studied various podcast genres, identified effective storytelling techniques, and learned about the art of audio production. The culmination of their efforts will be the creation of their own podcasts. This project not only allows them to express their unique voices but also develops their abilities in scriptwriting, interviewing, and editing. We can't wait to hear the diverse and imaginative podcasts that our Year 8 students will produce.

Year 9 Documentary Studies:

Year 9 students have been deeply involved in the exploration of documentaries. They have delved into the art of storytelling through film, critically analysing the impact of visuals, interviews, and narration. This study will culminate in the creation of their own documentary projects. This experience not only fosters their research and filmmaking skills but also encourages a deeper understanding of social issues and the power of visual storytelling.

We are immensely proud of the hard work and dedication demonstrated by all students across these year groups. These projects not only enhance their language skills but also promote critical thinking, collaboration, and creativity.



Science Update

In continuation of their plant topic, some of our Year 8 students engaged in hands-on learning by dissecting lily flowers, skillfully identifying their anatomy, and utilizing microscopes as needed. As part of the Secondary School's commitment to student-led learning, these students were challenged to create models illustrating plant fertilisation processes, subsequently honing their public speaking skills through presentations to their peers.



Arabic Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear parents, I hope you are doing well.

Arabic A.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the parents of Year 8 for their attendance at the Parents Evening. Additionally, I wish to provide updates regarding the upcoming Arabic events. This week marks the commencement of our revision activities in preparation for the term 2 assessments. Students have already begun actively engaging with the revision materials shared on Teams and reading books have been distributed to ensure preparedness for the reading assessments.

As previously mentioned, our focus for term 2 is on enhancing writing skills. I am pleased to inform you that a significant number of students have demonstrated active participation and interaction through their exceptional creative writing contributions in their designated writing books.

Furthermore, I kindly request your support in encouraging your child to diligently complete the assigned activities and consistently work on team-based tasks on a weekly basis. This collaborative effort is instrumental in fostering the improvement of your child's Arabic language skills. Your ongoing cooperation and involvement in your child's educational journey are greatly appreciated. If you have any inquiries or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Arabic B .

This week, we commenced our exploration of the new theme for Unit Three. Students received an introduction to unfamiliar vocabulary and grammar rules. * In the upcoming week, the Arabic assessment is scheduled. The initial assessment will focus on reading skills, while the second assessment will evaluate writing skills. The exam will cover topics from Unit One and Unit Two. Revision materials have been posted on Teams.



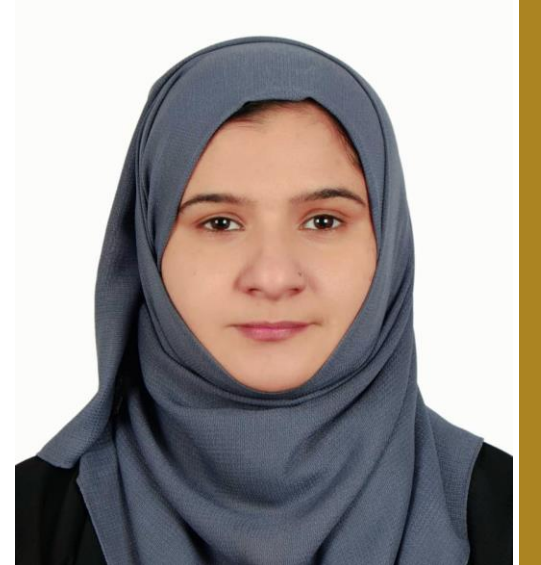
Islamic Update – Mr. Kerba

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Dear Parents,

We hope this message finds you in the best of health and imaan. We would like to inform you that the Quran and Hadith assignment has been assigned on Seesaw for your child. We kindly request you to encourage your child to complete this assignment to further enrich their knowledge and spiritual growth.

Additionally, it is with a heavy heart that we inform you that Mr. Mohammed Elgamal our islamic B Teacher has left our school due to family reasons. We are truly grateful for the dedication and passion he brought to our Islamic studies department during his time here. We wish him the best in his future endeavors. On a positive note, we are pleased to introduce Ms. Sidra Uthman as our new Islamic Studies teacher. Ms. Uthman comes to us with a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to nurturing the spiritual development of our students. We are confident that she will contribute significantly to the Islamic education of our students. Thank you once again for your understanding and cooperation. May Allah bless you and your family with happiness and prosperity.



Humanities and Science Update – Miss Coy and Mrs McCullough

Dear parents and carers,

This term, we're thrilled about creating a South View School recipe book and would be delighted with your contributions.

Whether it's a beloved family classic or a traditional dish from your home country, please include the country of origin.

Send your recipes to one of the following stacey.coy@southview.ae or elizabeth.mccullough@southview.ae.

We're looking forward to curating a diverse and delectable collection that showcases the wonderful culinary traditions within our school community.



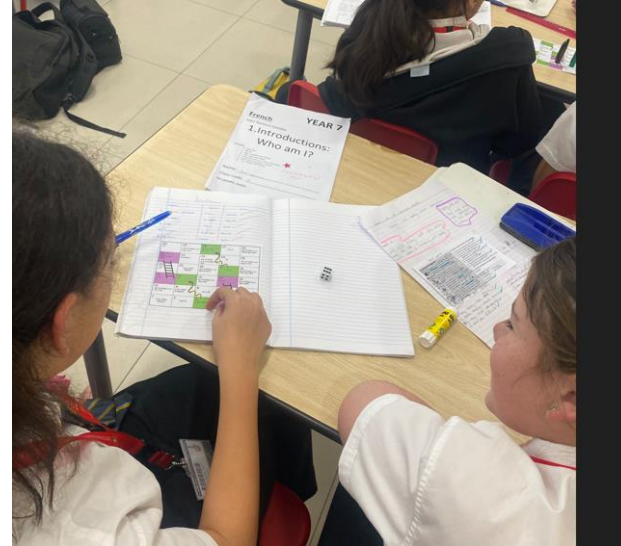


Sustainability Update

This week saw the installation of two hydroponic systems in Miss Coy and Mrs. McCullough's classrooms, enhancing the Secondary School's sustainability efforts and providing hands-on applications for lesson content. Members of the Sustainability Club were instructed on system maintenance and longevity, paving the way for future sustainability initiatives within the Secondary School.



MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan



Year 7 preparing for their MFL exam next week with a game of snakes and ladders.

All classes can find details (dates + information) for upcoming assessment on their class teams page.

Buena suerte/ bonne chance



The Arts Update - Mrs Rock



ITEMS STILL NEEDED – CAN YOU HELP?

If anyone would be willing to bring in any of the following items for us to use for the competition and for our school show, please let us know:

- A mannequin
- Large Kibsons boxes with lids
- Old magazines and newspapers
- empty plastic bottle (from washing liquid like persil/ downy etc)
- String, twine, pegs, buttons, sewing kits, arts and crafts things

Charlenerock@southview.ae



Look out for promotional material
coming soon and save the date!

Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd
of February, 2024.

Tickets on sale soon...

THE
MIXTAPE
FACTORY



What has been your favorite part working on the mixtape factory?



Evangeline 10B:

My favorite part so far has been definitely working with the crew members to make the show come to life!

Aras:

The dances are good and it's really fun, and I really like them! When we add the dances to the acting it makes them really good!



Interviews with our cast and crew from our production managers Noor and Charlotte.



YOUNG TALENT MUSIC COMPETITION

2023 (5th Edition)

**Congratulations to Omphile,
who has made it to the Final
of the Young Talented
Musician competitions
which will be held on
January 27th**





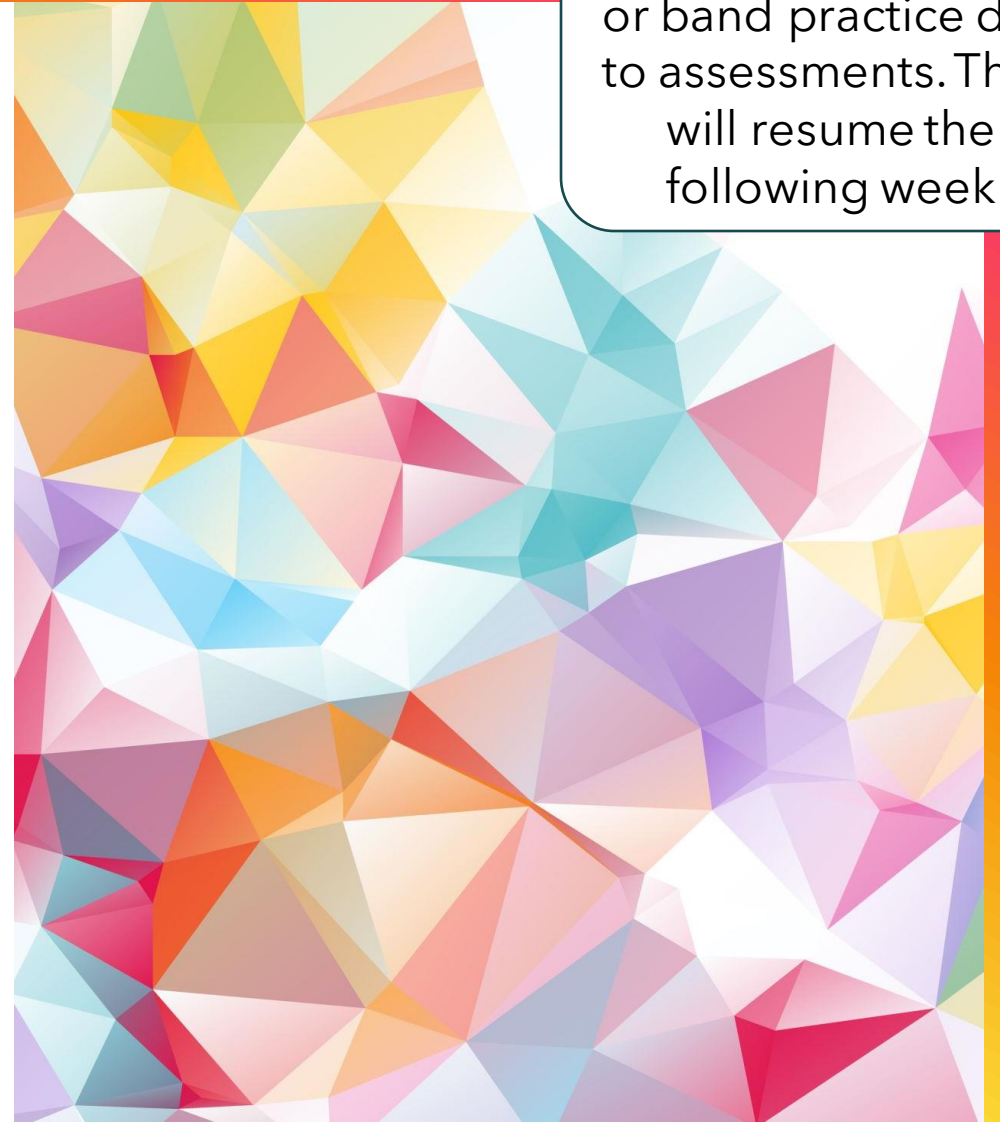
Tunes Tuesday

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

Signup sheet is outside the music room, if you have any questions, please ask Ms. Noelle

Every Tuesday
in the
amphitheatre at
7:30am

There will be no choir or band practice due to assessments. They will resume the following week



PE Update | Mr. Bladen

Another action -packed week ahead of fixtures:
Please see next week's fixtures:

- 22.01.24 - U16 Girls Netball @ EIS Jumeirah
- 22.01.24 - U13 Tennis v GEMS Metropole
- 23.01.24 - U12 Girls Netball @ Raffles World Academy
- 23.01.24 - U15 Tennis v GEMS Metropole
- 24.01.24 - U14 Boys Volleyball @ SAFA Community School
- 24.01.24 - U14 Girls Volleyball v GEMS Wellington Silicon Oasis
- 25.01.24 - U14 Girls Netball @ SAFA Community School
- 25.01.24 - U13 Girls Netball @ GEMS Al Barsha National School
- 25.01.24 - U16 Boys Volleyball @ Universal American School
- 25.01.24 - U16 Girls Volleyball v GEMS Wellington Silicon Oasis
- 25.01.24 - U12 Boys Football @ DIA Al Barsha

This week's results:

- U13 Tennis 2-3 DIA Al Barsha
- U15 Tennis 2-3 DIA Al Barsha
- U16 Boys Football w/o v GEMS National Al Barsha**
- U12 Girls Netball 8-7 RGS**
- U14 Girls Volleyball 0-2 Nibras
- U12 Boys Football 2-2 GWA (Won 4-2 on Penalties)**
- U14 Boys Football 1-4 DBSJP
- U13 Girls Netball 8-4 Blooms World Academy**
- U14 Girls Netball 10-16 Sunmarke
- U16 Girls Volleyball 0-2 Jumeirah College
- U16 Boys Volleyball 2-0 GEMS Silicon Oasis**

All details are available on our school SOCS

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



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You miss 100% of the
shots you don't take.

WAYNE GRETZKY

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|| 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.

