



Secondary School Weekly Update

12th January 2024

Dear Parents,

Thanks so much to all of you who supported the International Day today, it was so lovely to see our students and staff proudly representing their home countries. Please read on for updates from around the school and please check the separate email that contains the schedules for Y7-11 Assessment weeks. Year 11 mock exams start from Wednesday 17th Jan and run for two weeks so please join me in wishing the students the very best of luck.

Term 2 sporting fixtures are about to get into full swing and good luck to our U15 BSME students who head to Abu Dhabi next Friday to compete. The secondary school show rehearsals are getting serious now and there's a real buzz around the cast and crew in preparation for February's performances.

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

Jon Pennock

Upcoming key dates

- Weds 17th Jan – Y8 Parents evening
- Weds 17th Jan – Y11 Mock exams start
- Fri 19th Jan – U15 BSME games
- Fri 19th Jan – Assessment week 2 begins for some students



Trips and ECAs Update – Mr. Sanguigni

Dear Year 7 and Year 8 parents,

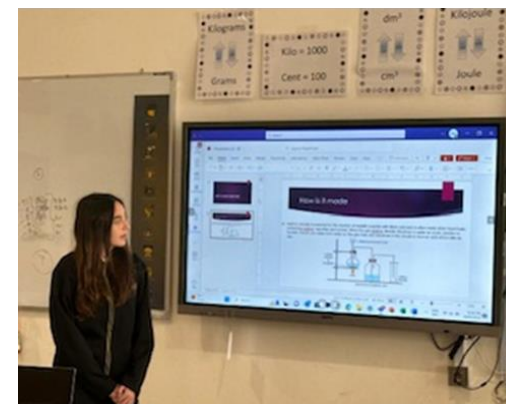
I have some excellent news on this year's Residential. A space has come available at Al Ain Adventure and I have managed to secure an upgrade to this site at no additional cost! (It is usually over 500AED more expensive).

This is the same location that Year 6 attended in December and had an incredible time. Updated additional activities include White-Water Rafting, Adventure Island, Body Boarding and Tubing. All of these activities are only available at Al Ain.

If you would like your child to participate, please click on the link below for more information and register before **5pm on Monday 15th January.**

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

<https://ecov.co/svs7-8>



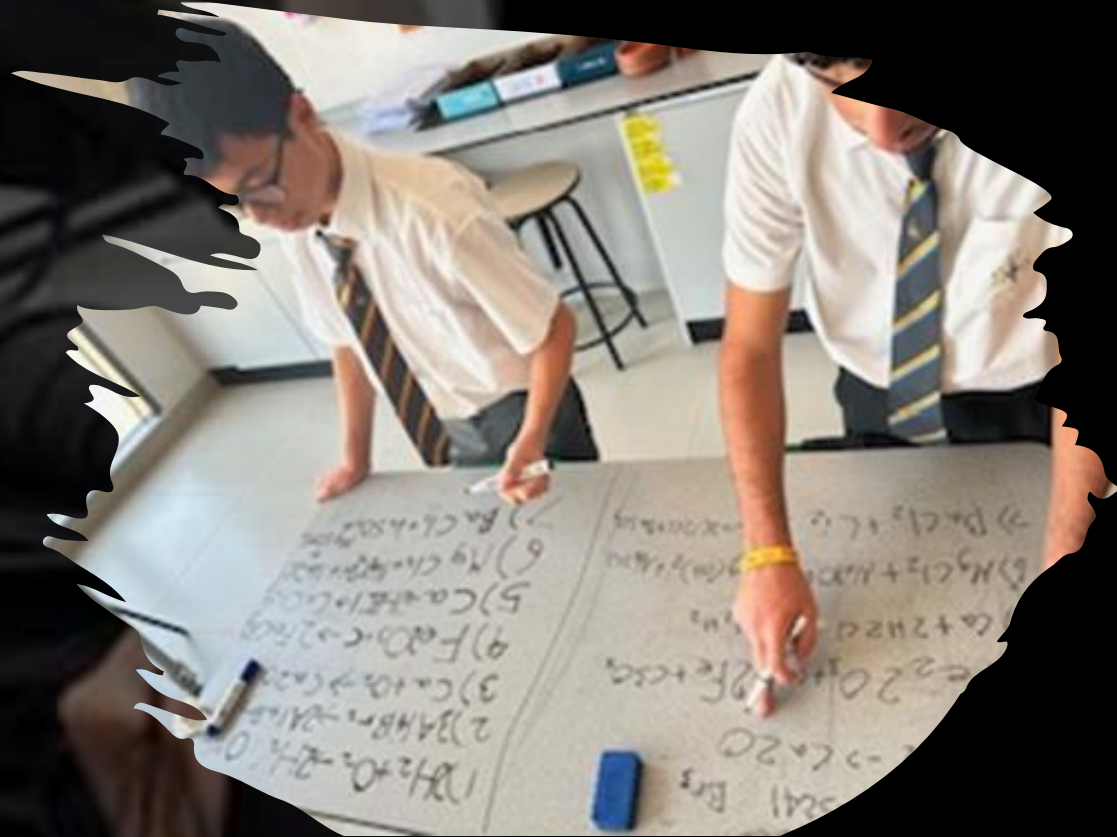
Science Update

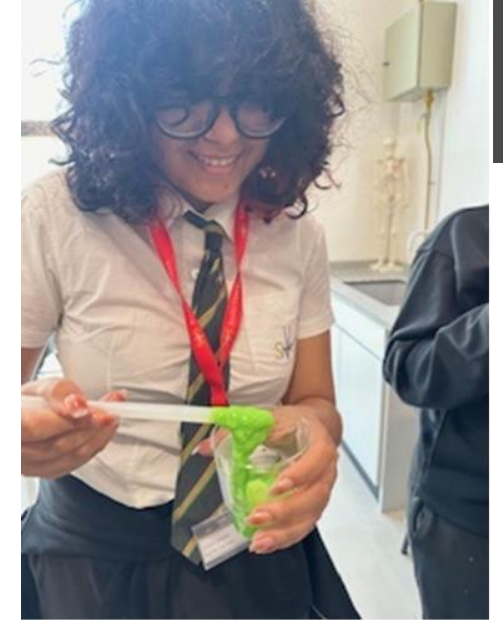
As the Year 11 Double Science students near the end of their Chemistry course, they recently presented findings on the combustion of hydrocarbons and its environmental effects. The concise presentations showcased their understanding of the chemical processes involved, emphasizing the environmental repercussions such as air pollution and contributions to climate change.



Science Update

As we approach Assessment Week 2, our Year 10 students are diligently preparing for their Chemistry assessments by revisiting balancing equations.

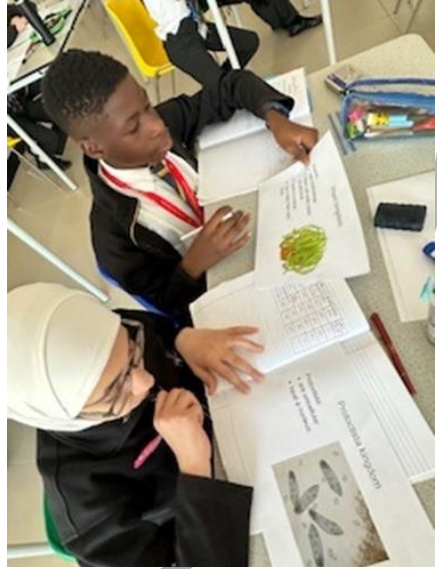




Science Update

Year 11 Triple Science students wrapped up their Chemistry course this week with a focus on polymers and their practical applications. They explored the real-world significance of polymers before finishing the course by creating their own polymer in the form of slime.





Science Update

In the exploration of the plant topic, some of our Year 8 students have embarked on understanding the classification of living organisms into Kingdoms, species, and genus. Now, they're engaging in a collaborative and innovative challenge, relying on their creativity and ingenuity to compete in growing a variety of vegetables without explicit instructions, fostering teamwork and risk-taking in their learning journey

Arabic Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Parents,

I trust this correspondence finds you in good health and well-being.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the parents who attended the Year 10 Parents' Evening. It was indeed a pleasure to witness your active support and conscientious follow-up on your child's progress. Your commitment to your child's education is commendable.

Furthermore, I extend my heartfelt thanks to those who contributed to and supported the success of the International Day. Your involvement added immense value to the cultural richness of the event.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you to encourage your child's participation in the Arabic International course (GCSE and O-Level) and ensure their preparedness for assessments. For detailed information regarding course details, timings, and attendance requirements, please refer to the emails and newsletters sent in the preceding weeks.

Additionally, I would like to emphasize the importance of daily reading for your child. Kindly encourage them to send their reading recordings to their respective teachers. This practice not only enhances language skills but also fosters a strong connection between home and school.

For optimal interactive communication and a comprehensive understanding of your child's learning progress and homework assignments, I highly recommend regularly checking your child's Teams platform. All pertinent information is systematically shared through this channel.

I sincerely appreciate your ongoing support and engagement in your child's educational journey. Wishing you a wonderful weekend ahead.

Islamic Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Respected Parents,
Assalamu Alaikum,

We hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. We would like to provide you with an update on the Islamic Studies and some exciting developments regarding your child's engagement in their spiritual and academic journey.

One of the key focuses of our Islamic Studies curriculum is Quran memorization. We strongly encourage and request your support in motivating your child to memorize the verses they study. Memorizing the Quran is not only a noble pursuit but also a source of immense blessings. We believe that instilling the love for the Quran at an early age will have a lasting impact on their spiritual growth.

To further enhance the students' engagement, we have set specific Quran and hadith memorization targets for each team. These targets are designed to ensure a structured approach to the learning process. We kindly request your cooperation in encouraging your child to actively participate in achieving these targets. Regular practice and review at home will significantly contribute to their success in this endeavor.

Your support is invaluable in nurturing a strong connection between our students and their Islamic studies. We kindly request you to take an active interest in your child's progress, inquire about their lessons, and engage in discussions about what they are learning. Your encouragement plays a crucial role in shaping their understanding and love for Islam.

In conclusion, we are grateful for your continued trust and support in our mission to provide a holistic education that includes strong spiritual and moral foundations. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us.

May Allah (SWT) bless our students with the wisdom to understand and apply the teachings of Islam in their lives.

Jazakumullah Khairan,



Humanities and Science Update – Miss Coy and Mrs Mc Cullough

Dear parents and carers,

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

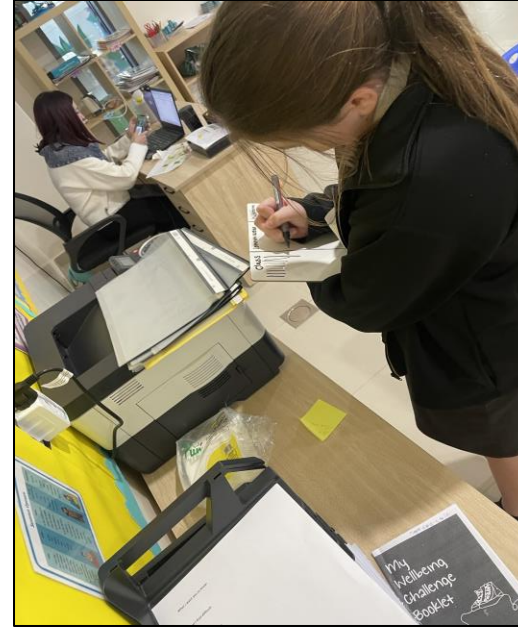
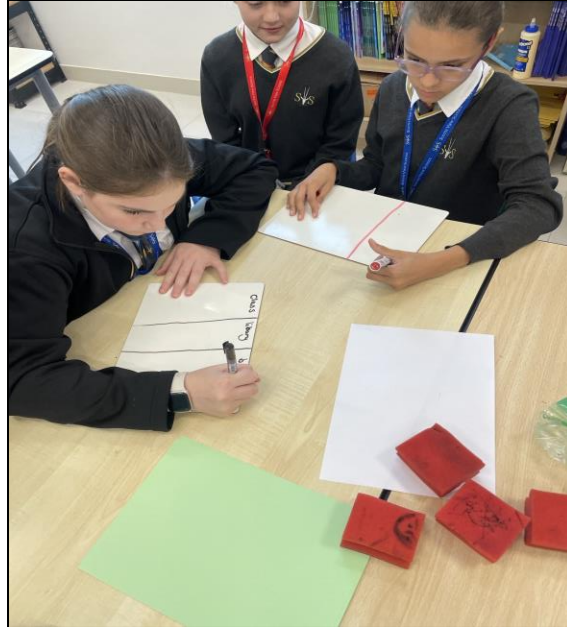
Whether it's a beloved family classic or a traditional dish from your home country, please include the country of origin.

- 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.



Humanities Update – Ms. Coy



This week our sustainability club completed an energy audit of the secondary school to identify areas where energy consumption can be reduced. Students documented their findings and will be proposing energy saving measures in their next ECA class during lunchtime.



Our wonderful KS4 students have demonstrated their writing and collaboration skills.

They have been getting messy by practising exam style questions on the tables.

In class, our Year 10 students were analysis authentic Spanish texts through job advertisements and analysed an advert produced by the Council of Madrid about 'getting into teaching'.

MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan

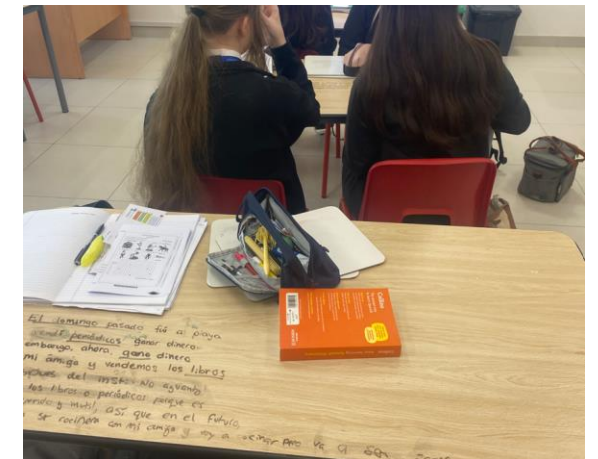
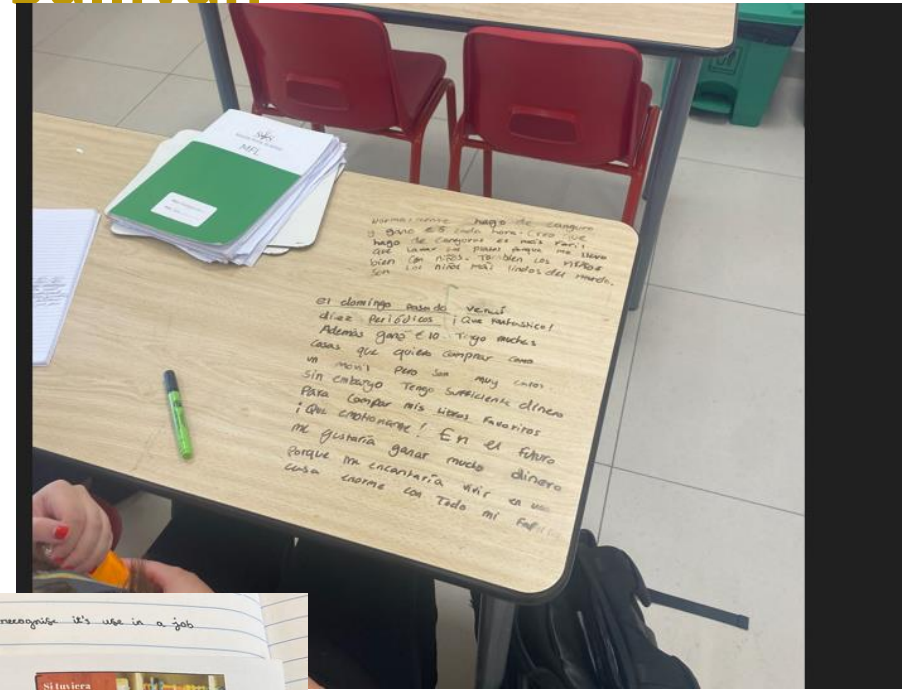


'Si tuviera superpoderes sería maestro'



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The Arts Update - Mrs Rock



Best of luck to Omphile,
who will be competing in
the Semi-finals of the
Young Talented Musician
competitions Sunday
January 14th



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
- Old magazines and
newspapers

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'*An Inspector Calls*' by J.B. Priestley tells the story of the prosperous, upper-middle class Birling Family. Whilst celebrating a family engagement, they are suddenly interrupted by the misanthropic Inspector Goole who announces the tragic news of the death of Eva Smith, a girl unknown to each of the Birlings. One by one, Goole interrogates every family member, disclosing their unethical behaviour which may have led to Eva's death.

Written in 1945, '*An Inspector Calls*' is considered a modern classic which has retained its relevance and popularity for its social commentary and exploration of moral responsibility. It will allow students and teachers to draw not only parallels to their own lives, but to question their personal ethics and accountability in this modern age!

All Year 10 students and Year 11 GCSE Drama students will be given a letter next week to attend this trip on Wednesday 28th of February. This will be so valuable as it is an exam text for both English Literature and Drama GCSE.

Welcome to all the new members that joined choir this week. Choir Practice will be every Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtime at 1:20pm-1:40pm in the Music room

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

Musical Wednesdays

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 1:20pm-1:40pm

PE Update | Mr. Bladen

Another action-packed week ahead of fixtures:

Please see next week's fixtures:

- 15.01.24 - U13 Tennis @ DIA Al Barsha
- 16.01.24 - U15 Tennis vs DIA Al Barsha
- 16.01.24 - U16 Boys Football @ GEMS National Al Barsha
- 16.01.24 - U12 Girls Netball vs RGS
- 17.01.24 - U14 Girls Volleyball @ Nibras
- 18.01.24 - U12 Boys Football vs GWA
- 18.01.24 - U14 Boys Football @ DBSJP
- 18.01.24 - U13 Girls Netball vs Blooms World Academy
- 18.01.24 - U14 Girls Netball vs Sunmarke
- 18.01.24 - U16 Girls Volleyball vs Jumeirah College
- 18.01.24 - U16 Boys Volleyball vs GEMS Silicon Oasis
- 19.01.24 - U15 BSME Games (Abu Dhabi)
- 20.01.24 - U15 BSME Games (Abu Dhabi)

This week's results:

- U16 Girls Netball 19-30 Deira International School
- U12 Girls Netball 13-4 NLCS
- U13 Girls Netball 14-0 Greenfield

All details are available on our school SOCS

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



Don't wait until you've reached
your goal to be proud of
yourself. Be proud of
every step you take
toward reaching
that goal

— Simone Biles



|| 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.

