



# Secondary School Weekly Update

Friday 19th April  
2024

Dear Parents,

It's fair to say this wasn't the first week back we were hoping for, and I truly hope that you and your families are safe following the storms. To those families whose homes have been seriously affected our thoughts are with you and I hope the cleaning up process is as smooth as possible. Thanks to those of you who have emailed in to explain some of the disruption, and we completely understand that some students haven't been able to access the distance learning this week. As a staff body we are looking forward for a normal return to school when it is safe to do so.

Please monitor communication from the school over the weekend for any further updates. Please rest assured, that the safety of the school community is the first thing that is considered when decisions are made.

Please see updates from around the school in this slighter shorter than usual update and I look forward to seeing many of you around the campus soon.

Kind regards

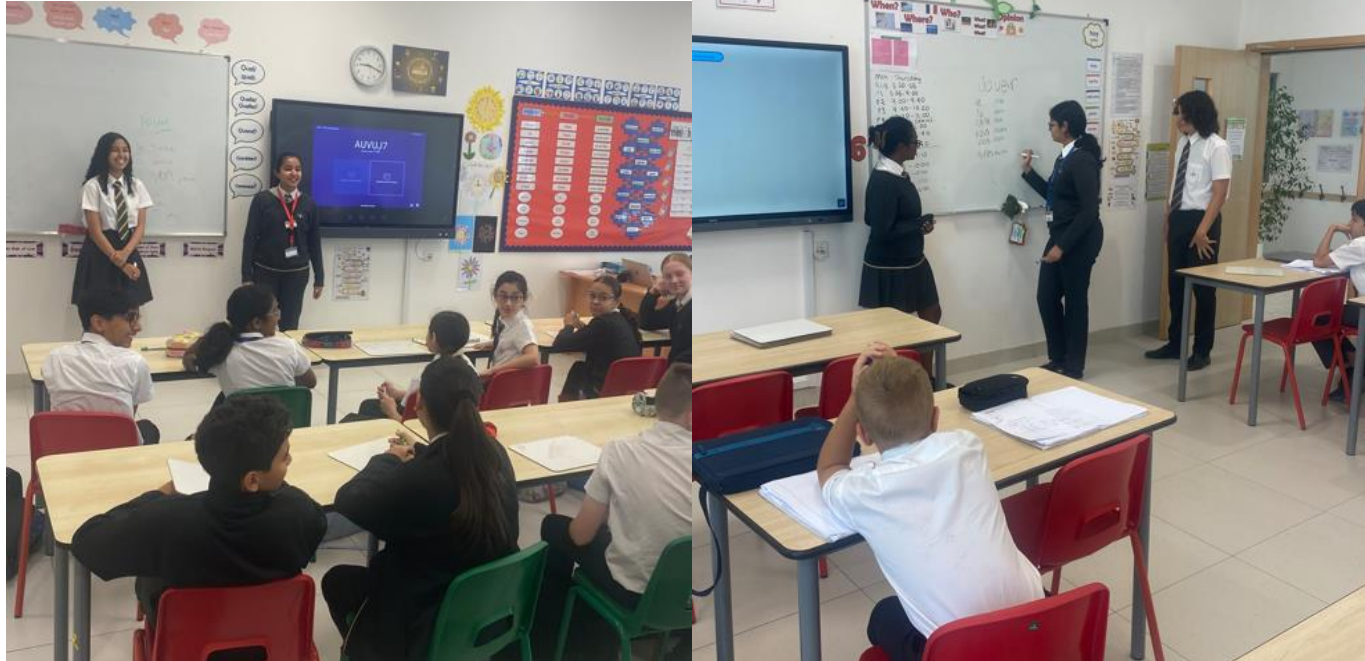
Jon Pennock

## Upcoming key dates

- Year 7 Parents Evening – Wednesday 24th April
- Year 11 C2 iGCSE Art practical exam – Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th April



## MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan



Our Year 7 language students have made an excellent start to their studies on the present tense in class this week.

Students demonstrated their learning from before the break where our KS4 students were invited in to teach Year 7 all they need to know about ER verbs in the present tense.

Whilst our younger students commented on how easy it was to understand the explanations provided by the older students and the support they gave them; our older students had a taste of teaching at the front of the classroom.



## MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan

Whilst engaging in distant learning, some of our students enjoyed visiting the famous 'Prado' museum in Madrid (virtually of course).

Students could explore the different rooms and works of art found in the world-famous art museum in the Spanish capital, Madrid.

[Visita virtual Colección  
2023 - Museo Nacional del  
Prado \(museodelprado.es\)](https://museodelprado.es)

MUSEO DEL PRADO

Virtual Tour to the Collection

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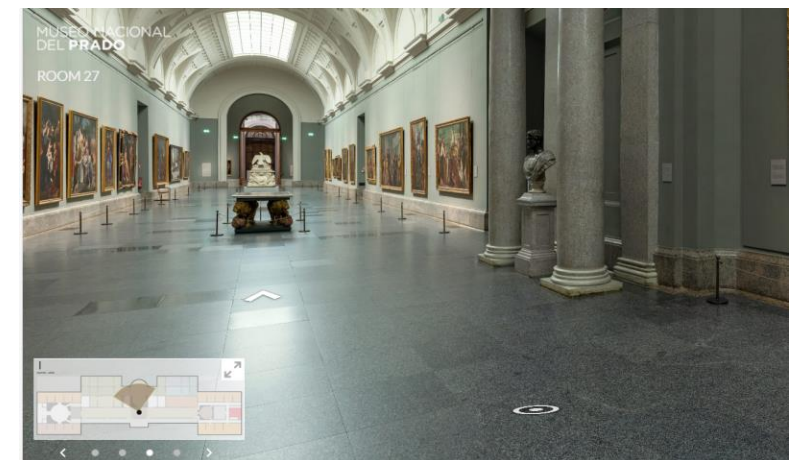
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MUSEO NACIONAL DEL PRADO

Discover the Museum thanks to 360° panoramas visiting the Ground, First and Second Floor to enjoy the artworks and their display. A selection of 89 artworks have been digitized in Gigapixel resolution, including 5 sculptures in 3D-Photo.

ACCESS THE VIRTUAL TOUR





## The Arts Update - Mrs Rock

We have a busy term 3 planned with lots for our students to get involved with. We are looking forward to the following events:

- Spring Fair
- SVS Has Talent!
- Arts Showcase 2024

It is exam season and we wish the very best of luck to all of our students sitting exams over the next few weeks. We kick off with the Year 11 iGCSE Art C2 practical exam next week!

THE

MIXTAPE

FACTORY

If you were in the show or were a parent of a student in the show or came to watch the show... we need your help. Please could you fill out the survey below?

<https://forms.gle/KqXSHTb3rjNYPcQP6>



## The Arts Update - Mrs Rock

THEY DID IT!

Mia Shatilla, supported by Sofia Sorokina have made it to the Abu Dhabi city finals with their fantastic design.

We are super proud of you!

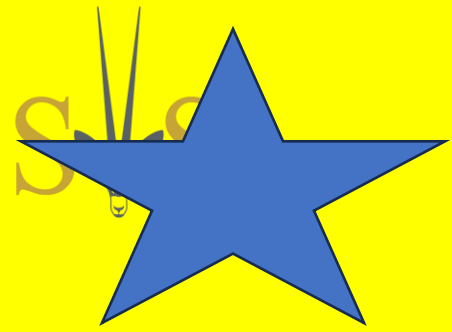
What happens next:

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, the successful lineup will be showcased on Junk Kouture platforms. Ten designs, from ten schools will be selected to represent the UAE at the 2024 Junk Kouture World Final (*location to be announced in due course*).

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/C50iVc0Nevs/?igsh=dmc4eHUyZXBueXYw>



**CITY FINALIST!**



# SVS Has Talent!



2024

Last year, our first SVS Has Talent was fantastic. All of our finalists were of a high standard and provided a fabulous afternoon of entertainment.

**This year's final will be on Friday 14th of June during the school day.**

If you think you have what it takes to make the final, please practice your acts. There are no rules here- you can do any kind of performance you would like.

**AUDITIONS WILL BE AT LUNCHTIMES DURING THE WEEK OF MONDAY THE 6TH OF MAY – PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE NOTICEBOARD OUTSIDE OF THE MUSIC ROOM TO BOOK YOUR SLOT!**





# Tunes Tuesday

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

Every Tuesday  
in the  
amphitheatre at  
7:30am



### Choir

There will be extra choir practice this week in preparation for the Spring Fair. We will have practice on lunchtime at 1:05pm Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. As well as Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 7:30am.

### Band

This week we will be preparing for the Spring Fair. We will have practice on lunchtime at 1:05pm on Tuesday and Wednesday.

### Summer Fair Auditions

Due to the disruption with auditions, on Monday students will be able to audition for the Spring Fair at lunchtime as well as after school. If you are unable to audition then do not worry as you will have another chance to audition for SVS Has Talent.



# PE Update | Mr. Bladen

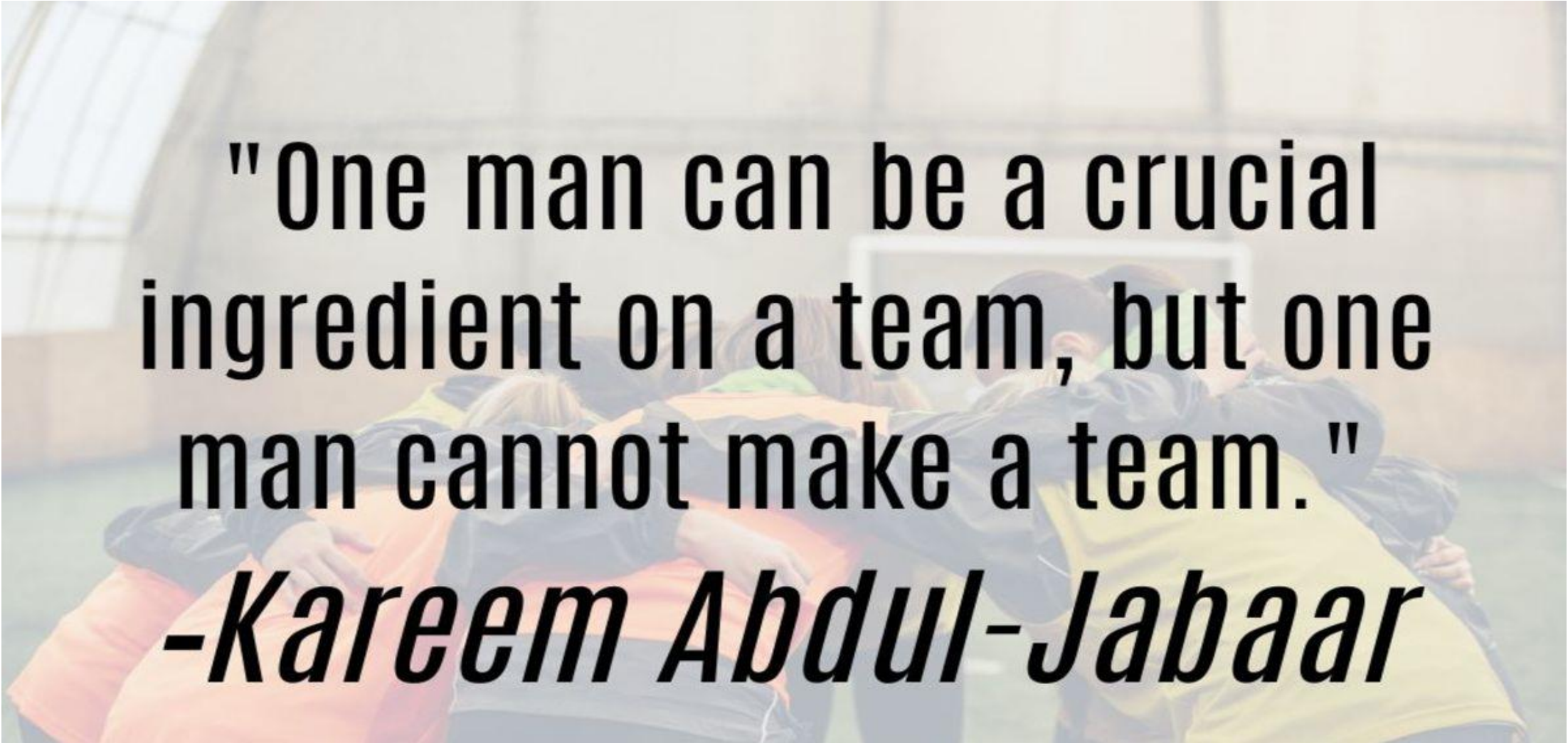
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This term, we will have the following squads in the secondary school:

- U13 Girls Rounders
- U15 Girls Rounders
- U12 Girls Basketball
- U14 Girls Basketball
- U12 Boys Basketball
- U14 Boys Basketball

All details are available on our school SOCS website: <https://www.schoolssports.com/school/Default.asp?Id=29779>



A group of basketball players in a huddle on a court. The players are wearing orange and black jerseys. The background is a blurred indoor basketball court with a white goalpost visible.

**"One man can be a crucial ingredient on a team, but one man cannot make a team."**

***-Kareem Abdul-Jabbar***