



Secondary School Weekly Update

Friday 24th May
2024

Dear Parents,

I hope our weekly update finds you well. This week we are sharing news of fantastic outcomes in local and global competitions, and I would like to say a huge congratulations to Yizhen in Y8 and Mia & Sofia in Y10.

Our Year 12 IAL students have completed their summer exam modules and are now concentrating on the early Y13 content. For Y11 students, next week is a week off from exams due to the UK half term however revision lessons will still be running in preparation for the final few exams in early June. Congrats to our Y10 students who sat their English Language exam yesterday, we are looking forward to sharing in their success on Results Day in August.

For parents of Y7-10 students, please do encourage your sons and daughters to be checking the revision expectations in preparation for the third and final assessment period of the year starting from Monday 3rd June.

Please read on for updates from around the school and I look forward to seeing you around the campus soon.

Kind regards

Jon Pennock

Upcoming key dates

- No exams next week!
- Week 1 lessons for all students
- Assessment Week 3 begins Monday 3rd June. Schedule will be shared early next week



The Arts Update - Mrs Rock

Junk Kouture World Finals... Here we come!

They did it! Mia and Sofia made it to the Junk Kouture World Finals 2024!

This is a fantastic achievement as only 10 teams have been chosen across all Emirates to go through to the world finals.

The finals will be early in 2025 and the venue is yet to be announced!

We can't wait to see your design on the catwalk!



You can watch the announcement here: <https://youtu.be/jDPmT90KDwU?si=ICfFljBVtjLZX9MG>

Arabic Update – Mr. Kerba

Congratulations to Yizhen Liu for reaching the final round in the Quran competition! This is a remarkable achievement, and we are all incredibly proud of her dedication and hard work. Keep up the great effort, Yizhen!

Arabic A:

The Arabic language project has been posted on Teams. Please make sure to review the details provided, focusing on speaking skills and sticking to the specified criteria in the project. The deadline for project submission is May 30, 2024. Please stick to this deadline. Continue practicing the writing topics mentioned on Teams to ensure quality and creativity in the exam. Reference papers for reading skills have been sent on Teams. Please use them as a reference for preparing for the final exam.

Arabic B:

Next week we will revise for the coming assessment week. During assessment week, we will have reading and writing assessments. The week after, we will have listening and speaking assessments. We will focus next week on vocabulary and grammar revision. We will also focus on reading comprehension. The revision sheets have been uploaded on Teams.



Islamic Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Parents,

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

I hope this message finds you well and in good health. I would like to provide you with important updates regarding our upcoming Islamic events:

Revision Week: Next week, we will focus on revision and preparing students for our internal Islamic assessments. We kindly request that you encourage your children to complete the revisions provided by their Islamic teachers.

Assessment Week: The internal Islamic assessment week will begin on June 3rd.

External Benchmark Assessments: The external Islamic benchmark assessments for students in Years 4-10 will commence the week of June 10th.

Quran Competition: The 6th Quran Competition will be held on May 29th and 30th. We ask that participants review the surahs specified for their respective levels.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Islamic teacher or myself.

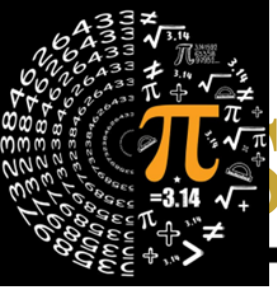
Have a great weekend.



Our Year 10 girls have been participating in an exciting ECA designed to foster unity, motivation, and essential 21st-century skills. Over the past few weeks, they have engaged in a variety of hands-on activities, including making pasta from scratch, changing car tires, and checking engine oil. They've also had the opportunity to explore the Secondary School experiences of some of our female staff members. Stay tuned to see what inspiring activities they will be tackling next!







Maths Puzzle Competition



Y7 and 8 Winners

Congratulations to Hanin in Y8 for winning the KS3 maths puzzle this week!!

Y9, 10 and 11 Winners

Congratulations to Diya in Y10 for winning the KS4 maths puzzle this week!!

Second
Yizhen, Y8

Third
Hiya, Y7

Fourth
Celina, Y7

Other correct entries:
Tayla G, Y7



Second
Guljan, Y10

Third
Zia, Y10

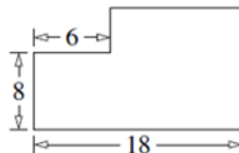
Fourth
Joey, Y10



TERM 3 PUZZLE 5:

In the diagram, all distances shown are in cm. The perimeter of the shape is 60 cm. What is the area, in cm^2 , of the shape?

- A 192 B 204 C 212 D 232 E 252



TERM 3 PUZZLE 5:

Jill was given a large jar of jam. She gave one sixth of the jam to Jan. Jill then gave one thirteenth of the remaining jam to Jas. Jill was left with 1 kg of jam.

What was the weight, in kg, of the jam in Jill's jar at the start?

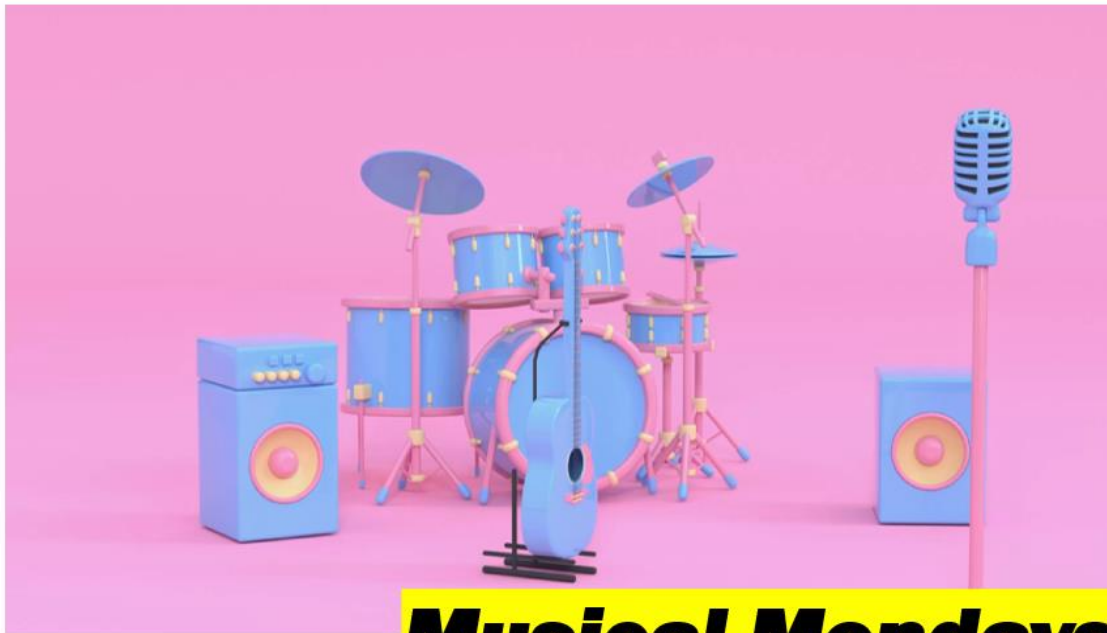
- A 1.2 B 1.3 C 1.4 D 1.6 E 1.9



Band practice will
continue Mondays
from 1:20pm-
1:40pm

UKULELE CLUB

WANT TO LEARN AN INSTRUMENT?
WHY NOT COME TO UKULELE
LESSONS EVERY THURSDAY IN THE
MUSIC ROOM FROM 1:20PM -1:40PM



Musical Mondays

Choir practice will
continue this Tuesday
and Wednesday
lunchtime from 1:20pm-
1:40pm

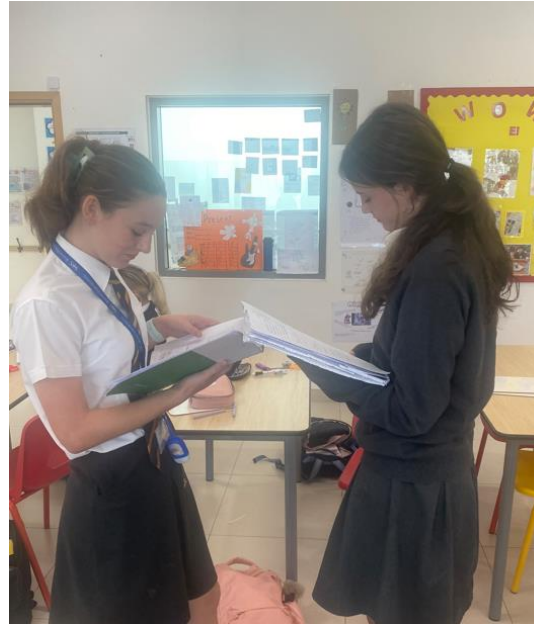
If you would like to test out your Musical skills, the Music room
will be open to all students every Monday from 1:20pm-1:40pm



Students hard at work in KS3 Music lessons



MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan



All our French and Spanish students are in revision mode this week and next, preparing for their upcoming assessments. Students have been creating revision mind maps/clocks, conducting surveys and playing revision games on their mini whiteboards.

A reminder that the KS3 MFL speaking and listening exams will take place next week in MFL lessons w/c 27/05.

The reading and writing assessments will take place during assessment week 3, the following week.

PE Update | Mr. Bladen

An action-packed week of fixtures:

27.05.24 - U12 Boys Basketball @ DBS Jumeirah Park

27.05.24 - U14 Girls Basketball @ Greenfield

28.05.24 - U12 Girls Basketball vs Fairgreen

22.05.24 - U14 Boys Basketball @ Greenfield

Please see this week's results:

U12 Boys Basketball 30-18 Royal Grammar School

U14 Girls Basketball 21-30 Sunmarke

U14 Boys Basketball 22-44 DIA Al Barsha

All details are available on our school SOCS

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CATHY FREEMAN

