



Secondary School Weekly Update

Friday 26th April
2024

Dear Parents,

Thanks again for your support this week whilst the school and the Emirate have been dealing with the effects of the weather.

Over the past two days, our wonderful Y11 Artists have been completing their final examination pieces which will now be sent off to the moderator. All pieces will be on display for the community to view as part of The Expressive Arts showcase evening event on Weds 26th June. Our written exam season starts this coming Thursday 2nd May with the final exam taking place on Friday 14th June. Good luck to all our Y10, Y11 and Y12 students who have exams during this period.

Please read on for updates from around the school and I look forward to seeing many of you this evening at the Spring Fair.

Kind regards,

Jon Pennock

Upcoming key dates

- Y7 Parents evening Tues 30th April (rearranged from Weds 24th April)
- Coffee morning with the Inclusion team – Tues 30th April (full details on next page)
- Auditions start on 6th May for the SVS Talent show which will be on Friday 14th June

Inclusion Update – Ms. Kelly

On April 30th we have the Inclusion Coffee Morning at 8.15am in the Secondary Library.

The theme will be Autism in support of April's Autism Acceptance Month.

It is also an opportunity for a Q&A with the Inclusion team.

We look forward to seeing you there.



The poster features the SVS logo (a stylized bird) and the text 'INCLUSION COFFEE MORNING'. Below the title is an invitation to join for an informative coffee morning focusing on Autism in support of April's Autism Awareness Month, with a Q&A session with the SVS Inclusion Team. Three headshots of Gemma Kelly, Laura Stokes, and Danielle McHugh are shown, each with their name and role. The event details are listed at the bottom: Tuesday, 30th April, 8:15 AM, Secondary Library. The text 'Open for all SVS parents.' is written in orange at the bottom right.

SVS INCLUSION
COFFEE MORNING

Join us for an informative coffee morning focusing on Autism in support of April's Autism Awareness Month, as well as an opportunity to meet with and have a Q&A session with the SVS Inclusion Team!


Gemma Kelly
Secondary SENCo


Laura Stokes
Head of Primary


Danielle McHugh
Primary SENCo

 Tuesday, 30th April  8:15 AM  Secondary Library

Open for all SVS parents.

Maths Puzzle Competition

Y7 and 8 Winners

Congratulations to Hanin in 8B for winning the KS3 maths puzzle this week!!

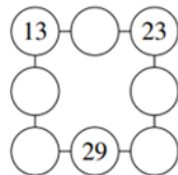
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TERM 3 PUZZLE 1:

When this prime number square is completed, the eight circles contain eight different primes, and each of the four sides has total 43.
What is the sum of the five missing primes?

- A 51 B 53 C 55 **D 57** E 59



Y9, 10 and 11 Winners

Congratulations to Saman in 9B for winning the KS4 maths puzzle this week!!



TERM 3 PUZZLE 1:

What is 0.015% of 60 million?

- A 900 **B 9000** C 90 000 D 900 000 E 9 000 000



Science Updates

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zia, sofia and laila

Some of our Year 10 students have spent time creating practical videos demonstrating core Chemistry experiments (press play on the video opposite). We hope you'll find them as engaging to watch as the students did creating them, and that they enhance your understanding of the subject!

In year 8, students applied their understanding of breathing techniques to real-life situations, specifically exploring how exercise affects pulse rates. Through hands-on activities, like controlled breathing during physical exertion, they learned about the connection between respiration and cardiovascular health.



Science Updates

Arabic Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Parents,

I trust this message finds you well and safe. We thank God for your safety after enduring the difficult weather conditions in the country, and we hope you are all well. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the school for Term 3.

I would also like to express my gratitude to all the students who participated in the Arabic online lessons and completed the tasks. Your dedication is truly appreciated.

We are pleased to inform you that we have sent the third-term books via the Teams application, which primarily focuses on developing students' reading skills. Throughout this term, we will delve into the analysis and understanding of various novels.

It has been a successful week with increased engagement and completion of great activities. Students are required to regularly follow up on the tasks sent to them on Teams to ensure good preparation for the upcoming exams.

We wish you all success and excellence in your studies.

Islamic Update – Mr. Kerba

Dear Parents,

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته.

We hope this message finds you and your family in good health and high spirits as we embark upon Term 3. Despite the unexpected inclement weather in Dubai, we trust that you have remained safe and well.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to both students and parents for their unwavering commitment and resilience in successfully navigating the challenges posed by the transition to online Islamic studies activities. Your dedication has been instrumental in ensuring the continuity of our educational endeavors.

We are delighted to report that our students have already commenced their exploration of the Term 3 Islamic curriculum, marking a promising and productive beginning to this phase of learning. Their exemplary levels of engagement and enthusiasm are truly praiseworthy, reflecting a genuine eagerness to expand their knowledge and understanding.

Furthermore, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the upcoming Quran competition. We encourage your child's participation and urge you to liaise directly with the Islamic teacher should your child wish to partake in this enriching opportunity.

Once again, we express our gratitude for your steadfast partnership and unwavering dedication to your child's educational journey. Together, we shall continue to nurture and empower our students towards excellence.

Humanities Update – Miss Coy

- Our Year 10 students have been exploring waste management and sustainability in our school canteen. They've taken action by designing reusable coffee cups and water bottles, offering eco-friendly alternatives for our teachers and students.
- If you're interested in supporting this initiative and would be willing to purchase these environmentally-friendly products, please click on the link below to complete the survey.

[SVS Eco Friendly Product Survey](#)

- Let's join hands in making a positive impact on our environment!
- Thank you for your support!



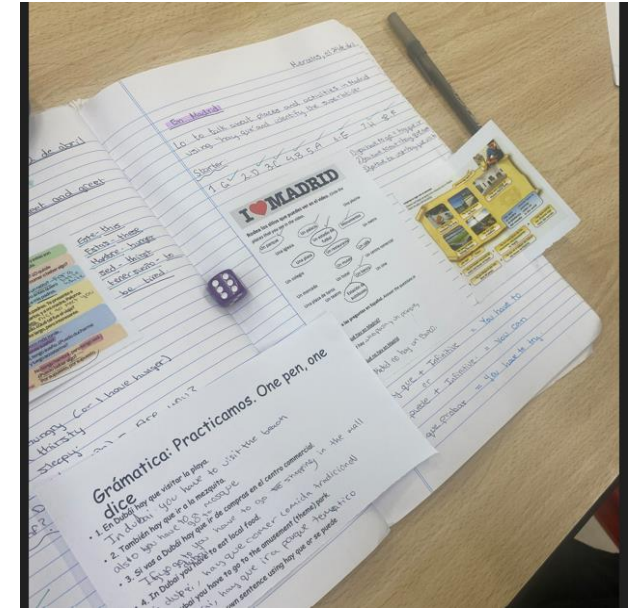


MFL Update – Ms. O'Sullivan



This week our brilliant Year 9 Spanish students took a virtual tour around Madrid, the Spanish capital.

They watched a video that presented all the exciting landmarks and sights of Madrid. Our students then practised the new vocabulary and grammar structure with a game of one pen, one dice.



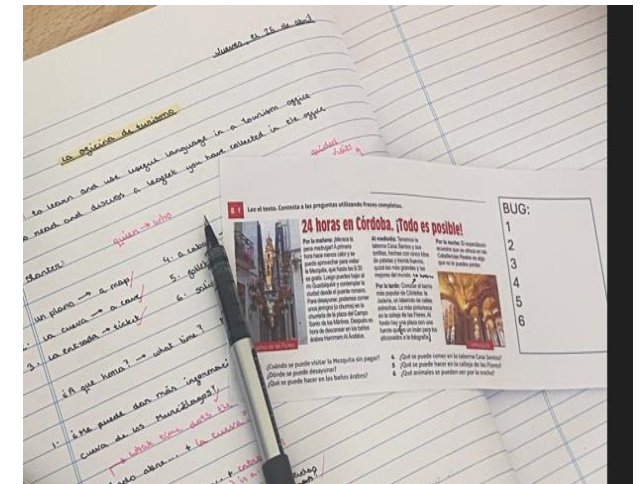
Meanwhile, our GCSE students were studying about the beautiful Spanish city of Cordoba, in southern Spain. The students explored all the possible activities you can do in such 24 hours.

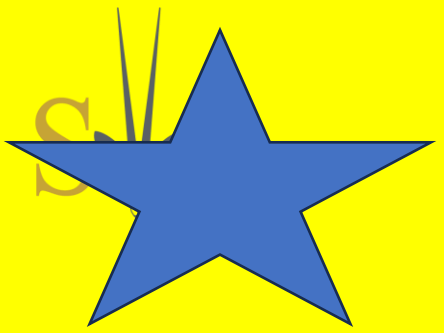
24 horas en Córdoba. ¡Todo es posible!

Por la mañana: ¡Merece la pena madrugar! A primera hora hace menos calor y se puede aprovechar para visitar la Mezquita, que hasta las 9.30 es gratis. Luego puedes bajar al río Guadalquivir y contemplar la ciudad desde el puente romano. Para desayunar, podemos comer unos *ierinaos* (o churros) en la

Al mediodía: Tenemos la taberna Casa Santos y sus tortillas, hechas con cinco kilos de patatas y treinta huevos, quizá las más grandes y las mejores del mundo.

Por la tarde: Conocer el barrio más popular de Córdoba: la Judería, un laberinto de calles





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 school them off at tunes Tuesday..

Every Tuesday
in the
amphitheatre at
7:30am



Musical Mondays

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 1:05pm-1:20pm



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

Choir Practice will be every Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtime at 1:20pm-1:40pm in the Music room

Band & Choir Updates

PE Update | Mr. Bladen

Welcome back to an action-packed Term 3.

Please see next week's fixtures:

29.04.24 - U12 Boys Basketball v GEMS Founders AB

29.04.24 - U13 Girls Rounders @ Repton AB

30.04.24 - U12 Girls Basketball @ GEMS Metropole

01.05.24 - U14 Boys Basketball vs Nibras

01.05.24 - U15 Girls Rounders @ Sunmarke

02.05.24 - U14 Girls Basketball @ Sunmarke

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



One of our Year 8 students, Tiago, took part in this year's prestigious Rosslyn Park Rugby 7's tournament held in London.

He was selected to play for the Emirates Falcons by coach Aaron Persico (represented Italy at the 2003 RWC, won 56 caps and scored 2 tries for his country. Aaron also played for French Top 14 club SU Agen).

The Falcons won all of the matches throughout the tournament.

This is a phenomenal achievement for Tiago, and we are all extremely proud of him here at SVS!





For me to get through the toughest periods in my life, I had to look within to find the energy to do it. I don't give up. Never have. Never will.

— *Jonah Lomu* —

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