

November 11, 2022

Secondary update

Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of our first set of formal assessments this year and the students should be rightly proud of their efforts. Staff are now busy marking in preparation to feedback to the students over the coming two weeks before the reports are released during the final week of term.



With the main focus of this week being on the assessments we have had a relatively quiet week, however our sporting teams have still been in action and please checkout the results and a match report in the notices below as well as the list of upcoming fixtures.

Mrs Rock and I welcomed parents onto site on Thursday morning for our weekly coffee morning. For those who could not attend and are interested to see the slides then please open them [here](#). This coming week, I will be joined by Mrs Pereira our Head of Modern Foreign Languages to introduce us to her department and how we support the students to improve their French and Spanish. If you are able to attend on Thursday morning at 8.15am then please can you complete the form through this link <https://forms.office.com/r/D2gshW9mPa>.

After a week of assessments, we are back up and running with a full ECA schedule and an action packed week. On Monday we will be marking Armistice Day with a remembrance assembly. We also have students out on trips to Gym Nation and a local steel works and as a school we will be recognising the start of Anti-Bullying week by inviting all members of the community to wear odd socks. Please follow this link if you wish to find out more about the anti-bullying drive <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>. On Tuesday, we will launch the Secondary bike design competition and our show rehearsals are restarting with a big push before the winter break.

Across the school this week we have had some illness which has resulted in students and staff needing to take a day or more off from school. Please read the note from the clinic in the messages below about returning to school following an illness. We absolutely understand that students get ill and need time to recover so if you feel this is the case, please let us know so we are aware of the situation.

I hope you enjoy a restful weekend.

Kind regards

Jon Pennock

Message from Mrs Gordon

Leading up to assessment week students were learning about being independent. This is a learning skill very relevant to our assessment weeks and we hope that students will learn when it is helpful and more successful for them to learn collaboratively or independently.

Next week we will be looking at our final learning skill 'kindness'. Students will consider what it means to be kind and how we can show kindness to one another.

Community fridge

The SVS Community Workers' Fridge and Water Cooler has been provided to support those in our community who work hard outdoors, especially in the hot weather in support of our community and our school. Gardeners, rubbish collection, landscaping, maintenance, security, and construction workers are often unsung heroes in our community despite providing essential services. Their work allows us to enjoy a clean, pleasant, and safe environment and, as part of the SVS and Remraam communities we would like to offer support and show our appreciation of their work by providing food, drinks, and water free of charge. The school has provided a week of free food and will work on rotation with different year groups in filling the fridges for this important initiative. We will be running this as part of our #svscares initiative which will run for the entire academic year from now on. Thank you all for supporting us in delivering this.

Message from the nurses clinic

Following your child's absence for 2 days or more, we need to check and be able to know their current condition or whatever the reason maybe. If still absent on the 3rd day or more with flu related sickness/ illness (cough, runny or blocked nose, fever, body ache, headache, sore throat and shortness of breath) other symptoms like sore eyes/ redness of eyes and diarrhoea. Please provide a medical report from your Doctor stating that your child is fit to return school.

Winter Fayre

Our winter fayre is fast approaching and will be taking place on Tuesday 29th November. We will be looking for volunteers to help man the stalls and games and would welcome any parent volunteers to help. Also, if we have any parents who can do Henna on the day then that would be great and any parents who run small craft businesses who would like to rent a table for the event then please get in touch. We are also keen to receive any donations for our tombola.

If you are able to offer any of the support detailed above then please can you drop an email to stuart.macpherson@southview.ae and I will pass the information on to the organizing committee.

Sporting fixtures update from the PE team

Secondary X-Country Relay competition - U15 boys 12th place.

U14 Girls Football vs EISM – A thrilling 3-3 draw with a last second equaliser for the away team!

DFC Football tournament:

U14 Boys Football representing Poland - Given the game due to a no show of the other team

U13 Girls Football representing Germany vs Equador - 3-1 win

Upcoming:

U16 Boys football vs EISMeadows @ SVS 4pm - Monday, 14th Nov

U14 Boys Football vs FIS @ SVS 3.30pm - Wednesday, 16th Nov

U16 Boys Basketball @ Star - 3.30pm - Thursday, 17th Nov

U13 B Girls @ JESS - 3.30pm - Thursday, 17th Nov

U13 A Girls vs DBSjp @ SVS - 3.45pm - Thursday, 17th Nov

Secondary Gymnastics competition @ NAS - Friday, 18th Nov 3pm

U16 Boys Football match report – By Jack Steele 10A

SVS vs JAS - 7v0 (win)

I think all of us played amazing today, teamwork, communication and work ethic, all of us were on our top game. Even considering we had no substitutes and a few of our key players out from injury. I think overall we had little to no mistakes and all we could improve on is our attitude, not letting them throw us of with language and dirty plays. But apart from that it was a competitive match with a very positive outcome, and fingers crossed more to come.

Message from the Sustainability Club

Please see the below list of items we would like your help with if possible for our sustainability garden in the Secondary school.

- Soil
- Gardening tools
- Plastic Bottles/milk bottle
- Plastic Containers
- Old cooking Pots and Pans
- Old coffee pots
- Crates
- Cans
- Large Pots
- Watering Cans
- Plants/seeds

Thank you for your continued help and support.