

### Secondary update

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many of you on Wednesday evening at our Meet the Tutor Evening. Thanks to all of you for engaging in the activities with our tutor team and for all the positive conversations that were had. We really value these events and interactions with the parent community and value your feedback. Moving forward, we will be running regular coffee mornings on Thursdays from 8.10am to give parents the opportunity to come into school and meet with a variety of staff members who will present on their specialist area and be available to answer questions from those in attendance. This coming Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September will be the first coffee morning of this academic year with myself and Mr Macpherson (Assistant Head – Pastoral). We will be focusing on introducing the British curriculum and how the students have settled in at the start of this year. If you would like to attend, please can you let us know by filling in the form through this link - <https://forms.office.com/r/WMs6bJbM4v>. If you can't attend on Thursday, then please indicate that on the form and leave a contact email for me to get back to you.



On Monday, we will be taking time to remember Her Majesty the Queen and we will be watching the funeral with students in school during the afternoon. Please can I ask that all parents who haven't already done so, take a minute to complete the online form below so that we can make arrangements to release students early from the school site where necessary.

**Please note that for safeguarding purposes, students will not be allowed to leave the school site unless the form has been completed.** The form will be closed first thing on Monday morning. [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2DZwIBR7DkaGj-HlmRa0mmS3b2\\_oP0xHroulSD6UjOBUQk9TQks0STU3SFVINERWWjEzSUhUMVdDTC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2DZwIBR7DkaGj-HlmRa0mmS3b2_oP0xHroulSD6UjOBUQk9TQks0STU3SFVINERWWjEzSUhUMVdDTC4u)

Finally from me, on Wednesday and Thursday next week we will have the photographers in to take the formal school photos for our students. We will be expecting students to be looking extra smart on these days. The schedule has been set for the following,

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Year 7, Year 10 & Year 11

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Year 8 & Year 9

Kind regards



Jon Pennock

## **Message from Mrs Gordon – Assistant Head Learning & Teaching**

### **Secondary Learning Journeys**

Each department within the secondary school plans their curriculum to build on skills from Key Stage 3 into Key Stage 4 with the intention to prepare students for further education. This year we have created learning journeys for each subject to represent this process. If you would like to see what your sons and daughters will be up to in each of their subjects, then please find the journeys in the following link - [Secondary Learning Journeys](#)

### **Learning skills**

This week students have been focusing on the ‘communication’ learning skill. They have formed their own definitions, explored different examples, and discussed how we communicate in terms of *how* we say things, not just *what* we say. Some form groups have started building a display of all the learning skills they have been exploring, which is something to look out for next time you are in school.

## **Message from Mr Macpherson – Assistant Head Pastoral**

A big push for us this year will be encouraging student leadership and providing as many leadership opportunities as possible. The application process for our SVS student council will start next week. Students who are interested will be asked to submit an application form and the best ones will be selected for a formal interview. If you think this will be an opportunity that would interest your son or daughter, then please discuss this with them and encourage them to complete an application.

## Message from Miss Coy and the Humanities Team

What an exciting day we have had at SVS today. All students in Year 7-11 have taken part in our second Sustainability Day. Students began their day with a scavenger hunt where they found out about a wide range of information about sustainability. They completed a research proposal document where each student has decided on a project they would like to be a part of or implement in our school. Students will be working throughout the year on these projects. Our goal is to make our school greener and more sustainable.

They have also spent time putting together ad campaigns on how we as a school can raise awareness both in school and within our communities. Finally, students took part and have begun a "Mural Competition" where some lucky students' work will be brought to life in our new Eco Garden at SVS.

Our Year 7s and new students this year ended the day with assembly, where they heard from some founding members of our sustainability club, students who attend our Kenya School trip last year and finally our Secondary School International Humanities trip was Launched to them. We are off to Cambodia on an 'ethical journey with impact'. If you have any questions regarding this, please do get in touch with me – [stacey.coy@southview.ae](mailto:stacey.coy@southview.ae).

It was amazing to see the students be so enthusiastic and involved. I for one, cannot wait for them to begin to implement their projects around the school and see the impact they can make. I will keep you all updated on our journey throughout the year.

Here's a few pics from today...



### **Message for Year 10 Arabic A parents from Mr Hassan, Head of Arabic**

As per KHDA guidelines, we are required to teach the ministry of education Arabic objectives up to Y13 and as part of our international examination we are offering our students Pearson Edexcel GCSE which is designed for non-native speaker as an extra GCSE course.

We also offering Cambridge O Level for Native speakers as an OPTION to be studied for one after-school session weekly and one lunch session weekly for students who want to take that option.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the course or if you need any clarification through his email ([ahmed.hassan@southview.ae](mailto:ahmed.hassan@southview.ae))

### **Messages from the Arts Faculty**

**We have been busy scheduling lots of extra-curricular activities for students to get involved in. Please see the details below and get in touch with us if you have any questions.**

#### **Instrumental Music Lessons at South View School**

Centre for Musical Arts is proud to partner with South View School. We are delighted to bring instrumental music lessons to students across the whole school. We have availability for lessons on Violin and Beginner piano with limited trial lessons available with our specialists upon request. Year 7 and Year 8 students will have a taster of these instruments and meet San, our Music specialist on Monday September 19<sup>th</sup> 2022.



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#### **Join our SVS choir**

South View is happy to be welcoming back our secondary choir. Choir practice will start Thursday September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3:45 to 4:20 in the secondary music room. No auditions needed.

### Young Musician of the Gulf

The BSME (British Schools in the Middle East) Young Musicians of the Gulf (YMOG) event is a Music competition that celebrates young musical talent within the Gulf,. It is a most prestigious and high-profile competition in the region.

The BSME Young Musicians of the Gulf (YMoG) will take place as a virtual competition to allow all schools throughout the region to take part. Young musicians from all over are able to share their considerable talents and the results of many hours of practice on a performance platform. It is an opportunity for friendships to be forged and renewed each year. As the world emerges from the pandemic they very much look forward to welcoming competitors back to Bahrain sometime in the future.

This Year, Young musicians of the Gulf are only able to accept solo, virtual performances. Each participant will be asked to record and submit a performance for each round of the competition. These 4 separate videos are due by the deadline of **18 November 2022**. For more information, please speak to Ms. Noelle



### Secondary School Show 2023

We are almost ready to reveal the title of our show for 2023! We would like to invite all students wishing to take part for a meeting in the Drama Studio at 1:30pm (lunchtime) on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September for more information about auditions and rehearsals. We hope to see as many students there as possible.



Please see the poster below for an opportunity for students interested in STEM subjects.

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