

November 18, 2022

Secondary update

Dear Parents,

Apologies for the delay in sending this week's update and I hope you have had a restful weekend. This past week saw the whole school attend an assembly to pay their respects for Remembrance Day. All students observed the occasion respectfully and the students who presented were excellent. The following day, Ms Rock and Mr Jameson launched the secondary bike design competition, and we are looking forward to seeing who submits the best design for the SVS bike. Our students also enjoyed trips out to Gymnasium – please keep an eye on social media for all the updates.



Ms. Pereira 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, Mrs Gordon and I will be on hand to discuss the upcoming data report card. 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/pVwVGfaQWf>.

I would like to draw everyone's attention to the message shared by Mr. Flint earlier this week about the early finish on Tuesday 29th November. On this day secondary students will finish at 1pm and the whole school community is welcome back onto site from 4pm for the Winter Fayre. On this day we will also be holding the Year 11 parent's evening appointments with parents having the option to attend a face-to-face meeting, or a zoom conversation between 1.30 and 5.00pm. Parents of Year 11 students will receive separate communication with specific details this coming week. On Wednesday of this coming week, we welcome Year 7 parents onto site for their first parents evening of the year. Please check the note from Mr. Macpherson below for an important update regarding Maths and Arabic appointments, as well as the email address for support.



SOUTH VIEW SCHOOL

This coming week we have a school trip for some of our Key Stage 4 students to a local steel manufacturer to have a tour of the plant and meet their engineers and business team. On Tuesday, our Geography students from KS4 are off to the beach for their coursework field trip where they will be collecting key data on the coastline to analyse when back in class. On the same day, we are looking forward to a visit from Dubai Municipality who will talk to Year 7 and Year 8 students on environmental awareness and how to promote positive environmental behaviours to protect the local environment.

I hope you enjoy a restful weekend.

Kind regards

Jon Pennock

Message from Mr Macpherson

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to SVS on Wednesday evening for our Year 7 Parents Evening. Our Engage booking system went live on Thursday for parents to start booking appointments. Please can you check with your son/daughter over the weekend that you have made appointments with the correct subject teachers. This is especially important in both Maths and Arabic. If you are having any issues making bookings please contact itsupport@southview.ae.

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.



Update from the Sustainability Team



On Monday 14th November, 14 intrepid SVS Eco Warriors set off to the Al Qudra desert on an important mission. The children ranged in age from FS1 to Year 9 and were united in their premise to leave the beautiful, natural desert environment cleaner than they found it.

In conjunction with our environmental partner 'Simply Bottles', the children cleaned a section of desert and cleared it of old coffee cups, discarded agricultural netting and plastic bags - all which pose a hazard for the native wildlife and camels.

We are very proud of the direct action our SVS Eco-Warriors took and the difference they made to our beautiful natural landscape and the creatures that live in it.

Huge well done to all involved especially our three Year 9s Alula, Emma and Lola.

Sport result

Our U14 Boys Football team are still undefeated this season where this week they have progressed into the 'Round of 16' in the Dubai Fitness Challenge World Cup competition after a great 4-1 win over Al Maaref Private School. The match will be taking place on Saturday, kicking off at 5.45pm.

Alongside this in the DASSA league, our U14 Boys beat Fairgreen International School this week 11-0 to set up a league title decider against Brighton College next Thursday. If SVS come out victorious, they will be regional league champions for a second year in a row.

Message from Mrs Di Meo-Smith – Head of Maths

Earlier this week four Year 8 students headed to JESS Arabian Ranches to represent the school in a Maths competition against 34 other teams from a variety of Dubai schools. There were four rounds in total.

- First round: Murder mystery which involved Algebraic questions. I have attached for you to look at.
- Second Round: LCM Sudoku [LCM Sudoku | Divisibility & Induction | Underground Mathematics](#)
- Third Round: UKMT Questions
- Fourth Round: Relay

The fourth round was the best the students had to run around the room to collect and return questions. Some teachers were nearly taken out as students became very excited and motivated to win! Here are two pics of our fantastic team.

