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Message from Mr. O' Connor

Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,

As you all know, Green Valley's educational philosophy is based on a holistic, balanced, humane, educational model, **balancing the academic objectives with the importance of human values, the atmosphere and the teaching and learning environment.**

On the Academic Side of this balance, we are a British International School, we are accredited by the Spanish Ministry of Education and also importantly authorised by the International Baccalaureate to teach the Diploma Program.

Each of these institutions have their own regulatory mechanisms to ensure that the different objectives and parameters we need to adhere to are controlled. With this in mind, last week, we had the pleasure to invite the inspectors from the National Association of British Schools in Spain to Green Valley who were here to inspect the school.

The inspection is made up of months of preparation whereby our policies are studied in depth, the Senior Leadership Team are interviewed at length, classroom observations are carried out throughout the school and indeed different students are interviewed by the inspectors.

The results of the inspection have been shared with us verbally and we are awaiting their report. NABSS are able to award up to a 4 year accreditation for any British School in Spain, and we are pleased to announce that we have a 4 year accreditation. This shows that confidence that NABSS and the inspectors have in the school. Certainly, there are many more parameters that they look at, from Teaching and Learning, Safety and Wellbeing, the infrastructure, and we will share more of these details with you.

In this week's newsletter, Mr Sparkman will share with you the different observations regarding Teaching and Learning.

As always, we wish you a relaxing weekend and we look forward to seeing you again next week.

My best wishes,

Mr. James O' Connor

Headmaster and Co-Founder of GVS

Primary Section

Dates for your Diary



DAY	EVENT
21/11	YEAR 2 VISIT TO PALMA AQUARIUM
21/11	YEAR 4 ROMAN DRESSING UP DAY
04/12	PRIMARY REPORTS TO PARENTS
04/12	GVS CHRISTMAS CHARITY APPEAL BEGINS
06-08/12	SCHOOL CLOSED, PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
12/12	4.00-6.00 PRIMARY PARENT MEETINGS
14/12	4.00-6.00 PRIMARY PARENT MEETINGS
14/12	LAST DAY TO MAKE CHARITY DONATIONS
18/12	GVS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 3.00-4.40
19/12	SINGING AT PORTALS CHRISTMAS MARKET 5 PM
20/12	PRIMARY CLASSES CHRISTMAS PARTY AFTERNOON
20/12	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

Message from Ms. Jan Harvey

Dear Families,

I hope you are all well and enjoying this continued wonderful weather. It is so lovely and warm it is hard to imagine we are only a few weeks away from Christmas!

As usual at this time of year, here at GVS, our thoughts turn to those less fortunate than

ourselves and we consider ways in which we can help.

This year, for our GVS Christmas Charity Appeal, we will again be working with 'Yachting Gives Back' collecting different foods, baby products and toiletries for the food banks, as this really does help to bring so much relief to struggling families all over the island.

This year we have been asked to focus on; milk (leche entera preferably), sunflower or olive oil, baby products such as nappies and baby milk/ food and of course toiletries, as well as the usual groceries such as rice, pasta, biscuits, and tinned foods. Some seasonal treats might also be appreciated.

We would also like to invite our students to buy a gift for a child of their own age and donate that to the appeal too, because although obviously food must be the priority, for children, Christmas is also about the magic of Santa or the Three Kings. So, it would be amazing if we can help to provide that little bit of Christmas magic for them. Please could these be sent in unwrapped so families can see what everything is when making their choices.

We will begin the collection from Monday 4th December, and it will run until Thursday 14th December. This means everything will be collected on Friday 15th in time to ensure it is distributed to the various organisations in time for Christmas.

We are also pleased to announce our second GVS Charity Christmas Celebration on Monday 18th December from 3:00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. On this afternoon, school will 'end' at 2.50 p.m., then after you have collected your children, we will ask you to make your way through the primary corridors (where you will be able to see our beautiful Christmas decorations) to the courtyard.

Here you will be able to buy Christmas food from our different countries along with hot chocolate and enjoy listening to a Christmas Musical Presentation from our Primary students and chatting to everyone.

More details regarding this event will follow but we wanted to ensure you 'Save the Date' because as you will remember this was such a lovely, festive, way to end our Autumn term.

Thank you as always for your support and cooperation.

Kind regards,

Ms. Jan Harvey

Head of Primary

Secondary Section

Message from Mr. Drew Sparkman

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to you with great enthusiasm and a strong sense of accomplishment.

Our school recently underwent an inspection by the National Association of British Schools in Spain (NABSS), and the results have been exceptionally positive.

Over the last four years, our school has shown remarkable progress, elevating the quality of teaching and learning from a level of 'satisfactory' to 'good'. This achievement is a clear indicator of the dedication and expertise of our faculty, the unwavering support from you, our parents, and the relentless efforts of our students. It is a significant milestone that reflects our school's commitment to providing a high-quality educational experience.

Looking ahead, we are setting our sights even higher. We have identified key areas for continued improvement in our teaching and learning practices. Our first priority is to ensure a consistent and enriching learning experience across all age groups and subjects.

We believe that every student deserves the best, regardless of their grade or chosen subjects.

Secondly, we are focusing on personalizing the educational journey for each student. By effectively integrating assessment data and enhancing our differentiation techniques, we aim to cater to the individual needs and strengths of every student. These goals are ambitious, yet attainable, and underscore our pledge to not just educate, but to inspire and prepare our students for their future.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to each one of you for your constant support and cooperation.

It is this collective effort and shared vision that forms the cornerstone of our success. As we embark on this exciting phase of growth and development, I am confident that together, we will continue to create an environment where our students can thrive and excel.

Sincerely,

Mr. Drew Sparkman

Deputy Head of Secondary

**KS3 - YEAR 7, YEAR 8, YEAR 9 - ASSESSMENTS
NOVEMBER 20TH TO NOVEMBER 24TH**

YEAR GROUP	SUBJECT	DATE	TOPICS
7	MATHS	TUESDAY 21ST	PDF: FRACTIONS
7	GEOGRAPHY	THURSDAY 23 NOV	UNIT 1: PLANET EARTH
8	SCIENCE	TUE 21ST NOV	CHAPTERS 3,6,9
9	CATALAN	WEDNESDAY 22 NOV	TOPIC 2

**Y10 PCTS TERM 1 2023-2024
NOVEMBER 20TH TO NOVEMBER 24TH**

DAY	SUBJECT	PERIOD
MONDAY NOV 20	FRENCH	8
TUESDAY NOV 21	GERMAN	4
TUESDAY NOV 21	SPANISH	5
WEDNESDAY NOV 22	BUSINESS STUDIES	4
WEDNESDAY NOV 22	CHEMISTRY	7
THURSDAY NOV 23	PHYSICS	5
THURSDAY NOV 23	MATHS	2
FRIDAY NOV 24	BIOLOGY	3
FRIDAY NOV 24	ENGLISH	5

After School Activities are in "Full Swing" in GVS

Our Director for the GVS After School Program, Ms. Trelawney Bresic mentions the following: *'It has been wonderful to see students enjoying our new after school activities, tennis, football and drama'.*

We are also excited to be offering English and maths tutoring for secondary students, starting very soon.

Our after school activities program now offers: robotics, drama, tennis, football, jewellery-making, sewing, chess, capoeira (martial arts/dance), basketball, karate, German, English, maths.

Look out for new additions to the program in January!



A promotional poster for football academy sessions. At the top left is the "PALMA JUMP" logo with the tagline "Lugar de Transición". To the right is the "HOUSE OF SONAMAR" logo. Below these are the logos for "RMA RUSSELL MARTIN ACADEMY" and "GREEN VALLEY SCHOOL". The main text reads "FOOTBALL ACADEMY SESSIONS EVERY TUESDAY WITH RMA MALLORCA". At the bottom, there are logos for "ibex", "CNC Health", "RMA MALLORCA", and "MALLORCA PRO TRAINING". The background features a building and a sunset sky.



Message from Mr. David Méndez

As part of the CAS Programme (Creativity, Activity and Service) of the IB Diploma Programme, we have prepared two outings to help make the upcoming Christmas holidays more festive in some homes on the island of Mallorca.

To this end, on the 1st and 5th of December our DP1 and DP2 students will be volunteering with the Food Bank association.

During this activity they will experience first-hand what it is like to manage and classify the different food stuffs that they receive in their warehouse (after the donations that are made in all the supermarkets on the island).

This is an action that in the last academic year helped several of our students to continue to go and collaborate with the Food Bank.

At Green Valley School we always try to make our students think that together we can make this world a better place for everyone.

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"If you want to change the world, change yourself". - Mahatma Gandhi

Mr. David Méndez Rodríguez

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme
Coordinator

Technical Director of the Spanish Education
System



Message from Mr. Llorenç Mercer

A week ago our year 12 students were in Barcelona, and here I am again, now writing about our upcoming trip to London at the end of the month.

An essential part of our education and growing up in general is traveling abroad. Traveling as part of a group, and without parents is a major event for

our children and a great chance for personal growth and development.

We will get to spend time together, get to know each other much better, and enjoy each other's company in a different context and environment.

Mr. Llorenç Mercer

Head of School Culture



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