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## Message from Mr. O' Connor

Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,

This week I report to you directly from London with Year 12 on the London Cultural Trip. This trip is a 3 day, 2 night intense, cultural, motivational and fun experience for our Year 12 students.

During these days, we have visited the Tate Gallery, the Natural History Museum, the London Eye, a London Cruise, Winter Wonderland and two West End Shows!

The days start with a 'family breakfast' at 8:00 a.m. and then we move 'non stop' throughout the day, finishing with a 'family dinner' after the Show. This year the teaching team consisted of Mr. Llorenç, Ms. Rosh, Mr. Fisher and myself. Certainly, on behalf of the team, the Year 12 students have shown to be role models in so many different situations.

Congratulations to the students and also to our team for a successful trip!

Trips like these across Primary and Secondary are exactly what as a School we aim for. The trips

combine culture, motivation, fun and above all a 'sense of family'. These all create experiences that the students and teachers will never forget.

I wish you all a relaxing weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday!

Best wishes,

Mr. James O' Connor

Headmaster and Co-Founder of GVS



## Primary Section

### Dates for your Diary

DAY	EVENT
04/12	PRIMARY REPORTS TO PARENTS
04/12	GVS CHRISTMAS CHARITY APPEAL BEGINS
06-08/12	SCHOOL CLOSED, PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
11/12	GVS CHARITY FUN RUN
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,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas throughout GVS!

We have been incredibly busy this week, transforming the school into a winter wonderland. The children have carried out a range of craft activities, using a variety of resources, from toilet roll tubes, to string and wool, paint, paper, twigs, flowers, and leaves... and of course glitter, as Christmas in a primary school, just isn't Christmas without a healthy sprinkle of glitter!

They have had a wonderful time working on their creations, as the corridors rang with the sounds of Christmas songs.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing team of teachers for being adaptable this week to ensure we had everything ready for Friday afternoon pick-up, especially to Ms. Malaika, who

has coordinated the decorations, and who seems to have spent most of this week going up and down ladders, ensuring it all looked wonderful. Thank you!

I would like to remind you that we will begin our GVS Christmas Charity Appeal from Monday 4th to Thursday 14th December.

As in our previous communication, this year, we are again 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 the families can see what everything is when making their choices.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ms. Jan Harvey

Head of Primary





## Secondary Section

### Message from Mr. Drew Sparkman

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of Term 1, we are pleased to share some important dates and events

that mark significant milestones in our academic year. Your involvement and understanding of your child's progress are vital, and we are here to support that partnership.

### **Term 1 Academic Reports**

Firstly, we are excited to announce that the Term 1 academic reports will be sent to families in the week of December 15th. These reports are a valuable tool for tracking the progress and achievements of our students.

### **Parent-Teacher Meetings: A Key Opportunity for Engagement**

We cordially invite you to the Term 1 Parent-Teacher Meetings, which will be held throughout the day on Monday, January 8th. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to engage in detailed discussions with our teachers about your child's academic progress, strengths, and areas for growth. To facilitate these meetings, a sign-up form will be sent along with the Term 1 reports in the week of December 15th. We highly encourage you to sign up and participate in these insightful sessions.

### **Special Presentation on CAT4 Reports by Mr. Sparkman**

Additionally, we have an informative session planned for you. I will be presenting on the CAT4 reports on Monday, January 8th. The CAT4, or Cognitive Abilities Test, provides insightful data that helps us understand each student's learning preferences and potential. This presentation will be an excellent chance for you to gain a deeper understanding of the CAT4 reports, which will also be sent to you on January 8th.

Your engagement and feedback are crucial to our continuous pursuit of educational excellence. These events are an integral part of our collaborative effort to ensure the best possible educational experience for your child.

We look forward to seeing you at the parent-teacher meetings and my presentation. Together, let's make this academic year a successful and enriching journey for our students.

Sincerely,

Mr. Drew Sparkman

Deputy Head of Secondary

### **Message from Mr. David Méndez**

On the 1st and 5th of December the students of the Diploma Programme will be collaborating with the Food Bank of Mallorca.

We will go to their warehouses to collaborate and help organise the food they receive and prepare the boxes for distribution to charities and families with limited economic resources.

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is a comprehensive programme that encourages the students to Solidarity, this type of activity helps students to get out of school and see the different prisms of the society in which we live.

Promoting solidarity in our pupils is a valuable task that contributes to personal enrichment and encourages them to become people for and with others in society.

On the other hand, reflection contributes to fostering in them the right to equity and social justice through first-person experiences. Both Reflection and Solidarity are part of the "IB Learning Community Profile" that shape IB learners.

Mr. David Méndez Rodríguez

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme  
Coordinator

Technical Director of the Spanish Education  
System



### Message from Mr. Llorenç Mercer

School trips are meant to be educational, cultural, but also challenging and inspirational.

Our Year 12 students just spent three days in London visiting all the city landmarks and museums, as well as seeing two musicals and getting to know each other.

A large number of our Year 12's are new to Green Valley and this is an invaluable time to experience new things together and grow as a group.

The trip itself unfortunately started off with disappointment because one of our students could not get her visa in time to make it to London. However, the rest of the experience was outstanding, with highlights defined by both Hamilton and The book of Mormon performances.

Our students were exposed to two very different works of art which created very different impressions and impacted them in very different ways. We also had a surprise in store with our beloved Ms. Sahar joining us for the theatre and late dinners. We also visited Winter Wonderland and all of its attractions, where one of our students won a teddy bear, a giant purple panda which joined us in all of our visits, theatre included, and became the true protagonist, and GVS icon for life, on the flight back to Mallorca. But that is another story...

Green Valley and its community continue to grow together and develop a sense of family, based on dialogue, responsibility, and an enormous sense of humour, all essential when building a culture.

Mr. Llorenç Mercer

Head of School Culture





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