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## Message from Mr. O' Connor

Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,

We all realise that 'Teaching and Learning' does not only happen in the classroom... it is an activity that naturally happens in any place and at any time. **Our core philosophy lies in the idea of organising a balanced, holistic, learning environment where we balance the academic rigours of the British National Curriculum, the International Baccalaureate and the Spanish Ministry of Education with the importance of a respectful, serene, motivating learning environment.**

We know this. However, we also realise that leaving the classroom and welcoming new experiences is also essential for learning. Our Primary Department have a robust excursion programme and one of our objectives this year in the Secondary Department is to also to create our own Secondary excursion programme.

**At the moment, we are organising the Year 12 and 13 careers convention in Barcelona on 9th November. Additionally, we are organising the final details for the Year 12 Cultural Trip to London for the end of November.** We have an objective to organise yearly residential trips to all classes in the Secondary school as well as excursions during the term. All excursions need to

have a clear objective, whether it be academic, cultural or team building. We look forward to keeping you updated as we confirm the details.

My best wishes,

Mr. James O' Connor

Headmaster and Co-Founder of GVS



## Primary Section

Dates for your Diary

A graphic with a green background, a pink notebook, and a lightbulb. The text reads: 'IMPORTANT DATES'.

DAY	EVENT
17/10	YEAR 5 VISIT TO PALMA OLD TOWN AND PALACIO REAL
18/10	YEAR 3 VISIT TO PALMA JUMP
19/10	15.50 SALE OF PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM
20/10	YEAR 3 EGYPTIAN DAY AND ASSEMBLY (Y3 PARENTS INVITED)
21-29/10	SCHOOL CLOSED, HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS
31/10	HALLOWEEN DRESS-UP DAY
01/11	SCHOOL CLOSED, PUBLIC HOLIDAY
02/11	INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
09/11	YEAR 6 VISIT TO LA CAIXAFORUM
13/11	MATHS WEEK
21/11	YEAR 2 VISIT TO PALMA AQUARIUM
04/12	PRIMARY REPORTS SENT TO PARENTS
06-08/12	SCHOOL CLOSED, PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
11/12	PRIMARY PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS
20/12	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

### Message from Ms. Jan Harvey

Dear Families,

I hope you enjoyed the extra days holiday yesterday; we are so lucky to be enjoying the continued lovely weather.

This week, we have had the first of our 'House Meetings', where the captains met with all the children in their house, from Y2 through to Y6, and discussed what they like about at GVS and collected ideas about what the children thought might be improved if we could.

I am looking forward to meeting with the house captains to discuss some of the suggestions during the coming week.

Last Thursday morning, Year 4 went on their trip to the Roman City in Alcludia.

**Here is a short report from Ms. Malaika:**

'After an eventful coach journey, we arrived and ate our snack. We had a tour around the Roman ruins, saw a Roman villa, the Forum and Theatre where 5000 people could watch the shows. After eating our delicious lunch in the shade of the trees, we then made our way to the museum where we were able to see lots of Roman artefacts from the site. The children were brilliantly behaved and a credit to the school, and we all had a great day.'

Do not forget all the photographs of this amazing day (and all other pictures taken this week) can be found in the class photograph albums on your MME quick links menu.

Next Thursday, 19th October, we will be holding the first of this year's sale of pre-worn school uniform. Some of our CAS students will be running this with Ms. Nej and on this occasion all proceeds will be going to the Palma Aquarium Foundation. The uniform items will be on sale from 15.50 to 16.30. Please be aware that only cash can be accepted.

Thank you as always for your support and cooperation, it is greatly appreciated.

Ms. Jan Harvey

Head of Primary

## Secondary Section

### Message from Mr. Drew Sparkman

Dear families,

Please find below the dates for the KS3 exams for Y7 - Y8 - Y9 students which will take place next week, 16-20 October.

The second calendar contains information about the PCT (Progress Check Tests) for Year 11, which will also take place next week from 16th to 20th October.

Mr. Drew Sparkman

Deputy Head of Secondary

ASSESSMENTS OCTOBER 16TH AND 20TH			
KS3 - YEAR 7, YEAR 8, YEAR 9			
YEAR GROUP	SUBJECT	DATE	TOPICS
Y7- A	ART	18TH	INTRODUCTION TO DRAWING. DELIVERY DAY
Y7- B		19TH	
Y7	SCIENCE	20TH OCT	CHAPTERS 1,4 AND 7
Y8- A	ART	18TH	LARGE SCALE WORK DESIGNING A CAR. DELIVERY DAY
Y8- B		19TH	
Y9- A	ART	19TH	CREATION OF AN ART INSTALLATION. DELIVERY DAY
Y9- B		16TH	
Y8	CATALAN	16TH OCT	UNIT 1 TEST *
Y8	MATHS	16TH OCT	PROGRESS 2
Y9	MATHS	17TH OCT	PROGRESS 2
Y7,8,9	FRENCH A	16TH OCT	LE PASSÉ COMPOSÉ * ÊTRE/ * AVOIR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023		
PERIOD	SUBJECT	TIME ALLOTMENT
P2	BIOLOGY (COSC)	35 MINS
P4	ENGLISH	55 MINS

  

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023		
PERIOD	SUBJECT	TIME ALLOTMENT
P5	BUSINESS STUDIES	55 MINS
P2	COORD SCI (CHEM)	35 MINS

  

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023		
PERIOD	SUBJECT	TIME ALLOTMENT
P3	GERMAN B	55 MINS
P5	SPANISH A SPANISH B	55 MINS

  

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023		
PERIOD	SUBJECT	TIME ALLOTMENT
P1	MATHS	45 MINS
P4	PHYSICS	35 MINS
P8	FRENCH	55 MINS

  

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023		
PERIOD	SUBJECT	TIME ALLOTMENT
P1	HISTORY	55 MINS

### Message from Mr. David Méndez

Dear Families,

At Green Valley School and within the Diploma Programme, the month of October is a crucial month for DP2 students and the time to start working on components for DP1.

In DP2 our students are working hard to complete their final drafts of the papers that will be sent to IB for external correction. These are crucial moments when students must present the best versions of their work to IB for external correction.

Students must submit the best versions of their research papers for final feedback from their supervisors. Final comments from the supervisors (teachers at the school who have accompanied the student in the research).

This moment is prior to the final version that the students will hand in during the following months.

This is prior to the last version of the work that students will submit in December and January for submission to IB.

In addition, DP2 students continue to work on their preparation for the oral exams in English, Spanish, German and French which will take place in the coming weeks.

This component has a very important percentage of the grade within the language subjects and it is

a first contact with the Diploma Programme final exam.

In DP1, students are working in each subject area on assimilating IB approaches to learning and acquiring skills necessary for learning approaches of the International Baccalaureate and acquiring the necessary skills to prepare for the different assessment components of each subject.

Also, the contact with the core of the Diploma Programme has been very enriching, as the motivation of the students with CAS, initiating several projects of Creativity, Action and Service; Extended Essay with the choice of the research papers of all the students work of all of them to be carried out during the next 15 months and Theory of Knowledge, where they are working on choosing their essay and acquiring the necessary skills for writing it.

With gratitude and best wishes.

Mr. David Méndez Rodríguez

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme  
Coordinator

Technical Director of the Spanish Education  
System

### Message from Mr. Llorenç Mercer

One of the projects I am most excited about this year is our Student Council. Over the next couple of weeks Green Valley secondary students will hold elections where we will vote and choose a president, a vice-president, and a secretary/treasurer, as well as representatives for all our classes.

Our students will now have the possibility to channel their thoughts, suggestions, organise events and take an active role in decision making in our community.

Mr. Llorenç Mercer

Head of School Culture



## Links to GVS Social Media



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