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Message from Mr. O' Connor

Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,

As we finish this first half term it is essential that as a community we look back at the last weeks and appreciate the work that has been carried out by our teachers, students and indeed families. Both Primary and Secondary have started off the year strongly, presentations to parents have been completed, the first six weeks of teaching and learning completed with their appropriate assessments, CAT 4 assessments have been completed by all students in the Secondary School, excursions in Primary and well underway and the first trips planned for Year 12 and Year 13 to Barcelona for the Careers Conference and the Year 12 London Cultural Trip.

This is only achievable with all your support, and therefore our special thanks go out to our Teaching Team, students and yourselves as parents.

Importantly, on the first week back, on Thursday 2nd November, our school photographer will take individual photos of all the students. These will then be offered to you all and will also form the foundations for the 2024 GVS Yearbook. Please remember to wear our normal day school uniform (no white sports T-shirts please!)

Apart from this, we wish you all a relaxing, adventurous half term break and look forward to seeing you on Monday 30th October.

My best wishes,

Mr. James O' Connor

Headmaster and Co-Founder of GVS



Primary Section

Dates for your Diary

DAY	EVENT
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,

We have reached the end of our very busy first half term and I know the children, and staff, are

looking forward to a well-earned rest next week. This will help to reboot our batteries ready for the return and run-up to Christmas!

This week, we have had two amazing trips. Our Year 5s enjoyed their day in Palma old town, although there was a lot of walking involved. Year 3s had a brilliant, but tiring, trip to Palma Jump.

All were superstars and fantastic ambassadors for GVS. Please, as always, look on MME for the photographs from these two great trips.

Thank you as always for your support and we hope you all have a wonderful break.

Ms. Jan Harvey

Head of Primary

Year 5 Trip to la Almudaina, Arab Baths and the Cathedral

This week year 5 went on an excursion to Palma to visit many important historical sites. In Humanities, the children have been studying the Early Islamic Empire and we have learnt that Mallorca was once conquered during this era.

The children visited the Almudaina Palace, the Arab Baths and Palma Cathedral. It involved lots of walking through the busy tourist-filled streets of Palma, but all of year 5 represented the school well.

The children really enjoyed exploring each of the places and engaged with the artefacts and historical information. We were also blessed with lovely sunny weather!

Ms. Sarah White

Year 5 Teacher





Year 3 Trip to Palma Jump

Year 3 have been learning about the human body and what we need to grow and stay healthy.

We have been learning about the importance of a balanced diet and exercise. We visited Palma Jump and whilst having brilliant fun leaping and jumping, we thought about all the muscles we were using to do that.

We all agreed, although we were exhausted by the time we returned to school, it was the best trip ever!

Ms. Laura O'Sullivan

Year 3 Teacher



Message from Ms. Trelawney Bresic

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our after school programme.

Many of our students have started to enjoy participating in karate, dance, sewing, chess and German. We love to see how enthusiastic our students are to learn new skills and make new friends, our tutors have been very impressed!

Other classes starting later this term include football, robotics and drama/film acting. Here are a few pictures.

Ms. Trelawney Bresic

After School Activities Director



Secondary Section

Message from Mr. Drew Sparkman

Dear families,

Please find below the dates of the KS3 exams for Y7 - Y8 - Y9 students which will take place the week of 30th October to 3rd November, immediately after our holiday week.

Below the KS3 calendar, you will also find the PCT assessment schedule for Year 13, which will take place between November 2nd and November 8th.

I wish you all a well-deserved break.

Mr. Drew Sparkman

Deputy Head of Secondary

OCTOBER 30TH TO NOVEMBER 3RD KS3 - YEAR 7, YEAR 8, YEAR 9 - ASSESSMENTS			
YEAR GROUP	SUBJECT	DATE	TOPICS
9	SCIENCE	TUE 31 OCT	CHAPTERS 1,4 AND 7
7	CATALA	TUE 31 OCT	L'ACCENT DIACRÍTIC
7	MATHS	TUE 31 OCT	UNIT 3. METRIC UNITS
9	SPANISH B	TUE 31 OCT	DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS VS HALLOWEEN
7	SPANISH B	FRI 3 NOV	UNIDAD 2
7/8/9	GERMAN B	THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER	KAPITEL 2

NOVEMBER 2ND TO NOVEMBER 8TH YEAR 13 - PCT ASSESSMENTS		
DATE	SUBJECT	PERIODS
THURSDAY 2	MATHS	3 Y 4
FRIDAY 3	COMPSCIENCE BIOLOGY PHYSICS ESS	1 Y 2
MONDAY 6	B & M HISTORY	1 Y 2
MONDAY 6	FRENCH B GERMAN B ENGLISH B	6 Y 7

NOVEMBER 2ND TO NOVEMBER 8TH YEAR 13 - PCT ASSESSMENTS		
DATE	SUBJECT	PERIODS
TUESDAY 7	ENGLISH A SPANISH A	3 Y 4
WEDNESDAY 8	SPANISH B	3Y4

Message from Mr. David Méndez

Dear families,

We invite you to attend the Saló de Orientació Universitaria that will be held on Monday 23rd October at the PALAU DE CONGRESSOS in Palma de Mallorca.

This University Orientation Fair is organised by UNITOUR and you will be able to obtain information about the university degrees offered by different universities in Spain and Europe, and how are the admission processes to apply for places in these universities.

More than 60 universities will be attend:

- ESERP Business & Law School
- ESIC Business & Marketing School
- EU Business School
- EUSES - Escola Universitaria de la Salut i L'esport
- Facultat D'Educació Social i Treball Pere Tarrés - URL
- Hotelschool The Hague Hospitality Business School
- IE University

- IED - Istituto Europeo di Design
- Les Roches Global Hospitality Education
- Universidad CEU San Pablo
- Universidad de Deusto
- Universidad de Navarra
- Universidad Europea del Atlántico
- Universidad Francisco de Vitoria
- Universidad Loyola
- Universidad Pontificia Comillas
- Universitat Abat Oliba CEU
- Universidad Camilo José Cela

The complete list and more information at www.unitour.es

Those interested in attending should register by clicking on the following link:

www.unitour.es/inscripcion-online/palma-de-mallorca

Admission is free and the timetable is from 15:30 to 18:00.

Best wishes for the holiday period we start today.

Mr. David Méndez Rodríguez

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme
Coordinator

Technical Director of the Spanish Education
System



Message from Mr. Llorenç Mercer

Every British school has a Designated Safeguarding Lead, just like every Spanish school has a Wellbeing coordinator. My main concern is to make sure Green Valley is a safe place for our children.

This is a complex task, often focused on discipline, but myself and the senior leadership team here at Green Valley prefer to put the emphasis on dialogue, and making safeguarding a place where to find solutions, where our children know they can get some help and avoid conflict.

Because our school needs to be a safe place for our children to make mistakes too, and own them, and learn from them, dialogue and patience are often seen as laid back approaches, but they are also the gateway to diplomacy and debate, while at the same time building a culture, a sense of community for everyone at Green Valley.

Mr. Llorenç Mercer

Head of School Culture



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