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Message from Mr. O' Connor

Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,

This week has seen our Year 12 and Year 13 students travelling to Barcelona for a Careers Convention, our Debating Team from Year 11 in action with a debate here on the island whilst at the same time finishing the progress checks for Year 13. Academically speaking, the progress checks are essential for the students and teachers to measure how the student is achieving against the IB marking criteria for Year 13.

From a teaching team perspective, we warmly welcome Ms. Eva Ballesteros to our Secondary Teaching Team. Ms. Ballesteros is an experienced IB teacher and IB trainer for English A and English B for the International Baccalaureate Diploma program. She will be teaching English for Years 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 and taking over Mr. Newell's classes in his absence.

We wish you a great end of the week!

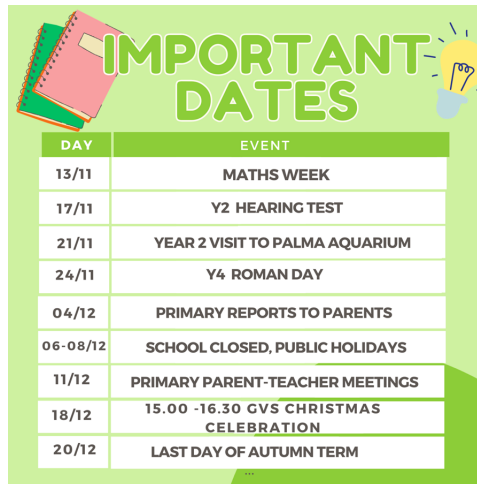
My best wishes,

Mr. James O' Connor

Headmaster and Co-Founder of GVS

Primary Section

Dates for your Diary



DAY	EVENT
13/11	MATHS WEEK
17/11	Y2 HEARING TEST
21/11	YEAR 2 VISIT TO PALMA AQUARIUM
24/11	Y4 ROMAN DAY
04/12	PRIMARY REPORTS TO PARENTS
06-08/12	SCHOOL CLOSED, PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
11/12	PRIMARY PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS
18/12	15.00 -16.30 GVS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
20/12	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

Message from Ms. Jan Harvey

Dear Families,

I hope you have had a great week so far. This week has seen the start of our new round of Golden Workshops, with the children making their choices from the different activities. This time, with Christmas just around the corner, one of our workshops will be making Christmas decorations, and it has proved to be incredibly popular. I think we are going to have our own version of Santa's workshop here at GVS! We are looking forward to adding their decorations to our corridor displays for you all to enjoy in December.

On Tuesday, the second meeting with our House Captains and Vice-Captains took place. Over hot chocolate and biscuits, we discussed the findings of their recent House meetings where the agenda was; What do we do well at GVS? and What we might improve? The feedback was very positive, with students saying how happy they are at GVS, they particularly felt they experienced kindness, friendship, and support within the school.

One said she felt we are unique, and we have a special 'Zing or sparkle' that she hadn't experienced at other schools! One or two things' students would like to improve or add at GVS, we said we may be able to consider, such as more non-uniform days and some of the food requirements for lunch, which we have passed onto the kitchen.

The children were incredibly responsible and mature throughout the entire meeting, and it made us very proud to be able to say they are our GVS students.

As you know, at the foundation of our school are Human Values, and this year we have a different focus each month with this month being Gratitude.

Ms. Raksha has been leading the way with this as a theme for her lessons, with all the staff supporting her and encouraging the children to consider how they can demonstrate their gratitude.

I have to say, how much I would like to express my gratitude to each and every one of our GVS families, for all your wonderful support. As it is all of you, as well as our amazing teachers of course, who by working together make our school 'unique, with that extra sparkle and zing!'

Thank you.

For further Primary news about this week, please use your Quicklinks on MMe
Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Ms. Jan Harvey

Head of Primary

Secondary Section

Message from Mr. Drew Sparkman

As the head of our vibrant secondary school community, I am continually inspired by the diverse talents and aspirations of our students. In today's fast-paced world, academic achievement is often the focal point of education.

However, I firmly believe that fostering self-awareness and self-reflection is equally vital for our children's comprehensive development. These skills empower students to understand their strengths and areas for growth, both academically and personally. This understanding is crucial for setting realistic goals, developing resilience, and nurturing a growth mindset that extends beyond the classroom walls.

In this journey, your role as parents is invaluable. One powerful way you can support your child is through open and non-judgmental conversations. Encourage them to share their daily experiences and feelings. This simple yet effective practice helps them articulate their thoughts and emotions, leading to greater self-understanding.

Another impactful approach is to model self-reflection in your everyday life. Share your own learning experiences, including challenges and how you overcame them. This not only strengthens your bond but also shows your child that self-reflection is a continuous and rewarding process.

Together, let's cultivate an environment where our students feel safe to explore their identities and aspirations. By nurturing these skills of self-awareness and self-reflection, we are equipping our children with the tools to thrive in all aspects of their lives, laying a foundation for lifelong learning and personal fulfillment.

Sincerely,

Mr. Drew Sparkman

Deputy Head of Secondary

KS3 - Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 - Assessments November 13th to November 17th			
Year Group	Subject	Date	Topics
7	MUSIC	15th & 16th Nov	Building Blocks of Music
8	MUSIC	15th & 16th Nov	Variations in the Baroque Period
9	MUSIC	13th & 16th Nov	Music and Film
Y7 - Y8 - Y9	FRENCH B	17th Nov	Contrôle des connaissances - La famille (vocabulaire + grammaire)

Message from Mr. David Méndez

These weeks are times of evaluation for our Diploma Programme students.

DP2 students (Promotion 2022-24) have taken their PCTs (Progress Check Tests) this week. These tests are very important to continue to familiarise themselves with the type of exams in the Diploma Programme and they are also used to obtain the grade prediction that they will have to send to the universities in their university applications, which they will take from November to February.

After the evaluation and the information of the results to the families, individual meetings will be held to provide academic guidance for the last months of study.

On the other hand, DP1 students (Promotion 2023-25) are preparing for their exams week, they will take their first P2P exams, from the 20th to the 24th of November.

This will be the first contact with the Diploma Programme assessment. This moment is very important for them, as they will get indications on whether their way of working is the most appropriate and they will be acquiring terms of correction and assessment of the International Baccalaureate.

At the end of this week of tests, the families will be informed of the results and individual meetings will be held.

Mr. David Méndez Rodríguez

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme
Coordinator

Technical Director of the Spanish Education
System

Green Valley wins Debate Competition

Green Valley Debate Team's Success

On Tuesday 7th November, the Green Valley debate team participated in the first round of the Inter Schools Debating Competition 2023, organised by Rotary Calvia International.

Ten leading international schools in Mallorca are involved in the competition in which students aged

14 – 16 engage in rigorously structured formal debates on a variety of thought-provoking topics.

The initiative aims to give the young people an opportunity to learn important skills including research, teamwork and public speaking, as well as promoting core values such as academic honesty, fair play and respect.

The Green Valley team of three speakers Giulia Michieli, Letizia Kong (both from Year 11) and Ilan Kuhne (Year 12) as well as our researcher / support Klara Kuntze (Year 11) debated against Lycée Français de Palma. The motion was “Artificial intelligence is a long-term force for the good of humanity”.

We are thrilled to announce that after an extremely interesting and informative debate, the jury awarded victory to Green Valley.

Congratulations to the team on this well-deserved win!

In the second round Green Valley will be hosting Queens College on 23rd November. We wish our team the best of luck!

Kind Regards,

Ms. Eva Fitz

English Teacher



Message from Mr. Llorenç Mercer

This week our Year 12 and 13's attended the CIS International University Fair in Barcelona.

It turned out to be a major event, with our students being able to meet and ask questions to some of the most sought after colleges in the world, and enjoying a most useful experience which will be essential in their process to choose and apply to universities in the near future.

An informed decision is always a better decision.

The trip itself was an unforgettable experience too, with plenty of anecdotes, and moments that brought us all closer, and which make our time together always exciting.

We are a very young school, and we are building a community. All of these trips and experiences are very positive, historic and full of iconic moments. Situations that will stay engraved in our memory and be with us forever.

Mr. Llorenç Mercer

Head of School Culture





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