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Dear Parents and Friends,

Sometimes in life the basic details are the most important. In this case, we would like to bring your attention to the students' presence or absence in school. **The academic results for any student are closely related with the simple detail of their overall attendance in school.** On average, the more the students attend school, the higher the grades are. Obviously, the academic grades

are only one detail of a student's life here in Green Valley, the other side is their social and emotional wellbeing. Here the same detail applies, the greater the students' attendance, the more stable their social and emotional wellbeing. Indeed, the Spanish Ministry of Education now controls this detail tightly and the students' attendance is also communicated to this institution. As always, we are a T.E.A.M, (Together Everyone Achieves More), school, families and students must form a tight team.

Finally, as we enter into the half term holidays, we do wish you all a relaxing, adventurous and fun week away. We look forward to seeing you all Monday 19th February.

My best wishes,

Mr. James O' Connor

Headmaster and Co-Founder of GVS

Primary Section

Dates for your Diary

- **Week beginning 12th February: Half-term**
- Friday February 23rd: Primary Friendship/Carnival Day
- Week beginning February 26th: Primary Science week
- **Friday 1st March: School closed - Holiday**
- Wednesday 13th March: Year 5 visit to Sa Bassa Blanca
- Thursday 14th March: Year 2 visit to the Ostrich Farm
- Tuesday 19th March: Year 3 visit to Gordiola
- Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st March: Primary Parent Meetings 16:00
- Friday March 22nd: Primary Eggshibition of Easter Eggs 14:30 - 15:00
- **Tuesday 26th March: Last Day of Spring Term**

Message from Ms. Jan Harvey

Dear Families,

We hope you enjoyed visiting our 'Art Gallery' last Friday. This final week of the half term has yet again been lots of fun and very busy!

Our Year 6's have been working hard preparing for their class assembly and are looking forward to presenting their work on the 1960's to their families on Friday.

Year 5 have also been looking at this decade too, as they have been enjoying finding out about the first moon landing.

Our Year 4's has had their Spring term trip yesterday, as Ms. Malaika explains - Year 4 took the coach into central Palma to go to the Caixaforum. Where we had a workshop called 'El Cajon de Sonidos'. Here we learnt all about sound. First we listened to our hearts, using stethoscopes, then listened to sounds of grains of sand falling. We identified different sounds and learnt how sound moves through air. We felt sound as vibrations using a tuning fork and saw how different materials make sounds louder or quieter. We then saw how music box mechanisms work. Finally, we saw the four water dragons magic trick performed using water and vibrations. We finished our trip with a lovely picnic lunch in the primary garden. It was a brilliant morning!

In Year 3 they have finished reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and are now having fun planning their own stories based on this. Which we are looking forward to reading!

Meanwhile in Year 2 they have had great fun doing lots of investigations to find out the properties of materials. They have manipulated a variety of materials such as play dough, pip cleaners, plastic pots and cotton to find out which of these they could squash, bend, twist and stretch!

Also, this week, on Tuesday, Ms. Raksha and I has the pleasure of accompanying Julia, from Year

6, and her family to the award ceremony at Festival Park Shopping Village. Here along with other category winners, after enjoying the buffet provided, Julia presented the cheque of 500€ to Nick Entwistle of Yachting Gives Back. As a prize winner, she received a copy of her picture printed onto canvas which she will be able to keep as a memory of beautiful work. Well done once again Julia!

After the half-term break, we will once again be celebrating Friendship Day at GVS, this year although it's a little late, we are incorporating it with Carnival. So, the children can either come to school in their House colours or wear Carnival costumes, whichever you prefer (as always keeping in mind the children have to be able to sit down comfortably and work etc throughout the day, so please no inflatable costumes). As the Secondary also want to participate, we have decided to change the day to **Friday 23rd February**.

Please can we kindly ask that holidays are planned during the official school breaks only. As an international school, we are lucky as we do have several holidays throughout the year, especially the mid-term breaks. It is difficult and quite disappointing for teachers who have done the planning to find several children are not in school for the last 2 days of the term. The calendar for the next school year has already been issued, so please can you keep this in mind when looking to make future bookings. Thank you.

All that remains is for me to thank you as always and to wish you a wonderful half-term. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 19th February.

Kind regards,

Ms. Jan Harvey

Head of Primary

Year 4 Enjoying Finding Out About Sounds



...and Enjoying Tie Dying



Congratulations Julia!



Secondary Section

Message from Mr. Drew Sparkman

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the mid-term break, I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude for your continued support and collaboration with our school policies and initiatives. Your involvement is integral to the success and well-being of our students and our school community as a whole.

Mock Exam Schedule Reminder

Firstly, I would like to remind you of the upcoming mock exam schedule for our Year 13 students immediately following the holiday break. These exams are a crucial part of the preparation process for their final examinations, providing valuable feedback and helping to set the stage for their future academic endeavours. Please ensure

your child is aware of the schedule and is preparing accordingly during the holidays. The schedule has been sent out previously, but should you need a copy it is also included in this Newsletter.

Acknowledgment of Improvements in School Uniform and Phone Use

We have noticed a significant improvement in the adherence to our school uniform policy and the responsible use of mobile phones over the last few weeks. These positive changes contribute greatly to the learning environment and overall school ethos. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all parents for your diligence in checking uniforms each morning and for your cooperation in limiting communication with your children via their mobile phones during school hours. Your efforts have been instrumental in these improvements, and we kindly ask for your continued support in these areas.

Donation to the Palma Aquarium Foundation

On Monday 5th February, 7 students from the DP of the International Baccalaureate presented the Palma Aquarium Foundation with the sum of 535€ raised over two months by selling refreshments to students outside school and assisting with the sale of second hand uniforms.

This initiative was motivated after visiting the facilities of the Palma Aquarium Foundation in June, where they were able to see the work carried out by researchers and volunteers in the recovery of protected species (turtles, dolphins and other marine animals).

During the activity, they were informed about how important it is to respect the marine ecosystem and to involve society as a whole in its care. A moment of reality and awareness came when we were able to see what kind of plastic materials many of these species are hooked to and we saw first-hand the damage they cause.

After the visit, the students of our school decided to start raising funds for the Foundation, raising

the amount indicated above by selling drinks to students of the school and helping with the second hand uniform sales during the months of October and November.

This type of activity, which motivates students to become involved in our society, getting actively involved and looking for realistic solutions to the level of impact they can make at this time, is part of the essence of the IB Diploma Programme and more specifically of the CAS projects (Creativity, Activity and Service) which make this profile of students people for and with society.

At Green Valley School we are very proud of the motivation and participation of our students in such initiatives. (**David Méndez Rodríguez - International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Coordinator**)

Warm Wishes for the Holiday Season

Finally, as we all look forward to a well-deserved break, we wish all our families a pleasant and restful holiday. I hope this time will be filled with joy, peace, and opportunities to create lasting memories with your loved ones. We look forward to welcoming our students back, refreshed and ready to embark on the challenges and opportunities that the second half of the term will bring.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and commitment to our school. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of our students, equipping them with the skills, knowledge, and values they need to succeed in the future.

Warmest regards,

Drew Sparkman, MEd

Head of Secondary

KS3 - Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 - Assessments *February 19 - 23, 2024*

Year Group	Subject	Date	Topics
Year 9	History	21st	Imperialism
Year 10	French	21st	Unit 3
Year 7	Maths	23rd	Unit 7. Statistics

IB MOCK EXAMS 2024				
Component	Syllabus Title	Duration	Date	
Paper 1	Business Management SL	1 hour 30 minutes	Mon 19 February	AM
Paper 1	Business Management HL	1 hour 30 minutes	Mon 19 February	AM
Paper 3	Business Management HL	1 hour 15 minutes	Mon 19 February	AM
Paper 2 Liste	Spanish B SL	0 hours 45 minutes	Mon 19 February	PM
Paper 2 Liste	Spanish B HL	1 hour 0 minutes	Mon 19 February	PM
Paper 2	Business Management SL	1 hour 30 minutes	Tues 20th February	AM
Paper 2	Business Management HL	1 hours 45 minutes	Tues 20th February	AM
Paper 1	Physics HL	1 hour 0 minutes	Tues 20th February	PM
Paper 3	Physics HL	1 hour 15 minutes	Tues 20th February	PM
Paper 2	Biology HL	2 hours 15 minutes	Tues 20th February	PM
Paper 2	ESS SL	2 hours 0 minutes	Tues 20th February	PM
Paper 2	Computer Science SL	1 hour 0 minutes	Tues 20th February	PM
Paper 2	Computer Science HL	1 hour 20 minutes	Tues 20th February	PM
Paper 3	Computer Science HL	1 hour 0 minutes	Tues 20th February	PM
Paper 1	SS Language A Language and Literature SL	1 hour 15 minutes	Weds 21st February	AM
Paper 2	SS Language A Language and Literature SL	1 hour 45 minutes	Weds 21st February	AM
Paper 2	Spanish A Language and Literature SL	1 hour 45 minutes	Weds 21st February	AM
Paper 2	Spanish A Language and Literature HL	1 hour 45 minutes	Weds 21st February	AM
Paper 1	English A Language and Literature SL	1 hour 15 minutes	Weds 21st February	PM
Paper 1	English A Language and Literature HL	2 hours 15 minutes	Weds 21st February	PM
Paper 1	English B SL	1 hour 15 minutes	Weds 21st February	PM
Paper 1	English B HL	1 hour 30 minutes	Weds 21st February	PM
Paper 2	Physics HL	2 hours 15 minutes	Thurs 22nd February	AM
Paper 1	Computer Science SL	1 hour 30 minutes	Thurs 22nd February	AM
Paper 1	Computer Science HL	2 hours 10 minutes	Thurs 22nd February	AM
Paper 1	ESS SL	1 hour 0 minutes	Thurs 22nd February	AM
Paper 2	English A Language and Literature SL	1 hour 45 minutes	Thurs 22nd February	PM
Paper 2	English A Language and Literature HL	1 hour 45 minutes	Thurs 22nd February	PM
Paper 2 Liste	English B SL	1 hour 0 minutes	Thurs 22nd February	PM
Paper 2 Reac	English B SL	1 hour 0 minutes	Thurs 22nd February	PM
Paper 2 Liste	English B HL	1 hour 0 minutes	Thurs 22nd February	PM
Paper 2 Reac	English B HL	1 hour 0 minutes	Thurs 22nd February	PM
Paper 1	Spanish A Language and Literature SL	1 hour 15 minutes	Fri 23rd February	AM
Paper 1	Spanish A Language and Literature HL	2 hours 15 minutes	Fri 23rd February	AM
Paper 1	Spanish B SL	1 hour 15 minutes	Fri 23rd February	AM
Paper 2	Spanish B SL	1 hour 0 minutes	Fri 23rd February	AM
Paper 1	Spanish B HL	1 hour 30 minutes	Fri 23rd February	AM
Paper 2	Spanish B HL	1 hour 0 minutes	Fri 23rd February	AM
Paper 1	Mathematics AI SL	1 hour 30 minutes	Fri 23rd February	PM
Paper 1	Mathematics AA HL	2 hours 0 minutes	Fri 23rd February	PM
Paper 1	Mathematics AI HL	2 hours 0 minutes	Fri 23rd February	PM
Paper 1	German B SL	1 hour 15 minutes	Mon 26th February	AM
Paper 2	German B SL	1 hour 0 minutes	Mon 26th February	AM
Paper 1	German B HL	1 hour 30 minutes	Mon 26th February	AM
Paper 2	German B HL	1 hour 0 minutes	Mon 26th February	AM
Paper 1	French B HL	1 hour 30 minutes	Mon 26th February	AM
Paper 2	French B HL	1 hour 0 minutes	Mon 26th February	AM
Paper 1	History SL	1 hour 0 minutes	Mon 26th February	PM
Paper 2	History SL	1 hour 30 minutes	Mon 26th February	PM
Paper 1	History HL	1 hour 0 minutes	Mon 26th February	PM
Paper 2	History HL	1 hour 30 minutes	Mon 26th February	PM
Paper 2 Liste	German B SL	0 hours 45 minutes	Tues 27th February	AM
Paper 2 Liste	German B HL	1 hour 0 minutes	Tues 27th February	AM
Paper 2 Liste	French B HL	1 hour 0 minutes	Tues 27th February	AM
Paper 3	History HL	2 hours 30 minutes	Tues 27th February	PM
Paper 3	Mathematics AA HL	1 hour 0 minutes	Weds 28th February	AM
Paper 3	Mathematics AI HL	1 hour 0 minutes	Weds 28th February	AM
Paper 1	Biology HL	1 hour 0 minutes	Weds 28th February	PM
Paper 3	Biology HL	1 hour 15 minutes	Weds 28th February	PM
Paper 2	Mathematics AI SL	1 hour 30 minutes	Thurs 29th February	AM
Paper 2	Mathematics AA HL	2 hours 0 minutes	Thurs 29th February	AM
Paper 2	Mathematics AI HL	2 hours 0 minutes	Thurs 29th February	AM

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