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## Message from Mr. O' Connor

Dear Parents and Friends,

Excursions are an important part of school life and an essential way of appreciating the environment where we live. The Primary School has a dynamic and varied excursion calendar. The Secondary School are now developing their own excursion calendar. This is guided by Ms. Ainhoa, Mr. Llorenc and Ms. Rosh. The first excursion for this half term will be a Year 7 and Year 8 trekking

and humanities trip to Lluçmayor on Thursday 29th February. Please ensure your signed slips are sent to the school office by Monday 26th February please.

On a different note, Mr. Bennett is organising our first GVS 'Work Experience' programme for our amazing Year 11 students! The simple idea is to organise this opportunity for the students once they finish their IGCSE exams. **In order to create a unique, valuable and interesting work experience programme, we need to open our contacts to the whole GVS community.** Therefore, if you have, or manage a company and feel that this might be interesting for you and the students, please contact Mr. Bennett here at school directly ([chris.bennett@edu.greenvalleyschool.es](mailto:chris.bennett@edu.greenvalleyschool.es)).

My best wishes as always.

Mr. James O' Connor

Headmaster and Co-Founder of GVS

## Primary Section

### Dates for your Diary

- Week beginning February 26<sup>th</sup>: Primary Science week
- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> March: Last Day of Spring Term**

## Message from Ms. Jan Harvey

Dear Families,

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful half-term break and are all rested and ready for the second half of this Spring Term.

On our final Friday before the break, Year 6 held their year group assembly and prepared a lovely presentation for their parents, where we were transported back in time to the 1960's. Despite the inclement weather, we had great fun hearing about this exciting decade and even joined with a spot of dancing. The children all looked amazing in their costumes, and it was wonderful to see so many parents joining in with their own 60's style outfits! Thank you for participating, I know the children loved it.

Yesterday, Thursday 22nd February, saw the beginning of a lovely new venture, when we welcomed our Year 1 and Reception classes from Happy Faces, to our GVS site. We are thrilled to have been able to arrange for them to join us each week, where they will be enjoying Music and Sports lessons with our specialist teachers Mr. Fisher and Mr. Lubinski. They arrived full of excitement and enthusiasm which continued throughout the morning until they left two hours later tired but still very excited, ready to tell their families all about it at the end of the day!

Today, although a little late due to half-term, we had great fun celebrating Carnival and Friendship Day. Next week, we will share further information and of course photographs with you. If you can't wait that long, then check out the Quick Link's menu on your MarvellousMe app which will give you access to the folder with all the amazing pictures.

Next week, we are all looking forward to celebrating Science Week in the Primary School. We have lots of great experiments planned and are sure the children are going to have an amazing week.

Some gentle reminders:

- All long hair needs to be tied up please.
- Smart/Apple watches are not permitted to be worn in Primary. Thank you.

All that remains is for me to thank you as always for your support and cooperation. It is truly appreciated. Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Ms. Jan Harvey

Head of Primary

### Year 6 - Back to the 1960s!



### Our Reception and Y1 Classes Enjoying Sports and Music At GVS



## Secondary Section

### Message from Mr. Drew Sparkman

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to extend my gratitude to all the parents and guardians who attended the recent presentation on assessment and evaluation in secondary education. Your presence and engagement in these discussions underscore the vital role that family involvement plays in the educational journey of our students. It was an enlightening experience to share insights and strategies on how we assess and evaluate student progress, and we hope the presentation provided valuable information on how you can support your child's learning at home. Here is the link to [the English version](#), and here is the link to [the Spanish version](#).

We are excited to announce the upcoming Term 2 Academic Review Day, scheduled for March 26th. This day is an excellent opportunity for students to come to school and participate actively in parent-teacher meetings. It's a day dedicated to reflecting on academic progress, setting goals, and fostering stronger connections between home and school.

We strongly encourage all students to attend these meetings with their parents. Time slots for the meetings will be sent out shortly, allowing you to reserve a time that best fits your schedule. Your involvement is crucial to the success of our students, and we look forward to welcoming you on this important day.

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 Liste      | English B HL                             | 1 hour 0 minutes   | Thurs 22nd February PM |
| Paper 2 Liste      | English B HL                             | 1 hour 0 minutes   | Thurs 22nd February PM |
| Paper 2 Liste      | 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 |
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**EUROPEAN YOUTH  
PARLIAMENT REGIONAL SELECTION  
CONFERENCE MALLORCA 2024**

From Friday 9th to Sunday 11th February, six GVS students participated in the Regional Selection Conference organised by the European Youth Parliament. Several schools from the Balearic Islands took part in this vibrant event which is a perfect combination of hard academic work and fun team-building activities. This year, the problems to be discussed and solved ranged from overfishing to gender discrimination through the so-called “period poverty”, to implementation of the Universal Basic Income, among others.

The culmination of the three-day conference was the General Assembly at the Terra i Mar Theatre in Palma, where the delegates presented and debated the resolutions prepared in their committees.

Throughout the event delegates are closely monitored and the jury's final selection is based on various criteria, such as motivation and participation, evolution and personal development, open-mindedness and co-operation, communication skills and academics and socio-political awareness.

GVS was represented by Fee Sauer (Y10), Klara Kuntze (Y11), Soma Hagedorn (Y11), Elizaveta Gritsenko (Y12), Ilan Kuhne (Y12) and Simon Oertenholm (Y12). We are very proud to announce that Ilan has been selected as one of five students to represent the Balearic Islands at the National EYP Session in Valencia.

Congratulations to Fee, Klara, Soma, Liza, Ilan and Simon! They showed they are ready to step out of their comfort zone in order to grow as persons, become more aware of their role in today's Europe, meet new friends and develop new skills. Well done and, to quote the EYP, “see you somewhere in Europe”. Ms. Eva Fitz



### A note from Mr. C Bennett

Following completion of their IGCSE examination schedule, all of our Year 11 pupils will be required to undertake a work experience placement in an area of work that they are interested in. A work placement is an excellent opportunity to spend a period of time outside of the classroom learning about a particular job, potential career choice, or specific area of work.

This exciting programme is designed to help our students toward their personal development objectives. Pupils will get the chance to develop their self-confidence, teamwork, and communication skills. Placements can also be used as a key component for future university and career application processes.

A specific 4 day work placement programme is being developed. We will be in touch with all Y11 parents and guardians early in March to identify and allocate the available opportunities

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