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Message from Mr. O' Connor

Dear Parents and Friends,

We are currently implementing our Year 11 Work Experience Initiative that will take place after the IGCSE exams are completed in June 2024. This will be a great opportunity that the students are able to experience a real life working environment and have the chance of choosing a career sector that is interesting for them. These are basic life

experiences and certainly ones that are extremely valuable.

My first message will be for our parents from Year 11! Please return the required authorisation letters as soon as possible so that we can continue planning this initiative.

As a second message, and intended for the whole school community, if you are an entrepreneur, you have your own company or work in a company that you are passionate about and feel that our students might benefit from this passion and experience, please do contact Mr. Bennett, our business

Teacher on chris.bennett@edu.greenvalleyschool.es We are looking for unique, valuable work experiences and what better place to start the search than in our own community!

My best wishes as always.

Mr. James O' Connor

Headmaster and Co-Founder of GVS

Primary Section

Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 19th March: Year 3 visit to Gordiola
- Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st March: Primary Parent Meetings 16:00
- Friday March 22nd: Primary Eggsibition of Easter Eggs 15:00
- Tuesday 26th March: Last Day of Spring Term
- Monday 8th April: First Day of Summer Term
- Friday 19th April: Primary Sports Morning and Family Picnic 9:15 - 12:00
- Week beginning 22nd April: English Reading and Book Week
- Tuesday 23rd April: Book Character Dress Up Day

Message from Ms. Jan Harvey

Dear Families,

I hope you have had a lovely week. Time is marching on, and we are rapidly moving through another school year.

Next week we will be holding our annual egg decorating contest, with Easter linked prizes for the class winner. We have chosen Wednesday to be the day the children will have time to work on their designs. So please can you ensure they all have at least 2 eggs, either hardboiled or blown please, to work on and any other materials they may need, for example, a shoebox, glitter, special paints etc. If you could send these in ready for Wednesday, that would be amazing thank you.

Don't forget, next Friday, 22nd you are invited to come to school at 15:00 to see the amazing Eggsibition!

This week two more of our primary classes went on their class trips. Year 5 had an enjoyable day at Sa Bassa Blanca as Ms Sarah reports:

On Wednesday, year 5 had a wonderful day at Sa Bassa Blanca in Alcudia.

The museum consists of open air and indoor art exhibits, where children were given a task to find as many sculptures as possible. They all loved the challenge of this and were incredibly enthusiastic and competitive! We also spent time looking at lots of different artwork, including a tapestry made of recycled toothbrushes and bottle tops! We had wonderful weather and enjoyed eating our delicious, packed lunch in the beautiful grounds before heading back to GVS.

And Year 2 all agreed their day at the Ostrich Farm, was amazing! Don't forget to check Mme for the photographs!

You will have now received your child's Spring Term Report so don't forget to sign up to meet with the class teachers using the links in the covering email, or on Mme Quick Links if you wish to discuss anything in more detail.

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 5 at Sa Bassa Blanca March 2024



Secondary Section

Message from Mr. Drew Sparkman

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week, we held our second meeting with the GVS Family Representatives. It was a privilege for both the Head of Primary and myself to engage directly with our dedicated representatives. We had a productive discussion, addressing and deliberating on various concerns that matter to us all. Your voices, through the representatives, are invaluable in our collective effort to create the best learning environment for our students.

On a lighter note, our Year 9 and Year 10 students recently returned from a great school trip, where they embarked on a hike through the stunning Barranc de Biniaraix and Cúber in the Serra de Tramuntana. The adventure offered them not only a break from their usual routine but also an opportunity to bond with nature and each other, fostering teamwork and resilience.

Turning to academic matters, we remind parents and guardians that the Year 13 Academic Reports for Term 2 will be issued today. This report marks the final report for our Year 13 cohort before they step into the critical exam period of Term 3. Please take this opportunity to discuss the feedback with your child, celebrating their achievements and identifying areas for further exam preparation.

For families of Year 7 through Year 12, the Term 2 Academic Reports will be distributed on Monday, March 25. These reports are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students and staff, providing valuable insights into each student's progress.

Additionally, as announced in last week's newsletter, we have scheduled the Term 2 Academic Review Day for March 26. This day is an excellent opportunity for parents to meet with subject teachers to discuss their child's academic performance and strategies for improvement.

Concurrently, our students will enjoy the Sports Day activities, promoting health, sportsmanship, and community spirit.

That same day promises to be enriching, with presentations on the upcoming year's IGCSE and IBDP subjects planned for the morning and afternoon, respectively. These sessions are pivotal for students and parents alike to understand the curriculum and expectations for the next academic year.

Lastly, a gentle reminder for our Year 11 and Year 13 students about the commencement of their study leave on April 22. This period is critical for exam preparation, and we encourage students to maximise this time. Students are welcome to arrange individual meetings with their subject teachers to clarify doubts and strengthen their understanding.

Together, we are navigating an exciting and challenging academic year. Let's continue to support our students in their educational journey, celebrating every step of their growth and success.

As always thank you for your support.

Warmest regards,

Drew Sparkman, MEd

Head of Secondary

Links for Subject Teacher Meetings for Term 2 Academic Review Day

- Ainhoa Beunza Geography and History
- Ana Lopez Art and Design
- Andrea Russo Math, ICT, Physics
- Bet Porta Spanish, Catalan, Socials
- Billy Fisher Music

- Chris Bennett Business Studies, Business
 Management, Enterprise
- Danielle Briggs Mathematics
- David Mendez Spanish
- <u>Drew Sparkman English, Global</u>
 <u>Perspectives, CAS, University Orientation,</u>
 <u>Theory of Knowledge</u>
- Erik Sjoberg Swedish and Spanish
- Eva Fitz English
- Giulietta Lang Mathematics
- James Thomson Science, Chemistry, ESS
- Laurence Rieg French
- <u>Llorenç Mercer Art & Design, Visual Arts,</u>
 <u>Critical Thinking</u>
- Magdalena Zehetner German
- Marta Sabater Bonet Spanish and Socials
- Matt Dixon Physics and Mathematics
- Rosa Portillo Spanish
- Sara Louro Biology
- Sonia Gonzalez Business Studies and Business Management
- Stephen Murphy English
- Vanesa Cifre Spanish, Catalan, Socials

Below, you will find the sign-up forms for the presentations:

- IGCSE subject options and selection
- IBDP subject options and selection

KS3 - Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 - Assessments

March 18 - 22, 2024

Year Group	Subject	Date	Topics
7	Science	Fri 22 Mar	Chapters 3 and 6
9	Science	Wed 20 Mar	Catch-Up Chemistry
8	Català/Socials	Mon March 18th	Communications/ basic grammar

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