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## **Message from Mr. O' Connor**

Dear Parents and Friends,

Today we are looking forward to celebrating the graduation of our Year 13 students and their families this evening. The Year 13 graduation is an important part of life for the students of Year 13 but also for the whole school, both Primary and Secondary. The reason is simple, our Year 13 class celebrates the final of the IB Diploma

program and this is the final academic objective for Green Valley.

Importantly, the celebration of this graduation encompasses many different teams coming from all parts of our community. As many of you can see, the stage is set up in the IB zone, our amazing Year 13 family representatives have organised a formal celebration after the ceremony with the marquees having been set up in the courtyard, catering has been organised and many surprises planned for the students. Both the school, our teachers and the parents and parental representatives for Year 13 have all worked together on this project. The celebration is for the students of Year 13, but it is felt by the whole school, from our youngest in year 2 right the way up to our Y13s.

Our sincere thanks go out to the Year 13 parental representatives, our students and dear teachers.

My best wishes.

Mr. James O' Connor

Headmaster and Co-Founder of GVS

## Primary Section

### Dates for your Diary

- Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May: Spanish Week
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May: Y4 Viking Day (presentation to parents at 3:30 p.m.)
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May: Flamenco Dancing, Children to wear 'Spanish' Costume
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May: Y3 Assembly to Parents 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May: Y4 to La Caixa Forum
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June: Y2 to La Caixa Forum
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> and Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June: Y6 Residential Trip
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Transition Day, meeting new Teachers, Y6 go to Y7.

- Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup>: Primary Summer Production
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June: Y5 Ancient Greek Day ( Assembly to parents 3:30pm)
- **Week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> June: Primary Final Assessment Week**
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June: Y6 Graduation Ceremony 9:30 - 11:00
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June: Summer Fair 14:00 - 15:30 so **Primary School ends at 14:00**
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June: Holiday - School closed**
- **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June: Last Day of Summer Term**

### Message from Ms. Jan Harvey

Dear Families,

Finally, summer has begun to arrive, and the warmer weather now seems to be with us to stay. Therefore, please can we ask that all the children bring in water bottles, and caps (if they normally wear them at home). We also suggest children have sunscreen applied before leaving home in the mornings, especially around the back of the neck and on their ears if these are exposed.

Next week, on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, as a culmination of their Humanities topic, Year 4 are having their Viking Day, and we invite them to come dressed in 'Viking' style costume. Ms. Malaika has been busy organising a fun day with lots of different activities. In the afternoon, parents of Y4 are invited to come to a class presentation to see what the children have discovered about the Vikings over these last few weeks. The presentation will begin at 15:30. The children are very excited and looking forward to sharing their work with you.

On Monday, we begin our annual Spanish Week, where we celebrate life in Spain. The children all enjoy this week and Ms. Ana and the Spanish team have organised all sorts of great activities for the children to enjoy throughout the week. On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> it is Fiesta Day and as mentioned previously, we want the children to come dressed

in Spanish style costumes. Please see the link in last week's newsletter for ideas of what kind of costumes can be worn. During the morning, we once again have a Flamenco dancer lead the children in a group dance.

This week, Y5 went on their final trip of this year, when they visited the Caixa Forum in Palma, where they enjoyed a workshop about light and colour. During this time, they experimented with concave and convex mirrors, looking at how this affected reflections and then had fun creating rainbows when they used prisms to refract light beams. They all agreed it was a great experience and all enjoyed it immensely.

This week, we have had a slight change in our primary team, as we welcomed back Ms. Michelle, who some of you may recall worked with us as a Teaching Assistant in the past. This is because, sadly, Ms. Gracie has decided she wants to move on to try something different. Therefore, Ms. Michelle will be supporting in Year 6 and Ms. Nej will move into Y4 for the remainder of this term, but still supporting in Y6 on occasions.

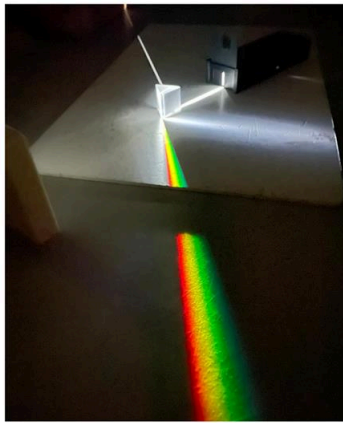
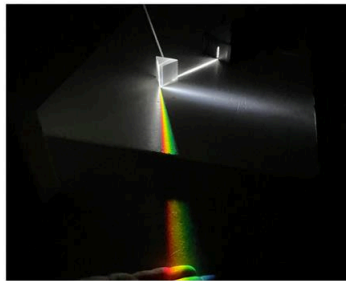
I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Gracie for all her hard work and efforts in our primary school over these last few years and to wish her all the very best happiness in the future.

As always, all that remains is for me to thank you for your support and cooperation and to wish you a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Ms. Jan Harvey

Head of Primary



## Secondary Section

### Dates for Your Diary

- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June: Y11 and Y13 Exam Season
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May: Y13 Graduation Ceremony
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June: **KS3 Comprehensive Exams** in Mathematics,

Science, English, Spanish, Catalan, German, French, & Swedish

- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May: Y7 and Y8 Trip to S'Estalella
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Y9 and Y10 Trip to Cala Bóquer
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May: **Y10 & Y12 Progress Check Tests**
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Y6 Transition Day
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Y11 Graduation
- 10<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> June: Y11 Work Experience
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 6pm: Secondary Performance
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2:00 - 4:00 pm: Summer Fair
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June: Holiday-School Closed**
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June: Secondary End of Year Reports and **Y12 Academic Review Day**
- **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June: Last Day of Summer Term**

### Message from Mr. Drew Sparkman

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Today, we are delighted to celebrate the graduation of our Year 13 cohort from the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. This significant milestone is a testament to the persistence and steadfastness of our students and their families. We look forward to a wonderful graduation ceremony that marks the culmination of their hard work and dedication.

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all our graduating students and their families. Your support and encouragement have been invaluable throughout this journey.

A special thank you goes out to Ms. Uta Boor Müller, Ms. Annika Kjellman, Ms. Rosh Atkinson, Ms. Ute von Wrede, and Ms. Jan Harvey. Their immense effort and dedication in coordinating this year's graduation have been instrumental in making this event a memorable one.

In addition to celebrating our Year 13 graduates, we also want to recognize the achievements of our

outstanding Year 12 students. These students have recently participated in and performed admirably at two local competitions. Their initiative and engagement truly embody the Green Valley spirit, and we are incredibly proud of their accomplishments.

Please find below a write-up from some of these remarkable Year 12 students, highlighting their experiences and successes.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Drew Sparkman, MEd.

Head of Secondary

**Empowering Sustainability: Our Recent  
Triumphs and Why Every Class Should  
Participate**

In the past month, our school has been abuzz with excitement as we embarked on two impactful projects encouraging sustainable innovation: Changemakers Project by Save The Med and The Challenge by EduCaixa. These endeavours not only provided us with valuable learning experiences but also allowed us to make tangible contributions to our sustainable environment.

Participating in the Changemakers project offered us the opportunity to delve deep into the pressing issues facing our oceans. As a reward, we were granted a myriad of marine experiences, enriching our understanding of marine conservation. Similarly, our involvement in EduCaixa opened doors to global perspectives on sustainability through trips to Barcelona, New York, and Berlin. These immersive experiences not only broadened our horizons but also fuelled our passion for creating positive change on a global scale. Moreover, we're excited about the chance to create a new project focusing on environmental care, which allows us to face new challenges. The process of developing this initiative was immensely enjoyable as we saw our ideas come to life. We take pride in the final result, knowing it contributes to a more sustainable future.



While the allure of prizes served as initial motivation, our true inspiration stemmed from the chance to develop innovative solutions for environmental challenges, embodying the characteristics of IB students. The joy we found in the creative process and the fulfilment of seeing our ideas come to fruition has left us proud of our accomplishments, echoing the IB learner profile. We urge other classes to participate in similar projects, as they offer invaluable opportunities for growth, learning, and making a meaningful impact on our world. Let us come together, drawing upon the traits of being principled, reflective, and open-minded, to embrace the challenge of sustainability and pave the way for a brighter, greener future.

By: Sophie, Victoria , Sofia & Lorena

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