



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
AIN KHALED



Secondary Newsletter

10th October 2024

Our Purpose

Is that every young person should gain as much as possible from our school, based on our belief that all learners can, need and want to achieve

Our Vision

Is to be a vibrant, welcoming international school that provides a first class education enabling pupils to thrive within a dynamic, global environment

Our Mission

Is to prepare all pupils through a relevant, challenging curriculum and well-resourced facilities, to become lifelong learners contributing to a global community



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE MRS. LYNETTE GRANT

I hope this message finds you well as we continue to partner in supporting your child's success here at DBS. I'd like to take a moment to remind you of some valuable tools designed to help you stay connected and informed about your child's academic progress and school life.

Firstly, I encourage all parents to utilise Google Guardians. This tool allows you to keep up to date with curriculum content, homework, and assessments, ensuring you're always aware of what your child is learning and any upcoming deadlines. In addition, our Parent Portal is a central resource that provides easy access to your child's timetable, important resources from recent workshops, and direct contact information for teachers. The Parent Portal can be accessed through our school website, and it serves as a helpful way to maintain open lines of communication between home and school.

I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Friends of DBS (FoDBS) for their ongoing commitment to enriching school life. Not only are they tirelessly organising upcoming events, but they also step in to support us whenever needed. Their positive energy and dedication to our school's mission are truly invaluable, and I am continually grateful for the incredible impact they have on our school.

Amazing things happen when we unite behind our vision and mission, working together to create a nurturing and safe environment where all students can flourish. This shared commitment extends beyond the walls of the school, and it is vital that we carry this spirit of respect and cooperation into every aspect of school life, including our daily routines.

In particular, I'd like to reiterate the importance of patience and consideration during drop-off and pick-up times. Our staff is here to help ensure the safety of all students as they arrive and leave. Inconsiderate parking and driving up the wrong side of the road place everyone at risk. Let's all do our part to keep these times calm, safe, and efficient.



Thank you for your continued support and dedication to DBS. Together, we are creating a vibrant, respectful, and welcoming community for all.





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FRIENDS OF DBS AK



IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

SAVE THE DATE

Save the Date - "Movie Under the Stars" at DBS Ain Khaled!

We are excited to invite you to a magical evening of family fun under the stars!

Join us for our "Movie Under the Stars" event, hosted by Friends of DBS.

Date: Friday, 01 November

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Doha British School - Ain Khaled Campus

Come and enjoy a cozy outdoor movie experience with your loved ones. Bring your blankets and snacks, and relax under the night sky as we watch a family-friendly movie. Popcorn and refreshments will be available!

We look forward to seeing you there for an evening full of fun and laughter!



Friends of DBS Quiz Night

TONIGHT

Friends of DBS Presents

QUIZ NIGHT

Ready to be the ultimate quiz champion?
Get set for a thrilling night of quizzes, fierce competition, and nonstop fun! Don't miss out!

Thursday 10th October
6PM-7PM
Multipurpose Hall

Earn House point for your child
Please register your child for free trial class with Icon Football Academy & Rebel Angels for Gymnastics

JOIN US



A free trial class from **Rebel Angels Gymnastics** and **Icon Sports Center Qatar** will be offered for the children while the parents enjoy the quiz.



This allows kids to experience fun activities while parents participate in the quiz event.

Winners will receive gift vouchers from the following:

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CELEBRATING OUR QATARI HERITAGE

HONOURING TRADITION, CULTURE, AND NATIONAL PRIDE

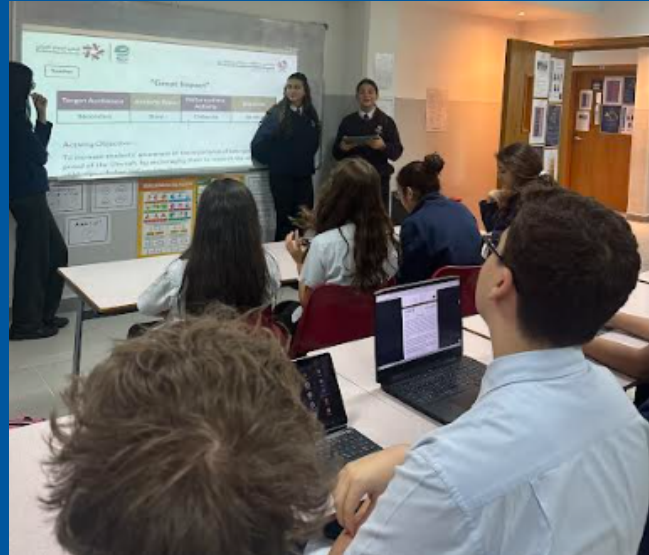
Qatari Traditions

Arabic coffee



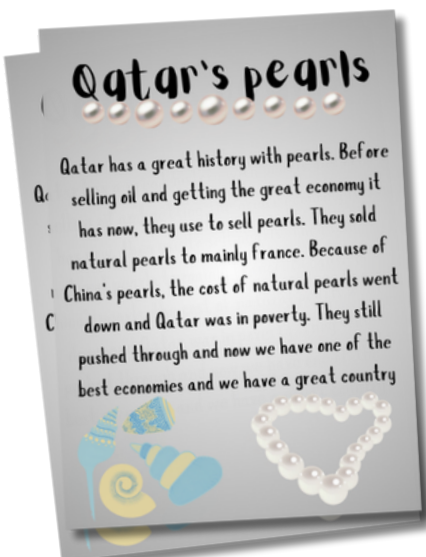
The Arabica bean got its name when it arrived in lower Arabia around the 7th century, and historical writings describe Arab scholars brewing coffee in order to work longer hours. As coffee making continued to be reinvented throughout Yemen, Egypt, and Turkey, it eventually made its way all around the world.

The act of sharing qahwa in Qatari culture serves as a powerful tool to build connections between individuals. It promotes communication and companionship, while the rich aroma of freshly brewed Arabic coffee adds to the sensory delight of traditional Qatari gatherings.



Students actively participated in the diverse activities of the Aseel Initiative, in partnership with the Ministry of Education.

We are proud of our Qatari context and valued the opportunity to explore and celebrate Qatari heritage through a variety of engaging activities, whether creative, research-based, or technology-driven.



- M** Mohamad Arham Siddiqui 7 Oct
I would say the thing I love about it is the safety. I know that I can roam the streets with nothing bad happening to me and I feel really good about these laws and finally I can just walk around with my friends.
- H** Hayyuna Ramadhani 7 Oct
Qatar has great hospitality and the cleanliness and the architecture is amazing. We enjoy being a part of this community. From Lola and Hayyuna
- F** Faisal Kalifa 7 Oct
Qatar mixes modern life with its old tradition it has buildings that show both past and future and one thing I really like is the safety in Qatar.
- I** Ibrahim El Seidi 8 Oct
Qatar to me is a great opportunity to thrive, study, and live. I really like the Qatari Traditions and uniqueness of there famous landmarks as-well.
- H** Henry Williams 8 Oct
One thing I like about Qatar are the people are so kind and helpful this wonderful nation is filled with strong traditions and there is so many things to do here.
- R** Rahaf Issa 8 Oct
I love Qatar Because it has such amazing views and delicious foods
- J** Jassim Al Hamad 8 Oct
Qatar is a respectful and safe country with entertainment spread everywhere and amazing events almost everyday (my favorite is the carshows) and it also has great learning and amazing people everywhere that treat you politely. It has lots of beautiful landmarks such as Souq Waqif, Qatar National Museum, Qatar Racing Club and lots more. It has gotten The Best Airport Reward 3 times from Skytrax and the Best Airline in the world for the 8TH time in a row. This shows how amazing and beautiful of a country Qatar is. It has many entertaining places like Katara beach, Smaisma Beach (my favorite beach), Quest, Snow dunes, Meryal Waterpark and loads more. The best places to go with your family are: Vendome, Qatar Mall, Smaisma Beach, Katara Plaza, Al Hazm and lots more. Qatar is a really beautiful and unique country with lots of things to do so you'll never get bored. Qatarqa





Honouring OUR INSPIRING EDUCATORS

TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION RECAP AT DBS AK



Recently, we celebrated Teacher's Day to recognise the hard work and dedication of our wonderful educators. In a special gesture of appreciation, FoDBS arranged coffee by SWING along with sweet treats to honour our teachers and express our heartfelt gratitude for all they do.

Throughout the day, staff and students shared their thanks through heartfelt cards and messages, highlighting the positive impact that teachers have on their learning journeys.



Additionally, Snoonu generously provided beautiful flowers as gifts for all our teachers.

Thank you to all our teachers for your passion and commitment to nurturing our future leaders!





ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

CELEBRATING SUSTAINABILITY WEEK IN ENGLISH: INSPIRING



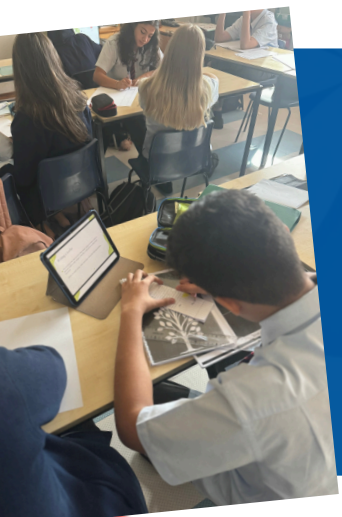
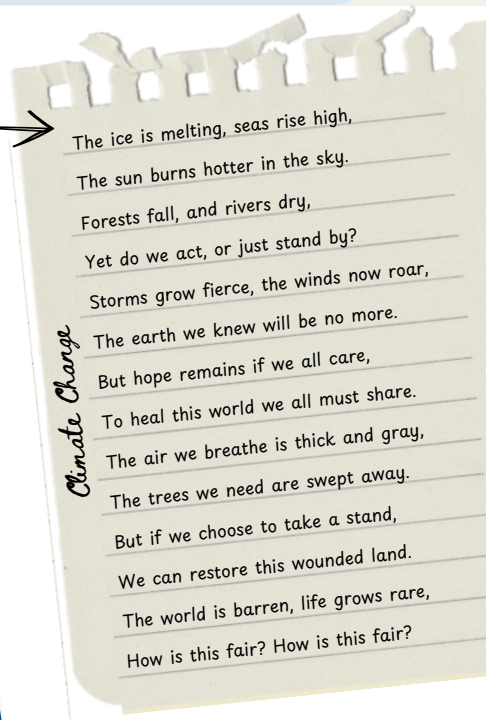
STUDENTS SHOWCASE CREATIVITY THROUGH

A Poignant Reminder of Environmental Responsibility and Hope for Change

STORIES AND POEMS

Last week, students across all key stages in English took part in a special activity to celebrate Sustainability Week. The initiative got students thinking about environmental issues and what we can do—both individually and as a school—to help protect our planet.

Students were given the option to write a short story with a moral message about the environment, create a poem on the same theme, or design an informative leaflet to educate others about sustainability. The creativity and thoughtfulness that went into their work was truly impressive.



It was wonderful to see all students actively engaged and eager to learn more about how they can make a positive impact on the environment.

We're proud of their efforts and the fantastic work they produced!

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS
FOCUSED ON SUSTAINABILITY





ECA SPOTLIGHT

CHARACTER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS



ROAD SAFETY HOUSE COMPETITION WINNERS

ROAD SAFETY WORKSHOP

(WC 29th Sept)

Students in the secondary school have been learning all about road safety and how they can keep themselves and others safe on the road. Our students were then tasked with a challenge of putting all that they learned into a road safety poster.

This challenge was set as a House competition which resulted in us receiving some amazing entries from our students. A huge congratulations goes to Zain, Ava, Talia and Juwana for receiving 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the competition.



On Monday, our AS/A Level Psychology students had the privilege of attending an after school Psychology exam skills workshop.

This was led by Martyn Stewart, a highly regarded psychology curriculum expert and chartered psychologist. During the workshop, students explored essential skills such as exam technique and question analysis, and received valuable insights from the feedback on the Summer 2024 exams. The workshop was an invaluable opportunity for our students to refine their exam strategies and boost their confidence ahead of their exams.

PSYCHOLOGY WORKSHOP





Challenge Me

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INTER SCHOOL MATHS CHAMPIONSHIP



Lubna Shahid
Assistant Subject
Leader: Mathematics

DBS Shines in INTERNATIONAL MATHS COMPETITION! SILVER AWARD

SILVER AWARD AND TOP SCORERS IN THE CHALLENGE ME COMPETITION

We are thrilled to announce that our students are participating in The School League Competition organised by Challenge ME (challengeme.ae). This new international Maths competition is an exciting opportunity for our students to showcase their skills and enthusiasm for mathematics.

Year 10	Year 11
Eyad Sherif Abdelwahed Fathelbab 100	Mohammed Imaan Asif 110
Aariz Asaf 10S	Andreas Monther Al Dabain 11S
Ahmed Elgaali 100	Yohan David Las 11S
Daniel Tabakov 100	Divneet Sarin 11S
Muhammad Saifullah Khan 100	Ryan Zorkot 11H

We are proud to share that in Week 5, our students helped DBS Ain Khaled achieve the Silver Schools award in the Band 2 category. Congratulations to all our talented students for this fantastic achievement!

challenge ME presents the...

Band 2

**SILVER
SCHOOLS**





EMPOWERING STUDENTS

THROUGH CREATIVITY, ACTIVITY, AND SERVICE

Introducing the New

CAS COORDINATOR

at DBS Ain Khaled



Dear Parents,

I am excited to introduce myself as the new CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) Coordinator at Doha British School, in addition to my role as a secondary mathematics teacher. As part of the IB Diploma Programme, CAS plays a crucial role in shaping students beyond academics by fostering personal and social development. It encourages students to step outside the classroom, engage with the community, and grow as individuals.

The Role of the CAS Coordinator

As the CAS Coordinator, my primary responsibility is to guide students in planning, executing, and reflecting on their CAS experiences. The aim is to ensure that each student fulfills the CAS requirements while developing essential life skills. Through a balanced involvement in creative projects, physical activities, and community service, students not only meet the IB Diploma standards but also grow in their understanding of themselves and the world around them.

Why CAS is Important to the IB Diploma Programme

The CAS component is one of the core elements of the IB Diploma Programme, offered at our sixth form. It complements the academic demands by allowing students to explore their interests, challenge themselves, and make meaningful contributions to society. CAS enables students to develop a wide range of skills such as leadership, collaboration, and problem-solving—qualities that are essential for success in both higher education and life beyond school.





LEARNER ATTRIBUTES

LINKING CAS TO DBS'S

At Doha British School, we emphasize the development of key learner attributes, and CAS is the perfect platform for nurturing these traits:

- **Honesty and Integrity:** Through community service and ethical decision-making, students learn the importance of acting with honesty and integrity.
- **Motivation and Ambition:** CAS encourages students to set personal goals, push their boundaries, and strive for excellence in everything they do.
- **Respect:** Working collaboratively on CAS projects fosters mutual respect for others' ideas, perspectives, and contributions.
- **Self-Confidence:** By taking on new challenges, students build confidence in their abilities and develop resilience in overcoming obstacles.
- **Resilience:** CAS experiences help students deal with setbacks and adapt to new situations, strengthening their ability to persevere.
- **Inquisitiveness:** CAS nurtures curiosity by encouraging students to explore new interests, ask questions, and find creative solutions.
- **Community Spirit:** Serving the community through CAS teaches students the value of giving back and contributing to the welfare of others.

I look forward to working with both students and parents as we embark on this exciting journey. Together, we can ensure that our students thrive, not only academically but also personally, through the holistic development that CAS offers.

Lisa Vance
 CAS Coordinator and Secondary Mathematics Teacher
 DBS Ain Khaled





SIXTH FORM SPOTLIGHT

IB STARS OF THE WEEK: TALHA & KIMIKO

SCORPIONS



YEAR 12 S



**KIMIKO
DEEANDRA**



In her MFL class, Kimiko has consistently demonstrated a positive attitude towards feedback and has shown a willingness to reflect on her work to make improvements. Her resilience and determination have also been admirable. Ms. Markie was particularly impressed by Kimiko's ability to approach challenges with a positive mindset and a willingness to explore new ideas.

Kimiko's achievements are a perfect example of the Risk-Taker trait in the IB Learner Profile. She has shown a willingness to step outside her comfort zone and embrace new challenges, demonstrating resilience and resourcefulness in the face of adversity.

Congratulations to Kimiko for being named our IB Star of the Week! Kimiko's dedication and commitment to her studies have truly earned her this recognition.



Risk Takers



Well done, Kimiko!





SIXTH FORM SPOTLIGHT

IB STAR OF THE WEEK: JIAH MOHAMED SHAMEER



YEAR 12 H



JIAH
MOHAMED SHAMEER



Congratulations to Jiah in Year 12 for being named our IB Star of the Week!

Jiah has made an excellent start to her IB Chemistry course, demonstrating unwavering determination, excellent organisation, and a genuine passion for the subject. Her hard work and dedication are evident in her classwork and contributions to discussions.

We are delighted to recognise Jiah's achievements and commend her for being a shining example to her peers. Keep up the fantastic work, Jiah!

The IB learner profile attribute that relates to resilience is "**Inquirer**".



An Inquirer is someone who:

- Has a natural curiosity and a desire to learn
- Is open-minded and asks questions
- Is willing to take risks and explore new ideas
- Is persevering and doesn't give up easily

Well done, Jiah!





HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS!

Star of the Week Award

<p>Blue Horse House - Al Sowaidi, Kaltham Davidovici, David Saracino, Matias Mohamed Shameer, Jiah (IB Student of the Week)</p>	<p>Green Scorpions House - Elgasim, Yaseen Ibrahim, Lamees Khan, Maheen Meira, Aline Thawafeles, Mark</p>
<p>Purple Camels House - Ciuculan, Antonia Kalera, Garv Kristo, Magdalena Semaan, Luca Han, Soma (AS/A Level Student of the Week)</p>	<p>Red Oryxes House - Abbas, Jude Dela Vega, Ellaine Veniz Munoz Sanchez, Noa Singogo, Natasha Tabakov, Daniel</p>
<p>Yellow Falcons House- Ahmad, Inaaya Asaad, Marelle Calleja Berroeta, Gonzalo Gadiaga, Penda Ghandir, Meriem Vatankhater, Darya</p>	

Star of the Week Nominations

<p>Blue Horse House - Abobakr, Carma Al Marri, Rakan Ali, Syed Wasf Icmeli, Ferit Mohammed, Manha Younes, Maria Joseph</p>	<p>Green Scorpions House - Abdalla, Hamad Al Emadi, Ghada Hajimirzaee, Atrin Jayaprakash, Deevesh Mustafa, Anabiah Saba, Natalie Sarin, Divneet</p>
<p>Purple Camels House - Al-Amri, Lara Ahmed Hussein Al-Jaber, Mohammed El Tantawy, Aser Hindawi, Kareem Ibrahim, Mahmood Jain, Akaisha Siddharth Joseph, Freddy Las, Yzekiel Daniel Perinjampira, Thea Nishant Salah, Saba Ayman Sharma, Ridhima Singh, Taashvi Srou, Assem Suresh, Shania Cynthia Talebi, Amani</p>	<p>Red Oryxes House - Abu Hijleh, Jana Al Saffar, Hasan Al-Hammadi, Ameena Badawy, Mahmoud Cheater, Maisy Frances Elkashab, Hussein Tarek Heriba, Nabaa Hiba, Ali Ahmad Idris, Mohamed Salah Meira, Lucas Rea, Maiza Yasmeen Alisha Rosic, Elena Shdaifat, Sara Terslov, Victoria</p>
<p>Yellow Falcons House- Abdalla, Ahmed Nadir Mohamed Abdelkhalek, Jana Mokhtar Abu Loum, Bana Akram Abusham, Teya Alinier, Prillanam Blackbeard, Liana Marie El Seidi, Ibrahim Garcia Garcia, Pablo Grant, Harrison James Haniff Mutasha, Rayyan Radman Jaber Sultan Mansour, Youssef Mokhtar Muhammad, Maryam Rizkalla, Joneer Zapata Gutierrez, Jeronimo</p>	



**GO
TEAM!**



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Thank You