



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية  
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL  
AIN KHALED



# Secondary Newsletter

12th September 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

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## **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

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## **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

Dear DBS Community,

### Setting Expectations for a Safe and Nurturing Environment

Last week we held assemblies to set clear expectations for our students. Our goal is to ensure a safe and nurturing environment where every student can thrive. By establishing a strong foundation now, we aim to support our students' growth throughout the year. We continue to remind students of the uniform expectations that are part of our community and apply to all students. Thank you for partnering with us in this important endeavour.

### Celebrating the Star of the Week

Congratulations to Adam Metwally 10F for being our Start of All Stars! Celebrating and acknowledging our students' achievements and their contributions to our school community is important to use here at DBS, and we look forward to highlighting more success stories in the weeks to come.

### Breakfast with the Friends of DBS Committee

We enjoyed a wonderful breakfast meeting with the Friends of DBS committee to discuss our exciting plans for the year ahead. We are eager to roll out more enjoyable events that will bring our community closer together. Stay tuned for announcements about upcoming activities and opportunities to get involved!

### Important Reminder: Drop-Off and Pick-Up Safety

A gentle reminder to all parents and guardians: please be mindful and patient during drop-off and pick-up times. Parking in front of the gates or driving up the wrong side of the road can pose significant risks to our students, parents, and staff. Let's all work together to ensure a safe environment for everyone. Everyone's time is important but safety has to be the priority.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school community.





## VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE DR. LUKE CHEATER



## DBS AK WAY!

At DBS AK, we are committed to ensuring every student thrives, and Comparative Judgement is one of the tools that helps us achieve this goal by maintaining high standards and supporting student success.



“IMPROVING WRITING FOR CHILDREN”

### So what is Comparative Judgement?



Instead of making absolute judgements of quality, which we, as humans, can't do, you make comparisons of quality.



By making a number of comparisons of pairs of items you build up a measurement scale.



And because we, as humans, are good at comparing things, you get a very reliable measurement scale - across time and space!

This week, our **KS3 students** participated in a non-fiction Comparative Judgement session. Comparative Judgement is a powerful tool we use across the school to support our writing moderation process. Moderation involves teachers working together to evaluate current standards in a specific area of learning, ensuring consistency in expectations.

While traditional moderation usually happens within one school among a group of teachers, Comparative Judgement goes beyond. With over 3,000 teachers around the world involved in the process, we benefit from high-quality data that offers a more accurate picture of student progress.

This broader insight allows us to implement responsive teaching—where lessons are adapted based on real-time student needs—which is key to driving continuous improvement.







## CAREERS DEPARTMENT

CAREERS & HIGHER EDUCATION GUIDANCE COUNCELOR

# SIXTH FORM STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL



MRS. LINDSEY KING

OVER 25 YEARS  
OF WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION



We strongly encourage your child to attend the university fairs that will be held at our school. These events provide a valuable opportunity for them to learn about various universities, courses, and entry requirements. By attending these fairs, your child can gather essential information and make informed decisions about their future.

- 1. Direct Interaction:** Students can speak directly with university representatives, ask questions, and get immediate feedback.
- 2. Networking Opportunities:** Fairs provide a chance to meet other students who are considering similar options, which can lead to valuable discussions and connections.
- 3. Access to Exclusive Information:** Some universities may offer materials or insights that are not available online.
- 4. Hands-On Experience:** Students can often participate in workshops or presentations that provide deeper insights into the universities' offerings.

**On 24th and 30th September** we are holding after school fairs to allow parents to attend the larger visits. Please proceed to reception on your arrival to sign in and ensure you are wearing your DBS issued lanyard.

Please find the list below of the upcoming university visits we have confirmed for September.

Date	University	Time	Location	Audience
17/09/24	Swiss University - <a href="mailto:Lali@swisseducation.com">Lali@swisseducation.com</a>	11:10 - 11:45	Sixth Form Common Room	Year 12 and 13 only
25/09/24	American University of Beirut - <a href="mailto:kk39@aub.edu.lb">kk39@aub.edu.lb</a>	11:10 - 11:45	Sixth Form Common Room	Year 12 and 13 only
24/09/24	Asian Pacific University, University of Technology and Innovation, Heriot-Watt University, International Medical University, Management and Science University, MultiMedia University Malaysia, RCSI (Royal College of Surgeons Ireland) and UCD, SEGI University, Sunway University, Taylors University, Universiti Malaya, Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS, University of Nottingham Malaysia.	14:00 - 15:00	Secondary Quad	Year 10 - 13 and <b>parents</b>
30/09/24	McMaster University - Canada, Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson University) Canada Indiana University Indianapolis (formerly IUPUI) Michigan State University - USA Ohio State University - USA University at Buffalo - USA The State University of New York - USA University of Arizona - USA Minerva University Multi Campus - USA IE University - Spain Saint Louis University - Madrid Spain Koç University - Turkey Sabanci University - Turkey American University of Rome - Italy American university of paris - France	14:00 - 15:00	Secondary Quad	Year 10 - 13 and <b>parents</b>





## HOUSE SPOTLIGHT



# YEAR 10: ADAM METWALLY STAR OF THE WEEK



Robbie Lambert

### Star of the Week Nominations

#### Blue Horse House

Akgun, Doruk Kuzey	Mahmoud, Jana Ahmed Mohamed Ahmed
Dessoukey, Maya	Mohamed Shameer, Jiah
Elgaali, Awab	Saunderson, Kieran
Icmeli, Ferit	Senthil Kumaran, Ishaan
	Walkinshaw, Lucas

#### Green Scorpions House

Assabane, Jana	El Tantawy, Lara
Barbieri, Luca	Sohail, Rohail

#### Purple Camels House

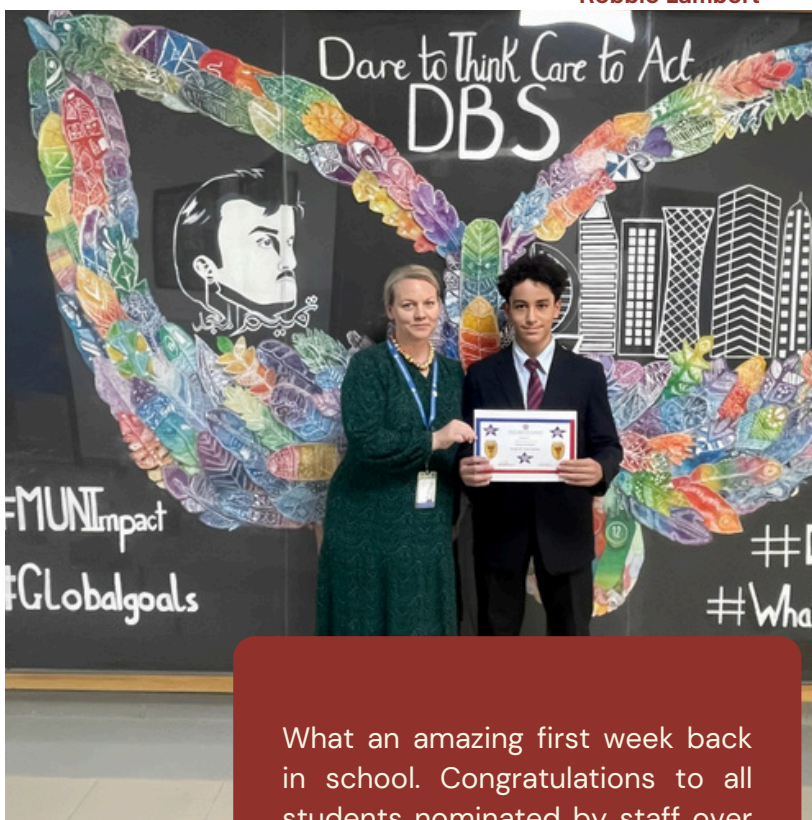
Al-Mughesib, Mohammed Khalid	Kalera, Garv
Al-Sulaiti, Sultan	Lee, Yu Tong
Aymerich, Gabriel	Momme, Victoria
Ciuculan, Antonia	Paramsook, Sophie,
Davidovici, Leea	Semaan, Luca
Han, Soma	Sharma, Ridhima
Kaddoura, Layan Yazan	Tro, Selisia
	Zufayri, Muhammad Syakir

#### Red Oryxes House

Abdalla, Yamen Mohamed	Koryurek, Emir
Ba, Aliou	Mohammed, Wajan
Gelvis Benavides, Alessandra	Moussa, Jourie
Gerella, Martha Therese	Nanda, Ishan
Gullapalli, Nidhyathi	Shalaby, Malak
Hacquill-Smith, Sophie	Singogo, Natasha
Kirrane, Odhran	Vera, Pablo

#### Yellow Falcons House

Ahmad, Inaaya	Gullapalli, Manasvin
Alardeh, Zaina	Jauhar, Fatih Aulia
Alomar, Rama Imad Abdalbaki	Kabrit, Mia
Bakr, Malek Eslam Atef	Kang, Gyubeen
Bayley, Huw Francis John	Khan, Arshia
Budsworth, Alexander	Longhurst, Hannah Joy
Diaz Sempertegui, Matias	Mohamed, Noor Abdelkarim
Gadiaga, Noora	Rizkalla, Joneer
Garcia Garcia, Pablo	Sharqawi, Amal Ashraf
Gerella, Red Bartimaeus	Thirumaran, Vedika
	Zapata Gutierrez, Jeronimo



What an amazing first week back in school. Congratulations to all students nominated by staff over the last week as individual stars.

Pictured above is Adam Metwally (10F) who was nominated as Star of all Stars by Principal Mrs Grant. This was Adam's first week at DBS, demonstrating a fantastic start to the academic year.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### Star of the Week Award

#### Blue Horse House

Izogin, Eleonara
Kearney, Finn
Umoh, Oscar

#### Green Scorpions House

Luca Barbieri ( <b>IB student of the Week</b> )
Barlow, Archie
Hajimirzaee, Atrin
Kousa, Jeneen

#### Purple Camels House

Dietzold, Bruno
Jain, Akaisha Siddharth
Shatat, Tariq

#### Red Oryxes House

Najine Elkholy ( <b>AS/A Level Student of the Week</b> )
Al-Ibrahim, Sharifa Abdulla
Colak, Nina
Elkashab, Khadija Tarek

#### Yellow Falcons House

El Seidi, Ibrahim
Metwally, Adam ( <b>Star of all Stars</b> )
Wane, Dalil Tidiani





## Welcome to Doha British Schools

Doha British Schools are one of the world's leading British International Schools in Qatar, with a reputation for outstanding academic excellence since 1997

## SETTLING EVENING FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Wednesday 25th September 2024 - 4:00 PM

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We cordially invite you to our Settling Evening on Wednesday, September 25th, from 4:00 PM to approximately 4:45 PM. This evening will provide an excellent opportunity to meet your child's Form Tutor and learn about the processes and procedures in our Secondary school.

During the evening, we will have a presentation addressing the key aspects of key aspects of the Secondary and a "who's who" introduction to our staff. You will also have the chance to meet the House Leader and the Secondary Senior Leadership Team.

In addition to the presentations, we will have information available in the foyer & Secondary Quad regarding our curriculum, pathways, safeguarding and pastoral support. Please feel free to visit these resources after the formal presentations.

Please note that this is a general welcome evening and not the appropriate forum for discussing individual issues. If you are unable to attend or have multiple children in different forms, we will ensure that the presentations are shared with you.

We look forward to welcoming new families and seeing familiar faces. This event is exclusively for parents and guardians; please refrain from bringing children.

Upon arrival, you will be greeted in the foyer and directed to the appropriate location for your child's form class. The presentations will begin promptly at 4:10 PM, so please arrive by 4:00 PM to ensure sufficient time to settle in.

Sincerely,

**Mrs. Lynette Grant**  
**Principal**







## DBS WORKSHOP

# PROF. DR. GER GRAUS OBE

## Beyond the Classroom: Rethinking Education Without Boundaries

It is a human need to be told stories. The more we are governed by idiots and have no control over our destinies, the more we need to tell stories to each other about who we are, why we are, where we come from, and what might be possible



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### BEYOND THE CLASSROOM:

RETHINKING EDUCATION  
WITHOUT BOUNDARIES

### WORKSHOP

Sunday 15th September at 2:15pm

Venue: DBS Ain Khaled - MPH

Staff, parents, students and guests  
are welcome!

by Prof. Dr. Ger Graus OBE




REGISTER



Managed by ACES

### Join us for an inspiring workshop with Prof. Dr. Ger Graus OBE!

#### “Beyond the Classroom: Rethinking Education Without Boundaries”

 **Date:** Sunday, 15th September

 **Time:** 2:15 PM

 **Venue:** DBS Ain Khaled - MPH

This exciting and inspirational workshop is open to parents, students, guests, and staff. Don't miss out on this exclusive opportunity to join us on the journey of exploration in how we can all shape the future of education.

 Register now to secure your place:  
<https://forms.gle/2ZLsNHc9DAkawpeA6>

**We look forward to seeing you there!**





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Thank You