



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية  
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL  
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# Secondary Newsletter

17th 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

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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

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent Quiz Night! It was a fantastic evening, and I'm delighted to see so many of you showing your competitive spirit - I think we all witnessed a few hidden talents emerging! It was certainly a close contest, and I'm already looking forward to another event soon to "right the wrong" and make sure the real winners have their crown restored.

I'd also like to extend our gratitude to Icon and Rebel Angels for keeping our younger attendees entertained with fantastic activities. Our sincere thanks go out to the generous sponsors of the evening and, of course, to the Friends of DBS, whose relentless support and passion for our school community never cease to amaze us. Their dedication to making these events such a success is truly appreciated. Thanks also goes to Mr. Wheelhouse and Ms. Emini who excelled as the quiz masters.

Events such as these provide a valuable opportunity for parents and staff to come together and see each other in a different light. The huge turnout is testament to just how much the DBS Ain Khaled community cares.

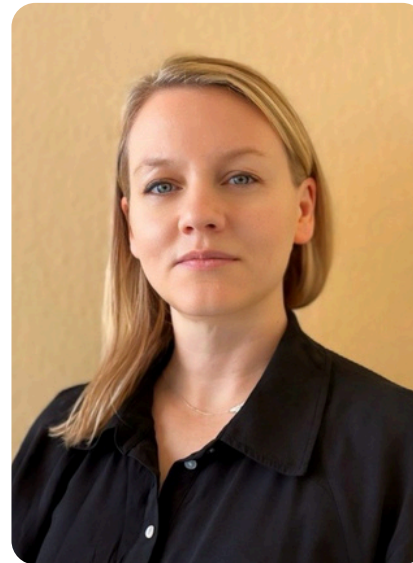
**We had an amazing time at the quiz night!**



While parents competed in a lively quiz, the children enjoyed a Free Trial Class courtesy of Rebel Angels Gymnastics and Icon Sports Centre Qatar.

The kids had a fantastic time with fun activities while parents put their knowledge to the test.

Congratulations to all the winners who walked away with gift vouchers from:





## VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE **DR. LUKE CHEATER**



**EMPOWERING**  
Our  
Teachers  
**ENRICHING**  
Our  
Students



Coaching and Leadership Development

**"GREAT TEACHING, BETTER LEARNING"**



## **EMPOWERING EDUCATORS**

### Enriching our Students

We are thrilled to share an exciting update on a transformative initiative currently underway at Doha British School, Ain Khaled. As part of our unwavering commitment to ensuring that all students thrive, we recognise the crucial role our teachers play in this mission. We are proud to announce our investment in high-quality professional development through our Year Long 4C's Coaching Program.

#### **A Journey of Growth and Excellence**

With the generous support of our Friends of DBS, fourteen dedicated members of the DBS team have embarked on an intensive coaching program led by 4C's Coaching, an internationally accredited organisation. This program is designed to foster professional growth and create an environment that is both supportive and challenging, promoting high levels of accountability to ensure our students receive the best education possible.

#### **Developing Future Leaders**

Our participants are at the beginning of an exciting journey, developing crucial skills such as:

- Active listening
- Emotionally intelligent leadership
- Navigating 'sticking points' with a solution-focused approach



These skills are instrumental in creating an ethos of challenge and growth within our teaching community, ultimately leading to high-quality pedagogy in all learning environments.

#### **The Power of Coach-Like Conversations**

Through this program, we are fostering an environment where coach-like conversations become the norm.

This approach not only supports our current educational goals but also demonstrates DBS Ain Khaled's commitment to 'growing our own' leadership capacity.



The ripple effect of this initiative will undoubtedly have a beneficial impact on our most important stakeholders - our students.

#### **A Heartfelt Thank You**

We extend our deepest gratitude to Friends of DBS for making this transformative program possible. Your support is invaluable in our mission to ensure that every student thrives.

#### **Looking Ahead**

While we are still at the beginning of this journey, the enthusiasm and dedication shown by our participants are truly inspiring. We look forward to seeing the positive changes this program will bring to our school community.

Together, we are creating an environment where both teachers and students can flourish, pushing the boundaries of educational excellence at DBS Ain Khaled.

**Stay tuned for more updates as we continue on this exciting path of growth and development!**





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## KEY DATES & REMINDERS




IMPORTANT EVENTS AND REMINDERS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!


### 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!




### NEXT WEEK


Next week we will have our annual Crescent Book Fair.

#### DBS AK BOOK FAIR

Join us for an exciting Book Fair in collaboration with Crescent Bookshop Qatar!

 **Date:** Sunday, 20th - Thursday, 24th October 2024

 **Time:** The fair will run from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with extended hours until 7:00 PM on Wednesday.

 **Location:** Doha British School - Ain Khaled Campus

We look forward to seeing you there!





# Turnitin Similarity Report

UNDERSTANDING YOUR TURNITIN SIMILARITY REPORT: WHAT THE SCORE REALLY MEANS



Katie Dearden  
IB Coordinator

## What is turnitin?

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## DBS Policy Statement

Doha British School is committed to fostering a culture of academic integrity among students.

At DBS students are encouraged to use the Harvard Referencing System. A good website to help with referencing is [www.citethisforme.com](http://www.citethisforme.com).

## What is Plagiarism?

Plagiarism is the act of using someone else's work or ideas as your own, without giving proper credit to the original author. This includes copying and pasting text, paraphrasing ideas without attribution, or using someone else's work without permission.



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## What is Paraphrasing?

Paraphrasing is restating someone else's ideas or information in your own words. It's a way to express the same meaning without directly quoting the original source.



# EXPLAINED



## Similarity Report

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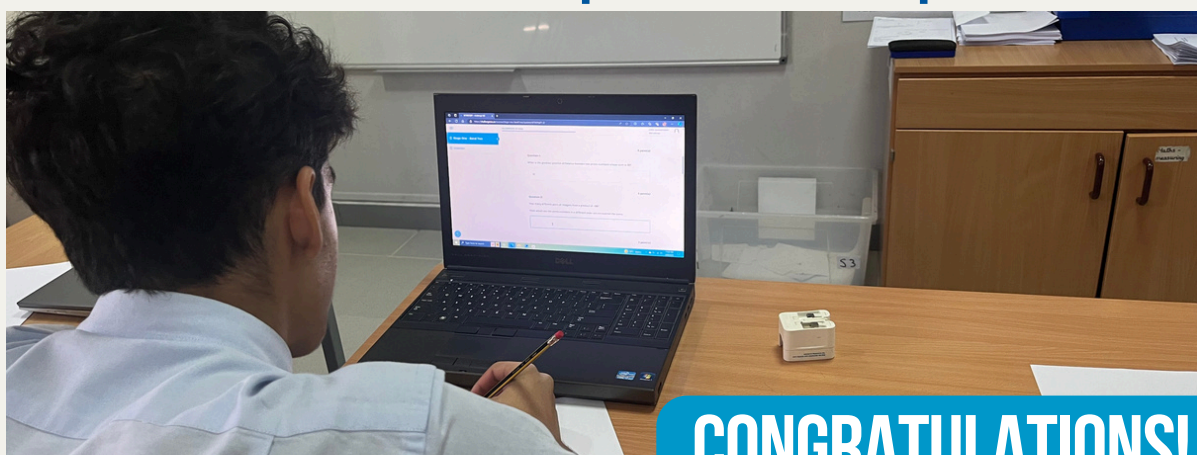
# SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT

## MATHEMATICS

### 15th World Mathematics Team Championship



Shorena Oganessian  
Assistant Subject  
Leader: Mathematics



## CONGRATULATIONS!

#### Key Stage 3- WMTC

At DBS AK, we have a number of Mathematics competitions both locally and internationally to offer students across all Key Stages the chance to compete. We encourage students to join Mathematics ECA's in order to prepare for these competitions.

The 15th World Mathematics Team Championship (WMTC) will be held in Qatar this year and hosted by Qatar Foundation.

The theme this year is Algebra and Balancing in honour of the Islamic scholar Al-Khwarizmi. The competition will include team based activities as well as individual rounds, where students will solve challenging mathematical problems. Students will be competing with others internationally to earn medals.

The selection process to determine who will represent DBS at this event was determined by the DBS Maths Circle ECA run by Mrs Oganessian. The purpose of the ECA is to develop problem solving skills in the format of Maths Olympiads, alongside the DBS character traits of inquisitiveness and resilience.

The following students have been selected to represent DBS at the WMTC this year.

- 1.Hao Wen Chew 7O
- 2.Awab Elgaali 8H
- 3.Yu Xuan Lee 7S
- 4.Yzekiel Daniel Las 8C
- 5.Anze Chen 7S
- 6.Ibrahim El Seidi 8F



# Challenge Me

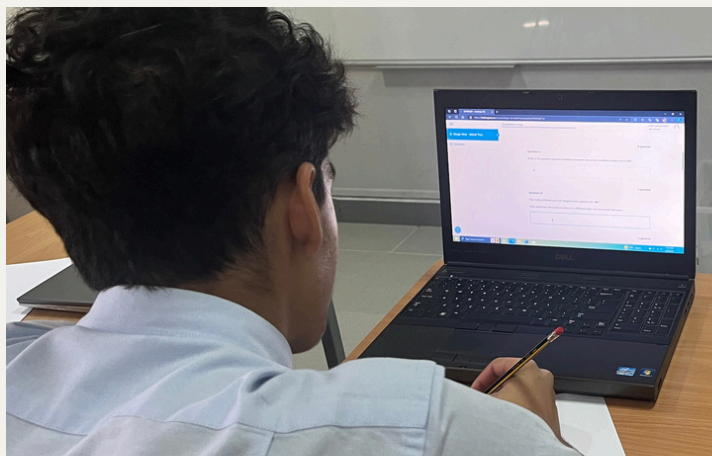
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MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS & ECA'S



Lubna Shahid  
Assistant Subject  
Leader: Mathematics

## DBS Shines in International Maths Competition!



Challenge ME presents the...

### SILVER AWARD



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### Key Stage 4- Challenge ME

The Challenge Middle East Interschool Maths Championship is a new international competition for the Middle East. A number of schools in the UAE, Saudi Arabia and other GCC countries are participating.

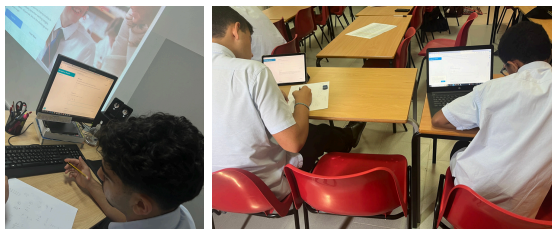
Challenge ME was founded to bridge this gap, offering students the opportunity to not only celebrate their mathematical prowess but also to compete, collaborate, and grow.

The mission is to redefine students' experience within Maths by providing students with engaging and exciting experiences beyond the status quo.

We too believe that true educational enrichment encompasses both classroom instruction and real-world experiences.

The ECA which supports this competition is called Maths Squad so sign up in Term 2 if you are interested. This ECA develops the following DBS character traits; motivation, ambition as well as self confidence.

The competition is still ongoing with some notable highlights in Week 2 and Week 5. Week 2, our very own Yohan Las 11S achieved a top 11 score out of all schools in his category and Week 5, we were awarded with the Silver School Status.







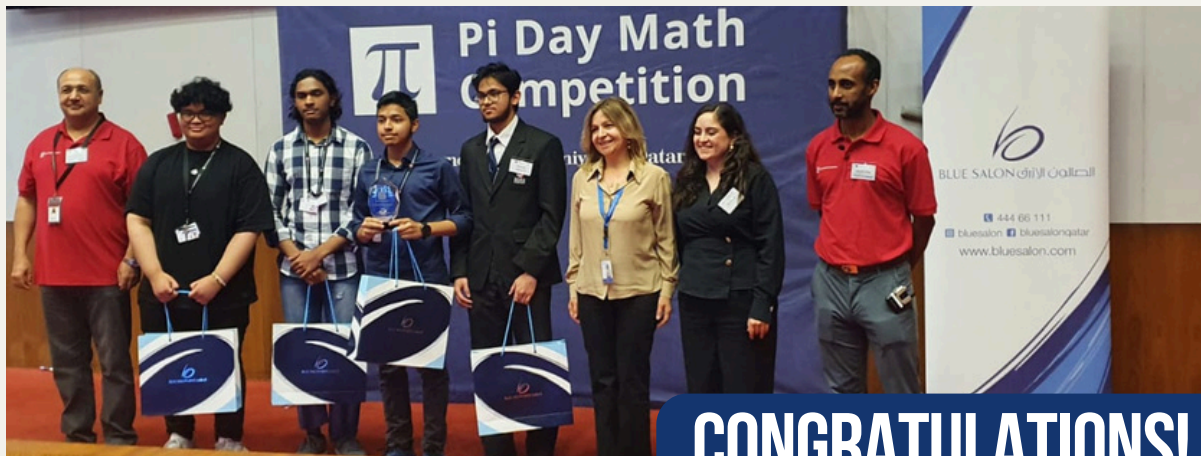
# $\pi$ Pi Day Math Competition

MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS & ECA'S

## Pi Day Mathematics COMPETITION



Shorenna Oganessian  
Assistant Subject  
Leader: Mathematics



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

### Key Stage 5- Pi Day Maths Competition

Doha British School boasts a rich history of participation in the Mathematics Olympiad at the University of Carnegie Mellon, an event that draws schools from across the country.

Students compete in teams of four through two rounds of mathematical problem-solving. The preliminary round identifies the top four teams, which then progress to the final round. Last year, with 85 teams in contention, our school successfully secured 4th place.



Key Stage 5 Participation

Consistently, Doha British School has ranked among the **top schools** in this competition.



This competition takes place in March of every year in accordance with Pi Day (March 14th). Please speak to Mrs Oganessian if you are interested in this opportunity, preparations for this competition will begin soon.





# ECA SPOTLIGHT: BOARD GAMES

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Board games offer a variety of benefits for students, including cognitive development, social skills, emotional development, creativity, and fun. They can help students improve their problem-solving, strategic thinking, communication, cooperation, and sportsmanship skills.

Additionally, board games can foster empathy, emotional intelligence, and creativity. By playing board games, students can learn to handle wins and losses gracefully, understand others' perspectives, and come up with new and innovative solutions.

Overall, board games can be a valuable addition to a school's extracurricular activities program, providing a fun and engaging way for students to learn and interact with their peers.





# SIXTH FORM SPOTLIGHT

IB STAR OF THE WEEK: TALHA KARIC



YEAR 13 H



**TALHA  
KARIC**



In his Maths class, it's clear that Talha takes pride in his work. The confidence he has in Tangents and Normals is impressive. Self-confidence is a great trait to have. Well done, Talha, and keep up the good work! Believing in yourself and your abilities, feeling comfortable expressing your ideas, and taking risks are all essential qualities. Ms. Shahid was particularly impressed by Talha's achievements.

Talha's accomplishments are a perfect example of the Communicators Learner profile attribute. We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

Congratulations to Talha in Year 13 for being named our IB Star of the Week!

## Communicators



**Well done, Talha!**



# HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Star of the Week Award	
<b>Blue Horse House -</b> Mohamed, Omar Obaga, Jovani Zaedi, Mohamed	<b>Green Scorpions House -</b> Mustafa, Anabiah Pillay, Cherise Poudel, Arnav ( <i>Star of all Stars</i> )
<b>Purple Camels House -</b> Hamadeh, Tamim Malhas, Laith Muhammad Atif, Anam Ilyas Ilyas	<b>Red Oryxes House -</b> El Kadi, Nadine Roussi, Aikaterini Yutuc, Jade Dana Margaux Abe
<b>Yellow Falcons House-</b> Afify, Farida Alinier, Prillanam Blackbeard, Liana Marie Gerella, Red Bartimaeus ( <i>IB Star of the Week</i> )	

# GO TEAM!

Star of the Week Nominations	
<b>Green Scorpions House -</b> Al Hammadi, Rawda Anwar, Ayesha Colak, Simun El Samak, Mohammed Hajimirzaee, Atrin Jilani, Rayaana Marwah, Palak Kaur Razmy, Zehra Shahova, Aelita	<b>Purple Camels House -</b> Ali, Ahmed Rami Anwaar, Aiza El Tantawy, Aser Elnatour, Eva Ewila, Ahmed Finn, Lucy Iorna, Mesuur Irfan, Maryam Kaddoura, Layan Yazan Mohamed, Nasma Tarig Abuelgassim Mohammed, Ruqayyah Abdul Moqeeth
<b>Red Oryxes House -</b> Abdelwahed Fathelbab, Eyad Sherif Mohamed Abu Hijleh, Sana Ali, Noowar Ammar Abdeen El Souki, Lia Elkholy, Najine Equere, Daramfon-abasi Imo Jijo, Evin Maru, Naysha Meira, Lucas Quintos, Joseph Ethan	<b>Yellow Falcons House-</b> Abudahab, Yasmeen Ehab Ahmad, Inaaya El Natsheh, Mais El Seidi, Ibrahim Georgakopoulou, Kalliopi Hamad, Fatima Salah Idris Khan, Arshia Rosas Lee, Javier



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