



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية  
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL  
AIN KHALED



# Secondary Newsletter

19th 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

As we progress through this academic year, I'd like to take a moment to highlight the significance of communication within our school. At DBS, we are committed to fostering a culture of openness and support, where clear communication helps prevent misconceptions and strengthens our connections.

We understand that sometimes, as a school, we may have policies or expectations where the rationale might not be immediately clear. We always strive to ensure this is communicated, as our decisions are driven by a deep commitment to safeguarding our students and preparing them for life beyond school. If ever we are not successful in conveying this message, please reach out - we would welcome the opportunity for open dialogue and discussion.

We all make mistakes, but it's how we learn from them that shapes us.

By engaging in honest conversations, we grow together and build trust. Developing strong communication skills is a key aspect of the character we nurture in our students, equipping them to express themselves clearly, listen with empathy, and ask questions that deepen understanding.

Inquisitiveness is one of the qualities we hold dear at DBS. Instead of making assumptions, we encourage curiosity—asking questions and seeking clarity fosters greater understanding and unity within our community.

We are here to listen and support one another as part of the DBS family. Let's continue to engage thoughtfully, communicate with purpose, and grow together as a community.







Welcome to Friends of DBS Community



## FODBS MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Dear DBS Community,

We hope this message finds you well. As part of our ongoing efforts to build a stronger and more connected community, we kindly invite you to join the Friends of DBS (FoDBS) by completing our online membership form. If you are already a member, we encourage you to fill out the form as well, so we can streamline communication and ensure that you receive all updates and information in a timely manner.

By becoming part of the FoDBS community, you'll have the opportunity to engage in school events, support our initiatives, and contribute to enriching the DBS experience for our students. Whether you're new to the group or an existing member, your participation is greatly valued.

Please take a moment to fill out the form using the link below:

[Friends of DBS Membership Registration Form](#)

We look forward to working together and staying throughout the school year. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your continued support!

Warm Regards

**FoDBS Committee Members**







## IB HIGHLIGHT

# REVISITING THE PAST, EMBRACING THE FUTURE

BATCH 2015-2016: IB STUDENT



Abdullah, passing through Doha, reconnected with us and our veteran teachers. It was wonderful to hear where his life has taken him along with his cherished memories, including an almost viral anti-bullying video filmed on AK premises! Abdullah it was an absolute pleasure to have you back to visit us.

If you're an alumnus and want to pop in, you can email us to arrange a visit at [sixthform@dohabritishschool.com](mailto:sixthform@dohabritishschool.com)

## Abdullah Naji

This week, we had a special guest on campus - alumnus Abdullah Naji!



**Our Alumni** network is constantly growing, and we want to show current students the amazing variety of paths our graduates take. Whether recent or "not-so-recent," we'd love to hear your stories!



Let's **inspire** the next generation of DBS AK stars!

**Cheryl Gogin**  
Sixth Form Leader





## IB HIGHLIGHT

# KOGNITY FOR YEAR 12 IB STUDENTS A DIGITAL RESOURCE

BATCH 2015-2016: IB STUDENT

Exciting news for our Year 12 IB students!



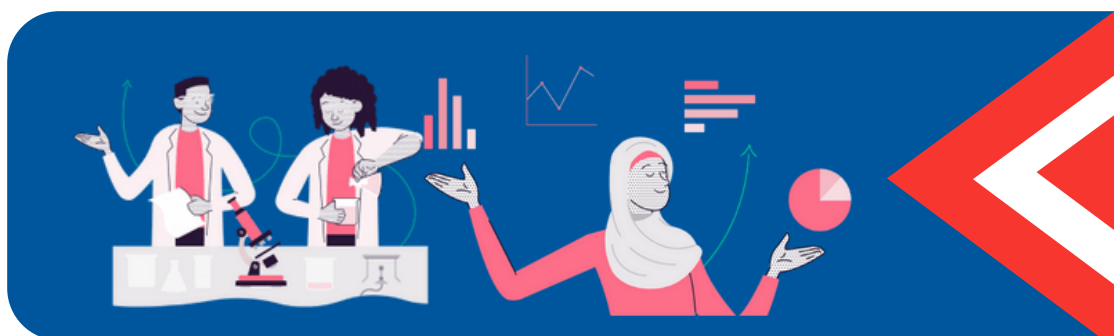
Why Kognity? [Read more...](#)

**You have now been enrolled onto the Kognity platform. You should have received your login details via email.**

Kognity is a fantastic online teaching and learning platform designed specifically for IB DP students. It's like having a digital textbook that's both interactive and easy to use. With Kognity, you can access interactive textbooks, assignments, insights, and a student practice center – all in one place.

The platform is available for the following IB subject areas: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, ESS, Language Acquisition, Geography, Psychology, Business Management, Maths Analysis and Approaches, Maths Applications and Interpretations, TOK.

Kognity can be a valuable tool to support your learning, whether you're studying at home or in school. So, why not log in and explore the platform today?





## CAREERS DEPARTMENT

CAREERS & HIGHER EDUCATION GUIDANCE COUNCELOR



MRS. LINDSEY KING

# UNIVERSITY FAIRS AT DBS AK EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE

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>







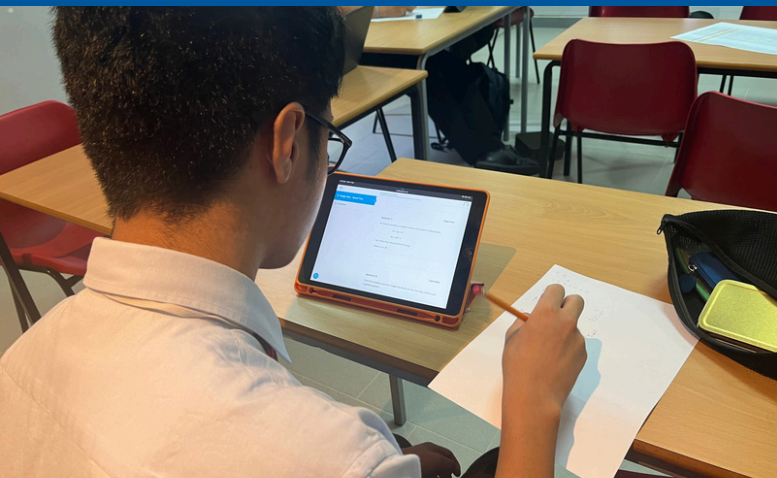
## SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT: MATHS

# INTERSCHOOL MATHS CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE ME



Mr Mohammed Qamar/ Subject Leader

YOHAN DAVID LAS 11S, ACHIEVED ONE OF THE TOP 11 SCORES ACROSS ALL SCHOOLS



The programme's mission is to celebrate mathematical talent while fostering collaboration and personal growth.

**The competition kicks off with Stage 1:** School Leagues, where students from different schools compete in a virtual six-week interschool challenge. Each week, participants undertake quests to earn gold for their school teams.

**DBS Highlight:** In week 2 of the competition, **Yohan David Las (11S)** achieved one of the top **11 scores across all participating schools.**

**A huge congratulations to Yohan for his incredible performance!**



## Challenge Me

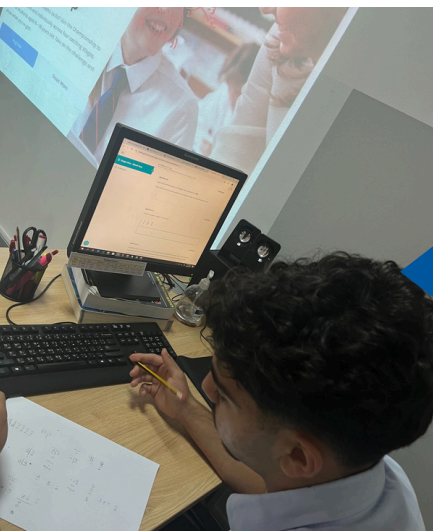
[Know more...](#)

We are proud of all our students who are representing DBS in this championship and would like to extend our gratitude for their hard work and dedication:

- Andreas Monther Al Dabain - 11S
- Syed Wasf Ali - 11H
- Mohammed Imaan Asif - 11O
- Ahmed Elgaali - 10O
- Yohan David Las - 11S
- Mohammad Rehan Mahmood - 10C
- Divneet Sarin - 11S
- Daniel Tabakov - 10O
- Ryan Zorkot - 11H
- Arni Mahendra - 11H

**We look forward to seeing how our students continue to excel in this exciting competition.**

**Well done, team!**



## DBS Students are

proudly participating in the Challenge Me School League Competition, an exciting new international Maths championship.

Organised by Challenge ME, this competition aims to transform students' experience of Maths by offering engaging and enriching opportunities beyond the classroom.





## STAR OF THE WEEK

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## CONGRATULATIONS!



YEAR 10



**JAEDON  
TRO**



## Jaedon Receives "Star of the Week" in Maths!

This week, Mr Qamar proudly awarded Jaedon the prestigious Star of the Week in Maths for his proactive approach to learning. Jaedon has been engaging in flipped learning, a method where students prepare ahead by reading and studying the material before it is taught in class.

This approach not only helps him grasp the content more thoroughly but also enables him to make the most of class time, seeking clarification from his teacher on any areas of uncertainty.

Jaedon's commitment exemplifies the key character traits we value at DBS, particularly Motivation and Ambition. By starting Year 13 with such enthusiasm and drive, Jaedon has set a fantastic example for his peers, showing that taking initiative and preparing ahead is one of the best ways to excel.

Well done, Jaedon, for your outstanding dedication and for embracing the year with such a positive mindset! Keep up the excellent work!





## IB STAR OF THE WEEK

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Ms Katie Dearden  
IB Coordinator



## YEAR 12



## LUCA BARBIERI



## Inquirers



Congratulations to Luca for being named our IB Star of the Week! Luca earned this award in Geography for his outstanding work on the topic "What the world will look like in 2050?"

His insightful research and impressive presentations left a lasting impression on Mrs Walles-Butler, who praised Luca for his inquisitive mind and his ability to delve deeply into complex ideas.

Luca's work is a shining example of the "Inquirers" attribute from the IB Learner Profile, showcasing his dedication to

## IB "Star of the Week" in Geography!

exploring new ideas and developing a rich understanding of the world. By honing his research and presentation skills, Luca is embodying the spirit of lifelong learning, which is at the heart of the IB philosophy.

Well done, Luca!  
Your hard work and curiosity are an inspiration to us all.  
**Keep up the brilliant effort!**







## HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

# TEAM SPIRIT & TRIUMPHS! SOARING TO SUCCESS



House Leader



## EMILY WALLES



Dear Parents and Students,

My name is Mrs Walles-Butler and I am the House Leader of the Yellow Falcons house and a geography teacher. I take great pride in the fact that I have worked at DBS AK for 6 years now. I absolutely love the community feel of the school and particularly enjoy my role in it as House Leader.

Over the past 4 years I have developed a sense of team and community in the Yellow Falcons house and I am really proud of all of my students! My vision has always been to ensure that I create an environment where the students I am looking after feel safe, heard and supported. I enjoy nothing more than getting to know all of my little Falcons and finding out what they like to do and what their talents are. It is really special to me that I have watched my students grow up, it feels like only yesterday 10F were in year 7!

We've achieved some great things together over the past few years including winning multiple sports days and of course the prestigious house cup.



This year we are aiming for more house points than ever before, to continue our reign as sports day champions and hopefully making a comeback as house cup winners in June 2025.

Finally I just want to take the opportunity to welcome all the new students who have joined the Yellow Falcons house this academic year. I can't wait to get to know more about you all and I hope you take just as much pride in being in the Yellow Falcons house as I do.





## LIBRARY HUB

# A SPACE FOR LEARNING AND DISCOVERY

## SECONDARY LIBRARY

Our Librarians



**MS RIMA EL MURR**  
Secondary Librarian



**MS AMIRA SALEM**  
Library Assistant



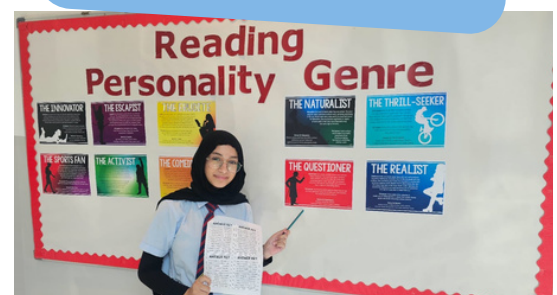
The Secondary Library serves as a vital resource for students, offering access to a wide selection of books, magazines, journals, and digital tools. It's a quiet and focused environment where students can study, read, and complete assignments.



To support digital literacy, the library has nine computer stations available for student use. In the first two weeks of the term, students participated in orientation lessons to familiarise themselves with library resources and navigation.



## This Week



Students explored their **"Personality Reading Genre,"** an engaging activity designed to match them with the genres that best align with their interests. The students thoroughly enjoyed discovering the genres that suit their personalities.





## 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**





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Thank You