



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
AIN KHALED



Secondary Newsletter

3rd 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**

It was a pleasure to welcome Secondary parents to our Settling-in Evening last week. This event provided a great opportunity for parents to meet with Form Tutors and the Secondary SLT.

Building strong partnerships with our parents is a priority for us, as it ensures that our students thrive in their learning environment. We look forward to many more planned events throughout the year.

We would also like to encourage parents to join us for the upcoming Friends of DBS (FoDBS) Quiz Night on 10th October. Details on how to register can be found in this week's newsletter. DBS Ain Khaled is a close-knit community, and both our formal and social events play a key role in keeping our community strong.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the event, and a huge thank you to our FoDBS team for organising it.





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



Unlocking
**STUDENT
SUCCESS**
through
Excellence
in Teaching



Evidence Based
Education

"GREAT TEACHING, BETTER LEARNING"

EMPOWERING EDUCATORS

with Continuous Professional Learning at Doha British School

The Key to Student Success: Quality Teaching and Continuous Professional Learning

It may seem obvious but...student success is directly linked to the quality of learning and teaching in school. What might be less obvious is that the quality of teaching is itself directly related to teachers having regular access to high-quality professional development. At Doha British School, we're committed to ensuring our teachers are at the forefront of educational best practices, which is why we're excited to share our current focus on professional development.

Building a Common Language

This term, we are actively working on developing a 'common language' in relation to pedagogy. We're asking ourselves: What does great teaching look like? What does current research tell us about the retrieval and retention of knowledge to support learning? By aligning our understanding of these fundamental questions, we can ensure consistency and excellence across all classrooms and departments.

Investing in Our Teachers

We are proud to announce that already this term, our dedicated staff at Doha British School have collectively engaged in over 850 hours of professional development. This journey began with the Evidence-Based Education (EBE) Foundation Course on the Science of Learning, providing our teachers with cutting-edge insights into how students learn best.

Time on CPD activities

885
HOURS



Research-Driven Improvement

Building on this foundation, we're now embarking on a collective engagement with EBE to explore research-driven practices that support whole-school improvement. What sets our approach apart is our commitment to analysing best practices and research to meet the specific needs of our unique context here at Doha British School.



The Doha British School Difference

By investing in our teachers' professional development, we're ultimately investing in your children's education. Our approach ensures that:

1. Our teachers are equipped with the latest knowledge in educational science.
2. We're constantly refining our teaching methods based on evidence and research.
3. We're adapting global best practices to suit our specific school community.

Looking Ahead

As we continue this journey of professional growth, we are excited about the positive impact it will have on your children's learning experiences. We believe that by fostering a culture of continuous improvement among our staff, we are setting the stage for continuous improvement in student outcomes.

We look forward to sharing more updates on our professional development initiatives and their impact on your children's education in the coming months.





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





UPCOMING KEY DATES

IMPORTANT DATES AND REMINDERS

FRIENDS OF DBS

Friends of DBS Quiz Night

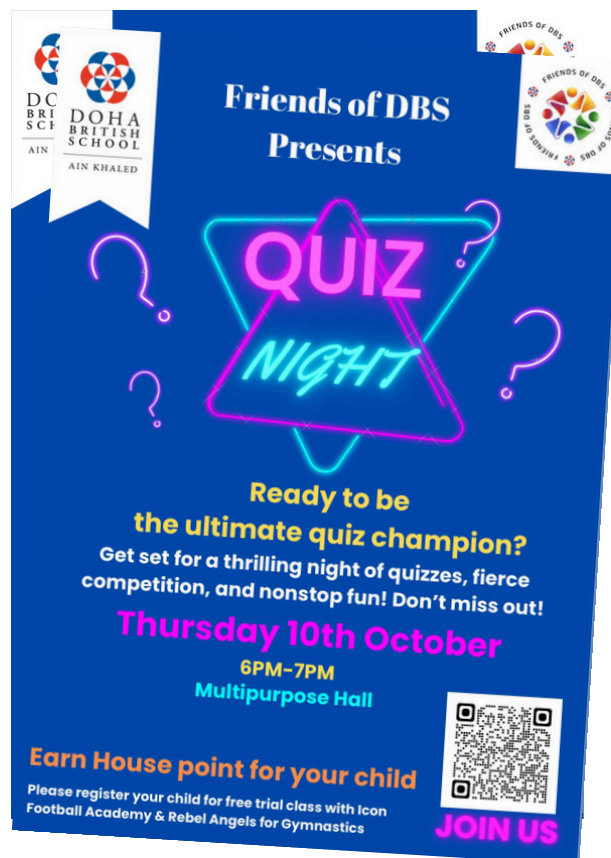
Date: Thursday, 10th October

Time: 6PM - 7PM

Location: DBS AK Multipurpose Hall

Join us for an exciting night of quizzes, competition, and fun! Don't miss the chance to earn House points and enjoy free trial classes with Icon Football Academy & Rebel Angels for Gymnastics.

Please do not forget to scan the QR code to register.



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!





ECA SPOTLIGHT

CHARACTER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS



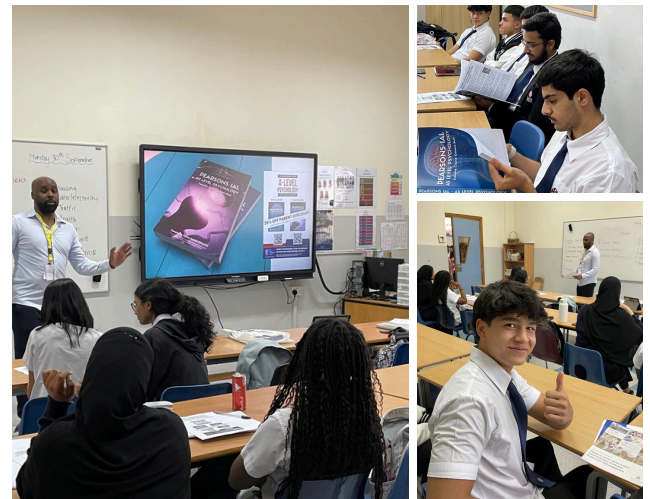
ROAD SAFETY HOUSE COMPETITION WINNERS

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





STAR OF ALL STARS

U19 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL SQUAD



DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL LIONS

Here at DBS it is important to us that we recognise and celebrate our students. As part of our Star of the Week initiative, Mrs Grant selects one pupil who has exceeded our expectations to be named the "Star of All Stars" each week.

I am therefore writing to congratulate the following students on being nominated as the "Star of All Stars" for being part of the U19 Girls Volleyball squad who were crowned champions in the recent QUESS Tournament!!!

- Jude Abbas (12O)
- Noa Munoz Sanchez (11O)
- Natasha Singogo (11O)
- Ellaine Veniz Dela Vega (11O)
- Magdalena Kristo (12C)
- Darya Vatankhater (12F)
- Aline Meira (11S)
- Penda Gadiaga (11F)



WELL DONE ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENT!



SHAPING FUTURE THINKERS

THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE



Introducing the New **TOK COORDINATOR** at DBS Ain Khaled

Dear Parents,

I am excited to introduce myself as the new TOK (Theory of Knowledge) Coordinator at Doha British School, in addition to my role as a secondary English teacher. As part of the IB Diploma Programme, TOK plays a crucial role in ensuring that students are equipped with the understanding of how we know what we know. It makes up part of the 'core' of the IB Diploma Programme and allows for students to gain an extra three additional points - in conjunction with their Extended Essay.

The Role of the TOK Coordinator

As the TOK Coordinator, I play a crucial role in guiding students through the TOK course, which explores the nature of knowledge across various disciplines. I am responsible for curriculum development, ensuring effective delivery of TOK content, and fostering a critical thinking environment. I also support students in their assessments, such as the TOK essay and Exhibition, while coordinating with faculty to integrate TOK with other subjects.

I look forward to working with both students and parents to ensure TOK is a successful addition to the IB Diploma Programme. Together, we can ensure that our students are fully prepared for their future endeavours through the holistic education TOK offers.

Warm Regards,

Georgia Covell

TOK Coordinator and Secondary English Teacher



CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

CONGRATULATIONS!

MOHAMMED KHALID AL-MUGHESIB

Receives Honourable Mention at Weill Cornell Medicine - Qatar



YEAR 11 C



MOHAMMED KHALID
AL-MUGHESIB

We are proud to announce that Mohammed Khalid Al-Mughesib, a student from Doha British School, has been recognised with an **Honourable Mention** by Weill Cornell Medicine - Qatar. This acknowledgment highlights Mohammed's outstanding dedication and achievements, reflecting his commitment to academic excellence and personal growth.

The award was presented during a special ceremony at Weill Cornell Medicine - Qatar, where Mohammed stood out among his peers for his impressive work and contributions.

His recognition is a testament not only to his hard work but also to the high standards of education and character development nurtured at Doha British School.

We congratulate Mohammed on this remarkable achievement and look forward to witnessing his future successes as he continues to make both his school and community proud.





SIXTH FORM SPOTLIGHT

IB STARS OF THE WEEK: TALHA & KIMIKO

SCORPIONS



YEAR 12 S



**KIMIKO
DEEANDRA**



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

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.



Well done, Kimiko!





SIXTH FORM SPOTLIGHT

IB STARS OF THE WEEK: TALHA & KIMIKO



YEAR 13 H



TALHA
KARIC



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

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.



Communicators



Well done, Talha!





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 Srour, 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>	



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TEAM!**



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