



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية  
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL  
AIN KHALED



# Secondary Newsletter

5th 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 Parents and Guardians,

As we embark on a new academic year, I would like to extend a warm welcome to both our new families and those returning to our school community. We look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure we provide a safe, nurturing, and supportive environment where all our learners can thrive.

I am excited to share that our school canteen is moving to a cashless system. We will continue to accept cash as we manage this transition. Further details will be shared soon in a separate letter.

Regarding mobile phones, we ask that all students turn off their devices and place them in their school bags before entering the school grounds. For safeguarding reasons, students will not be permitted to use mobile phones or smartwatches during the school day. We are currently exploring the use of Yondr pouches to support this initiative. However, students are welcome to bring laptops or tablets for educational purposes.

We have communicated our uniform expectations, and it is important that these are adhered to. Please note that Zaks is our official uniform provider, and fashion trousers are not permitted. Additionally, students should refrain from wearing makeup and jewelry. These expectations are in place to respect the learning environment, and they apply to all students. When we join a community, it is essential to respect the values and rules that bind us together.

Attendance and punctuality are crucial. They are intrinsically linked to students' attainment, well-being, and sense of belonging within the school. We ask for your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and arrives on time.

Communication is key to our partnership. We encourage you to take time each week to read the school newsletter, which contains important updates and information. If you have a child in secondary school, please sign up for Google Guardians to stay informed about their progress. Additionally, we have a wealth of resources available on the parent portal that you may find helpful. While we strive to communicate with our families in a variety of ways, it is only effective if that communication is being received and engaged with. Your active participation is essential in keeping the lines of communication open.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone of our commitment to a culture of safeguarding. Lanyards must be worn at all times on school premises. Please understand that our staff may challenge you if you are not wearing one, and we ask that you respect this important safety measure.

Here's to a positive year ahead, founded on our partnership of mutual respect and a shared mission to provide the best experience for all our learners, so they can truly flourish.





## VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

# DR. LUKE CHEATER



We are excited to announce Doha British School's partnership with Evidence Based Education (EBE), a leading organisation in educational research and professional development.

This collaboration underscores our commitment to ensuring that all our students thrive academically and personally.



Evidence Based Education

**"GREAT TEACHING, BETTER LEARNING"**

## Doha British School partners with Evidence Based Education



Research shows that teachers have the most significant impact on student achievement. Therefore, raising the quality of teaching is the most effective way to improve student outcomes and promote equity.

By investing in this high-quality, research-based professional development program, we are empowering our teachers to make informed decisions that enhance their teaching practices. This initiative aligns with our guiding statement that all children thrive, ensuring that every student at Doha British School receives the best possible education.



To achieve this, we are implementing the Model for Great Teaching, a comprehensive summary of the best available research on what teachers should do, know, and believe to have the greatest impact on student learning. All teachers at Ain Khaled are beginning this journey, and throughout September will complete a module associated with the Science of Learning.

- A log of teacher- and school-level activities in the CPD Passport
- Access high-quality feedback on teaching and learning
- Objective tools to support observation and peer coaching
- Build knowledge with courses, programmes and 100s of resources

We are committed to using the best research to support student attainment and wellbeing, and we are confident that this partnership will have a lasting positive impact on our school community.





## CAREERS DEPARTMENT

CAREERS & HIGHER EDUCATION GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

# SIXTH FORM STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL



MRS. LINDSEY KINGS

OVER 25 YEARS  
OF WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION



I am delighted to welcome our Sixth Form students back to school for the new academic year. This is an exciting time as your children embark on their final years of secondary education and prepare for the next chapter in their lives.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Ms Ola to the careers team. Ms Ola is a valuable asset to the department and will make a significant contribution to the success of our sixth form students' career pathways.

One of the key priorities within the careers department is to assist your child in exploring their career options and preparing for the university application process. The careers team will be available throughout the year to offer support and advice, from helping students explore and identify

potential career paths that align with their strengths to guiding them through the application process.

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

Please don't hesitate to contact either myself or Ms Ola if you have any questions or require further information. We are here to support you and your child throughout this important stage of their education.

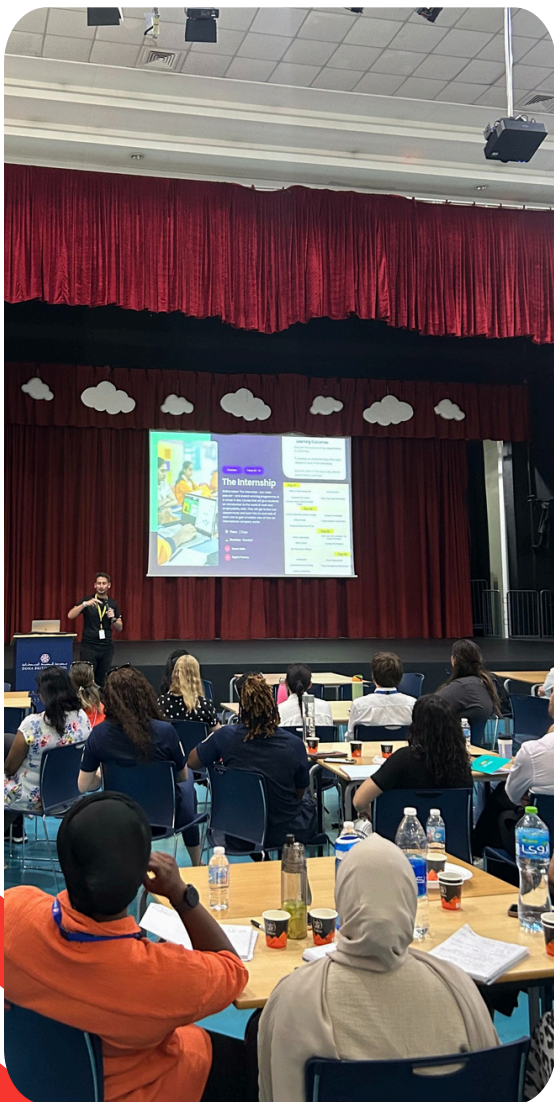




DBS WELCOMED

# DAVID HARKIN FROM 8 BILLION IDEAS

## And His Guest Talk to our teachers on the Critical Curriculum



We were delighted to welcome David Harkin, founder of 8BillionIdeas, to DBS Ain Khaled on Thursday, 29th August 2024, for an inspiring professional development session titled "The Critical Curriculum."

David Harkin, a renowned educational innovator, entrepreneur, and TEDx speaker, captivated our staff with his insights on fostering a culture of innovation and intrapreneurship within education. The session included a dynamic 15-minute presentation, a hands-on workshop, and a lively Q&A segment, where staff explored innovative strategies to personalise the curriculum and enhance the learning experience for our students.

Thank you, David Harkin, for an inspiring and thought-provoking session!





# HAMILTON AQUATICS

## ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR KIDS



- **HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEAM**  
Highly qualified swimming and coaching staff who undergo monthly training ensuring the best delivery of our programmes.
- **OVER 6+ LOCATIONS**  
One of our swimming locations is never too far.
- **STRUCTURED PATHWAY**  
Our programmes follow a structured pathway that is fun and engaging whilst building water confidence.
- **ONLINE ASSESSMENTS**  
No need to visit our pool for an assessment. Get assessed online and complete your booking in a matter of minutes

Hamilton Aquatics is a comprehensive swimming academy that provides a wide array of swimming programs tailored for different age groups and skill levels. Our offerings include:

- 1. Learn to Swim Programs:** These programs cater to beginners of all ages, focusing on building foundational swimming skills, water safety, and confidence in the water. They often start with basic techniques and gradually progress to more advanced skills.
- 2. Development Squads:** For swimmers who have mastered the basics and want to improve their technique and fitness, squads offer structured training sessions to enhance skills and prepare for more competitive swimming.
- 3. Competitive Swimming:** The academy supports swimmers aiming to compete

**4. Water Safety:** Emphasising the importance of water safety, Hamilton Aquatics integrates safety skills into our programs to ensure that swimmers are not only proficient in swimming but also knowledgeable about how to stay safe in and around the water.

**5. Coaching and Development:** The academy employs experienced coaches who are dedicated to helping swimmers achieve their personal and competitive goals. They offer personalised feedback and support to aid in skill development and performance improvement.

**6. Facilities and Environment:** Hamilton Aquatics is known for its high-quality facilities that support effective training and learning. They create a positive and encouraging environment for swimmers of all levels.

For Further information, Please download the Hamilton Aquatics Application from the IOS/Google Play store, visit <https://www.hamiltonaquatics.qa/> or reach out to +974 3382 7037 via Whatsapp.





## IB/ SIXTH FORM HIGHLIGHTS



# YEAR 12 IB INDUCTION

MRS. KATIE DEARDEN/IB COORDINATOR

Over the first two days of school, our students have been immersing themselves in a variety of induction activities designed to foster a positive and welcoming learning environment.

One of the highlights has been the IB Learner Profile activity for our Year 12 students. In this engaging exercise, students delved into the ten essential attributes that the IB believes are crucial for developing well-rounded individuals: Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Communicators, Principled, Open-Minded, Caring, Risk-Takers, Balanced, and Reflective.



Split into groups, students were tasked with creating a door display that showcased their assigned learner attribute. They identified strategies and real-life situations that exemplify this trait, demonstrating their understanding of its importance. The creativity and enthusiasm displayed by our students were truly inspiring.

The Year 12 IB students had a fantastic time participating in this activity, which not only deepened their understanding of the IB Learner Profile but also contributed to their **three CAS hours!**

We are thrilled with the final outcomes and encourage you to take a look at the accompanying photos.

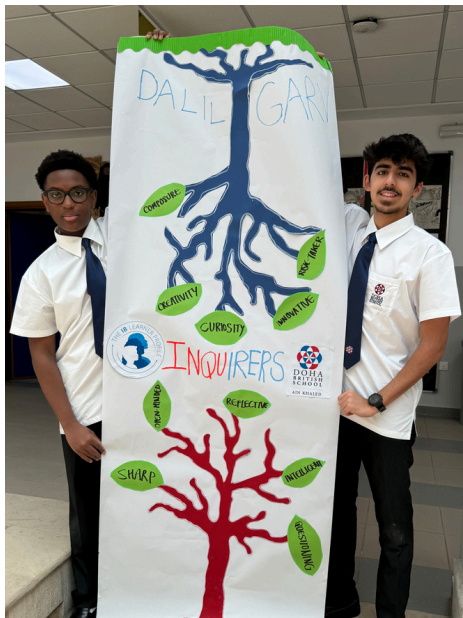
The IB Learner Profile  
([link here](#))







## YEAR 12 INDUCTION



**The Learner Attributes**

Thinkers

Open Minded

Risk Takers

Balanced

Communicators

Principled

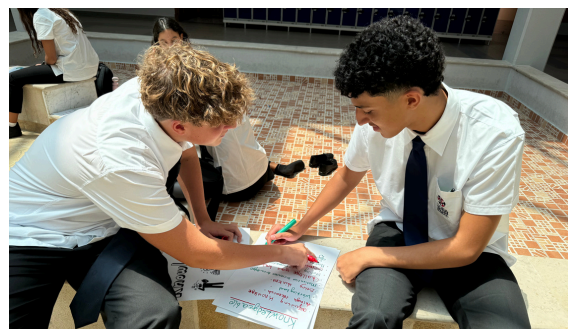
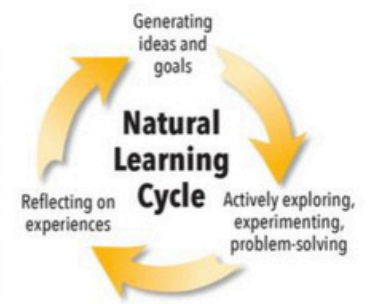
Inquirers

Caring

Reflective

Knowledgeable

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# Y11 TEXTILE DESIGN

## ART



**It's been a whirlwind of creativity in the Year 11 Textile Design classroom!**

As the students gear up for their Mock Examination on September 15th, they're working tirelessly to finalise their stunning textile final pieces. It's been a joy to witness their passion and dedication as they bring their unique visions to life. The classroom is buzzing with inspiration, and we can't wait to see what these talented young designers achieve.





## ICON ACADEMY

# Registration Open!

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to continue our special relationship with Doha British School.

ICON Football Academy offers first-class coaching from Qualified British Coaches.

We are an elite academy that focuses on the holistic development of players from beginners to advanced. Last season, we were the most successful Football Academy in Qatar, winning 16 trophies! We can't wait to defend our titles with the help of DBS students.

In addition to football, we are proud to announce that our Tennis program continues to excel, having won multiple gold medals in local competitions. Our tennis players have shown exceptional skills, determination, and sportsmanship, and we look forward to guiding new talents to even greater heights this season.

We are great believers in giving everyone a chance, and your son or daughter will have the opportunity to play in competitive matches against other academies.

We also run a girl-only session 3 times a week and are proud of leading our girls to success.

We are offering a discount to DBS students.

For more information or to register, please call [50700999](tel:50700999) or email [info@iconclubs.com](mailto:info@iconclubs.com)

We can't wait to welcome you.

Best regards,

The ICON Team

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# ICON ACADEMY

WHERE CHAMPIONS ARE BORN

**REGISTRATION OPEN**

31ST AUGUST 16 WEEKS MEMBER OF JPL  
BOYS AND GIRLS AND AGES FROM 3 TO 17

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Thank You