



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
AIN KHALED



Secondary Newsletter

23rd January 2025

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



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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

MRS. LYNETTE GRANT



Another productive week at Doha British School Ain Khaled concluded with the excitement of our International Day celebrations, which we look forward to showcasing in next week's newsletter. A heartfelt thank you to our parents for their unwavering support in making this occasion truly special. From providing delicious food to dedicating time to create costumes, flags, and vibrant stalls, your involvement enriches these moments and fosters a stronger sense of community. These events remind us of the strength of our school-family partnership and the value of celebrating our internationalism.

We were also proud to see our students shine at the BSME Games here in Qatar. Competing in athletics, netball, volleyball, and football, our teams demonstrated exceptional skill, determination, and teamwork. These events are not just about medals but about creating lasting memories, fostering friendships, and providing opportunities for our students to thrive in competitive and collaborative environments.

We are incredibly proud of the way they represented our school with pride and sportsmanship.

Thank you once again for your continued engagement and support.





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HEAD OF SECONDARY (INTERIM) MESSAGE

MR. TIMOTHY BAYLEY

This week we celebrated International Day. The day and the celebration served as a powerful reminder of the importance of equality, and mutual respect in our global society. The activities enjoyed by our pupils encourage us to recognise and embrace the unique qualities that each individual brings to the table. By celebrating International Day, we honour the rich cultural tapestries that make up our school and promote the idea that everyone deserves equal opportunities and treatment.

On another note, a gentle reminder of the importance of punctuality in setting a positive example for our children. Arriving on time to school or events helps children develop responsibility, respect for others, and better time-management skills. When students are late, they can miss important instructions or disrupt the class, which can hinder their learning experience and that of their peers.

Unfortunately, since the winter break we have seen a dip in the usual high standards. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that your child arrives on time. Together, we can foster habits that contribute to their success both academically and in life.

Whilst this past week has been spent reflecting on exams, both internal and external we have had considerable success at the BSME U15 games, a three day sporting festival. There were some outstanding individual performances in the athletics and some great teamwork in the other events. Overall, our team came third, with the girls team winning the entire competition and the boys winning silver overall. We are very proud of the contributions of all the students who represented our school with pride and passion.





MOCK EXAM SUCCESS & FINALS

Supporting Year 11 and Year 13

IB STUDENTS ON THEIR PATH TO EXCELLENCE



Pamela Gibb
Deputy Head: Academic



A huge congratulations to our Year 11 and Year 13 IB students for their fantastic effort and resilience during the recent mock exams, which they have now all received the results of. These exams have provided valuable insight into strengths and areas for improvement, setting the stage for even greater success in the final exams. As we celebrate their achievements, it's time to turn our focus to final exam preparation.

For all students, consistent revision is key. Parents play a vital role in helping students succeed during exam preparation. Encourage your child to break study sessions into manageable chunks and prioritise topics based on their needs. Tools such as flashcards, mind maps, and practice papers can be highly effective in reinforcing learning and building confidence.

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Stay informed about your child's progress through platforms like Google Classroom, where Google Guardians can help you track deadlines and access class materials. Encourage your child to make the most of engaging online resources such as Century Tech, MyiMaths, and Seneca, which provide interactive ways to review and practice key concepts.

By staying involved and fostering a positive learning environment at home, you can help your child feel organised, motivated, and well-prepared for their exams.

Let's use the momentum from the mocks to ensure students are prepared, confident, and ready to excel in their final exams!





ECA: QATAR DEBATES

EMPOWERING STUDENTS

with Public Speaking, Critical Thinking, and Leadership Skills



Jason Wheelhouse
Assistant Head:
Pastoral



Qatar Debates is an exciting extracurricular activity that provides students with the opportunity to develop their public speaking and debating skills. In this club, students engage in thought-provoking discussions on a wide range of topics, honing their ability to argue effectively, think critically and present their ideas confidently.

Qatar Debates fosters teamwork, communication, and leadership, while also preparing students for debate competitions. It's the perfect platform for those looking to challenge themselves and enhance their oratory abilities.



Our Year 10 Design Technology students recently enjoyed an inspiring school trip to M7 in Downtown Msheireb, where they had the opportunity to explore a range of creative fields, including design, sustainability, textiles and art. During the visit, students toured the building's various areas, gaining valuable insights into innovative design practices and sustainable solutions.

Year 10 TRIP TO MSHEIREB

They also took part in an engaging workshop which will directly support their learning and development for their IGCSE. This hands-on experience helped to deepen their understanding of design principles and sparked their creativity for future projects.





SECONDARY PRODUCTION

DBS Presents...

Don't miss our upcoming Secondary School Production, DBS Presents... on Monday, 24th February. This vibrant showcase will feature around 20 performances of singing, dancing, and drama, all centered around the theme of 'Unity'.

Be The Change You Wish To See In The World

DBS PRESENTS...

A Showcase OF Exceptional Talent

Get your tickets at main reception

MONDAY, 24 FEBRUARY

FROM 4:00PM

DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
AIN KHALED, MPH

UNITING FOR CHANGE: USING THE STAGE AS A PLATFORM TO RAISE AWARENESS AND INSPIRE POSITIVE ACTION

The production will highlight the incredible talents and teamwork of our students, delivering an inspiring and entertaining experience for all. Be sure to get your tickets from the main reception and join us for this unforgettable evening of creativity and collaboration!





SUPPORTING ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Year 8

MATHEMATICS TRIP TO KATARA



Mariam Rafiq
Secondary
Mathematics Teacher



Our Year 8 students recently participated in a Mathematics Scavenger Hunt at Katara Cultural Village, combining problem-solving skills with teamwork and adventure!

Scavenger Hunt Success

In teams, students tackled algebraic problems that led them to various locations around Katara, following clues to uncover the next steps.

Tuesday, 14th January

Classes 8F, 8O, and 8S

Winners: Team Sigma – Ibrahim (8F), Faisal (8F), Yusuf (8F), Mohamad (8F), Henry (8F), Fareed (8F), Jassim (8F), Daniel (8F), Zaid (8F), Sultan (8F).

Exploring Katara Cultural Village

Students also enjoyed a guided walking tour of Katara Cultural Village, visiting landmarks such as the Blue Mosque, Pigeon Towers, Amphitheatre, and Gold Mosque.

Wednesday, 15th January

Classes 8C and 8H

Winners: Team Boss – Awab (8H), Taha (8H), Obaid (8H), Mariam (8H), Zaina (8H), Sahar (8H), Aylein (8C).





OOREDOO MARATHON

DBS STUDENTS SHINE

at the Ooredoo Doha Marathon



Nicola Wilkes
Deputy Head of
Secondary: Pastoral



Celebrating Resilience, Motivation, and Community Spirit

Friday 17th January saw the return of the Ooredoo Doha Marathon where the whole of the Corniche appeared to turn into a sea of red Ooredoo t-shirts as thousands of runners completed their events.

Amongst those competing were a number of DBS students including Yoana Y8, Jade Y7 along with her sister Jianna Y11 and Grace also from Y11 who completed the Half Marathon!

This is an incredible achievement and shows great resilience, motivation and ambition along with community spirit.

We are incredibly proud of all of our students who took part in this fantastic event and we look forward to hearing about future achievements from all of our students.





HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS!



GO TEAM!

Star of the Week Award

Star of the Week Nominations



- Alojjan, Dana
- Behiri, Amr
- Hucika, Vito

- Bensahnoune, Ranime
- Jordan, Diego
- Khan, Muhammad Haris
- Loh, Joann
- Ourfali, Talia
- Pramod, Shidun
- Tanrikulu, Alara
- Walkinshaw, Lucas



- Al-Mudairies, Leemar
- Ramadan, Sara
- Zorkot, Taline

- Asaf, Aariz
- Benade, Adam
- El Assaad, Rami
- Mohamed, Hashim Abdelkarim



- Hindawi, Kareem
- Warusavithana, Himaya
- Kalla, Alexander (Star of All Stars)

- Alniss, Yousef
- Anwaar, Aiza
- Aouad, Thea
- Badawy, Yehia
- Ciuculan, Antonia
- Dayoub, Maya
- El Tantawy, Aser
- Elboushi, Basmala
- Eldewy, Dema
- Almonares, Adam Mijares
- Binti Muhammad Rajale, Nur Azzuhaira
- Mahmood, Mohammad Rehan
- Kamran, Muhammad Aahil
- Idris, Lamees Abdullah
- Kristo, Magdalena
- Singh, Aryan Vikram
- Malhas, Laith
- Farooq, Sarah
- Tohme, Tina
- Finn, Lucy
- Tro, Selisia



- Al-Hammadi, Yousef
- Colak, Nina
- Ngetich, Ian

- Abaza, Rania
- Abdelrazak, Haya
- Adam, Amelia
- Ahmed, Yosser
- Al-Yarbouei, Nayef
- Chew, Hao Wen
- Elgaali, Ahmed
- Fachriza, Athar Kosyi
- Abdalla, Yamen Mohamed
- El Dakhs, Malika Mohamed
- Ali, Noowar Ammar Abdeen
- Abdelwahad Fathelbab, Eyad Sherif Mohamed
- Khan, Muhammad Saifullah
- Tomazoli, Enrico Bernardi
- Idris, Mohamed Salah
- Quintos, Joseph Ethan
- Zeitun, Mohammad
- Mathen, Ethan Deep
- Kang, Siwoo
- Nanda, Ishan
- Saab, Ava
- Said, Malik



- Alniss, Tala
- Gerella, Red Bartimaeus
- Kassem, Kinda



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