



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
AIN KHALED



Secondary Newsletter

27th February 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



What a week it has been—a celebration of talent, memories being made, and remarkable achievements!

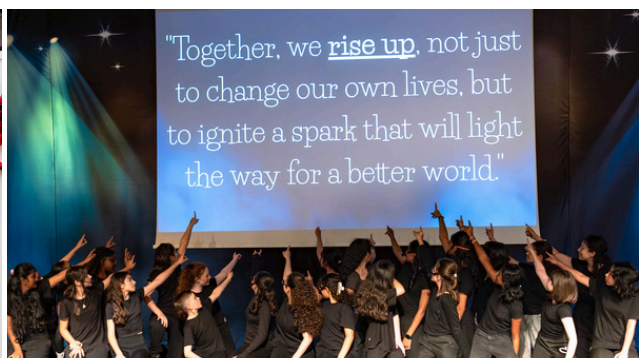
Our joint production was a true testament to our one-school approach, with Year 6 students sharing the stage with the Secondary. The performance was met with a standing ovation around the theme of being the change you want to see in the world.

The art exhibition was simply outstanding, capturing the creative spirit of our students with each piece telling its own unique story. Meanwhile, our young innovators excelled in a variety of fields through their participation in various events including STEMPowered Women at the Doha Women Forum, a Pre-College Program in Podcasting for Journalists at Northwestern Qatar, and success at a Maths competition at Carnegie Mellon.

Our commitment to sporting excellence also continued, with students earning accolades that further add to our proud tradition of athletic success.

None of these achievements and special moments would have been possible without the dedication and passion of our staff, the talent and resilience of our students, and the unwavering support and encouragement from our families. When the community comes together to ensure the best for our students, there is nothing we can't achieve.

Proud to be DBS!





مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

SINCE 1997



As a community united in our commitment to nurturing excellence and safeguarding our students' well-being, I would like to reaffirm the importance of our ongoing Yondr pouch initiative. Over the past few weeks, this policy has played a crucial role in maintaining a focused and secure learning environment, and we hope you found the recent Digital Safety Coffee Morning and online Yondr session both informative and useful. Please see the presentation from the Yondr Parent session [here](#).

Our Yondr pouch policy is not an arbitrary rule – it is a shared responsibility and commitment to minimising distractions and protecting our students from the risks associated with unrestricted digital access. By ensuring that each pupil either utilises a Yondr pouch or leaves their mobile phone at school, we uphold the high standards of conduct that empower every student to thrive academically and personally.

As we progress through the remainder of this academic year and prepare for the new term, the school will continue to communicate this expectation clearly and follow up where necessary. Our goal is to eliminate any confusion and to ensure that every member of our community understands and supports this initiative, thereby creating an environment where all our students can succeed without unnecessary interruptions.

Thank you for your ongoing support, engagement and choosing DBS. Together, we are making a significant difference in providing a safe, focused, and positive educational experience for our children.





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

HEAD OF SECONDARY (INTERIM) MESSAGE

MR. TIMOTHY BAYLEY

It has been a fantastic week for showcasing the talents of our students. The Secondary performance on Monday evening challenged us to be the change we wished to see in the world, whilst our Art and DT exhibition displayed some fantastic portfolios that will hopefully be rewarded with excellent grades in the summer. For those students who sat January modules, results will be available on Thursday 6th March. Staff will be available to support decisions on next steps.

As we approach the blessed month of Ramadan, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my warmest greetings to all members of our school community who will be observing this important time of reflection and spiritual growth. Ramadan is a time of fasting, prayer, charity, and self-discipline, offering an opportunity for all of us to reflect on our values and strengthen our bonds as a community.

In light of this, we will be making some adjustments to our daily schedule, the new lesson timings are posted in your child's google classroom which you can access via the google guardian login.

We encourage all members of the school community to embrace the spirit of Ramadan by showing kindness, patience, and understanding towards one another. I am confident that with respect and cooperation, we will continue to create a supportive and inclusive environment for everyone.

I wish all those observing Ramadan a blessed and peaceful month.





2025 RAMADAN TIMING

AT DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

As we await the official announcement of Ramadan, please see the adjustments to the school day outlined below:

- The school day will start at 08:30am and finish at 13:30pm
- Our front school gate will open at 08:15am
- The side and back gates will open at 8:15am
- Pre-school and Reception students will finish at 13:15pm

Please ensure all students are collected on time in accordance with the above.

As we observe Ramadan, we kindly ask all members of our school community to be mindful of the cultural and religious significance of this holy month. This includes adhering to expectations regarding attire, ensuring that clothing remains respectful and appropriate for the occasion.

We appreciate your support in fostering an environment of mutual respect and understanding during this important time.

Wishing you and your family Ramadan Mubarak.





LEADING THE FUTURE

AI- ENHANCED WRITING ASSESSMENT AT DBS

Innovative Assessment for Schools

CJ LIGHTNING

AI enhanced CJ



I am excited to announce a groundbreaking development in our commitment to educational excellence and raising attainment in writing. As the first school in Qatar to implement an AI-enhanced writing assessment system in partnership with No More Marking, we are taking a significant step forward in how we evaluate and improve student writing.

Innovation Meets Educational Excellence

Our established partnership with No More Marking has already provided robust moderation of students' writing. Now, by incorporating AI technology, we are enhancing this process to deliver more precise, timely, and actionable feedback. This innovative approach involves sharing anonymised images of pupils' writing tasks, which are then transcribed and analysed using secure AI cloud services.



DR. LUKE CHEATER

VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Supporting Whole-School Improvement

By systematically analysing this comprehensive data, we can:

- Enhance our curriculum to address identified needs
- Ensure consistent writing standards across the year group
- Pin-point good practice and seek to effectively replicate this.

Data-Driven Curriculum Enhancement

Beyond individual feedback, this system enables us to:

- Identify collective strengths and areas for development
- Make informed adjustments to our curriculum
- Target specific writing skills that need additional focus
- Share best teaching practices across departments

This initiative reflects our commitment to not only maintaining high standards but also ensuring our students are truly future-ready. Through this approach, we are demonstrating how technology can be used responsibly to enhance learning while preparing our students for a future where AI plays an increasingly important role in all aspects of life.





WELLBEING NEWSLETTER

CREATING A SAFE SPACE AT DBS

MESSAGE FROM THE



DOHA
BRITISH
SCHOOL

In today's world, the internet is a huge part of our student's lives, whether it's for learning, socialising, or entertainment. While it brings plenty of benefits, it also comes with risks that can be hard to navigate. As a school, we want to make sure students are not just aware of these challenges but are also equipped to handle them in a safe and responsible way. Through ongoing conversations, school initiatives, and support from families, we can help students develop healthier relationships with technology.

This week at School

To further support our students, we have implemented several initiatives aimed at promoting a balanced and mindful approach to technology use. The introduction of Yondr pouches is a strong step in minimising distractions during school hours. By creating a phone-free learning environment, students can focus better in class, engage in face-to-face interactions, and develop healthier habits around screen time.

Working Together

Keeping children safe online is something we all need to work on together, both at school and at home. We encourage families to set simple, clear rules around technology use, like having meals without devices and limiting screen time before bed. Finding time for hobbies, outdoorplay, and in-person conversations can also help children develop a healthier balance between their online and offline lives.

More This Month

This month, we have hosted an Internet Safety Coffee Morning at DBS AK, where we discussed the challenges young people face online, such as screen time management, cyberbullying, and privacy concerns. This was a great opportunity for parents to gain insights and share strategies on how to support their children in navigating the digital world safely.

One of the key topics we focussed on is the importance of having open and non-judgmental conversations at home about internet use, as this helps children feel comfortable sharing their online experiences and seeking guidance when needed.

Resources & Support

For parents looking for additional resources, we recommend using parental control tools, regularly reviewing privacy settings, and engaging in ongoing discussions about online behaviour. If you have any concerns or need support navigating these challenges, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school a safe and nurturing space for our students, both online and offline.

Contact Us

Jennifer McClelland
jennifer.mcclelland@dohabritishschool.com

Renad Jaber
renad.jaber@dbswakra.com

Nadira
ibrahimnadira.ibrahim@dohabritishschool.com

Mariam Whitehead
mariam.whitehead@dbsrwdat.com





ACHIEVEMENT, CREATIVITY & GROWTH

ECA SPOTLIGHT



JASON WHEELHOUSE
ASSISTANT HEAD: PASTORAL

DBS PRESENTS...

A Huge Success!



A spectacular showcase of student talent, focusing on unity and positive change through 20 outstanding performances.

The recent school production DBS Presents... was a tremendous success, showcasing the incredible talent and growth of our students. 20 performances, centered around the theme of unity and the power of coming together to create positive change in the world, truly captured the spirit of collaboration.



Every student involved demonstrated remarkable development in their skills and confidence, leaving a lasting impact on both the audience and the performers themselves.

It was a celebration of creativity, teamwork, and the belief that we can all make a difference when we unite for a common cause.

STUDENT LIFE & ENRICHMENT

Another Great Term of ECAs!

Term 2 of our Extra-Curricular Activities (ECAs) has been a resounding success! Students have shown tremendous enthusiasm and commitment across a wide variety of clubs and activities. From sports to the arts, every participant has displayed impressive growth, teamwork, and passion. It has been a joy to witness our students developing new skills, forming lasting friendships, and embracing the opportunity to explore their interests outside of the classroom.





STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENT'S SUCESS

SCORPIONS



YEAR 11 S



**NIKITHA
THOMAS**

OXFORD IQ ACADEMY

ESSAY COMPETITION

Interview with Nikitha about her submission to the Oxford IQ Academy Essay Competition.

Last year, I received a High Merit (2:1) in the Oxford IQ Academy Essay Competition. I was proud—but I knew I could do better. Instead of seeing it as a final result, I treated it as a stepping stone. This year, I challenged myself to think deeper, research more thoroughly, and refine my writing. My essay on cultural awareness in business pushed me beyond my comfort zone, and the effort paid off—I achieved a Distinction (1st Place).



This experience reminded me that growth isn't about where you start but how much you're willing to push forward. Improvement doesn't happen overnight; it comes from learning, adapting, and refusing to settle.



I'm grateful for the journey, and this achievement fuels my drive to keep striving for more.





DOFF: ADVENTURE TIME

INTERNATIONAL AWARD

**ANDY
WALLES**

ASSISTANT HEAD: STANDARDS & DEVELOPMENT

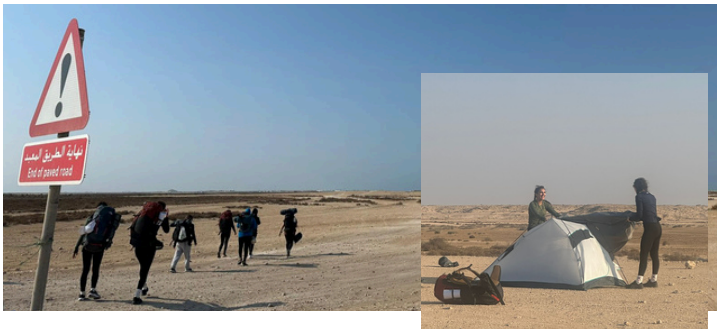


**Bronze
Adventurous
Journey Success!**

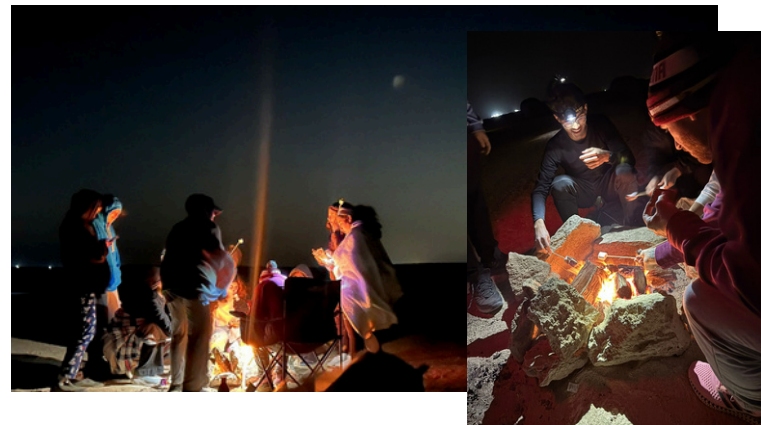
Students from Years 10-13 recently took part in the International Award Bronze Adventurous Journey, with two separate expeditions to the desert near Abu Sidra.

The girls' group embarked on their journey from 30th to 31st January, while the boys followed from 5th to 6th February. Both weekends were a resounding success, with all participants successfully completing this crucial section of the Award.

Navigating through the harsh conditions, they worked together to set up camps, prepare meals, and complete their planned routes, all while upholding the spirit of adventure and self-sufficiency that the Award promotes.



The challenging desert terrain tested students' teamwork, motivation, ambition, and determination, but they rose to the occasion, demonstrating resilience and a strong sense of camaraderie throughout.



A special thank you goes to the Friends of DBS (FoDBS) for their generous contribution towards the Land Cruisers, which allowed staff to follow and assess students while ensuring their safety in the desert. Their support was instrumental in making the journey a smooth and successful experience for all involved.

Congratulations to all the students who took part—you have shown great perseverance and teamwork, and we look forward to seeing many of you progress to the Silver level in the future!



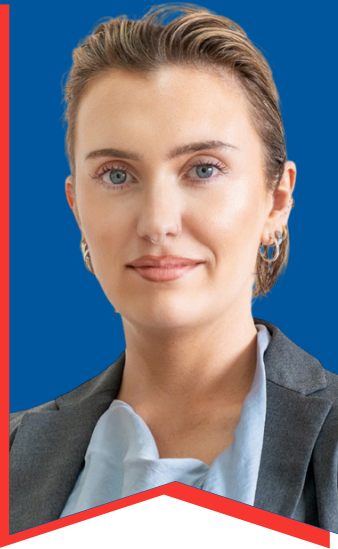


ART EXHIBITION 2025

A CELEBRATION OF CREATIVITY

AMY HIGGINS

SUBJECT LEADER OF ART



Showcasing Artistic Talents

and Achievements in a Vibrant, Inspiring Evening at the Secondary Quad



A Celebration of Creativity: DBS Art Exhibition Success! On 25th February, the Secondary Quad transformed into a stunning gallery as students from Year 7 to Sixth Form showcased their incredible artistic talents at the DBS Art Exhibition.

The event was a true celebration of creativity, dedication, and hard work, featuring a diverse range of artworks that reflected the unique perspectives and artistic growth of our students. Adding to the vibrant atmosphere, guests enjoyed live music performances from some of our talented musicians, making the evening even more special.



A huge congratulations to all our students for their fantastic work, and a big thank you to everyone who attended and supported this inspiring event!

A highlight of the event was the awards ceremony, where outstanding student artists were recognised for their exceptional contributions. Guests also had the chance to socialise and celebrate with refreshments, making it a memorable occasion for all.





Pi Day Math

COMPETITION

NATIONALLY PRESTIGIOUS CHALLENGE



**SHORENA
OGANESYAN**

ASSISTANT SUBJECT LEADER:
MATHEMATICS

Outstanding Achievement

at the Carnegie Mellon University Pi Day Maths Competition

DBS Students Secure 9th Place in a Nationally Prestigious Challenge

We are delighted to share that our students achieved an impressive 9th place in Qatar's Pi Day Mathematics Competition, hosted by Carnegie Mellon University.

Competing against 89 schools from across the country, our talented mathematicians showcased exceptional problem-solving skills and teamwork in this highly challenging event.

Each team of four tackled complex mathematical challenges with determination and perseverance, demonstrating their analytical abilities and passion for the subject. Their success in such a prestigious competition is a testament to their hard work and dedication.

We extend our warmest congratulations to our students for this remarkable achievement and thank Mrs Oganessian for her support and guidance.

Well done to our brilliant mathematicians for making DBS proud!



Muhammad Khan
Year 13 H



Ben Haj Rhouma,
Ibrahim
Year 12 F



Prillanam Alinier
Year 12 F



Ali Ahmad Hiba
Year 12 O





HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS!



GO TEAM!

Star of the Week Award

Star of the Week Nominations



- Abdelkhaleck, Celine
- Karic, Talha
- Khoury, Yousef Ala'Kamal

- Ahsan, Ayaan
- Al Sharam, Faris
- Icmeli, Ferit
- Jordan, Diego
- Mahmoud, Jana Ahmed
- Mohamed Ahmed
- Mohamed Shameer, Jiah



- Hamze, Celia
- Ilori, Obaferanmi Ayanfeoluwa
- Ebuloluwanimi
- Nazal, Taym

- Abdelaziz, Sama
- Barlow, Archie
- Butt, Maheen
- El Tantawy, Lara
- Etaib, Miral
- Mustafa, Anabiah
- Thomas, Nikitha
- Niverescu, Patrick Malonzo
- Mansour, Omar Mohamed Farouk Elsaïd



- Aymerich, Gabriel
- Jo, Ayn
- Mohammed, Ruqayyah Abdul Moqeth

- Anwaar, Aiza
- Ciuculan, Antonia
- Davidovici, Leea
- Eldewy, Dema
- Laggren, Fiona
- Malhas, Laith
- Malhas, Noor
- Perinjampra, Thea Nishant
- Esakji, Muhammad-Umar
- Mohamed, Nasma Tarig Abuelgassim
- Binti Muhammad Rajaie, Nur Azzuhaira
- Alyafei, Turki



- Abuelneel, Abdullah
- Ali, Wareesha
- Gullapalli, Nidhyathi

- Almandhari, Eyaad
- Kirrane, Odhran
- Tro, Jaedon



- Goswami, Dhruvi
- Siddiqui, Mohamad Arham
- Stefanovic, David (**Star of All Stars**)

- Baig, Yusuf
- Rios, Stefano
- Capule, Alijah Dale
- El Seidi, Ibrahim
- Hamad, Fatima Salah Idris
- Al Thalathini, Dana
- Alzuhlof, Tulin Nabeel Adnan





Thank You