



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
AIN KHALED



Secondary Newsletter

30th 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

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

MRS. LYNETTE GRANT



Community Spirit: The Strength of Our School

At Doha British School Ain Khaled, our character traits define who we are and shape the way we learn, work, and interact. One of the most important is Community Spirit—the recognition that we are all part of something greater than ourselves.

Community spirit is not just about kindness; it is about mindful communication, being aware of our actions, choices, and reactions, and assuming positive intent in our interactions. It means making the effort to understand different perspectives, listen with an open mind, and engage constructively. In a busy school environment, small moments—a conversation, a decision, or a reaction—can make a real difference in shaping the experience of those around us.

Our school uniform also plays a role in fostering this shared sense of identity. It is a visible reminder that we belong to something bigger—a community built on respect, responsibility, and pride. While each individual contributes in their own unique way, together we form a purposeful and united school.

Aristotle wisely said, "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts." This is especially true in a school setting, where every action, no matter how small, contributes to the culture we create. By being mindful of how we communicate, treating others with respect, and supporting one another, we strengthen the spirit of our school community.

As parents, staff, and students, we all have a role to play. Each interaction is an opportunity to reinforce the values we stand for, ensuring DBS Ain Khaled remains a place where every student feels they belong and can thrive.





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HEAD OF SECONDARY (INTERIM) MESSAGE

MR. TIMOTHY BAYLEY

It is amazing to think that it has been a whole week since International Day. Across the school, International Day was a resounding success, highlighting the beauty of cultural diversity and fostering a sense of global unity. The event showcased a rich array of traditions, with participants sharing food and customs from their respective countries. Students embraced the opportunity to learn about different cultures, promoting understanding and respect in an inclusive environment.

This coming week we are excited to be hosting an IB evaluation visit. This visit is an important part of our journey as an IB World School, and it provides us with a valuable opportunity to reflect on our practices, assess our progress, and continue our commitment to delivering high-quality education that aligns with the values and standards of the International Baccalaureate program. During the evaluation, a team of IB evaluators will visit classrooms, meet with staff and students, and review our curriculum and policies to ensure we are meeting the rigorous expectations set by the IB. Their feedback will help us identify areas of strength and opportunities for growth as we continue to enhance the learning experience for all of our students.

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This weekend sees our Duke of Endinburgh Girls final expedition and our MUN team compete. I wish all members of these exciting trips the best and thank the staff for facilitating these opportunities. I look forward to hearing of their success next week.





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PREPARING STUDENTS FOR FUTURE SUCCESS

THRIVING TOGETHER



VICE PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

DR. LUKE CHEATER

We are excited to announce a significant enhancement to our Careers and Higher Education preparation programme, which aligns perfectly with our core purpose of 'enabling all pupils to thrive.'

Our Careers and Higher Education Team is launching a comprehensive series of mock interviews with industry professionals across various sectors. This initiative will provide our students with invaluable real-world experience and help them develop essential interview skills for their future careers.

The programme will commence with our prospective medical students, who will have the opportunity to practice their interview skills with experienced doctors.

We are incredibly grateful to our dedicated parents and Friends of DBS who have helped us connect with the wider professional community to make this important initiative and experience possible.

This programme naturally complements our ongoing efforts to strengthen the DBS Alumni network. Our LinkedIn Alumni Community continues to grow, connecting DBS graduates who are now studying and working around the globe. This expanding network of professionals serves as an invaluable resource for our current students, offering guidance, mentorship, and support as they plan their future careers - Once DBS, Always DBS!

The combination of mock interviews with industry professionals and our growing alumni network demonstrates our commitment to providing comprehensive career support for all Doha British School students.

We believe these initiatives will give our students the confidence and skills they need to succeed in their chosen paths.

I look forward to updating you on the progress of this initiatives in the coming weeks and months.



These sessions are specifically designed to support their university applications and provide authentic insight into medical school interviews.

In today's highly competitive university application and job market, strong communication and interview skills are crucial for success. Following the medical interviews, we will expand the programme to include professionals from:

- Engineering
- Aviation Industry
- Legal Sector
- Financial Services





CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

INTERNATIONAL DAY

A Day of Culture, Collaboration, and Community Spirit



Last week, our school came together to celebrate our rich and diverse international community during International Day. The secondary students participated in a series of exciting activities designed to promote collaboration, creativity, and problem-solving. Highlights included an international dodgeball tournament, the thrilling game show The Cube, and an international-themed volleyball competition.

Our Year 7 and Year 8 students also took part in the vibrant parade, showcasing the beauty of cultures from around the world.

Students embraced the spirit of the day by wearing their nation's traditional dress or the colors of their flag and many brought in delicious traditional foods to share with their peers. It was a day filled with unity, learning and fun, as we celebrated the diverse cultures that make our school community truly unique!



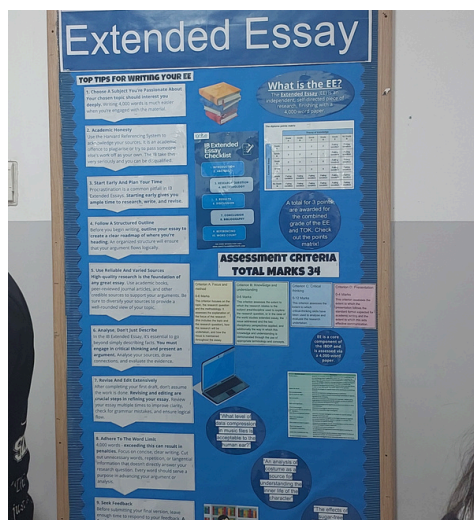
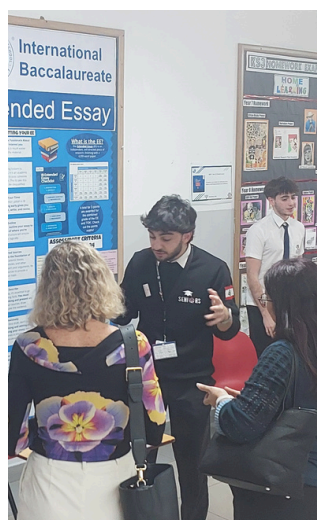


EE CAFE AND PARENT WORKSHOP

A Successful Event for Year 13 and Year 12 Students



Katie Dearden
IB Coordinator



On Wednesday, 15th January, we had the pleasure of hosting our EE (Extended Essay) Cafe, an event that showcased the hard work and dedication of our Year 13 students.

They presented their research and investigations in an engaging and informative way, giving the school community a chance to explore the diverse topics they have been working on. It was a wonderful occasion, where parents, staff, and Year 12 students gathered to celebrate the achievements of the Year 13s, while fostering a spirit of community and academic inspiration.

The EE Cafe was particularly meaningful for our Year 12 students, who had the opportunity to see the range of research topics and knowledge being explored by their older peers. The event proved to be a source of motivation, inspiring our Year 12s as they begin to think about their own Extended Essay journey.

Following the cafe, we held an EE Parent Workshop tailored specifically for Year 12 students and their parents. This workshop marked the beginning of the Year 12 students' Extended Essay journey, and we used the session to discuss the formal requirements and the steps moving forward to ensure each student is supported along the way.

[A link to the presentation from the workshop can be found here.](#)

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those who attended and participated in both events. Your engagement and support are invaluable, and we hope that everyone found the sessions to be enriching and helpful as we work together to support our students throughout their academic endeavors.





A CANVAS OF CREATIVITY

CELEBRATING OUR YOUNG ARTISTS



Amy Higgins
Subject Leader of Art



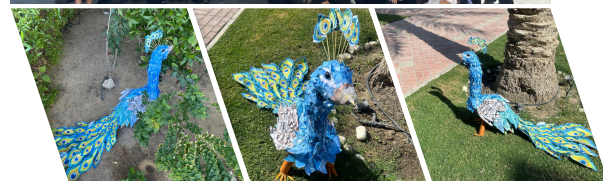
From Souq Waqif to Stunning Sculptures – Art in the Making!

Yesterday, our incredible art students took a creative journey to Souq Waqif, a vibrant hub of culture, tradition, and inspiration. The trip provided a perfect setting for exploration, reflection, and artistic growth as we wandered through the souq's intricate alleys filled with Arabian patterns, colorful textiles, and the enchanting atmosphere of the Middle East.

The experience was not only educational but also deeply inspiring. Students sketched, photographed, and absorbed the beauty of the souq, translating their impressions into ideas for future projects. From the geometric designs on the tiles to the ornate details of traditional crafts, every corner of the souq offered an artistic treasure waiting to be discovered.

In other Art news, one of our talented students had just completed a stunning papier-mâché sculpture. Lamees Ibrahim always goes over and above in her work, but the piece she has just completed is extraordinary. It has been meticulously crafted with dedication and creativity. Our other student Aelita Shahova is also creating an amazing sculpture, an almost life-size octopus! We can't wait to see how it turns out - we know its going to be amazing x8!!

Did you spot the DBS peacock? It was peacocking around the front of our school this week- a delightful reminder of the creativity and spirit that define our students and our school.



We are immensely proud of our art students for their enthusiasm, creativity, and ability to draw inspiration from the world around them. Yesterday's trip was a testament to their talent and the vibrant artistic community we are building together.

Stay tuned for more updates on our students' fantastic creations and adventures!



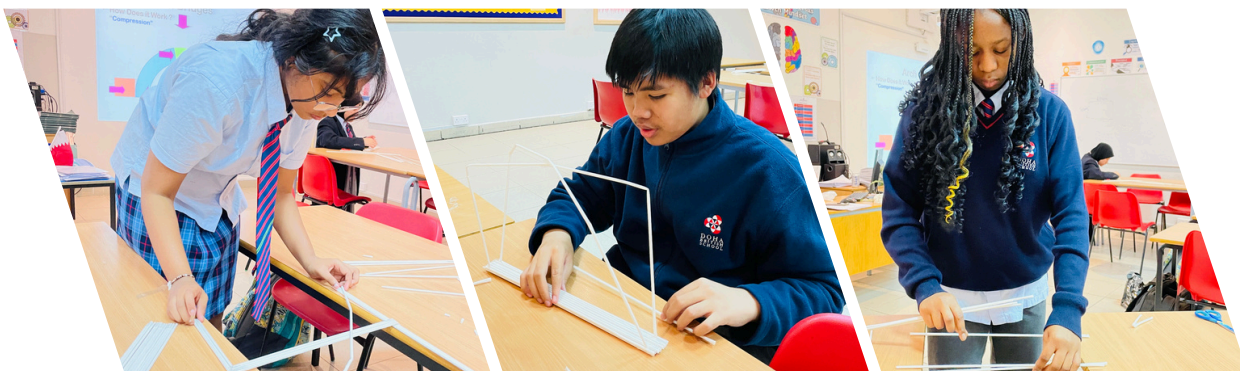


ECA: ENGINEERING CLUB

BUILDING SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE



Jason Wheelhouse
Assistant Head:
Pastoral



Learning in Design, Technology, and Innovation.

This week, we are shining the spotlight on our dynamic Engineering Club!

Engineering skills are essential in today's world, fostering creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities. By exploring the fundamentals of design, construction, and technology, students in the Engineering Club gain hands-on experience that prepares them for future challenges.

These skills are not only valuable in the field of engineering but also translate into many other areas, empowering students to innovate and make a positive impact in their communities.

We're excited to see our young engineers grow and shape the world around them!





SECONDARY PRODUCTION

DBS Presents...

Don't miss our upcoming Secondary School Production, DBS Presents... on Monday, 24th February – DBS Presents...! 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

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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!





HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS!



GO TEAM!

Star of the Week Award

Star of the Week Nominations



- Acheampong, Celine Adwoa Konadu
- Alshehhi, Ahmed
- Tohme, Sam

- Al Sharam, Faris
- Aymerich, Sofia
- Dayoub, Celina
- Edwin, Yoana
- El Saleh, Mai
- Hussain, Ahmed Fazal
- Izogin, Eleanora
- Marghany, Lilly
- Mohammed, Manha
- Obaga, Jovani
- Tenang, Raysha Nadine



- Harb, Ali
- Marei, Qais
- El Samak, Maryam (Star of All Stars)

- Ibrahim, Lamees
- Mustafa, Anabiah
- Mohamed, Hashim Abdelkarim



- Al Halabi, Adam Xavier
- Binti Muhammad Rajaie, Nur Azzuhaira
- Momme, Victoria

- Aguilu, Yuzef
- Alyafei, Turki
- Anwaar, Aiza
- Aouad, Thea
- Aouad, Pia Maria
- Albalushi, Jassim
- Walkinshaw, Charlie
- Konkimalla, Amrutha
- Franklin, Jake Patrick
- Correa, Skylar Celestine
- Dayoub, Maya
- El Ghannam, Joud
- Ewila, Ahmed
- Hamza, Mehna
- Irfan, Maryam
- Karaca, Nil Kayla
- Ozkayik, Melike
- Taiebi, Amani
- Binti Muhammad Rajaie, Nur Azzuhaira



- Ashmawy, Yassin Ahmed
- El Souki, Lia
- Rosic, Elena

- Abaza, Rania
- Dookie, Caitlynn
- Binti Muhammad Rajaie, Nur Azzahra
- Khan, Muhammad Saifullah
- Shalaby, Malak



- Batrawi, Tala
- Kearney, Mae
- Mukhtar, Ahmed Khalid Ibrahim

- Ahmad, Inaaya
- Chew, Jing Ru
- Garcia Garcia, Pablo
- Jauhar, Fatih Aulia
- Nagdallah, Ahmed Sami Abdallah



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