



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
AIN KHALED



Secondary Newsletter

9th 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



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

MRS. LYNETTE GRANT



I trust this newsletter finds you well and refreshed after the winter break. Welcome back to what promises to be an exciting term at Doha British School Ain Khaled.

As we begin 2025, I'm delighted to see our corridors once again filled with the energy and enthusiasm of our students. The start of a new term always brings a sense of possibility and renewed purpose, and this January is no exception.

Looking ahead, we have several enriching experiences planned. Our students are eagerly anticipating their upcoming class trips, which provide valuable opportunities for learning beyond our classroom walls. A particular highlight will be our International Day celebration on 23rd January – a wonderful occasion that showcases the diverse and vibrant nature of our school community.

Following our successful British Schools Overseas (BSO) inspection, we are delighted to announce that we will be welcoming the International Baccalaureate (IB) team in February and the Council of International Schools (CIS) in April. These accreditation visits are vital in ensuring we continue to deliver excellence in education.

Our partnership with these esteemed accreditation bodies supports us in maintaining the highest standards and reflects our commitment to continuous improvement and providing the best possible learning environment for our students. Parent participation in completing surveys, joining focus groups, and attending workshops and events are just some of the ways you can get involved too.

If you have not done so already, please take a few minutes to contribute to our survey which is informing our review of the guiding statements ([here](#)).

The strength of DBS Ain Khaled lies in our partnership with you, our families. Your engagement and support play a vital role in creating an environment where every student can thrive. As we embark on this new term together, I look forward to continuing our collaboration to ensure the very best educational experience for our children.





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HEAD OF SECONDARY (INTERIM) MESSAGE

MR. TIMOTHY BAYLEY

As we welcome the New Year in the Gregorian Calendar, it's a time for reflection and setting goals for the year ahead. As a British International School we are fortunate to celebrate the start of 2 New Years, the start of the academic year and the one just past. New Year's resolutions are a wonderful way to start afresh, bringing with them a sense of purpose and motivation.

At our school, we encourage both students and staff to think about what they can achieve and how they can grow personally and academically in the coming months. For all students there is a chance to grow and develop new working patterns to achieve even more, we suggest setting specific, measurable goals.

Whether it's improving academic performance, developing a new skill, or getting involved in extracurricular activities, every small step can lead to big achievements. We emphasise the importance of persistence, patience, and learning from setbacks.

On Wednesday this past week, we held our Parent Teacher Conference (PTC) for Year 7. These events are an important chance to discuss progress with Teachers and work in partnership to enhance outcomes for our students.

In the coming weeks we have a number of PTCs, please can I ask that as parents appointments are made with the relevant teacher to ensure that they are fully prepared to deliver appropriate feedback. I look forward to a productive term ahead.

Modular exams are already underway, sporting success with the U19 football team has already been delivered, IB students have completed a CAS trip and Year 8s are looking forward to their maths trip this coming week. It is going to be a very busy and exciting term ahead.





Mathematics Student Spotlight

Abdulla Rasheed 11C

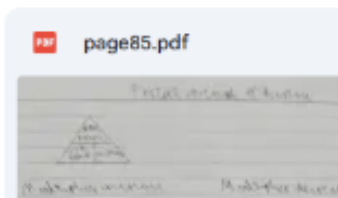
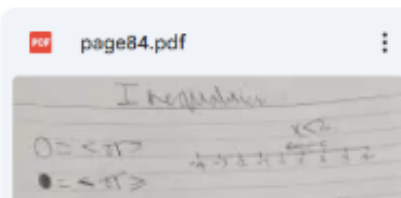
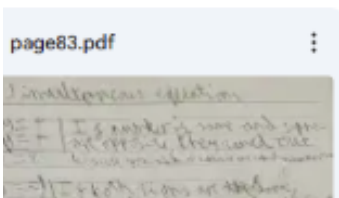
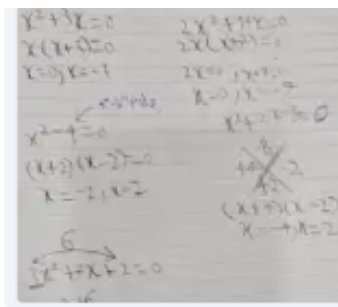
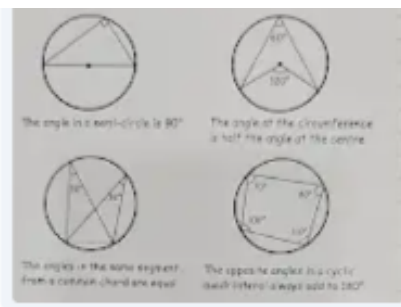
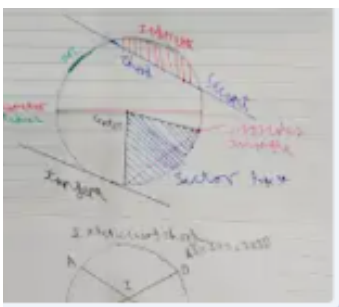
Abdulla has demonstrated tremendous improvement since the end of Year 10 to the beginning of Year 11. We have asked him to share what he did over the summer break which has enabled him to make a fantastic start to Year 11.

"Of course, summer is a time to take a break from school and study, but you often find yourself with a vast amount of spare time in it – spare time that can very easily be used to get ahead of the pack and give yourself a head start in the new school year.

I made it a habit for myself throughout the summer to spend about 40 to 60 minutes in the morning each day doing some practice problems or past papers in multiple subjects, but I especially focused on Mathematics. Throughout the summer break, I ended up solving many past papers and researching ahead on some of the upcoming Year 11 topics such as functions and vectors.

After the year started, I made a conscious effort to focus as much as possible in class, and it would not be too long until I saw the fruits of my labour, as I achieved full marks in the first Mathematics exam of the year."

Abdulla has created notes with diagrams, definitions and examples for IGCSE Mathematics. He has shared his folder with his classmates so they can benefit also.





DBS Lions



There are a few things in life that are certain:

- Water is wet
- The early alarm never gets easier
- And DBS Lions win medals

This time, our u19 boys won gold, in the u19 Football QUASS Championship – this goes along side the gold they won in the same competition last year. They are an extremely talented team and dominated throughout the whole competition.

Special mention to Diego, playing 4 year groups up!

This ends our Football season with gold medals in u12 & 16 girls, alongside the golds in both the u16 & 19 boys competitions. In addition to this, our girls also won bronze in the u19 girls competition – a very successful season all round.

On to Basketball next week, where we hope to continue in winning gold medals.





CALLING ALL BUDDING THESPIANS!

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Doha Film Institute is working on their upcoming big project scheduled to be filmed around mid-February 2025.

Doha Film Institute is a nonprofit organisation founded by H.E. Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani dedicated to film appreciation, education, and building a dynamic film industry in Qatar that focuses on nurturing regional storytellers while being entirely global in its scope.



We are looking for ambitious and enthusiastic young talents who are ready to star in a leading role for this film. Please find the information below:

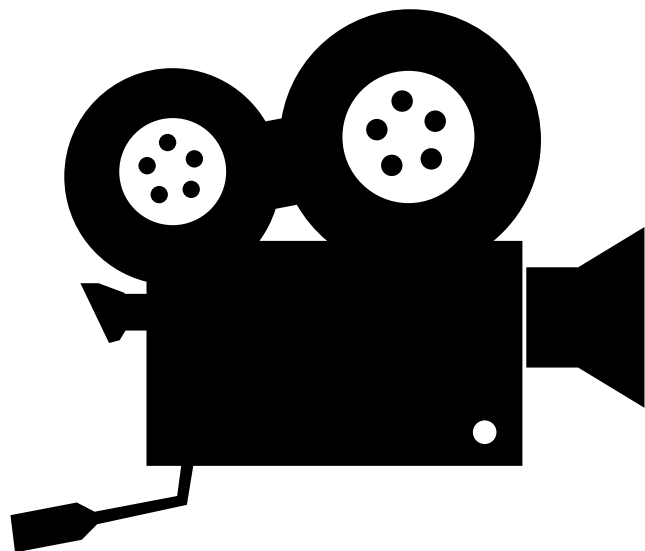
Project name: Light to Ashes

Light to Ashes is a short film inspired by an ancient Arabic poem. The story is historical and follows the poet himself in his younger years, and his life out in the desert.

Looking For:

- Age: 13-16
- Arab boy/girl speaking Arabic, any dialect

If you are interested reach out to the following email address with your information: casting@dohafilminstitute.com



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