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DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
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Secondary Newsletter

6th November 2025

OUR PURPOSE

Every young person should gain as much as possible from our school, grounded in our belief that all learners can, need, and want to achieve.

OUR VISION

To be a vibrant, welcoming international school that provides a first-class education, empowering pupils to excel and innovate within a dynamic, global environment.

OUR MISSION

To prepare all pupils through a relevant, challenging curriculum, well-resourced facilities, and a focus on wellbeing, to become lifelong learners who are equipped to contribute positively to a global community.



HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

MR. DAVID WHEATLEY

Welcome Back to Term 2!

We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable break and that you're feeling refreshed for an exciting and productive second half of the term. The next few weeks are packed with opportunities for learning, growth, and community spirit across the school.

This weekend, our U19 BSME Boys and Girls Football Teams will be representing DBS Ain Khaled in Dubai. We wish them the very best of luck as they take to the field and showcase their teamwork, resilience, and determination. Their commitment to training and representing our school with pride has been outstanding. A huge thank you also goes to our PE staff for their continued dedication and for accompanying the teams on this important trip.

Next week, on Wednesday 12 November, we look forward to welcoming parents to our Year 10 Parent-Teacher Conferences. This is a key moment for families to discuss how students have settled into their iGCSE journey and to celebrate the progress made so far. Booking sheets will be available on Google Classroom, and letters are being sent to parents today. We strongly encourage all Year 10 parents to attend, your partnership and engagement play a vital role in supporting our students' academic success.

As we move into this term, we are also placing renewed focus on sustainability across our school community. One area where we can all make a difference is in reducing single-use plastics. We ask parents to support us by encouraging students to bring reusable water bottles to school. Together, we can take simple but meaningful steps to reduce waste and protect our environment for future generations.

Thank you for your continued support, and welcome back to what promises to be another inspiring term at DBS Ain Khaled.



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KEY DATES

Y10 PTC on 12th November, 3pm-6pm

We are delighted to invite you to the Year 10 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening, which will take place on **Wednesday 12th November, from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM**. This is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and receive feedback to support their IGCSE journey. Please note:

- **Appointments must be booked in advance** – walk-ins cannot be accommodated.
- **Students must arrange appointments** via Google Classroom, allowing time to move between rooms.
- **Appointment sheets** are available on Google Classroom and should be completed with the class teacher.

We look forward to seeing you there.

WHOLE SCHOOL

Term 1 Provisional Report Publishing date on 16th December

IN YEAR 7-9

10th Dec 2025	Year 7 Parents Evening
16th Dec 2025	Term 1: Provisional Report

IN YEAR 10-11

12th Nov 2025	Year 10 Parents Evening
16th Dec 2025	Term 1: Provisional Report

IN YEAR 12-13

16th Nov 2025	EE Cafe
3rd Dec 2025	Y12 and Y13 Parents evening
16th Dec 2025	Term 1: Provisional Report



SAFEGUARDING & WELLBEING

CREATING SAFE SPACE

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE

Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://" – the "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS

Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online: they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

BWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious: providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL

It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

SET STURDY PASSWORDS

A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

DITCH THE DEBIT CARD

Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

RESIST THE INFLUENCE

Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice: look at everything with a critical eye.

TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK

UPDATE FROM THE STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM



SUSTAINABILITY WEEK

LDBS have put sustainability at the forefront of everything we've done this week - here, our Eco-Presidents, Jiah (13H) and Nikitha (12S) detail what's been happening this Sustainability Week!

This week at DBS, students have been getting creative and eco-friendly! Our Sustainability Week assemblies have been running daily, raising awareness about how we can all make small changes to help the planet. Students have taken part in art and baking competitions using recycled materials and sustainability-themed recipes – with house points up for grabs!

Looking ahead, we are excited to join with the organisation DEAP for a beach cleanup at singing sand dunes on Friday 7th November. Students are invited to join with friends or family for a few hours to help keep our beaches clean.

It has been a week full of fun, learning, and action for the environment. We hope to keep up our sustainable spirit high throughout the year in DBS!





LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

THIS WEEK'S UPDATE

SUSTAINABLE WEEK IN

THE SECONDARY LIBRARY



This week in the Secondary Library, we explored sustainability through a book-centered lesson.



Students were engaged with our curated collection of books to build research skills by examining real-world sustainability topics—from energy and waste to conservation and green innovation.

Students worked in groups and they had to read through the books chosen, summarize and add to their knowledge about sustaining our Planet for future generations.





STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS AND STUDENT VOICE

Sixth Form EXCELLENCE AWARD

We are proud to announce the launch of our new Sixth Form Excellence Award - where we focus on recognising the fantastic contribution to our community made by our most senior students. Congratulations to the first recipients of the award:



SUCCESS BOARD

English	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Zaynab Rihan Irfan Ahmed (12O) Tala Almeadadi (12O) - Enrichment Yasmina Badaoui (12H) Devna Bijoy Nair (12C) Ellaine Veniz Dela Vega (12O) Maya Dessoukey (12H) - Enrichment Rayan Esbaiss (12C) Kiera Francois (12H) Freddy Joseph (12C) Lien Khayal (12C) Shannon Noor Killian (12O) Fiona Laggren (12C) - Enrichment Rebecca Magness (12C) Razlle Sabrina Pangan (12C) Selene Samer Rajab (12O) Syeda Zonaira Salman (12F) Shania Cynthia Suresh (12C) Omar Yassin (12C)
Biology	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Tim Salman (13O)

Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ellaine Veniz Dela Vega (12O) Bruno Dietzold (13C) Pablo Vera (13O) Dalil Tidiani Wane (13F)
Spanish	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Simao Antunes (12O) Red Bartimaeus Gerella (13F) Nidhyathi Gullapalli (12O) Aline Meira (12S) Hasti Naemi (12H) Divneet Sarin (12S) Nikitha Thomas (12S) - Enrichment
Assisting on Duty	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sami Ammar (12F) Oscar Umoh (12H)
ECAs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Finn Kearney (13H)
CAS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Magdalena Kristo (13C)





JASON WHEELHOUSE
ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER KS3

STAR OF THE WEEK

We are excited to share this week's 'Star of the Week' nominations and the selected STARS!

These outstanding students have been recognized by their teachers and Head of Year for their exceptional dedication, effort, and contributions both in the classroom and throughout the school. This award celebrates those who have gone above and beyond our expectations.

Star of ALL Stars

Jourie Moussa

Star of the Week Award

Year 7

Huda Ali and Noha Momme

Year 8

Jovani Obaga

Year 9

Yara Metwaly

Year 10

Muhammad Tsaqif

Year 11

Zayan Malik and Jourie Moussa

Star of the Week Nominations

Year 7

Dania Alasad
Huda Ali
Adam Aljbawi
Adnan Alzuhlof
Lennox Livingstone
Noha Momme
Nadar Sarin
Carla Thawefeles

Year 8

Rania Abaza
Karma Ali
Archie Barlow
Aria Calixtro
Isis Ibrahim
Jovani Obaga

Year 9

Carma Abobakr
Maria Al Dabain
Jassim Albalushi
Mohammed Al-Jaber
Pia Aouad
Alhadj Kabanja
Nil Karaca
Laure Khadour
Majd Koborsi
Lola Laidlaw
Yzekiel Las
Yara Metwaly
Ahmed Mohamed
Retag Musa
Melike Ozkayik

Year 10

Dana Al Thalathini
Mohammed Al-Bastaki
Maryam Al-Sulaiti
Liana Blackbeard
Arish Ghauri
Mohamad Hawi
Mae Kearney
Marash Khatib
Joann Loh
Nitya Maru
Marcos Mitri Guzman
Faris Mohd Firdaus
Thea Perinjampra
Nermin Soliman
Muhammad Tsaqif

Year 11

Zaina Alardeh
Bana Amourah
Adam Benade
Sophie
Hacquail-Smith
Yahya Hijjawi
Mohammad
Mahmoud
Zayan Malik
Jourie Moussa
Sama Shatat
Daniel Tabakov





FORM TUTORS

YEAR 7		
Form	Tutor	Tutor Rm
7C	Amy Higgins	W13
7F	Remi McKenzie	M8
7H	Melanie Potter	M9
7O	Adam Catton	S12
7S	Hajer Blaha	W27
YEAR 9		
Form	Tutor	Tutor Rm
9C	Farhan Mukadam	W16
9F	Hannah Fakhri	M7
9H	Emy Joseph	M13
9O	Yusra Ali	W29
9S	Lorraine Dunn	M6
YEAR 8		
Form	Tutor	Tutor Rm
8C	Andrew Mellor	W6a
8F	Suleman Khan	W31
8H	Antonina Laporta	W23
8O	Tasleem Arif	W6
8S	Jessica McMillan	M5

Head of Year Groups	
Year 7	Matthew Raper
Year 8	Shauna Pyett
Year 9	Raina Omar





FORM TUTORS

YEAR 10			YEAR 12		
Form	Tutor	Tutor Rm	Form	Tutor	Tutor Rm
10C	Annie Sutpahare	M21	12C	Connor Newton	M3
10F	Luke Kennedy	W26	12F	Emer Caroll	W8
10H	Yasmeen Paulus	W7	12H	Charlotte Newton	M19
10O	Lubna Shahid	S3	12O	Sidrah Ahmed	W30
10S	Pedro Duarte	W33	12S	Yasmin Boughalem	W44
YEAR 11			YEAR 13		
Form	Tutor	Tutor Rm	Form	Tutor	Tutor Rm
11C	Rachel Kepple	W42	13C	Lisa Vance	S2
11F	Katie Sadi	S5	13F	Moses Phiri (cover)	M18
11H	Zunera Hussain	W34	13H	Rizza Salonga	M20
11O	Reem Saad	W35	13O	Adam Karim	M14
11S	Sara Elkateep	W22	13S	Nadia Omar	W37

Head of Year Groups	
Year 10	Emily Walles-Butler
Year 11	Robbie Lambert

Head of Year Groups (Year 12 & 13)	
Andrew Walles	





Thank You