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DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

RAWDAT AL HAMAMA



Secondary Newsletter

Thursday 16th May 2024



Dear Parents



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Please find below, information pertinent to the Secondary section of DBS Rawdat Al Hamama.

Dates for you Diary

Upcoming events	
Date	Event
16th-20th June	Summer Half Term Holiday
Sunday 23th June	Term 3 reports
Wednesday 26th June	Last day of School Year 23/24

Celebration Success

As a school, one of the most joyful aspects of any school year is celebrating our students' achievements, whether they are academic, athletic, or in the performing arts. Recognising our children's efforts not only encourages them to set higher goals through positive reinforcement but also motivates them and helps them feel appreciated and special. Similarly, many of our students participate in activities and achieve considerable success outside of school. We are eager to celebrate these accomplishments too. If your child has any notable achievements outside of school, please let us know. If you could click on the following link and enter the information, that would be hugely appreciated.

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Campus Access



For the continued safety and security of our entire school community, all parents, drivers, nannies, and guardians who need to enter the campus for child drop-off or pick-up must visibly wear the red parent lanyard.

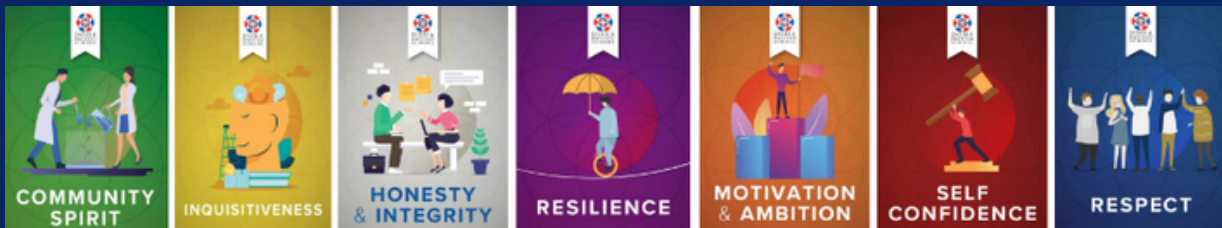
Please ensure you have your lanyard displayed. Entry to the campus will not be permitted without it. If you do not have a lanyard, you can order one from the main reception desk after being signed in by security.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to this policy and ensuring the safety of our staff and students.

Star of the Week

As a school and in line with the 'DBS way' our core purpose is to ensure that every child or young adult, who comes through our doors, gains as much from the experience of being here as possible. We base this on our belief that all learners can, need and want to achieve. We will, therefore, provide the highest standards of teaching and learning together with substantive support for character development. We want our students to complete their education here as well-rounded individuals.


Whilst students are at DBS, we aim to develop and instill the following values:




it needs to permeate all layers of your child's education at DBS. Within the classroom, we aim to develop and recognise many of the facets of character development. One of the ways we recognise this is through our 'Star of the week'. Each week teachers nominate a student in their class that they feel has exhibited one or more of the character traits we aim to develop. The student(s) who receive the most nominations are awarded our star of the week.

Although we normally only have one or two students in each year group who are awarded the Star of the week, many other students are nominated. To celebrate all our students' success, we will share with you through the newsletter all the nominations. If your child has been nominated or awarded the Star of the week, please recognise their success with them.


This week's Stars of the Week are:

 **Blue Horses:**
Kirfaa, Mohab
Almabruk

 **Green Scorpions:**
Badr, Maleeka

 **Purple Camels:**
Ana Belen

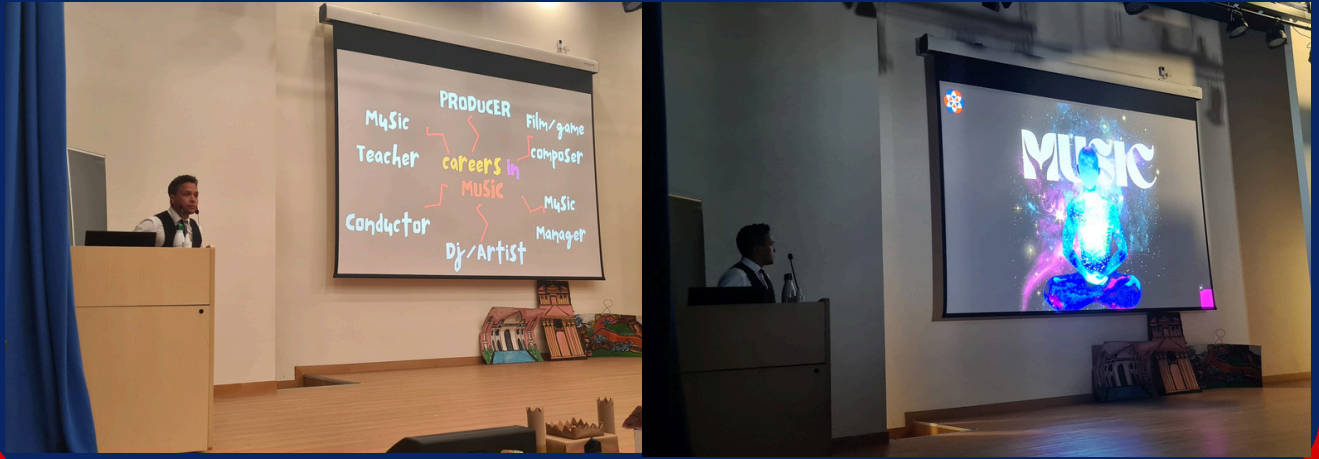
 **Yellow Falcons:**
Hortaleza,
Joshua Joaquin

 **Red Oryxes:**
Allie, Ammaar



Music Assembly

The music assembly was a refreshing experience for the students, reminding them of the importance of music in our lives. Music surrounds us, from video games and movies to animal sounds and the melodies of instruments and voices. Both secondary students and teachers had the opportunity to engage in a sound exercise, using their hands, chest, and legs. Through this activity, we all had fun and learned how easy it is to create music; it's all about unleashing our imagination. To conclude our assembly, students learned about various career options they can pursue in the future. Thanks to everyone involved in the assembly.



English Department : Reading Time Review Program

We would like to update you on the progress of students in Years 7, 8, and 9 in the Reading Time Review program. Once a week, students visit the library to continue reading the book they have selected from the wide range of options available. At the end of each session, students fill out their reading journal, recording the number of pages read, summarizing their progress, and setting a goal for the following week. The English teacher and librarian review the journal, ask the students a few questions, and sign off on it to assess their focus on reading. Our goal is for students to develop strong reading skills by the end of the term.





Sun Protection

Dear parents,

We have been fortunate so far that the temperature has generally remained low enough for our children to enjoy break and lunch time outside. However, over the next couple of weeks, we are expecting the temperature to rise. I want to assure you that we have policies in place to safeguard our children from the extremes of very hot weather.

Depending on the weather conditions for the remainder of this academic year and our students' ages, we will implement a variety of safe sun measures. These may include indoor breaks, restricted time outside, or students remaining in shaded areas of the school.

I would like to reiterate that students should bring a hat or cap and a water bottle to school. Water bottles can be filled from the dispensers around the school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Road Works

You may have noticed that road works have begun just before Gate 2 on the corner. The purpose of these works is to widen the road and ease congestion at the intersection. I apologize for any inconvenience that the road widening project may cause in the short term. However, once completed, it will ensure a better flow of traffic.

I would also like to thank all parents for the supportive way they have worked together to ensure that our students are picked up and dropped off safely. I am confident that our community will continue to cooperate with each other until the road works are completed.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.



Important CIS Community Survey

As a school, we are committed to the idea of continual self-improvement. Consequently, we have registered to be accredited with the Council of International Schools (CIS). CIS International Accreditation is a mark of quality assurance and distinction for primary and secondary schools.

As part of the self-evaluation process, the leadership team, teachers, and staff of DBS Rawdat are keen to hear your views about our school. Please take a moment to complete the CIS Community Survey. Your input will help identify the strengths of the school and areas for improvement.

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and is available in multiple languages. You should complete one survey per child enrolled in the school. We hope you can spare some time to assist the school in its desire to improve. The survey will be available until Thursday, 30th May 2024.

To access the survey, please click on this link: <https://survey.cois.org/s3/Parent-Guardian-2023-2024-Doha-British-School-Rawdat-Al-Hamama>

If you have any questions or need support, please contact info@dbsrawdat.com

Thank you very much for completing the survey.

MOE - Circular on Traffic Safety

We have been requested by the MOEHE to remind all parents of the importance of ensuring the safety and well-being of our children during pick-up and drop-off times. Therefore, we kindly ask all parents to observe the following guidelines:

Adhere to Traffic Safety Laws: It is imperative to closely follow all traffic regulations. This not only ensures the safety of our children but also sets a strong example for them to follow in the future. Compliance with traffic laws reduces the risk of accidents and promotes a safer community for everyone.

Avoid Parking in Restricted Areas: Please refrain from parking your vehicles in front of entrances, exits, and the pavement. Doing so can create unnecessary hazards and impede the flow of traffic.

Do Not Block Traffic: Ensure that your vehicle does not stop in the middle of the road or in a place where it obstructs the flow of traffic.

Use Designated Parking Zones for Drop-off and Pick-up: This ensures that children can enter and exit vehicles safely.

By adhering to these guidelines, we can collectively contribute to a safer, more orderly, and efficient environment during school activities.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to our community's safety.



Complaints Policy

Did you know that your child spends approximately 180 days annually in school? This translates to 1350 hours or 81,000 minutes. During the same period, they spend about 86400 minutes sleeping (averaging 8 hours per night) and have around 91800 minutes for everything else, including homework, leisure, eating, showering, family time, and perhaps even tidying their rooms! We hope that, regardless of whether they are in school, sleeping, or engaging in other activities, they are primarily happy and content. Based on our interactions with students, it appears that this is the case for most of our students most of the time.

However, on rare occasions, something might occur that prompts you to seek further clarification from the school, request additional information, or even lodge a complaint. Often, the incident that causes concern occurs in just one minute out of the 81,000 they spend at school. Although it represents a tiny fraction of their total school time, the impact of the incident can lead to extended periods of discomfort.

Our goal as a school, once we are informed or become aware, is to support your child and you in finding a resolution to whatever issue arises. To help channel your concern to the right person to help expedite a resolution we have a complaints policy, that we ask all parents to make themselves aware of. The purpose of the policy is to try and resolve the problems closest to the roots of the cause and if it can't be resolved, you have a clear pathway for escalating your concern.

Please find a copy of the policy, through the following link [DBS Rawdat's Complaints policy](#).

School Uniform

A reminder of the importance of adhering to our school's uniform policy for shoes and coats. Your child must wear black polishable shoes that meet our uniform policy and refrain from wearing Nike Air Force or trainers.

Please note that students can only wear the school jumper, fleece, or blazer while in school or wear a plain white or black long-sleeve t-shirt under their school shirts as the temperature drops.

We truly appreciate your cooperation in ensuring your child follows the uniform policy, as it helps create a sense of unity among students and promotes a focused atmosphere in the learning environment.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this update, please contact Ms. Lorente at: paula.lorente@dbsrawdat.com.

Thank you for your attention to this matter!





Ongoing Reminders – Useful to Know (New Parents)

- [Access to E-library for Students – Information on how our students can access the free e-book library from home](#)

- [School Calendar 2023/24 - Calendar 2023/24](#)

- [School Uniform and School Shoes 2023-24](#)

- [Staff email contact list](#)

- [Welcome to Secondary - Handbook/Teacher contact details](#)

- [Google Classroom](#)

Kind regards,

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