



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

RAWDAT AL HAMAMA



Secondary Newsletter

Thursday 13th June 2024



Dear Parents



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

Happy Eid Al Adha

Wishing you all a very Happy Eid Al Adha! May this joyous occasion bring you and your families happiness, peace, and prosperity. Enjoy the celebrations and cherish the moments with your loved ones.





Notices

Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you about a recent directive from the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MoEHE) that will affect the school uniform requirements for all private schools starting in the new academic year on 1st September 2024. The changes are minimal for students at Doha British School (DBS), it is important that all parents and students are aware of and prepared for these adjustments.

The change concerns the uniform requirements for girls from Year 7 upwards in secondary school. Girls will be required to cover their arms and legs as part of their school attire. To accommodate this directive, DBS and our uniform supplier, Zaks, have introduced the following solutions:

- Upper Body: Girls can add a second layered skin or opt for a longer-sleeved shirt to cover their arms. They may also continue wearing the long-sleeved jumper, fleece, or blazer, as prescribed in the DBS Uniform.
- Lower Body: Girls will be required to wear tights or long socks with their skirts, or they can choose to wear trousers instead. Girls in secondary who choose to wear trousers are required to have the shirt untucked per the image below and attached.

In addition to these changes, the PE uniform for girls from Year 4 in primary school and above has been updated to include:

- Upper Body: Girls need to wear a long-sleeved top or a long-sleeved second layer to be worn under the PE top.
- Lower Body: DBS School PE shorts + Dark coloured Leggings or DBS jogging pants to be worn by girls.

For swimwear, all students are required to wear long or short-sleeved tops, along with bottoms that reach at or below the knee.

Specifications of school uniforms for students in private schools starting from elementary stage and above (boys - girls)		
Type	Male	Female
School uniform	Long or short sleeves shirt	Long or short sleeves shirt
	Pants or sports shorts (not rising above the knee from grade 4 and above)	Long-sleeves shirt (from grade 7 and above) Pants or a pinafore or skirt that does not rise above the knee with opaque tights (Hilalhoub) for the lower body (when wearing a skirt) or A skirt to the wrist (tights are not required).
Sports Uniform	Sports shirt	Sports shirt
	Pants or Sports shorts	Sports pants or shorts (with opaque tights - Hilalhoub - when wearing shorts) Loose pants (from grade 4 and above)
Swimwear	Swimwear with long/short sleeves and up to the knee	Swimwear with long/short sleeves and up to the knee

Please find the updated DBS uniform available from our supplier Zaks attached and linked below for your convenience. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to these new requirements to ensure that we comply with the MoEHE directive.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school administration.

This is a reminder that students who joined the school during the 2021-22 academic year and may still be wearing parts of the old uniform will be expected to fully transition to the new uniform introduced in September 2022. This change will take effect from September 2024.

The full list of the uniforms can be found through the following [link](#)



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.

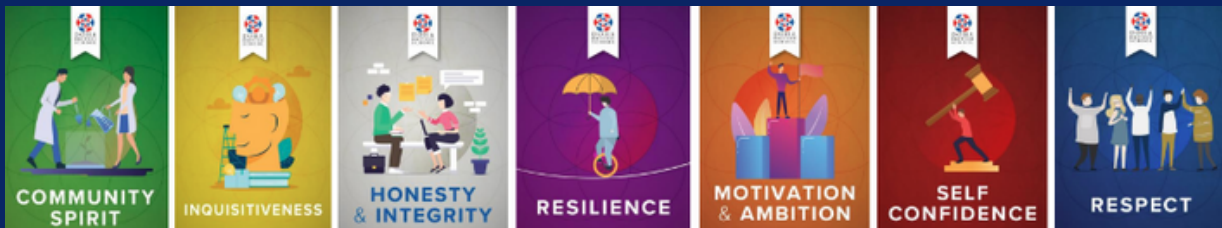
Please ensure you have your lanyard displayed. Entry to the campus will not be permitted without it. If you do not have a lanyard, you can order one from the main reception desk after being signed in by security.

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

Star of the Year

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 winners. If your child has been awarded the Star of the year, please recognise their success with them.

Stars of the Year are:



Blue Horses:
Sadaanandh
Prem



Green Scorpions:
Monica
Porrello



Purple Camels:
Jacob
Hortaleza



Yellow Falcons:
Alma Hassan



Red Oryxes:
Anya Garcia



Secondary SY 23/24 Awards Ceremony

Our school year ended with the Secondary Awards Assembly, where we had the pleasure of hosting some of our student's parents as special guests. We had the honour of awarding students who excelled in various subjects, activities, and more during the 2023/2024 academic year. We are proud to recognise their achievements and see new faces among the awardees this year.

Here are the categories in which our secondary school students were awarded this academic year:

- Star of the Year Awards
- Subject Awards
- Tutor Awards
- Super Reader Awards
- 100% Attendance Awards
- House Points Awards
- Headteacher Awards

We warmly invite all our students to continue striving for excellence in the coming year.

Congratulations, everyone!



Extra curricular

Congratulations to Zoi on winning a gold medal in the Junior NBA! This is a remarkable achievement, and we are incredibly proud of your hard work and dedication. Your success is an inspiration to us all.

Well done, Zoi!





Inspiring Visit from DBS Ain Khaled - TED Talks

We're thrilled to share some great news from our recent school activities. The students and teachers from DBS Ain Khaled demonstrated passion and knowledge that was truly inspiring. Their visit not only enriched our understanding of important topics but also fostered a sense of community and collaboration between our campuses. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the DBS Ain Khaled team for showcasing their DBS spirit and sharing their insights with us. We look forward to more enriching interactions in the future.



Ongoing Reminders – Useful to Know

- [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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Thank You