



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية  
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

RAWDAT AL HAMAMA



# Secondary Newsletter

Thursday 12th Sept 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
18th September @ 7:15am	Parent Workshop / Coffee Morning Venue: School Canteen
27 - 31 October	Half Term Break
21st - 28th Nov 24	Year 11 Mock exams
Tuesday 3rd December	Careers Fair 2024

## 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.*

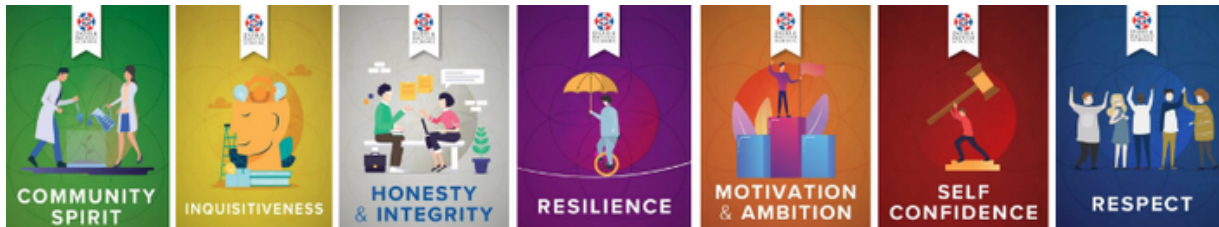
*We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to this policy and ensuring the safety of our staff and students.*



## Star of the Week

*At DBS, we are dedicated to ensuring every student benefits fully from their time here. We aim to nurture well-rounded individuals through excellent teaching and strong character development.*

*Each week, teachers nominate students who exemplify our core values:*



*The students with the most nominations are celebrated as our 'Star of the Week'.*

*This week's Stars of the Week are:*



**Blue Horses:**  
**Sarp Bayir**



**Yellow Falcons:**  
**Zayed Al-mutawa**



**Red Onyxes:**  
**Zachary Adams**



**Purple Camels:**  
**Carlota Rodriguez**



**Green Scorpions:**  
**Kuzey Kilic**

*To see all nominations, please visit: [Star of the Week](#)*

*Celebrate your child's success with them!*

## Implementation of Yondr Pouches for Mobile Phones

*I am writing to inform you about an important new initiative that we are implementing to enhance safeguarding and support our students in focusing on their studies. Starting this term, all secondary school students will be required to use Yondr pouches to store their mobile phones during school hours.*

*Yondr pouches are a simple but effective tool designed to limit distractions and foster a more focused learning environment.*



*By ensuring that mobile phones are inaccessible during lessons, we aim to create a more productive atmosphere for both students and teachers. For more information please see the link to the Yondr Pouch website here.*

**Key Information:**

- *The cost of the Yondr pouch is QAR 115 per student.*
- *Payments can be made directly to the finance office at your child's campus by 30th September.*
- *Alternatively, you can make an online payment by 30th September:*
- *If making an online payment, please include the Campus (RH, WK or AK), your child's name and year group in the reference*

**Name: Doha British School**

**Bank A/C no: 4045-200775-001**

**Bank Name: The Commercial Bank (P.S.Q.C.), Qatar**

**Swift Code: CBQQAQQA**

**Currency: Qatar Riyal**

**IBAN: QA30 CBQA 0000 0000 4050 2007 7500 1**

*The Yondr pouches will be distributed to students by 10th October, and full instructions on their use will be provided during that time.*

*We believe this initiative will have a positive impact on your child's educational experience and appreciate your cooperation in supporting this effort. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office [mariia.maletska@dbsrawdat.com](mailto:mariia.maletska@dbsrawdat.com)*



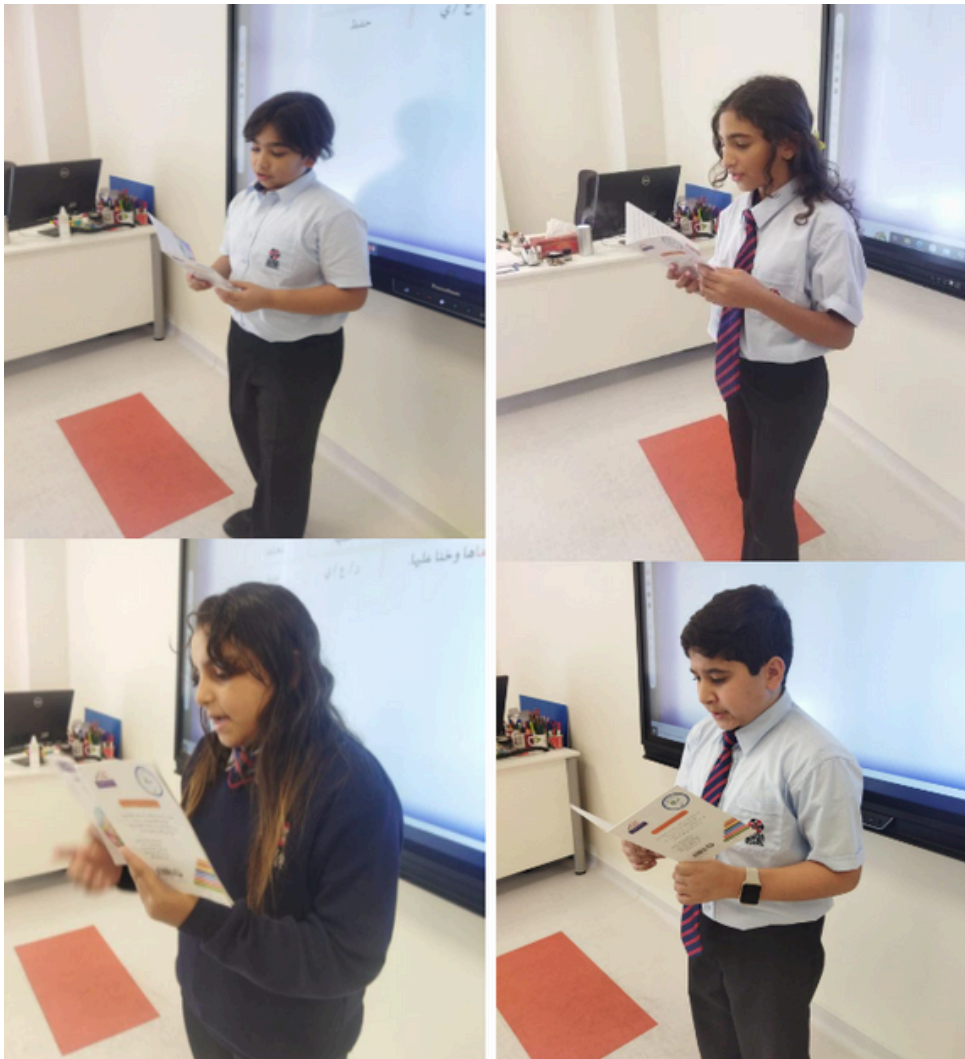
## “Competition for Arabic Reading”

*We are excited to announce that we recently organised a reading competition for Year 7 students during our Arabic class. We are proud to say that the students did extremely well, showing impressive skills and enthusiasm.*

*Congratulations to all the participants for their hard work and dedication. We wish them continued success in their reading journeys and look forward to seeing their growth in the future.*

*Thank you for your support.*

*Mr. Medhat Soliman*





## Coffee Morning

*An opportunity to meet members of the Senior Leadership Team in Secondary School, the school Wellbeing Counselor, and Caers Education Guidance Counselor.*

*The coffee morning will start at 7:15 am and finish at 8:05 am on the 18th of September.*

*The coffee morning will take place in the school canteen.*

*If you are interested in attending, please complete the form linked below.*

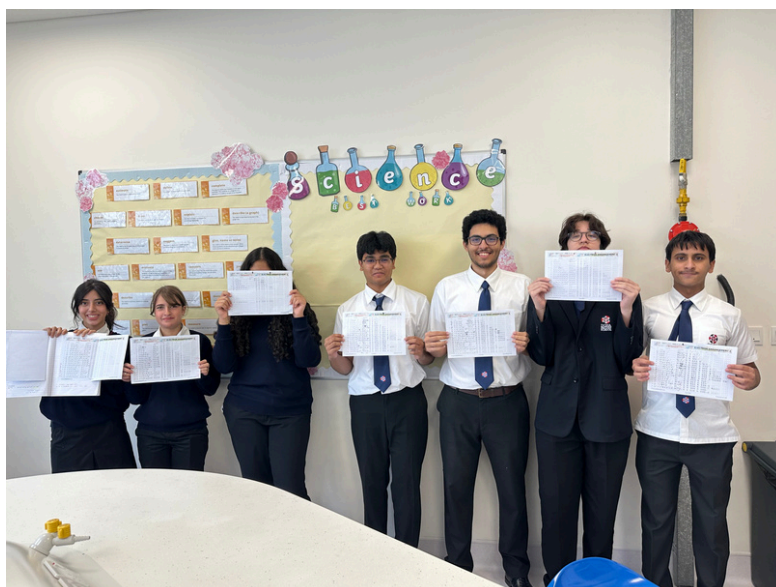
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*Thank you,  
Ms. Lorente*

## Science Department: Chemistry News

*"In this week's lesson," the Year 12 Chemistry students were asked to put their GCSE knowledge aside as they delved into a more in-depth exploration of electronic configuration. The week proved to be a rollercoaster of new concepts and challenges, but the students approached it with resilience, earning themselves many house points and sweets as rewards. As their teacher, I must admit that I greatly enjoyed seeing their wide-eyed reactions throughout the week. I am very proud of all of them!*

*Mrs Mekhalifa*





*"As Year 10 chemists prepare to start inorganic chemistry, they have been introduced to some key principles. They took on the challenge of building compounds with the correct polyatomic ions, and every group finished the task in record time! Keep it up, Year 10"*

*- Mrs. Mekhalfia.*



## Careers

### **Parent Recruitment for Work Experience Program**

*We are reaching out again to invite parents and guardians to participate in our Parent Recruitment for the Work Experience Program. This initiative allows you to use your professional networks and resources to help secure valuable work experience placements for our students.*

*By getting involved, you can significantly impact your child's career development and provide opportunities that align with their interests and future goals. Your support is crucial to the success of this program.*

*If you can assist or would like more information, please contact Fozia Rafiq at [fozia.rafiq@dbsrawdat.com](mailto:fozia.rafiq@dbsrawdat.com).*

*Thank you for your support!*



## **Global Study UK Free University Fair**

### **Year 12 Parents:**

*We are excited to inform you about the Global Study UK Free University Fair, an excellent opportunity for students considering studying abroad.*

### **Event Details:**

**Date:** Monday, 23rd September

**Time:** 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Location:** Marriott Marquis City Centre Doha Hotel

*This event will allow students to meet with representatives from top UK universities and start their application process immediately. It's a valuable chance for them to explore university options and gain insights into the application process.*

*Please register for the event using the following link:*

**<https://www.globalstudyuk.com/regqatar/>**

*We encourage all interested students to attend and take advantage of this unique opportunity to broaden their academic horizons.*

### **Enriching Voluntary Experience for Students**

*We are excited to offer our older students a unique opportunity to gain valuable voluntary experience with Qatar-based charity organisations, including Education for All and Reach Out To Asia (ROTA). These programs provide a platform for students to develop their character, build their work experience, and make a meaningful impact.*

### **Key Benefits:**

**Diverse Opportunities:** *Students can participate in one-time events or ongoing commitments, choosing roles that match their interests, whether hands-on or administrative.*





**Character Building:** Volunteering fosters essential life skills, including leadership, teamwork, and empathy, while also enhancing university and job applications.

**Global Impact:** Reach Out To Asia's Volunteer Program aims to create responsible global citizens who actively improve local communities and support those less fortunate across Asia.

Encourage your child to explore these enriching opportunities to not only contribute to important causes but also to grow personally and professionally.

For more information or to get involved, please register your interest <https://www.globalstudyuk.com/regqatar/>

## Pick up and drop off

First and foremost, I want to express my gratitude for your patience during pick-up and drop-off. Over the past week, we have noticed that your cooperation and consideration for fellow parents have led to a much smoother and quicker process. However, we understand that there is still some congestion during pick-up time. We are hopeful that with a few adjustments, and once ECAs begin on 29th September, the staggered pick-up times at 2 PM and 3 PM will help alleviate this issue.

To ensure we continue to provide a safe environment for students entering and leaving the school, we kindly ask that you adhere to the following:

1- Please avoid parking directly opposite Gate 2, as this is where students cross the road. Any car parked there obstructs visibility, posing a risk to children crossing.

2- For parents using Gate 4, if you arrive after 7:10 AM in the morning or after 2:10 PM for pick-up, please use Gate 2, as Gate 4 will be closed.



3- If primary school students are not collected from the covered area by 2:10 PM, they will be escorted to the Library, where they will wait until they are picked up.

4- Please ensure you are not late in picking up your children, as this extends the time staff need to supervise, which takes them away from planning, meetings, and professional development. If, for any reason, you anticipate being late, kindly inform the reception desk so we can arrange supervision. You can reach us at [mariia.maletska@dbsrawdat.com](mailto:mariia.maletska@dbsrawdat.com).

## Secondary Library

### ... LIBRARY NEWS

September 10<sup>th</sup>



#### BOOK of the Week

The Shadow Order by Rebecca F. John.

A year has passed since the day the shadows changed, revealing people's truest selves rather than just their outlines. Best friends Teddy, Betsy, and Effie are determined to defy the Shadow Order by watching the winter sun rise over Copperwell. From their secret lookout, they are stunned to see a mysterious woman shouting a dire warning before she is arrested, beaten, and dragged away in handcuffs.

This shocking event sets them on a thrilling and perilous journey to save their city, as they uncover the truth about the Shadow Order, the world beyond Copperwell, and themselves.



#### Today in History

- 8 September 2022: Queen Elizabeth II passes away at Balmoral Castle after a 70-year reign, making her the UK's longest-serving monarch. Her eldest son becomes King Charles III.
- 10 September 1945: "Miracle Mike," a headless chicken from U.S.A., is decapitated but survives for another 18 months before choking to death.
- 11 September 2023: A stolen Vincent van Gogh painting, "The Parsonage Garden at Nuenen in Spring" (1884), is returned to an art detective in an Ikea bag.



  **BELIEVE IN YOURSELF, WORK HARD, AND YOU'LL BE AMAZED AT WHAT YOU CAN ACHIEVE."**



## Workshop – Beyond the Classroom

*You are warmly invited to a work shop at the Ain Khalid campus on Sunday 15th September, at 2:15pm in the Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH).*

*The workshop will be delivered under the theme of “Beyond the Classroom – Rethinking education without Boundaries”*

*The Workshop Will be delivered by Professor Dr Ger Graus OBE who is a prominent figure in education, known for his work as the founding CEO of the Children's University and the first Global Director of Education at KidZania. He advocates for equity and innovation in children's learning, driven by his belief that "Children can only aspire to what they know exists." Professor, Ger has held roles at universities in Russia and the UK. He advises global education councils, chairs the Beaconhouse School System's Advisory Board, and supports educational initiatives worldwide. He was honoured with an OBE in 2014 for his services to children and has received multiple global awards.*

*I hope you will be able to Join us.*

*JOIN THE CONVERSATION: A Conversation with Sifan Hassan, Olympic Gold Medalist*

*Sifan Hassan is a Dutch middle- and long-distance runner originally from Ethiopia. She is renowned for her versatility across a wide range of distances, competing in events from the 1500 metres to the marathon. Hassan has won multiple Olympic and World Championship medals, including gold in both the 5000 metres and 10,000 metres at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. Known for her remarkable endurance and tactical racing style, she also holds world records, including the one-mile run.*

*Hassan's journey is notable as she arrived in the Netherlands as a refugee in 2008 and later became a Dutch citizen. She has been recognised for her incredible ability to compete at the highest level in multiple events, often within short time spans during major competitions.*

*Sifan Hassan will be in Qatar and will be speaking at a meeting at Education City on Saturday, 14th September, at 2 pm. If you would like to attend the talk, please register using the following link:*

**[Registration](#)**



## 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 2024/25](#)



- [School Uniform and Schol Shoes 2024-25](#)



- [Hamilton Aquatics at Doha British School.](#)



- [Staff email contact list](#)



- [Google Classroom](#)



- [School Day Guide](#)



- [Careers Guidance](#)

Kind regards,

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