



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية  
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

RAWDAT AL HAMAMA



# Secondary Newsletter

*Thursday 26th 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
9th October @ 3.15-6.15 pm	Year 8 Parents Evening
16th October @ 3.15-6.15 pm	Year 9 Parents Evening
27th - 31st October @ 3.15-6.15 pm	Half Term Break
6th November @ 3.15-6.15 pm	Year 10 Parents Evening
27th November @ 3.15-6.15 pm	Year 11 Parents Evening
27th November @ 3.15-6.15 pm	Year 12 Parents Evening
3rd December @ 3.15-6.15 pm	Careers Fair 2024
1st -17th December	Year 11 Mock
1st -17th December	Year 12 Mock

## Red Lanyard – Compulsory requirement



*As a reminder, the school policy requires that all parents, drivers, and nannies must wear a red lanyard when onsite. Over the past few weeks, we have issued yellow visitor lanyards, whilst our new families acquire theirs. Starting from Sunday, 29th September, all parents must wear their red lanyards, clearly visible to security and academic staff.*



If you do not have your red lanyard, you will be required to register with security to receive a yellow visitor lanyard, which may cause a delay in your entry to the premises.

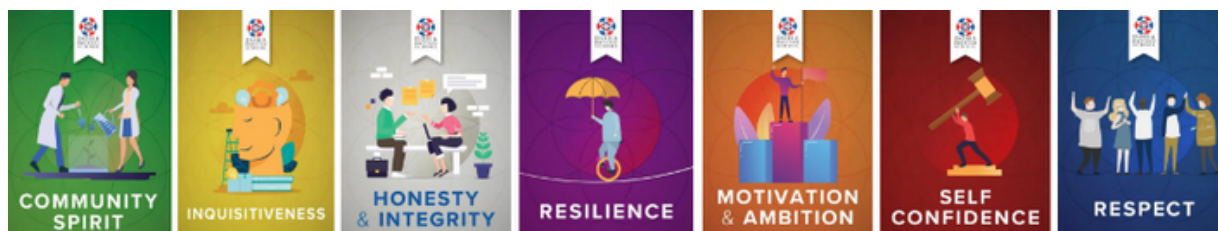
If you still do not have a red lanyard, please contact Mariia at the main reception desk for an application form.

Thank you for your cooperation..

## 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:**  
**Lamar Al-Shamari**



**Yellow Falcons:**  
**Haya Al-dosari**



**Red Onyxes:**  
**Hana Berry**



**Purple Camels:**  
**Dylan Berry**



**Green Scorpions:**  
**Hafsa Anis**

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

Celebrate your child's success with them!



## Secondary ECA Schedule

I would like to inform you that our Term 1 ECAs will begin next week. Please find the schedule and list of available ECAs below.

**Important note: if your child does not wish to participate in any of the secondary ECAs, please ensure they are collected at 2:00 pm. This will help to avoid any disruption to the ongoing activities.**

Sunday



- **Circuit Breakers!**
- **Apps and Research**
- **Cooking Club**
- **MUN (KS3)**
- **Duke of Edinburgh (KS4)**
- **Graphics Club**
- **Secondary Choir**
- **Journal Club**
- **Volleyball (KS3)**

Monday



- **Rugby (9,10,11,12)**
- **Eco/Stem Club**
- **Global Citizenship project**
- **Card/Board Games**
- **Table Tennis (KS3)**
- **Dance**
- **Fantasy Football**
- **Arts and Crafts**
- **Photography**

**Tuesday: No ECA**

Wednesday



- **Football (KS3)**
- **Crochet Club**
- **Girls Swimming**
- **Book Club**
- **MUN (KS4)**
- **Dragons Den**
- **Table Tennis (KS4)**
- **Creative Writing**
- **French Club**

**Thursday: No ECA**

**Kindly encourage your children to participate in one of our ECAs! For more information about each ECA, please [click here](#).**



## Y8 Science news:

*"I am extremely impressed with the Y8A science projects. The creativity and effort put into these projects have been truly inspiring. Students demonstrated a deep understanding of the wonders of space and showcased their knowledge of planets, stars, and even the possibility of life beyond Earth! Well done to all of you (and to the parents who also took part!) - Mrs. Mekhalfia"*



## Year 7 Science News:

*Year 7 students have been exploring how to make solutions in their Science lessons. They've learned about dissolving, solubility, and the factors that affect how substances mix. Through hands-on experiments, students have gained a deeper understanding of the science behind everyday mixtures. Well done Y7B - Mrs Mekhalfia*





## Arabic Department

### Teacher in Action

*I wanted to share some exciting news about our Year 8 students during their Arabic lesson. This week, they took on the role of young teachers, leading their classmates through various lessons and activities.*

*I believe this interactive approach will not only enrich their learning experience but also help them develop leadership skills in a fun and engaging manner.*

### Mr Soliman





It's time again for...



# DBS's GOT TALENT



Following the success of last year where we saw musicians, comedians, dancers and singers enter the final, we are inviting YOU to audition for the second year of DBS's Got Talent at DBS Rawdat.



Calling all performers!

We are looking for..

- Singers
- Comedians
- Actors
- Dancers
- Musicians

- Can you play an instrument?
- Are you a great dancer?
- Do your friends think you tell hilarious jokes?
- Do you have a secret talent?
- Have you got a good singing voice?



Open to Year 2 - Year 12.

You can enter alone or as a group.

You will need to prepare something for your audition.

Auditions will be the week of September 29th during the school day.

Your performance should last 1 – 5 minutes.

**If you think you've got what it takes, we would love to see you.  
Sign up for an audition with your music teacher.**



## FoDBS 2023-24 Breakfast Morning

### *Friends of DBS – Open to New Volunteers*

*At DBS, we strengthen our relationship with the parent community through the Friends of DBS (FoDBS) programme. This initiative unites parents, teachers, and volunteers to collaborate on projects aimed at enhancing the school environment and fostering greater community involvement. Last year, during the inaugural year of Rawdat FoDBS, we organised a range of exciting events such as Breakfast Morning, Family Movie Night, and the Spring Fair, among others. This year, we are hopeful to host even more activities and events to bring our community closer together.*

*Before the FoDBS group gets back into the full swing of things, we've asked our Chairperson to organise the first event—Breakfast Morning—details of which will be shared soon.*

*If you would like to participate or volunteer in any capacity, please contact the FoDBS Chairperson, Mrs Saana Ayman, at [FODBSRH@dbsrawdat.com](mailto:FODBSRH@dbsrawdat.com).*

*As a member of Friends of DBS, you are not expected to assist with all events and activities. Your involvement is entirely based on your availability.*

*I am very much looking forward to meeting all the new FoDBS members and getting to know you better.*

### **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 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.maletsk@dbssrawdat.com](mailto:mariia.maletsk@dbssrawdat.com).

## Secondary Library

### ... LIBRARY NEWS

September 21-26



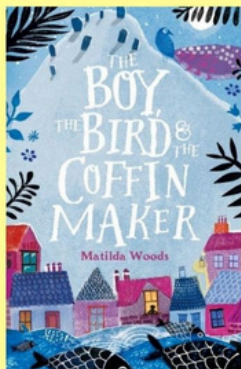
#### BOOK of the Week

The Boy, The Bird & the Coffin Maker. By: Matilda Woods

Allora is a small town so close to the ocean that fish occasionally leap from the turbulent sea; it's a town so small that secrets are nearly impossible to keep.

Alberto, the town's coffin maker, lives alone near the graveyard. His solitude is disrupted when Tito and his magical bird arrive at his home. Although Alberto suspects Tito may have secrets of his own, he doesn't grasp the gravity of the situation until a stranger arrives in Allora searching for the boy. To protect Tito, Alberto must conceal him from the town's curious eyes.

This beautifully written debut novel explores themes of grief and hope through an unlikely friendship.



 BORROW TODAY!

#### Today in History

- 21 September 2024: Peace Day marks the 25th anniversary of Peace One Day, a global initiative supported by schools, governments, and the United Nations to raise awareness and promote peace worldwide.
- 25 September 2020: Singapore announces it will be the first country in the world to use facial verification as part of its national identity system.
- 26 September 2017: The video game Fortnite: Battle Royale is released, and it goes on to become one of the most popular games worldwide.



**"DREAM BIG, WORK HARD, AND STAY FOCUSED—YOUR FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS."**



### ***Invitation to Participate in Parent Recruitment for Work Experience Program***

#### ***Connecting Parents and Careers!***

*It was a pleasure meeting so many parents at our recent coffee morning! We truly enjoyed hearing your insightful suggestions for strengthening our parents and careers partnership moving forward.*

*One exciting idea that emerged was to share details about upcoming university fairs, which can provide valuable opportunities for students to explore their options. Additionally, we discussed the importance of highlighting interesting career paths and pathways that can inspire students as they consider their futures.*

*We're committed to fostering this partnership and look forward to implementing your suggestions. Stay tuned for more updates and opportunities to engage with our careers 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 leverage your professional networks and resources to help secure valuable work experience placements for our students.*

*By getting involved, you can make a significant impact on 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!*

#### ***Exciting Opportunity: Join the Qatar Museums Teen Council!***

*Our students have an amazing opportunity to join the Qatar Museums Teen Council, an initiative for teens aged 12-18. This program invites young people to create and shape events specifically for their peers, with exclusive access to special events such as opening nights, artist exhibitions, and speaker series. It's a fantastic chance for teens to have a voice in upcoming exhibitions and connect with a community of like-minded individuals.*



**We encourage you to apply and take full advantage of the many benefits this program offers!**

**For more details and to apply, visit:**

**<https://qm.org.qa/en/about-us/careers-and-opportunities/teen-council/>**

**In addition to these exciting experiences, Qatar Museums offers the chance to volunteer. Volunteering provides invaluable experience that enriches character and significantly enhances a student's work experience profile. It allows them to develop essential skills, build a strong Curriculum Vitae, and gain a deeper understanding of the cultural sector.**

**Volunteers at Qatar Museums are invited to attend events, training and exhibitions, lead guided tours and experience behind-the-scenes opportunities.**

**You must be at least 16 years old to register, but younger volunteers may join if they are supervised by a family member or a guardian.**

**For more information or queries, email: [volunteers@qm.org.qa](mailto:volunteers@qm.org.qa)**

**Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar is offering another Python 1 camp starting next week!**

**The camp will run over three weeks, with sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. It's open to students aged 14 and above. Participants will receive a certificate upon successful completion of the camp. Take a look at the poster below and follow the QR code for more information or to apply.**





## 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](#)



- [Staff email contact list](#)



- [Google Classroom](#)



- [School Day Guide](#)



- [Careers Guidance](#)

Kind regards,

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