



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

RAWDAT AL HAMAMA



Secondary Newsletter

Thursday 5th Sept 2024

Dear Parents



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

Welcome to DBS, Rawdat Al Hamama.

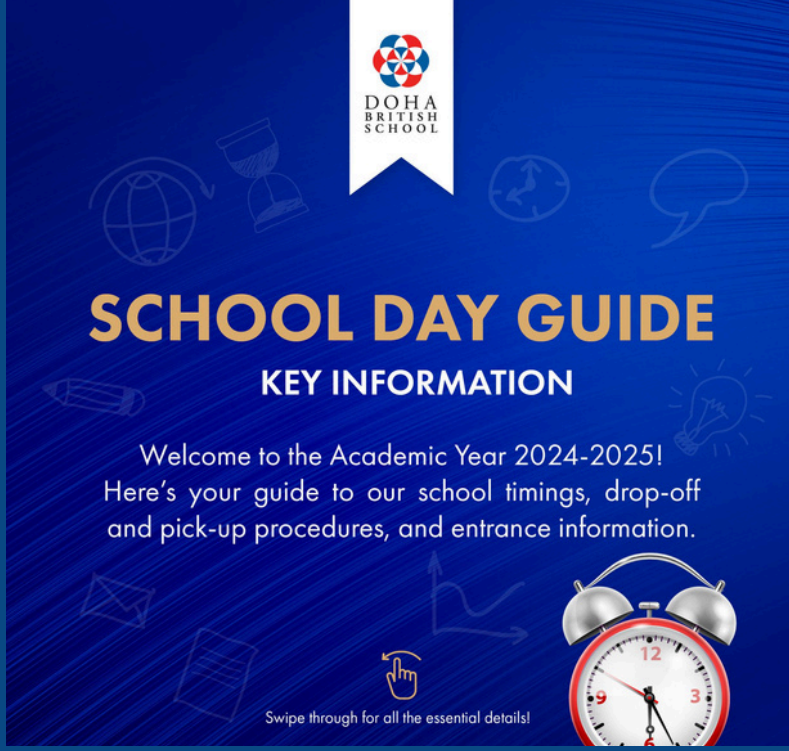
Welcome to the 2024/2025 academic year at Doha British School. I am delighted to embark on another year of growth and achievement with our students. Our dedicated team is prepared to support and challenge each student, helping them to reach their full potential.

I encourage you to remain engaged with us through regular communication and participation in school events. Together, we can ensure your child's success and well-being.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

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




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SCHOOL DAY GUIDE

KEY INFORMATION

Welcome to the Academic Year 2024-2025!
Here's your guide to our school timings, drop-off
and pick-up procedures, and entrance information.

Swipe through for all the essential details!



Important Notice for Parent & Guardian Campus Access



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PARENTS/VISITORS ENTRY

LANYARD REQUIRED FOR ENTRY
PASSPORT/QID/PHOTO ID
YOUR KIND ASSISTANCE ON THIS MATTER IS HIGHLY APPRECIATED

للدخول يرجى ابراز
الهوية المدرسية أو الهوية القطرية أو أي هوية أخرى
نشكركم على حسن تعاونكم





Registration and School Timings

Students should make their way to their tutor bases at 6:55 am so that they can be registered.



SCHOOL TIMINGS

	EYFS	PRIMARY & SECONDARY
SUNDAY	7:00 AM - 1:00 PM	7:00 AM - 2:00 PM
MONDAY	7:00 AM - 1:00 PM	7:00 AM - 2:00 PM
TUESDAY	7:00 AM - 1:00 PM	7:00 AM - 2:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	7:00 AM - 1:00 PM	7:00 AM - 2:00 PM
THURSDAY	7:00 AM - 1:00 PM	7:00 AM - 2:00 PM
FRIDAY		CLOSED
SATURDAY		CLOSED

Parents or guardians of solely Secondary pupils should drop off and pick up children at the school gate. Secondary students should come into school independently of any accompanying adult.

- *Students will be allowed to enter the school facilities from 6:45 am. Once in the school, students should wait until 6:55 am in the main shaded areas outside.*



PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF PROCEDURE

MORNING DROP OFF GATES OPEN 6:50 AM (EYFS) 6:45 AM (PRIMARY & SECONDARY)	AFTERNOON PICK UP GATES OPEN 12:55 PM (EYFS) 2:00 PM (PRIMARY & SECONDARY)
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REGISTRATION

Primary & Secondary: Students arriving after **7:05 AM** need to report to the main reception and register before proceeding to their classrooms.

المرحلة الابتدائية والثانوية: على الطلاب المتأخرون عن الساعة **7:05** صباحًا التوجه إلى مكتب الاستقبال والتسجيل قبل الذهاب إلى فصولهم الدراسية

All parents and visitors must wear a lanyard for safeguarding purposes at all times whilst on the school site.

على جميع أولياء الأمور والزوار ارتداء هوية التعرف الخاصة بالمدرسة خلال تواجدهم في الحرم المدرسي حفاظًا على إجراءات السلامة المتبعة



Arriving Late

For health and safety reasons, we must be aware of who is on campus at all times.

- *If a Secondary student arrives between 7:05 - 7.15 am they must go to their tutor base and register with their form tutor. If they arrive to their tutor room after 7.05 am they will be marked as a late arrival.*
- *If a student arrives after 7.15 am they must go straight to reception to sign in late. They will receive a late card which they must show to the teacher of their first lesson.*
- *Students arriving late to assembly must ensure that they register with their tutor before being seated.*
- *Students who arrive at school after 7:05 a.m. will receive a C1 (please refer to the behaviour management section) to be completed on the same day as the tardiness.*
- *Any student that arrives at school after 7.05 am, will be issued with a 10-minute detention to be completed on the day of the lateness.*

Sec. School Times and Heads of Houses

Secondary School Times

TIME:	PERIOD:
6:45 - 7:00	STUDENTS ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION
7:00 - 7:15	REGISTRATION
7:15 - 8:05	PERIOD 1
8:05 - 8:55	PERIOD 2
8:55 - 9:15	1ST BREAK
9:15 - 10:05	PERIOD 3
10:05 - 10:55	PERIOD 4
10:55 - 11:35	2ND BREAK
11:35 - 12:25	PERIOD 5
12:25 - 13:15	PERIOD 6
13:15 - 14:00	PERIOD 7
14:10 - 15:00	ECA

 HORSES Mrs. Thomas Head of Blue Horses	 ORYXES Mrs Thompson Head of Red Oryxes
 FALCONS Ms Sabir Head of Yellow Falcons	 CAMELS Mr. Ali Head of Purple Camels

SAY HI TO OUR NEW HEADS OF HOUSES

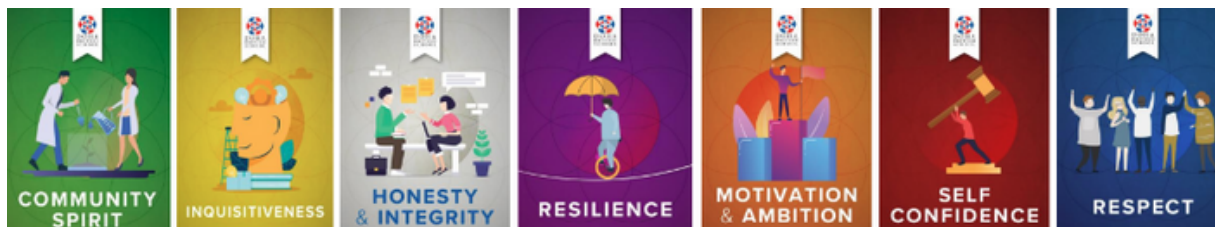
 SCORPIONS Ms Lorente Head of Green Scorpions / AHT Pastoral



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:
Adrian Ruiz**



**Yellow Falcons:
Umayma Saedd**



**Red Onyxes:
Rawan Ksiksi**



**Purple Camels:
Judy Wesam**



**Green Scorpions:
Hussain Gardezi**

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

Celebrate your child's success with them!

Hamilton Aquatics at Doha British School.

ABOUT HAMILTON AQUATICS

Hamilton Aquatics is your premier destination for world-class swimming programmes. With a legacy of excellence, we offer a comprehensive range of aquatic experiences tailored to all ages and skill levels. Experience our state-of-the-art facilities and embark on a journey of water mastery, guided by our passionate team of expert teachers and coaches.



HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEAM

Highly qualified swimming and coaching staff who undergo monthly training ensuring the best delivery of our programmes.

OVER 6+ LOCATIONS

One of our swimming locations is never too far.

STRUCTURED PATHWAY

Our programmes follow a structured pathway that are fun and engaging whilst building water confidence.

ONLINE ASSESSMENTS

No need to visit our pool for an assessment. Get assessed online and complete your booking in a matter of minutes

Hamilton Aquatics is a comprehensive swimming academy that provides a wide array of swimming programs tailored for different age groups and skill levels. Our offerings include:

- 1. Learn to Swim Programs: These programs cater to beginners of all ages, focusing on building foundational swimming skills, water safety, and confidence in the water. They often start with basic techniques and gradually progress to more advanced skills.*
- 2. Development Squads: For swimmers who have mastered the basics and want to improve their technique and fitness, squads offer structured training sessions to enhance skills and prepare for more competitive swimming.*
- A3. Competitive Swimming: The academy supports swimmers aiming to compete at various levels, from local meets to national competitions. They provide specialized coaching, training plans, and competition strategies.*
- 4. Water Safety: Emphasizing the importance of water safety, Hamilton Aquatics integrates safety skills into our programs to ensure that swimmers are not only proficient in swimming but also knowledgeable about how to stay safe in and around the water.*



5. Coaching and Development: The academy employs experienced coaches who are dedicated to helping swimmers achieve their personal and competitive goals. They offer personalized feedback and support to aid in skill development and performance improvement.

6. Facilities and Environment: Hamilton Aquatics is known for its high-quality facilities that support effective training and learning. They create a positive and encouraging environment for swimmers of all levels.

For Further information, Please download the Hamilton Aquatics Application from the IOS/Google Play store, visit <https://www.hamiltonaquatics.qa/> or reach out to +974 3382 7037 via Whatsapp

Invitation for Secondary Students

Entry: Free

Ages: 14+

[Attendees' Registration Form Link](#)

Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar invites you to

MINDCRAFT
COMPUTER SCIENCE STARTS HERE

MAKE AN IMPACT.

Computing is the driving force in nearly every discipline and field of study. Engineering, science, aviation business, social sciences, and medicine all rely on computer science.

A workshop for secondary students

- See for yourself: programming, problem-solving, robotics, crypto
- Roll up your sleeves: hands-on and interactive
- Ask questions: what would your career look like?

Saturday, October 26th, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, Education City
Apply by: October 22nd, 2024 | Space is limited.

To apply and for further information please visit:
www.qatar.cmu.edu/mindcraft

Contact: 44548628
Email: mindcraft@andrew.cmu.edu

 @CMUQatarComputerScience





Careers Guidance

Exciting Opportunity: Parent Involvement in Student Work Experience Program!

We are thrilled to announce a new initiative designed to enrich the work experience opportunities available to our students here at Doha British School. As we aim to bridge the gap between education and the professional world, we recognise the invaluable role that parents and guardians can play in shaping our students' futures.

Introducing the Parent Recruitment for Work Experience Program

This program invites parents and guardians to leverage their professional networks and resources to help secure meaningful work experience placements for our students. By participating, you can make a significant impact on your child's career development and open doors to real-world opportunities that align with their interests and aspirations.

How You Can Get Involved:

1- Offer Placement Opportunities: If your company or organization can provide internships, shadowing experiences, or short-term projects, we would love to hear from you. These experiences can offer students a glimpse into various professions and industries, helping them make informed decisions about their future careers.

2- Share Professional Contacts: If you have connections within your industry or know of other organizations that might be willing to host students, please consider reaching out to them. Your network can help us expand the range of opportunities available to our students.

3- Provide Guidance and Mentorship: Beyond placement opportunities, your personal experience and insights can be incredibly valuable. We encourage parents who are willing to offer career advice or mentorship to get involved. Your guidance can help students navigate their career paths more effectively.



Benefits of Parent Involvement:

- ***Enhanced Career Insights:*** Students gain firsthand experience in their fields of interest, which can be instrumental in making informed career choices.
- ***Strengthened Professional Skills:*** Work experience helps students develop essential skills such as communication, problem-solving, and teamwork.
- ***Increased Confidence:*** Exposure to real-world work environments builds students' confidence and prepares them for future employment challenges.

How to Get Started:

1- Contact Us: Reach out to our careers office at fozia.rafiq@dbsrawdat.com to express your interest in participating. We will provide you with more information and discuss how you can contribute.

2- Stay Informed: Follow our newsletters and updates for further information on upcoming events and opportunities related to the program.

Join Us in Shaping the Future

Your involvement in this program is a powerful way to support your child's educational journey and career development. Together, we can provide our students with the practical experiences they need to succeed in their chosen fields.

We look forward to collaborating with you to create exceptional work experience opportunities for our students. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to enhancing their educational experiences.



Uniforms

Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you about a recent update 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), but it is important that all parents and students are aware of and prepared for these adjustments.

- *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 must wear tights or long socks with their skirts, or they can choose to wear trousers instead. Girls in secondary who choose to wear trousers need 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 colored Leggings or DBS jogging pants to be worn by girls.*

For swimwear, all students are required to wear short-sleeved (to the elbow) or longer tops, along with bottoms that reach at or below the knee. This can be purchased from Zak.

Specifications of the school uniform of the students:

<p>Year 7 and above</p> <p>Trousers</p>	<p>Year 7 and above</p> <p>Long trousers, apron, skirt, which is not higher than the knee along with Hellahop, which is not an opaque, when wearing the skirt or skirt reaching the ankle and there is need for the Hellahop with it.</p>
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Uniforms

Sports clothing	Sports shirt	Sports shirt
	Sports trousers or short	From year 4 to year 6 Sports trousers or short, which is not higher than the knee From year 7 and above Wide sports trousers or shorts, which is not higher than the knee, along with sports tights.
Swimming clothing	All students are required to wear short- sleeved (to the elbow) or longer tops, along with bottoms that reach at below the knee.	

Notes:

- When the students participate in the sports and international competitions, the option of adherence to specifications of the sports clothing shall be left in accordance with requirements of the competition and regulator, provided that the guardian agrees to the same (this clause is applicable to all the educational stages).
- The aforementioned option shall be granted to the students, i.e. wearing the swimming top (this clause is applicable to all the educational stages).
- The above-mentioned requirements and controls are also applicable to the private schools, which don't approve specific school uniforms for the students, in terms of specifications of the shirts, skirts, swimming clothing or sports clothes.
- It is necessary to adhere to the conservative school uniform, which suits the values of the Qatari society in all the activities and occasions.
- It is necessary to adhere to the pre-issued controls regarding the intermingling between the students in the swimming classes starting from grade 4 and above.

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. The appropriate swimwear can now also be purchased from Zaks.

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

Best Regards,

*Simon Berry
Executive Principal*



Secondary Library

... LIBRARY NEWS

September 3RD



Welcome Back, Secondary Students!

We're thrilled to see you again and can't wait for an amazing year ahead!

What's New in the Library?

- **Board Games!**

Challenge your friends or make new ones over a game of strategy or luck.

- **Fresh Academic Books!**

Dive into the latest resources to boost your studies and fuel your curiosity.

- **And More Surprises!**

We've got even more in store for you—come and discover what's waiting!



THE LIBRARY IS YOUR SPACE TO EXPLORE, LEARN, AND HAVE FUN.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

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](#)

- [Staff email contact list](#)

- [School Calendar 2024/25](#)

- [Google Classroom](#)

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

Kind regards,

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Thank You