



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
RAWDAT AL-HAMAMA



Secondary Newsletter

Thursday 10th October 2024

Our Purpose

Is that every young person should gain as much as possible from our school, based on our belief that all learners can, need and want to achieve

Our Vision

Is to be a vibrant, welcoming international school that provides a first class education enabling pupils to thrive within a dynamic, global environment

Our Mission

Is to prepare all pupils through a relevant, challenging curriculum and well-resourced facilities, to become lifelong learners contributing to a global community



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE **MR. ROBNAWAZ KHAN**



Friends of DBS Breakfast

This morning, the hard work of Deedam, Saana, and Benazir, members of the Friends of DBS (FoDBS), truly paid off as over 70 parents joined us for our first community event—the FoDBS breakfast morning. The event, held at the Santa Monica Breakfast Club in the Grand Hyatt, was a fantastic opportunity for parents to connect with others from the same year group and network. I'd like to express my gratitude for all the kind words and supportive comments about the event; all credit goes to the amazing FoDBS team.



Parent and Student Handbook

First, I would like to thank everyone who responded to the Parent Portal access email sent a few weeks ago. The goal was to familiarize our community with our policies and the homeschool agreement. If you haven't had the chance to complete the form yet, you can still do so using the following link: <https://forms.gle/ehzasiPoE1zs2vCDA>.

In addition, we are pleased to share the link to the 2024 Student-Parent Handbook, which provides further details on our procedures. While it's not necessary to read the entire handbook cover to cover (unless you have the time), we hope it serves as a useful reference guide to help you find the most relevant information regarding DBS Rawdat's operations and procedures.

The Student Parent Handbook 2024 can be found [here](#).

We welcome any feedback you may have, whether it's suggesting additions or seeking further clarification on any topic. We hope this additional resource strengthens our homeschool communication.



Red Lanyard – Compulsory requirement

Thank you for ensuring that you enter the school premises with a red lanyard or by showing appropriate identification to obtain a yellow visitor's lanyard. I would like to remind you that this policy is in place to ensure the safety and security of all our community members, especially our children, by ensuring that all personnel on site are authorised.

Please note the following:

- To avoid being stopped by security, ensure your lanyard is visible upon entry and while you remain on the premises.
- If you do not have a red lanyard for any reason, one can be obtained from the reception desk.
- If you have applied for a red lanyard but are still awaiting your card, you may collect a red lanyard from reception, and later pick up your card once it is ready.
- If you have not yet applied for a red lanyard, we advise you to do so at the reception desk. Otherwise, you will need to show ID and collect a yellow lanyard each time you enter.
- Please remember that staff on duty are carrying out their responsibilities if they ask you to show your lanyards or ID cards. Please be polite and courteous when engaging in any discussion.
- Despite security and support staff knowing you, there is no guarantee that all staff on site are familiar with you, particularly after you have dropped off your child. Therefore, please keep your lanyards visible at all times.

Important Reminder: Drop-Off and Pick-Up Safety

A gentle reminder to all parents and guardians: please be mindful and patient during drop-off and pick-up times. Parking in front of the gates or driving up the wrong side of the road can pose significant risks to our students, parents, and staff. Let's all work together to ensure a safe environment for everyone. Everyone's time is important but safety has to be the priority.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school community.





HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

MRS. ALICIA HILL



Dear Parents,

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

Dates for you Diary

<i>Upcoming events</i>	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
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
<i>QUESS Activities</i>	
14 October @ 2:30 pm	U14 Boys Volleyball - Venue AKIS/QIS
16 October @ 2:30 pm	U14 Girls Volleyball - Venue AKIS/QIS
21 October @ 2:30 pm	U13 Girls Volleyball - Venue QAD/QIS
23 October @ 2:30 pm	U13 Boys Volleyball - Venue QAD/QIS



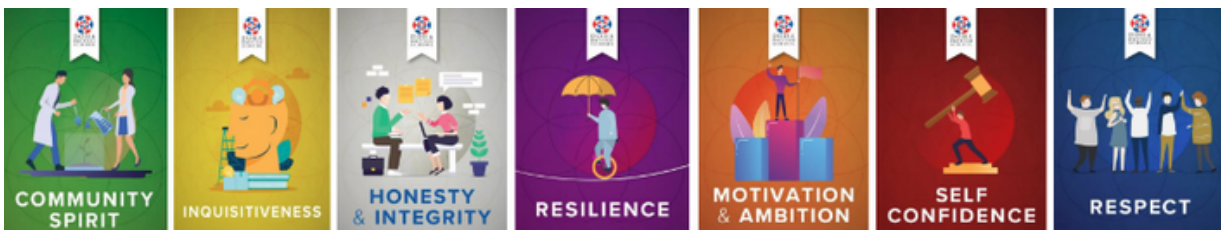


HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

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:



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

Celebrate your child's success with them!

CONGRATULATIONS!





PE DEPARTMENT

U16 BOYS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Congratulations to our U16 Boys' Volleyball team for securing third place! The team had a closely contested semi-final match against Doha College, which they unfortunately lost. However, they showed great resilience by bouncing back to claim victory in the third-place match against Qatar International School, earning well-deserved bronze medals. The tournament took place at Alkhor International School on Monday, October 7th. The team displayed incredible talent and demonstrated brilliant sportsmanship to walk away with the bronze.





SEC. ASSEMBLY

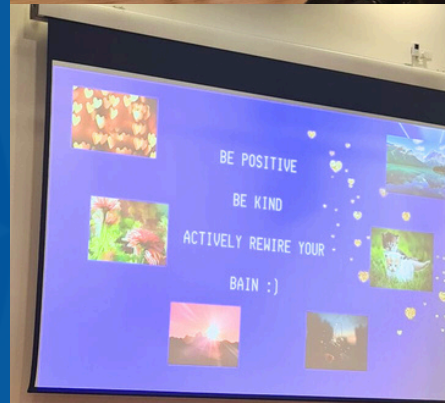
MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Dear Parents,

Today, we had an insightful assembly as part of our Mental Health Week, focusing on the theme "How Your Brain Is Impacted." The session was led by Ms Mariam, our DBS Wellbeing counsellor, who provided valuable insights into the complexities of our brains.

During the assembly, Ms. Mariam discussed several key topics, including the release of neurotransmitters, the fight or flight response, survival instincts, and the regulation of homeostasis. She highlighted the activation of the amygdala and explored the differences between stress and anxiety. Additionally, she explained how our sense of safety develops within the brain and noted that the programming of our brains is inevitable.

As we concluded the assembly, Ms Mariam left us with an uplifting message: "Be positive, be kind, and actively rewire your brain." Thank you for your continued support in promoting mental well-being within our school community.





MUSIC DEPARTMENT

JOIN TO OUR ROCK MUSICAL



AUDITIONS
SECONDARY STUDENTS



HOW TO SIGN UP:

SPEAK TO YOUR MUSIC TEACHER

DEADLINE:

14 OCTOBER



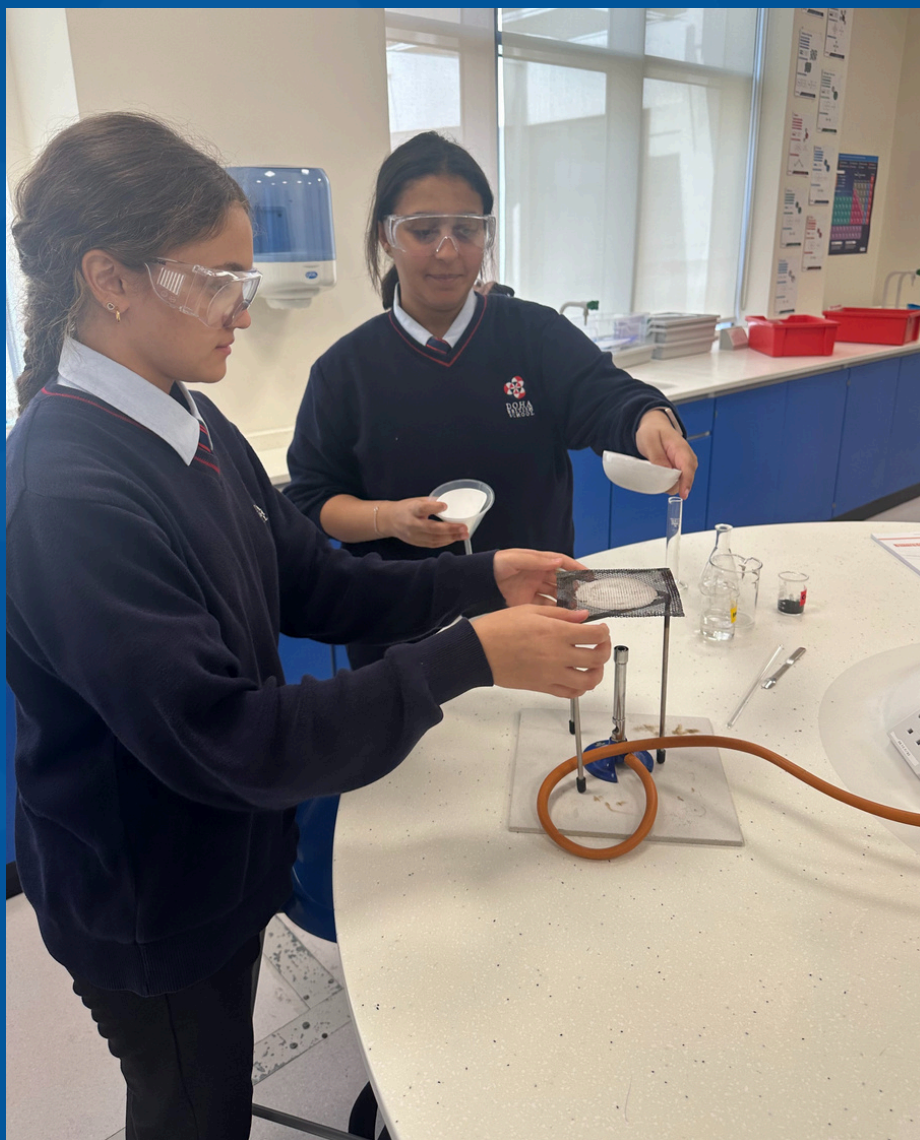
***“JOIN THE ULTIMATE ROCK MUSICAL!
TAKE THE STAGE, FEEL THE ENERGY,
AND LET YOUR TALENT SHINE!”***



SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

CHEMISTRY

Our Year 11 Chemists have been focused on creating soluble and insoluble salts this week as part of their IGCSE core practicals. Their strong recall of separation techniques from last year has been particularly impressive! - Mrs. Mekhalfia





CAREERS CORNER

GET READY TO EXPLORE EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS IN THE UPCOMING YEAR!

Unleash your creativity with Destination Imagination (DI) for 2024-2025!

We are thrilled to invite our students to join the Destination Imagination (DI) cruise for the upcoming year. This is an amazing chance for them to unleash their creativity and take on spectacular challenges.

What is Destination Imagination?

Destination Imagination (DI) is an educational nonprofit dedicated to inspiring young people to imagine and innovate today, empowering them to become the creative and collaborative leaders of tomorrow. Through hands-on challenges and teamwork, students develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration skills that will serve them well in all areas of life.

Why should your child participate?

The world needs a generation of innovators to tackle our biggest challenges. It requires individuals who are unafraid to push limits, change systems, work together, and forge new paths. Destination Imagination equips our students with the skills they need to face the future head-on, fostering creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving abilities that will empower them to make a difference.



CHALLENGE EXPERIENCE

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WHAT IS THE CHALLENGE EXPERIENCE?

Our Challenge Experience program is a team-based, creative project competition. Teams of students from pre-K through university learn to use the creative process to solve one of our seven annual Challenges.



WHY SHOULD YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE?

The world needs a generation of innovators in order to solve our biggest challenges. It requires individuals to be unafraid to push limits, change systems, work together, and forge new paths. Destination Imagination equips participants with the skills necessary to tackle the future head-on.



CAREERS CORNER

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

A DI team is a group of students of between 2 and 7 members that work together to develop a solution to one of our Team Challenges. The Team Manager is an adult (often a parent or teacher) helps keep the team on track, but does not assist or interfere with the team's solution.



WHEN DOES THE PROGRAM START?

Teams form and begin meeting between August and January. They typically spend 2-6 months developing their Team Challenge solutions and practicing Instant Challenges. Most local tournaments take place between February and April. For teams that qualify for Global Finals, their season may extend into May of each year.

HOW DO I JOIN A TEAM?

Speak to the person who gave you this flyer.



HOW DO I START A TEAM?

Visit our Start a Team page by scanning the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/StartDI.



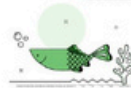
2024-25 CHALLENGES



BREAKING POINT
technical



WORLDS BEYOND
scientific



LESS IS MORE
fine arts



ARE WE THERE YET?
improvisational



HIGH-WIRE ACT
engineering



THIS OR THAT
service learning



WEATHER TOGETHER
early learning



**SCAN & VIEW THE
CHALLENGE PREVIEWS**

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tinyurl.com/StartDI

Attention Parents: Help Shape Our Career Development!

We are excited to hear from parents as we improve our career development programs at school. Your insights and experiences are invaluable in helping us create a strong career preparation for our students!

If you are interested in collaborating or sharing feedback, please contact me at fozia.rafiq@dbsrawdat.com. Together, we can make a meaningful impact on our students' futures!



ECA_s CORNER

PHOTOGRAPHY ECA

A big congratulations to the photography students this semester. They were given the task of taking classroom photos for the teachers, demonstrating their photography and editing skills.



... LIBRARY NEWS

OCTOBER 5-10



BOOK of the Week

"When the Sky Falls" by Phil Earle

Set during World War II, this emotional story follows 12-year-old Joseph Palmer, who is sent to London after his father leaves for war and his grandmother can no longer care for him. Angry and misunderstood, Joseph struggles with dyslexia and bullies at school. At a rundown zoo, he meets Adonis, a silverback gorilla who shares his anger. Together, they form an unlikely bond that helps Joseph navigate the challenges of war, loss, and finding peace. Full of emotion and beautifully written, this is a moving tale about resilience, friendship, and hope in the darkest of times.



BORROW TODAY!

Today in History

- 5 October: World Teachers' Day is celebrated globally to honour teachers for their valuable contributions to education and society. It highlights the important role they play in shaping future generations.
- 8 October 2023: Dutch driver Max Verstappen wins the Qatar Grand Prix at the Lusail Circuit, securing his third consecutive Formula 1 title with his 14th victory of the season.
- 9 October 2012: A Taliban gunman shot Pakistani activist Malala Yousafzai, who was 15 years old at the time and a strong advocate for girls' education. Despite being struck in the head, she survived the assassination attempt.



Source: www.onthisday.com



"EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD." – NELSON MANDELA



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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Thank You