



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
RAWDAT AL-HAMAMA



Secondary Newsletter

Thursday 17th 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**



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.

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.**

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>
<i>Wednesday 23rd October</i>	Parent Workshop/ Coffee Morning
<i>27th - 31st October @ 3.15-6.15 pm</i>	Half Term Break
<i>6th November @ 3.15-6.15 pm</i>	Year 10 Parents Evening
<i>27th November @ 3.15-6.15 pm</i>	Year 11 Parents Evening
<i>27th November @ 3.15-6.15 pm</i>	Year 12 Parents Evening
<i>3rd December @ 3.15-6.15 pm</i>	Careers Fair 2024
<i>1st - 17th December</i>	Year 11 Mock
<i>1st - 17th December</i>	Year 12 Mock
<i>QUESS Activities</i>	
<i>21 October @ 2:30 pm</i>	U13 Girls Volleyball - Venue QAD/QIS
<i>23 October @ 2:30 pm</i>	U13 Boys Volleyball - Venue QAD/QIS
<i>1 December @ 2:30 pm</i>	U12 Boys Football - Venue DC/AKIS
<i>3 December @ 2:30 pm</i>	U12 Girls Football - Venue DC/AKIS





Medical Information

When your child joined DBS Rawdat, you were asked to complete a medical form to inform us of any health issues, allergies, or other conditions that may affect your child. We have used the information you provided to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of all students, both in school and during off-site activities. It is essential that we keep this information up to date.

The information will be used to make sure we are aware of any issues that may affect your child and, in the event of a school trip or activity such as an educational visit or sporting event, to ensure we have the relevant details at hand to make any first aid decisions or provide information to medical professionals in case of an emergency.

Please take a moment to complete the medical questionnaire, which can be accessed through the following link, [Medical information and Emergency contacts](#).

If you have more than one child at the school, please complete a separate questionnaire for each child.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Wear It Pink Day: Raising Awareness with a Splash of Colour

Wear It Pink Day is more than just a splash of colour; it's a global initiative that highlights breast cancer awareness. This day encourages individuals everywhere to wear pink as a show of support, bringing together communities, businesses, and schools in a shared mission to raise essential funds for research and patient care. Every pink garment, ribbon, or accessory worn symbolises solidarity with those affected by breast cancer, emphasising the crucial importance of early detection and treatment. Wear It Pink Day serves as a powerful reminder that together, we can make a difference and offer hope to those impacted by this illness.

On Thursday, 24th October, we will be honouring Wear It Pink Day, and we encourage students to participate by replacing one item of their clothing with something pink or by adding a "Touch of Pink" with an accessory such as a ribbon, belt, or wristband. Please note that this is not a non-uniform day, so if you choose to replace your usual school shirt with a pink one, the rest of the uniform should be worn as normal (i.e., tie, skirt, trousers, etc.).

Important: If your child joined DBS Rawdat during this academic year, we have scheduled photos to be taken on Wednesday, the 23rd, and Thursday, the 24th of October. In this case, if your child wishes to participate in Wear It Pink Day, they should choose the "Touch of Pink" option so that their photos can be taken in full school uniform.





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Touch of Pink

24th of October



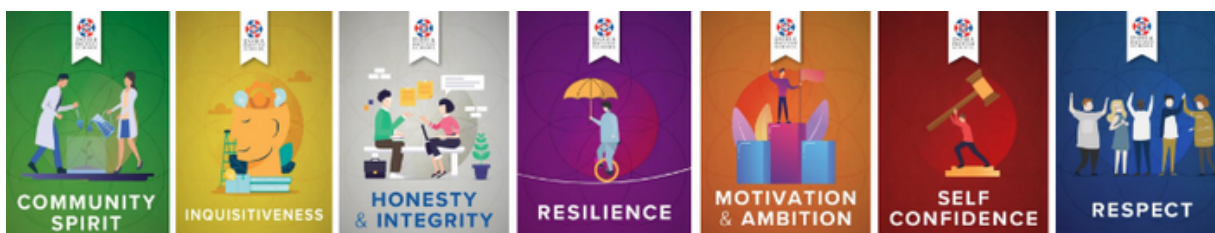


HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

STAR OF THE WEEK

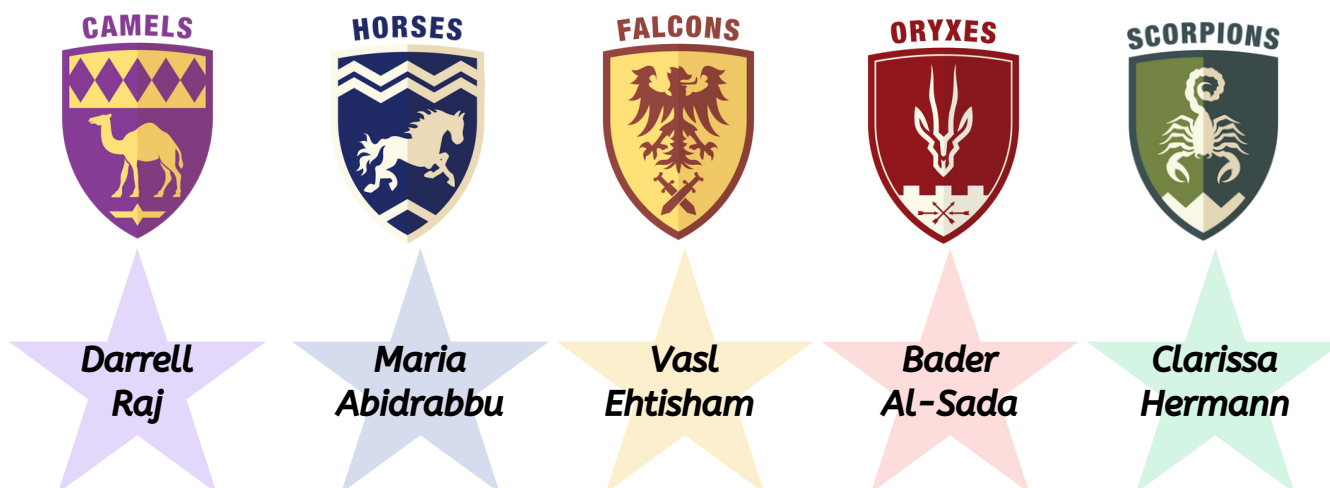
At DBS, we are dedicated to ensuring every student benefits fully from their time here. We aim to nurture well-rounded individuals through excellent teaching and strong character development.

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!





ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

"We encourage parents to motivate their children to take part in our upcoming Spelling Bee competition, which will take place throughout November. This is a great opportunity for students to develop their vocabulary, confidence, and public speaking skills. Let's support our students in making the most of this exciting challenge! - Ms. Hirani"





PHYSICAL EDUCATION

VOLLEYBALL

Boys' Volleyball

Our U14 boys' volleyball team performed fantastically and secured a spot in the semifinals after winning all 5 of their group-stage matches. The semifinals will take place in the weeks following the half-term holiday. The tournament took place at Qatar International School on Monday, October 14th. The students who represented the school were Adham, Mohamad K, Isa, Joshua, Mohab, Teejay, Karim, Al Ariq, Anas, and Zachary.



Girls Volleyball

Congratulations to our amazing U14 girls' volleyball team for their hard work and team spirit during the volleyball tournament yesterday. Their efforts paid off as they won all 5 matches and secured their spot in the semifinals. The semifinals will take place in the weeks following the half-term holiday. The tournament was held at Qatar International School on Wednesday, October 16th.

The students who represented the school were Zoi, Duyghu, Aisha, Diala, Muna, Zinneerah, Ghazal, Sayali, Anya, and Arianna.





SEC. ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

EMBRACING DIVERSITY AND SHARED HUMANITY

Throughout October, we have been focusing on a key theme within the concept of global citizenship: equality. One way we explored this was by recognising the positive contributions of different cultures and ethnic groups.

In yesterday's secondary assembly, led by Ms Waseme and other staff members, the importance of these contributions was emphasised. The assembly highlighted the significance of acknowledging the achievements of influential individuals from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds who have shaped the world we live in today.

Ms Waseme also shared meaningful reflections on unity and inclusion, drawing from another cultural and ethnic perspective. The session encouraged students to appreciate diversity and understand how learning from the histories of other ethnic groups fosters mutual respect and helps build stronger, more inclusive communities.



Farwell speech of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)

"There is no superiority of an Arab over a non-Arab, or of a non-Arab over an Arab, and no superiority of a white person over a black person or of a black person over a white person, except on the basis of personal piety and righteousness."

All cultures record History to mark progress
If you deny a culture its History, you deny its progress.





CAREERS CORNER

CAREERS UPDATE

This past week has been bustling with activity as we welcomed representatives from CUC Ulster University Qatar and Bishop's University Canada. We arranged the Bishop's University visit during break time to ensure that our Year 11 students could fully engage with the opportunity.

It's never too early for our students to start considering their university options and understanding entry requirements. Many were surprised to learn about the wide range of courses offered by CUC Ulster University Qatar, including exciting new programmes in Psychology and Law.

These visits are a fantastic way for our students to explore potential paths and ask questions about their future studies. We encourage all students to engage with these opportunities and think ahead about their academic journeys!

Half Term Opportunities

Are you looking for ways to keep your children entertained during the half-term break? If they have a keen interest in computer science and aspire to careers like Robotist, Software Developer, Game Programmer, Software Engineer, Business Intelligence Analyst, Web Developer, or Artificial Intelligence Engineer, we have a fantastic opportunity!

Carnegie Mellon is offering a 5-day camp over half-term that promises to be both educational and engaging. Check out the details in the poster!

Additionally, Minecraft workshops are available for secondary students eager to dive deeper into computer science. These fun and interactive experiences will allow participants to explore programming, problem-solving, and various skills within the field.

We encourage students to learn, enjoy, and envision a future in this exciting industry!



CAREERS CORNER

Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar invites you to



MIND CRAFT

COMPUTER SCIENCE STARTS HERE

FALL CAMP

Looking for fun activities to do during your fall break? Interested in learning programming, robotics, and exploring real-life applications? Eager to learn more about technology? We got it all here for you!

Fall Camp for High School Students

- **WHO:** 13 to 18 year olds
- **WHEN:** Oct 27 to Oct 31, 2024 | 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM
- **WHERE:** Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar



Apply by October 22, 2024

To apply, scan the QR code or click here!

For more information visit our website:

<http://mindcraft.qatar.cmu.edu/camps>

Seats are limited.

Fees 200 USD



Contact: 44548688 or email: mindcraft@qatar.cmu.edu



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.maletska@dbsrawdat.com.

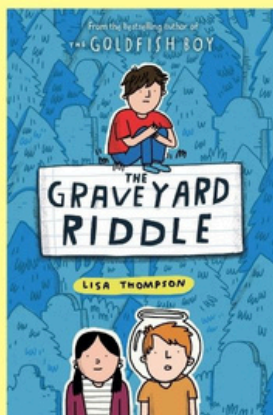
LIBRARY NEWS

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BOOK of the Week

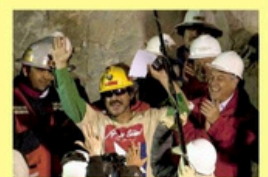
In *The Graveyard Riddle*, Melody Bird finds herself drawn to the peacefulness of a graveyard, where she stumbles upon an old plague house. Her curiosity leads her into a mystery involving Hal, a teenager claiming to be a spy on a mission to recover a stolen necklace. As they work together to solve riddles and uncover clues, Melody begins to question Hal's true intentions. With themes of friendship, trust, and mental health, this gripping mystery keeps readers engaged while exploring deeper emotional issues. A must-read for secondary students!



BORROW TODAY!

Today in History

- 13 Oct 2010: The Copiapó mining accident in Chile ends joyfully as all 33 miners are rescued after surviving a record 69 days underground.
- 13 Oct 2023: Microsoft completes the biggest acquisition in gaming history, purchasing Call of Duty maker Activision Blizzard for \$69 billion after approval by UK regulators.
- 16 Oct 2019: Egyptian archaeologists announce the discovery of more than 20 painted wooden coffins at the Theban necropolis of Asasif.



Source: www.onthisday.com

SUCCESS IS THE SUM OF SMALL EFFORTS, REPEATED DAY IN AND DAY OUT. — ROBERT COLLIER



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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