



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
RAWDAT AL-HAMAMA



Secondary Newsletter

Thursday 24th 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.

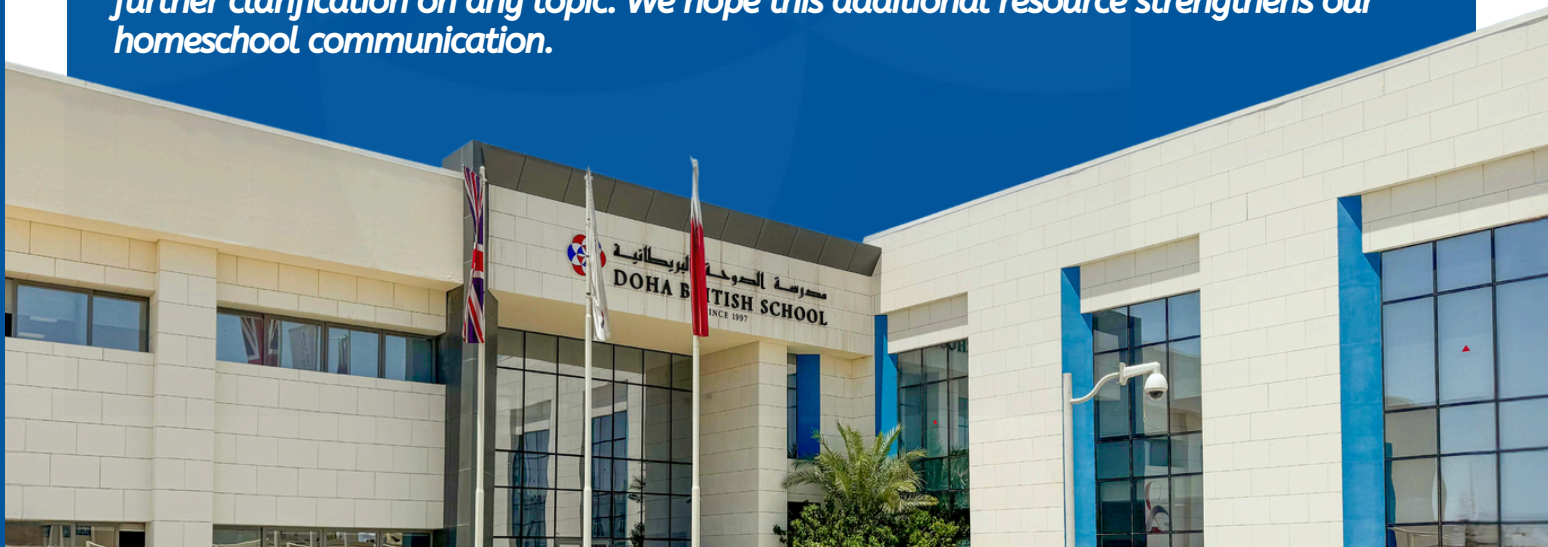
Parent and Student Handbook

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 and Students,

As we approach the end of a busy and productive first half of the term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful and restful half-term break. It has been a pleasure to see the hard work and dedication of both our students and staff, and I hope everyone takes this time to recharge and relax.

Whether you are spending time with family, travelling, or simply taking it easy at home, I hope the break brings you much-needed rest and enjoyment. We look forward to welcoming you back refreshed and ready for the remainder of the term.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable half-term holiday.

Mrs Hill

Dates for you Diary

<i>Upcoming events</i>	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
<i>27th - 31st October @ 3.15-6.15 pm</i>	<i>Half Term Break</i>
<i>6th November @ 3.15-6.15 pm</i>	<i>Year 10 Parents Evening</i>
<i>20th November @ 3.15-6.15 pm</i>	<i>Year 7 Parents Evening</i>
<i>27th November @ 3.15-6.15 pm</i>	<i>Year 11 Parents Evening</i>
<i>27th November @ 3.15-6.15 pm</i>	<i>Year 12 Parents Evening</i>
<i>3rd December @ 3.15-6.15 pm</i>	<i>Careers Fair 2024</i>





Dates for you Diary

1st -17th December	Year 11 Mock
1st -17th December	Year 12 Mock
QUESS Activities	
11 November @ 2:30 pm	U16 Boys Football - Venue DC/AKIS
13 November @ 2:30 pm	U16 Girls Football - Venue DC/AKIS
17 November @ 2:30 pm	U14 Girls Football - Venue DC/AKIS
19 November @2:30 pm	U14 Boys 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.





School Uniform

A reminder of the importance of adhering to our school's uniform policy for shoes and coats. Your child must wear black polishable shoes that meet our uniform policy and refrain from wearing Nike Air Force or trainers.

Please note that students can only wear the school jumper, fleece, or blazer while in school or wear a plain white or black long-sleeve t-shirt under their school shirts as the temperature drops.

We truly appreciate your cooperation in ensuring your child follows the uniform policy, as it helps create a sense of unity among students and promotes a focused atmosphere in the learning environment.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this update, please contact Ms. Lorente at: paula.lorente@dbsrawdatt.com.

Thank you for your attention to this matter!



School shoes- good examples



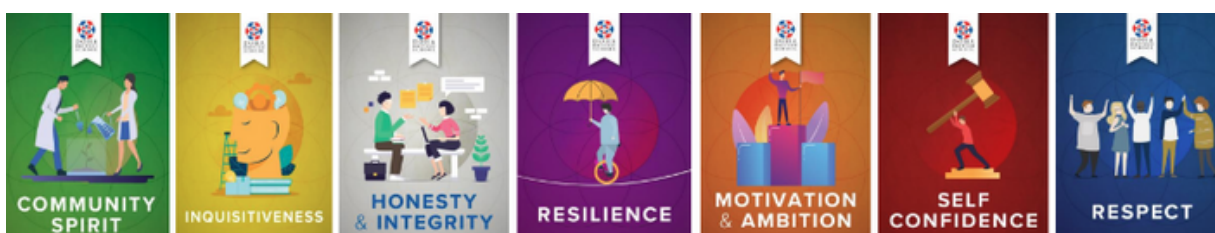


HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

STAR OF THE WEEK

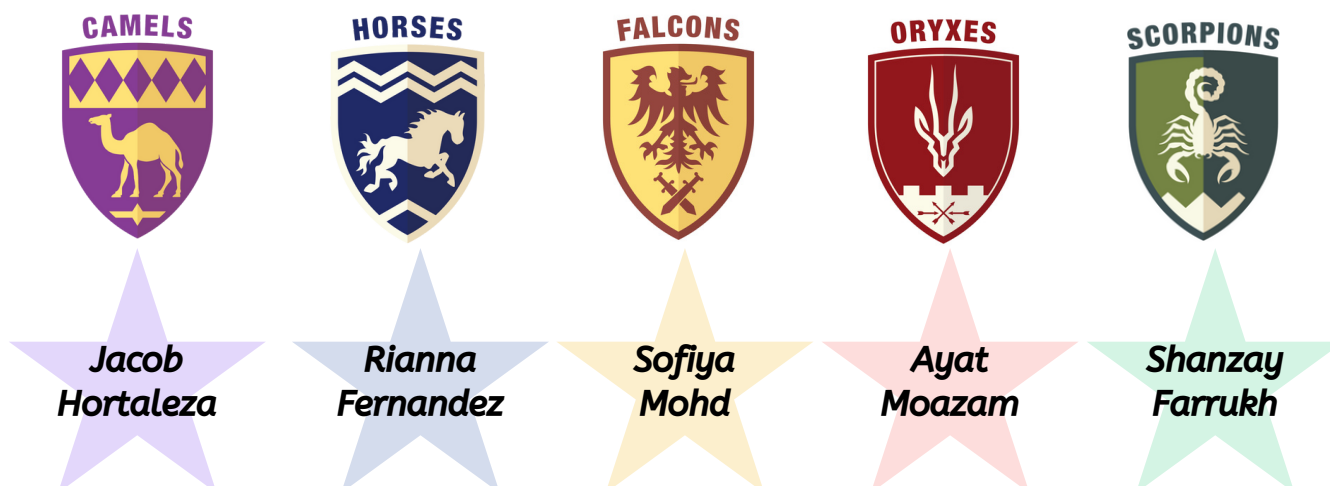
At DBS, we are dedicated to ensuring every student benefits fully from their time here. We aim to nurture well-rounded individuals through excellent teaching and strong character development.

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!





SCIENCE SPOTLIGHT

WELCOME TO ECO-CLUB

A friendly environment working towards a better future at DBS through sustainable practices. Introducing our ECO-Ambassadors: Year 9 Shaikha Fadli, Year 8 Ibrahim Moazam, and Year 7 Ayat Moazam – and our ECO-Warriors: Sophia Ramy, Alma Methamem, Dima Gouda, Mahrael Gouda, Nour Al-Gharabet, and Zayed Fadli.

This week, we have actively explored ways to reduce our carbon footprint. What better way than to grow plants and crops to capture CO₂ and release O₂, the molecule of life? 🌱 Leaders, teachers, and pupils have all taken part, and their efforts can be seen in our photos.

In line with DBS Rawdat's commitment to reducing carbon emissions and achieving zero waste, every office and classroom will have a plant, and we encourage pupils to participate by growing plants at home. 🌱

Don't forget to visit E35 for your free seeds, provided by the science department!



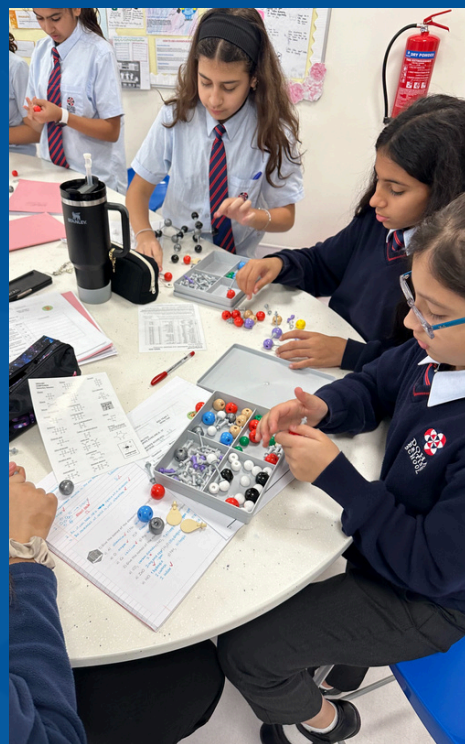


SCIENCE SPOTLIGHT

USING MOLY-MOD KITS

Our Year 7 students have been using Moly-Mod kits to build models of elements, mixtures, and compounds. This hands-on activity has helped them visualise how atoms combine in various ways, making the learning of science both fun and easy to understand!

– Mrs Mekhalifa





DT SPOTLIGHT

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Year 7

We focused on metals and their properties, exploring how these characteristics apply in various contexts. We then tested electrical circuits, specifically investigating how electrical current travels through copper wires from a battery to a light bulb or motor.





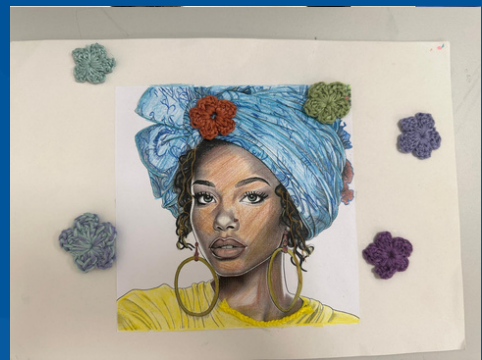
DT SPOTLIGHT

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Year 9

We have been learning about textiles and fibres, applying our knowledge through various techniques such as knitting, crocheting, and weaving fabric, along with incorporating non-woven materials. This all culminated in a beautiful project that showcased our skills.

– Ms Salameh





PHYSICAL EDUCATION

U16 GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM

A huge congratulations to our U16 Girls' Volleyball team for being crowned champions of the 2024 QUASS Volleyball Tournament, further cementing their reputation as an unbeatable team!

The tournament took place on Wednesday, 23rd October, at Qatar Finland School. Our winning team was proudly represented by Zoi, Daniela, Ulkar, Ana, Malak, Duyghu, Muna, and Aisha. Well done, girls!



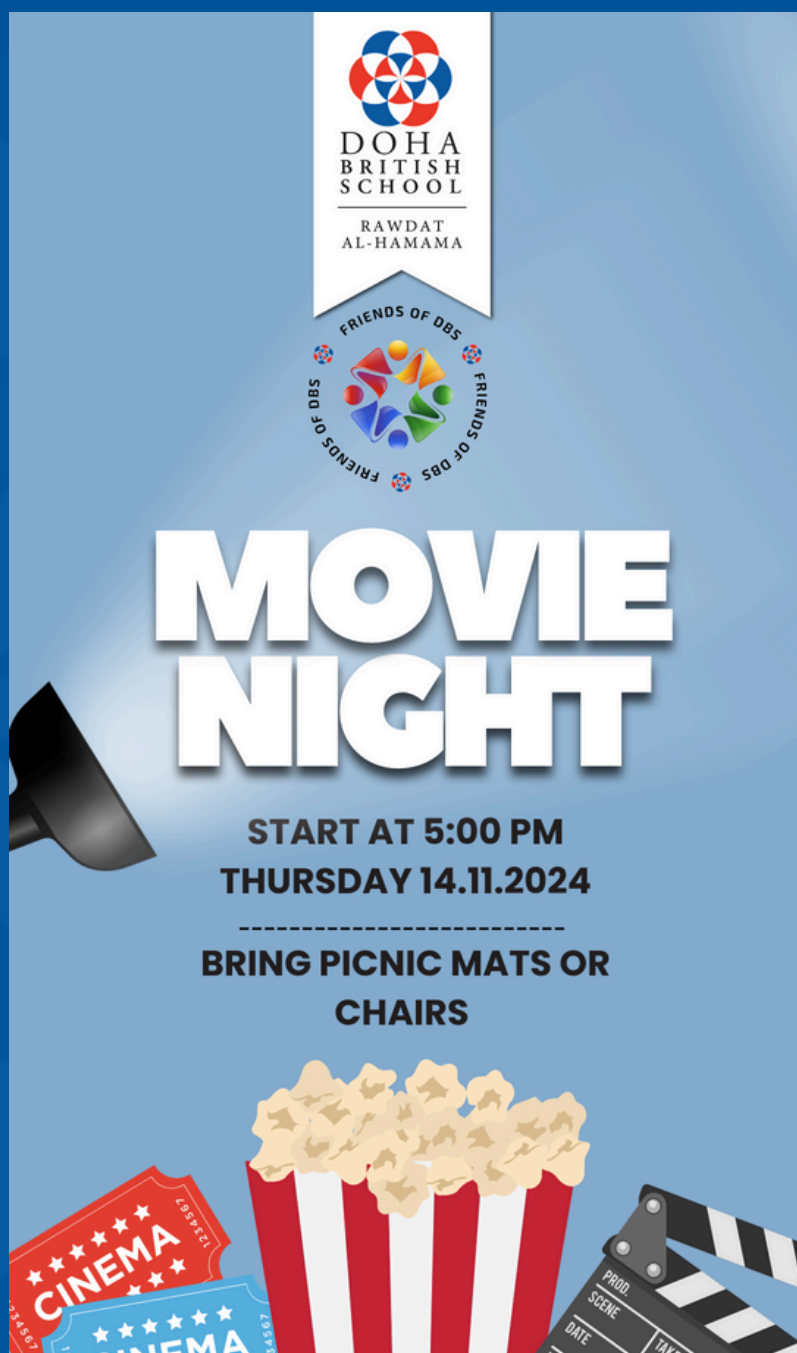


DBS ACTIVITIES

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT INVITATION

We're excited to invite all Secondary parents and students to join the Primary School & DBS Friends for an Outdoor Movie Night! It's a wonderful opportunity to relax and enjoy a fun evening together.

For more details, please refer to the flyer shared by Primary. If you'd like to attend, simply scan the QR code below to sign up. We look forward to seeing you there!



The flyer features the Doha British School logo at the top, followed by the 'Friends of DBS' logo. The main text reads 'MOVIE NIGHT' in large, bold, white letters. Below this, it states 'START AT 5:00 PM THURSDAY 14.11.2024' and 'BRING PICNIC MATS OR CHAIRS'. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a movie camera, two cinema tickets, a bucket of popcorn, and a clapperboard.



CAREERS CORNER

CAREERS NEWS - WEEKLY UPDATE

It's been a busy few weeks for the Careers Department, highlighted by a successful visit to the University of Ulster. During our meeting with the academic team, we learned about the exciting range of courses they offer, all providing a UK degree experience right here in Qatar. Notably, new programs in Law and Psychology have been introduced, and we were left amazed by the state-of-the-art university facilities.

To give our students a closer look at these opportunities, we are organizing a campus tour that will showcase emerging market courses. As an added incentive, we're pleased to announce a 20% discount for early bird applications. The university also offers excellent facilities and DBS students will receive dedicated support throughout the admissions process.

We are also thrilled to announce the launch of our work experience program for Year 10 students. This initiative allows our first cohort to gain valuable insights into the wider work environment. We encourage parents to help by offering work experience placements at their workplaces. Letters regarding this initiative will be sent out after the half-term break.

Additionally, we are seeing a great uptake from Year 9 parents eager to engage with the school and the Career Education and Guidance Counsellor. If you haven't booked a meeting yet, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Looking ahead, next term promises to be bustling with activities, especially as our Year 11 and 12 students have a mini University Fair on November 3rd. We have invited a range of universities based at Education City, including Hamad Bin Khalifa University, as well as several prestigious US universities located here in Qatar. This event will provide students with valuable insights into their options for higher education, and we encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to explore different pathways.

Wishing all our students and parents a fantastic half-term break!



AI AND ROBOTICS WINTER CAMP 2024

We are excited to invite your child to the AI & Robotics Winter Camp 2024, a one-of-a-kind two-week in-person, project-based program designed by Doha British School in collaboration with City University and Ulster University. The camp will take place at CUQ - Lusail Campus from Sunday, 22nd December 2024, to Thursday, 2nd January 2025.

This camp offers students aged 14-18 the opportunity to dive into the rapidly evolving fields of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Robotics, where they will explore how these technologies are transforming industries and everyday life. From autonomous vehicles to healthcare breakthroughs, students will gain hands-on experience working with cutting-edge technology.

Throughout the program, students will:

- Learn the fundamentals of AI and Robotics
 - Program using Python
 - Gain practical experience with robotic kits
 - Build AI models and robotic systems
 - Participate in discussions on ethics, teamwork, and the future of technology
- For more information please click the following link [AI and Robotics Winter Camp 2024](#)



AI & ROBOTICS WINTER CAMP 2024





CITY UNIVERSITY QATAR

Experience a world-class UK education at our new, state-of-the-art campus in Lusail. CUQ Ulster University offers cutting-edge degree programmes designed to prepare you for career success. Earn a prestigious UK degree in Qatar and take advantage of our exclusive Priority Admissions status for all DBS students in admission to scholarships. Join and be part of a thriving academic community committed to excellence.

Your journey from DBS to CUQ Ulster University begins here!" join us for our open day on 30th October 2024, between 3pm – 6pm, for more information follow the link [CUQ](#)



JOIN US NOW

20% Scholarship
for DBS Students

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POST GRADUATE PROGRAMMES

- MBA
- MBA (Women In Leadership)
- MSc Marketing
- MEd Education Management
- MSc Artificial Intelligence
- LLM Master In Law

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

- LLB (Hons) Bachelor in Law
- BSc (Hons) Psychology
- BA (Hons) Architecture
- BSc (Hons) Computer Science
- BEng (Hons) Artificial Intelligence
- BEng (Hons) Biomedical Engineering
- BEng (Hons) Electronic Engineering
- BSc (Hons) Game Design and Development
- BSc (Hons) Business Studies
- BSc (Hons) Global Business with Computing
- BSc (Hons) Global Business with Data Analytics

BTEC HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMAS

- BTEC HND in Business (English)
- BTEC HND in Business (Arabic)
- BTEC HND in Computing with Cybersecurity (English)



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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.maletka@dbsrawdat.com.

LIBRARY NEWS

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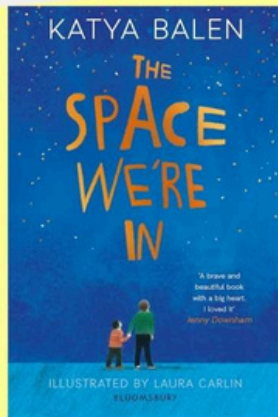


BOOK of the Week

The Space We're In, by: Katya Balen.

A moving story about Frank, a 10-year-old struggling to understand his younger brother Max, who has severe autism. Frank feels frustrated by the attention Max needs from their parents, but when a tragic event shakes their family, Frank must confront emotions like guilt, love, and acceptance.

Told from Frank's perspective, the story offers an honest look at sibling relationships and life with autism. With themes like coding, curiosity, and personal growth, it's both relatable and meaningful. Simple illustrations enrich the narrative, making The Space We're In a heartfelt read about empathy, family, and resilience.



BORROW TODAY!

Today in History

- 21 October 2019: The world's oldest natural pearl, estimated to be 8,000 years old, is discovered on Marawah Island, near Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- 23 October 2001: Apple releases the first iPod, a portable media player that revolutionised how people listened to music by allowing them to carry thousands of songs in their pockets.
- 24 October 2021: Michael Jordan's 1984 Nike Air Ships sell for \$1.472 million at Sotheby's, setting a new record for sneakers at auction.



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BELIEVE IN YOURSELF AND ALL THAT YOU ARE. KNOW THAT THERE IS SOMETHING INSIDE YOU THAT IS GREATER THAN ANY OBSTACLE." — CHRISTIAN D. LARSON



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