



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
RAWDAT AL-HAMAMA



Secondary Newsletter

Thursday 14th November 2024



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We are committed to preparing our community to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world. We explore global citizenship as a commitment to social, environmental, and economic actions taken by individuals and communities who acknowledge that every person is a citizen of the world.

Global Citizens:

Have knowledge and understanding of global issue.

Take responsible actions that positively impact the world.

Reflect a deep sense of collective responsibility and shared humanity.

Cultivate skills and attitudes to be active and responsible global citizens.

Foster an awareness of our interconnectedness with people from diverse backgrounds and regions.

Growth: Cultivate skills and attitudes to be active and responsible global citizens.

Learning: Have knowledge and understanding of global issues.

Oneness: Reflect a deep sense of collective responsibility and shared humanity.

Belonging: Foster an awareness of our interconnectedness with people from diverse backgrounds and regions.

Action: Take responsible actions that positively impact the world.

Leadership: Demonstrate leadership in promoting global citizenship and sustainable practices.

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



Dear Parents,

Following my email on Tuesday, I would like to invite all interested parents to a first formal Friends of DBS (FoDBS) meeting of this academic year. During this meeting we will be appointing key members of the committee.

We are looking to elect members for the following positions:

- **Secretary:** Responsible for keeping and distributing minutes of meetings, coordinating meetings,
- **Treasurer:** Oversees and accounts for all FoDBS financial income and expenditure.
- **Fundraising Coordinator:** Manages all fundraising activities, including the coordination of volunteers, activities, and items needed for events.
- **Sponsor Coordinator:** Acts as a liaison between sponsors and FoDBS, facilitating sponsorship opportunities to support FoDBS activities.

During the meeting, attendees can either put themselves forward for a position or be nominated by someone else. In the event that we have more than one person for each position, the attendees will vote to elect one person. If you have not previously indicated your interest in being involved in the FoDBS, you are still welcome to attend.

Once the core committee has been elected, they will organise key events and reach out to other FoDBS members to help support events, if and when they are available.

The meeting will be held on Monday, 18th November at 7:15 am. We will meet initially in the canteen.

Warm regards





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 discussions.**
- **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>20th November @ 3.15-6.15 pm</i>	Year 7 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 Examinations
<i>1st - 17th December</i>	Year 12 Mock Examinations
<i>QUESS Activities</i>	
<i>17 November @ 2:30 pm</i>	U14 Girls Football - Venue DC/AKIS
<i>19 November @ 2:30 pm</i>	U14 Boys Football - Venue DC/AKIS
<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



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 shoes or other 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



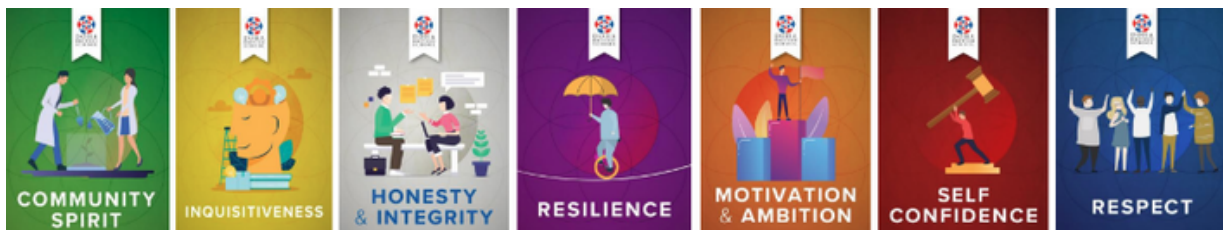


HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

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!





PHYSICAL EDUCATION

U14'S BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Congratulations to our U14 Boys Volleyball team for securing third place! The team faced Alkhor International School in a closely contested semi-final match but unfortunately lost. However, they showed remarkable resilience by bouncing back to win the third-place match against Finland International School, earning well-deserved bronze medals. The tournament took place at Alkhor International School on Sunday, November 10th.

Our team was proudly represented by Adham, Mohamad K., Isa, Joshua, Mohab, Karim, Anas, Al Ariq, Zachary, and Teejay.





PHYSICAL EDUCATION

2024 U14 GIRLS' QUESS VOLLEYBALL CHAMPION

A huge congratulations to our U14 Girls' Volleyball team for claiming the championship title at the 2024 QUESS Volleyball Tournament! Their unbeatable spirit truly shone through. The tournament took place on Tuesday, November 12th, at Qatar International School. Our talented team members included Zoi, Zinneerah, Ghazal, Sayali, Diala, Duyghu, Muna, Aisha, Anya, and Arianna. Fantastic job, girls!





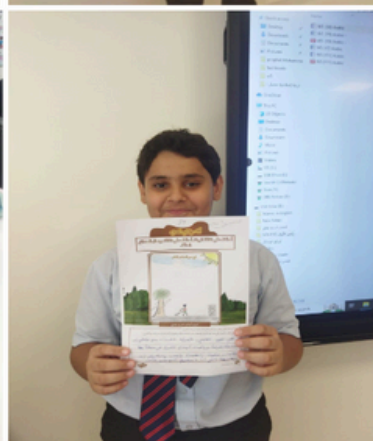
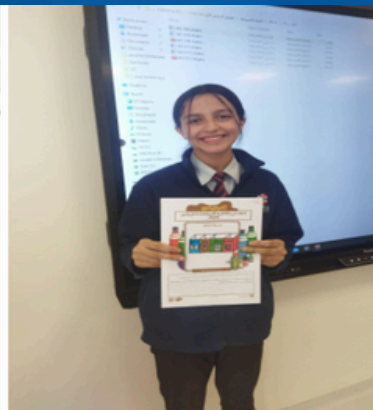
ARABIC DEPARTMENT

ASALA INITIATIVE

We are pleased to inform you that following the directives from the Ministry, our Year 8 students have been actively participating in various activities as part of the Asala initiative. This initiative aims to enrich their educational experience by enabling them to connect more deeply with their heritage and community.

The students have shown great enthusiasm and engagement throughout these activities, expressing joy and positive reflections on the impact it has on them. Their involvement has not only generated excitement but has also helped them develop valuable skills and insights.

We look forward to witnessing continued growth and success for all our students through the Asala initiative. Mr. Soliman





SECONDARY ASSEMBLY

ANTI-BULLYING: LED BY OUR NEW STUDENT COUNCIL TEAM

This week's assembly was led by the newly elected Student Council. This inspiring group of students prepared an impactful presentation on the importance of recognising and addressing bullying within our school community.

During the session, they shared valuable insights on how students can identify signs of bullying and effectively support those in need. They explored various strategies and scenarios, including live role-playing exercises where council members portrayed situations involving a student experiencing bullying. These scenarios demonstrated the significance of peer support and illustrated how a single act of kindness can make a tremendous difference.

We are incredibly proud of our Student Council's leadership and bravery in addressing such an important topic. Their willingness to advocate for awareness and inclusivity reflects their commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment for all students. By tackling this issue, they have helped instil a deeper understanding of the effects of bullying and the importance of standing together as a community.

We commend our Student Council for their dedication and look forward to their continued positive impact on our school.





ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

We're excited to announce that our Spelling Bee competition is well underway!

Congratulations to the students who have successfully made it through the first round. The semi-final—a friendly yet lively contest between Year 7 and Year 8—will take place on 20th November. We encourage parents to support and motivate these students as they prepare for the next stage.

The finalists from the semi-final will advance to the grand finale on 27th November. Let's keep cheering them on as they develop their vocabulary, confidence, and public speaking skills!

Please see the poster below for further details.

The poster features a yellow background with a white book shape in the center. A bee is flying above the book, and another bee is on the letter 'E' of 'BEE'. The text 'SEMI-FINALISTS' is written in a dotted line above the book. Below the book, the names of the semi-finalists and finalists are listed in columns. At the bottom, the dates for the semi-final and final are given, along with the location (assembly). The phrase 'Good luck' is written in a cursive font at the bottom left of the poster.

<u>Year 7:</u> Tanisha Thamer Ayat Nabeel Youssef Emad	<u>Year 8:</u> Hayk Alma Abdelrahman Layan	<u>Year 9:</u> <u>Finalists</u> Teejay Sumaya Mary	<u>Year 10:</u> <u>Finalist</u> Youssef
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Semi-final: Wednesday 20th November 2024

Final: Wednesday 27th November 2024

Both will be held during assembly

Good luck



SCIENCE SPOTLIGHT

EXPLORING SPEED, DISTANCE, AND TIME

Our Year 9 students recently brought physics to life through a hands-on experiment exploring speed, distance, and time. By measuring travel times across various distances and calculating speeds, they gained a practical understanding of this fundamental concept. It was a fun and engaging way for students to experience science in action!

– Mrs Mekhalifa





CAREERS CORNER

CAREERS NEWS - WEEKLY UPDATE

Universities Mini Fair – A Glimpse Into the Future!

Our Year 12 students began the term on a high note with the Universities Mini Fair held here at school. They had the opportunity to explore a wide range of universities based right here in Education City, broadening their horizons for future higher education pathways.

For many students, it was a welcome surprise to learn that they could pursue a U.S. degree without ever leaving Qatar! The event provided an inspiring glimpse into the future, and we encourage Year 12 families to explore these options further, considering how they align with each student's career aspirations.





CAREERS CORNER

CAREERS NEWS - WEEKLY UPDATE

Year 9 Parents: Don't Miss Out on Your Meeting!

We are also actively working with our Year 9 students and their parents as we guide them through the crucial process of academic and career planning. Our one-to-one meetings are well underway, and there are still time slots available for those who haven't yet booked an appointment. We strongly encourage all Year 9 parents to schedule a time to discuss your child's future academic pathway and career interests.

Work Experience Programme – Calling All Parents!

We're thrilled to announce that our Work Experience Programme has officially launched for Year 10 students! This is an exciting opportunity for them to gain practical experience in the real world, develop valuable skills, and start exploring future career paths.

We're reaching out to you, our wonderful parent community, to help make this programme a success. If you or someone you know could offer a placement for one of our Year 10 students, we would be delighted to hear from you! Your support could make a tremendous difference in shaping their future.

If you're able to assist or would like further information, please feel free to contact me directly at fozia.rafiq@dbsrwadat.com.

Thank you for your continued support – we look forward to a fantastic term ahead!



Medical Information

Urgent!

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

November 10-14



BOOK of the Week

Worst. Holiday. Ever., a funny and heartwarming story by Charlie Higson. It follows 12-year-old Stan, a shy and anxious boy who avoids anything adventurous. But when his wealthier (and only fifth-best) friend Felix invites him on holiday to Italy, Stan must confront his fears and navigate unfamiliar territory.

With his 'Holiday Emergency List'—which includes how to handle jellyfish attacks and what to do in case of kidnappers—Stan tries to survive the trip. Just when things seem overwhelming, a family emergency back home helps Stan discover the importance of staying calm, being responsible, and appreciating the support of family and friends.

Set in the beautiful Italian countryside, **Worst. Holiday. Ever.** is filled with humour, heartfelt moments, and valuable lessons about friendship, family, and personal growth. A great read for students looking for both laughs and insight.



BORROW TODAY!

Today in History

- 10 November 1969: Sesame Street debuts on American television, becoming a beloved children's show known for its educational and entertaining characters.
- 11 November 1918: World War I officially ends with the signing of the armistice between the Allies and Germany, marking a victory for the Allies and an end to four years of conflict.
- 12 November 2014: The European Space Agency's Rosetta mission successfully lands the Philae probe on a comet, a historic first in space exploration.



Source: www.onthisday.com

BEING BRAVE ISN'T THE SAME AS NOT BEING SCARED. IT'S ABOUT DOING WHAT YOU HAVE TO, EVEN WHEN YOU ARE.

— CHARLIE HIGSON



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