



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
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Secondary Newsletter

Thursday 28th 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**

Making Waves: Fiza Shaik Dominates at Nautilus Invitational Swim Meet

We are thrilled to share the incredible achievements of Fiza, one of our Year 11 students, who has made us all proud with her outstanding performance at the prestigious Nautilus Invitational Annual Swim Meet held in Oman.

Representing her swim club, H2O, Fiza competed in seven events and secured medals in every single one, showcasing her remarkable dedication, perseverance, and talent.

Here are her exceptional results:

- 50m Backstroke: Gold
- 200m Backstroke: Gold
- 100m Freestyle: Gold
- 200m Freestyle: Gold
- 200m Individual Medley (IM): Silver
- 100m Freestyle: Silver
- 400m Freestyle: Bronze



These achievements highlight Fiza's unwavering commitment to excellence, not only in sports but also as a role model for her peers.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated staff and Physical Education Department at our school for nurturing young talents like Fiza, and to the H2O Club for providing her with the training and support to achieve such success.

I hope you will all join us in congratulating Fiza on her spectacular accomplishments and wishing her continued success in her swimming journey.





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,

I am writing to inform you that this term's extra-curricular activities (ECAs) will conclude on Thursday, 5th December.

We look forward to resuming ECAs in the new term. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for you Diary

<i>Upcoming events</i>	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
<i>1st - 17th December</i>	Year 11 Mock Examinations
<i>1st - 17th December</i>	Year 12 Mock Examinations
<i>18th December - 5th January</i>	Term Break
<i>QUESS Activities</i>	
<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@dbsrawdat.com.

Thank you for your attention to this matter!



PE Dress Code

Female - PE Uniform Requirements

At the start of the year, the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MOEHE) introduced changes to the school uniform policy, one of which requires girls in Year 5 and above to ensure their legs are covered. This can be achieved by wearing either loose-fitting tracksuit bottoms or leggings paired with shorts. We kindly ask that if your child's current uniform does not meet these requirements, you take the necessary steps to purchase the appropriate items to bring them into compliance.

Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines.



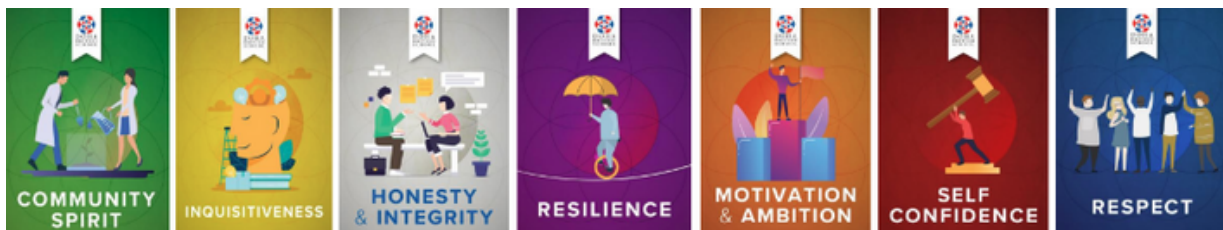


HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

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!





SECONDARY SPOTLIGHT

PEARSON HIGH ACHIEVERS

We are excited to announce and celebrate the remarkable achievements of our students who achieved the highest grades in their IGCSEs! Yesterday, we had the honour of welcoming the Pearson Representative for the Middle East, who personally congratulated these exceptional students on their outstanding academic success.

A huge congratulations to:

- Raghd Anees Alyafei
- Mohsen Ghanem Alhajri
- Lyan Ammar Mohammed
- Zeena Stietiya
- Saif Mohammed A.A. Kareeb
- Mukaddes Yagmur

Their dedication and hard work have truly set a shining example for our entire school community. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and look forward to seeing all that they will achieve in the future. Well done!





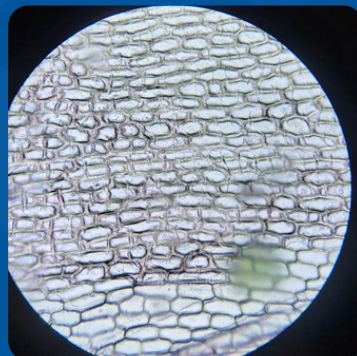
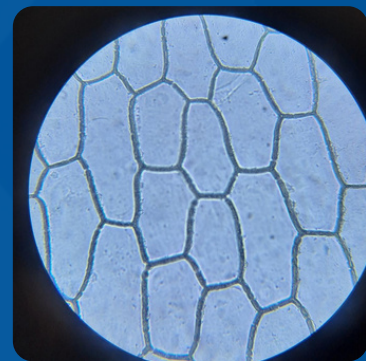
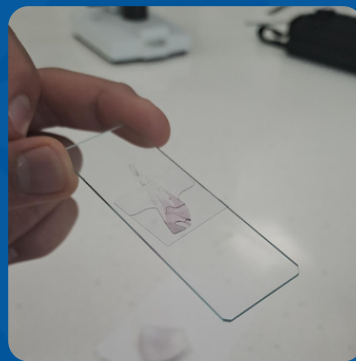
SCIENCE SPOTLIGHT

PLANT CELLS

Year 7 and Year 11 students independently prepared plant cells for observation under a microscope. The Year 7 students focused on understanding resolution and resolving power—the ability to see one line as two distinct lines—while calculating the magnification of their images. They did this by combining the optical resolution of the eyepiece lens with the resolving power of three different objective lenses. Importantly, they observed some of the fundamental organelles of the plant cell using a layer of onion.

Additionally, the Year 10 students had the opportunity to create a plant cell that had undergone plasmolysis, which is the gradual disintegration of the cell membrane due to loss of water.

- Mr. Ali



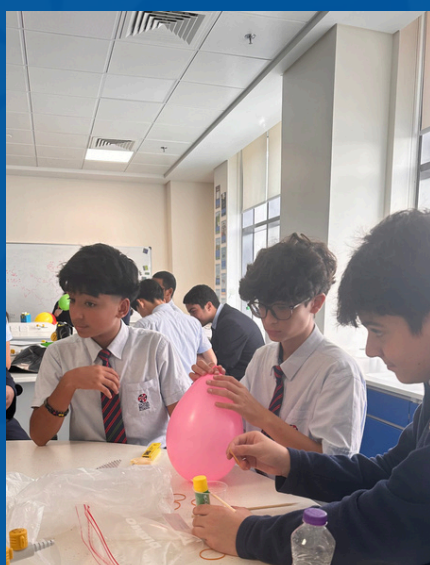


SCIENCE SPOTLIGHT

CREATING PARACHUTES

The Year 9 students have been studying the topic of forces, with a specific emphasis on drag forces. To enhance their understanding, they are designing and creating their parachutes, to minimize the time it takes for them to reach the ground. It has been wonderful to see them thoughtfully consider how factors such as mass and unbalanced forces affect the performance of their parachutes.

- Mrs. Mekhalfia





ENGLISH SPOTLIGHT

SPELLING BEE FINAL CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNER!

Yesterday's secondary assembly was filled with excitement as the final four students competed in the grand finale of the Spelling Bee. It was thrilling to witness their determination and skill as they strived to claim the top spot.

Congratulations to Teejay from Year 9, who emerged as the champion! Teejay received a voucher and a framed certificate, proudly recognising them as the number one Spelling Bee Competition 2024 winner. Well done to all participants for their hard work and for making the competition unforgettable!





PHISICAL EDUCATION

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to **Jacob Hortaleza** for participating in the U16 basketball tournament and securing 3rd place! Also, congratulations to **Joshua Hortaleza**, who participated in the U14 team and won 2nd place. Both students competed against teams from Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Saudi Arabia, and the All Filipino Camps in Bahrain.





CAREERS CORNER

CAREER FAIR UPDATE AND EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS!

We are excited to announce that our career fair has been rescheduled to January. We are still actively seeking parents who work in various industries across Qatar to collaborate with us. Your participation will provide our students with valuable insights into a wide range of career opportunities they can explore in the future. If you're interested in contributing, please reach out to us—we would love to hear from you!

Additionally, we have some fantastic news for students! Georgetown University in Qatar (GU-Q) has opened its University Preparedness Course for high school students from Year 9 to Year 13. This is an excellent opportunity for students to develop essential academic and personal skills that will help them succeed in university and beyond.

****About the Programme:**** Georgetown University in Qatar is offering a free online programme designed specifically for high school students. The programme includes a series of enriching workshops that focus on both personal and academic skills necessary for success at the university level.

The workshops will cover topics such as Assertiveness, Class Etiquette, Professional Communication, Academic Ethics, University Preparedness, Financial Literacy, and Self-Awareness.

Students will receive a Certificate of Completion after finishing each workshop. Certificates will be processed in batches from November 2024 to May 2025.

To access the programme, click on the following link:

<https://www.qatar.georgetown.edu/academics/programs/programs-high-school-students/university-preparedness-program-academic-and-skill-building-workshops-online/>

If you would like to get involved in the career fair or have any questions about the Georgetown University programme, please don't hesitate to contact me at fozia.rafiq@dbsrawdat.com. We look forward to working together to create an enriching experience for our students!



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 24-28



BOOK of the Week

This week's library spotlight is on **Rebel Dogs! Heroic Tales of Trusty Hounds**, a collection of incredible true stories about 30 remarkable dogs from around the world. Meet Swansea Jack, the heroic Labrador who saved 27 people, and Bobbie, the Collie mix who walked an astonishing 3,000 miles to reunite with his family. From Buddy, America's first guide dog, to Ashley the frisbee champion, these tales celebrate the loyalty, courage, and resilience of our canine companions.

Beyond the stories, this book is packed with fun dog-related facts, trivia, jokes, and a timeline of canine achievements throughout history. You'll also learn about record-breaking pooches, war dogs, and even canine cosmonauts! The illustrations by 17 talented artists add a vibrant and engaging touch to this uplifting book.



BORROW TODAY!

Today in History

- 24 November 1974: The skeleton of Lucy, a 3.2-million-year-old early human ancestor, is discovered in Ethiopia, shedding light on human evolution. Scientists study her skeleton to learn how she moved.



- 26 November 1922: Archaeologist Howard Carter and his team open the tomb of Tutankhamun in Egypt, revealing treasures untouched for over 3,000 years.



- 27 November 1895: Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, establishes the Nobel Prizes in his will, to reward outstanding contributions to humanity.



Source: www.onthisday.com

"EDUCATION IS THE CORNERSTONE OF BUILDING NATIONS, AND IT IS THROUGH EDUCATION THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE LASTING PROSPERITY." – AMIR SHEIKH TAMIM BIN HAMAD AL THANI

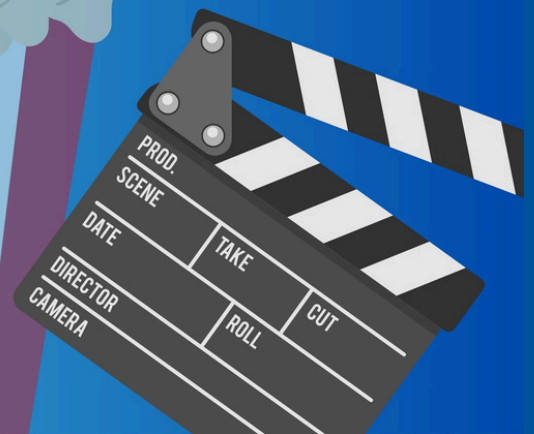
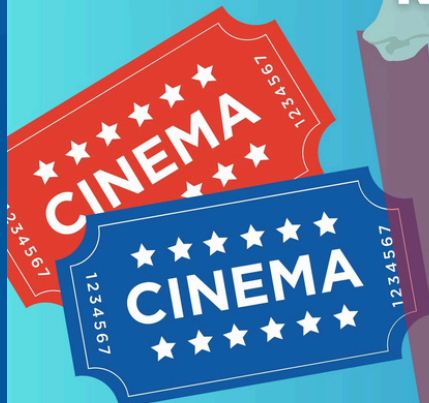


MOVIE NIGHT

START AT 5:00 PM
THURSDAY 12.12.2024

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REGISTRATION





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](#)

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Kind regards,

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