



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
RAWDAT AL-HAMAMA



Secondary Newsletter

Thursday 5th December 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



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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**



Consultation on the Review of Doha British School's Guiding Statements

Dear Parents, Students, Staff, and Community Members,

At Doha British School, our guiding statements form the foundation of everything we do, shaping our approach to education and ensuring that every young person gains as much as possible during their time with us. Rooted in the belief that all learners can, need, and want to achieve, these principles have guided our efforts to create an inspiring and inclusive environment for all.

As we continue to evolve and adapt to meet the needs of our students, we are embarking on a review of our guiding statements. This process aims to ensure that our values and aspirations remain aligned with the expectations of our community and the challenges of a rapidly changing world.

Why Are We Reviewing the Guiding Statements?

1. **Relevance:** To ensure our vision reflects the needs and aspirations of our learners and stakeholders.
2. **Alignment:** To confirm that our guiding principles are consistent with best practices and international standards in education.
3. **Inclusion:** To involve the voices of our community in shaping the future direction of our school.





How You Can Contribute

We value your insights and encourage you to share your thoughts as part of this consultation process. Your feedback is essential to ensure that our guiding statements resonate with the diverse perspectives and experiences of our school community.

To Participate:

Please complete the Online Survey [here](#) by 9th December.

Next Steps

Following this consultation, we will compile and analyse all feedback to inform any revisions to our guiding statements. The finalised statements will be shared with the community and implemented as part of our ongoing commitment to excellence.

We deeply appreciate your time and input in helping us shape the future of Doha British School. Together, we can ensure that our school continues to be a place where every young person thrives and achieves their fullest potential.

Warm regards,

Rob Khan

Principal - DBS Rawdat Campus





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 today 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.

School jumper

As the weather gets colder, please note that students are only permitted to wear the school jumper, fleece, or blazer while at school. Alternatively, they may wear a plain white or black long-sleeve top underneath their school shirts.

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>12th December</i>	FoDBS Movie Night - 5pm
<i>18th December - 5th January</i>	Term Break





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.



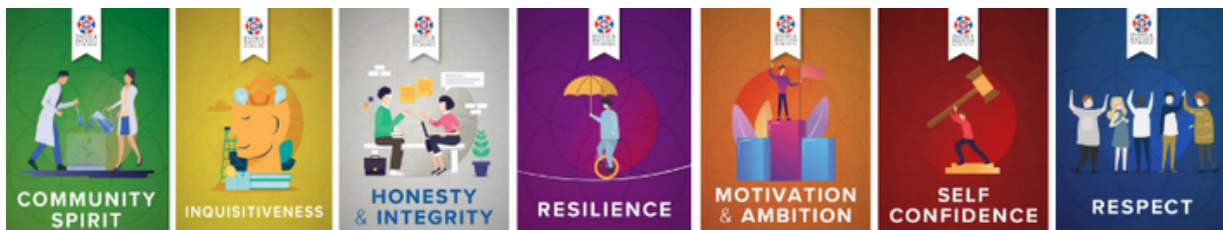


HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

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!



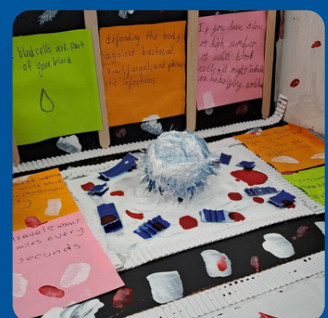
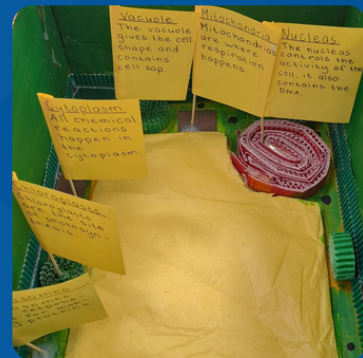
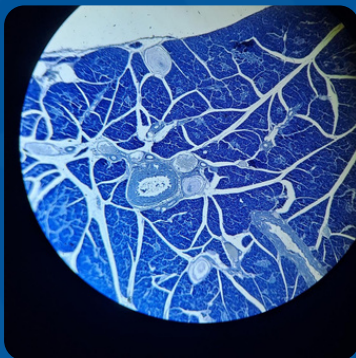


SCIENCE SPOTLIGHT

PROJECT AND MICROSCOPY

Year 7's project on microscopy has involved pupils working diligently to create detailed designs of specialised cells, focusing on organelles and their functions. Additionally, students had the opportunity to provide peer feedback, offering four positive comments alongside one suggestion for improvement. Importantly, they also made connections to real-world applications by observing specialized human and animal cells, such as muscle cells, root hair cells, and sperm cells, among others.

- Mr. Ali





AI & 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.

Camp Details

- Dates: December 22, 2024 – January 2, 2025 (2 weeks)
- Location: City University Qatar - Lusail Campus
- Language: English Only
- Timing: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM


Why Join?

- Hands-On Learning: Master Python programming, Arduino, and robotics systems
- Advanced Concepts: Explore AI/ML, including machine learning and computer vision
- Career-Ready Skills: Build leadership, teamwork, and entrepreneurial expertise
- Project-Based Learning: Design, build, and present your own robotics system
- Certified Programme – Receive a Digital Badge via Credly upon successful completion

Program Fee: QR 4,600 (Limited Seats)

 Seats are Limited! Don't miss this chance to elevate your STEM journey.

 [Register Now](#)



HARVARD School of Engineering and Applied Sciences | MIT Massachusetts Institute of Technology | City University Qatar | Ulster University Qatar

AI & ROBOTICS WINTER CAMP 2024

Certified Programme | Earn a Digital Badge via 

Extended Registration Deadline:
December 19th, 2024!

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CAREERS CORNER

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS - CUQ

Exciting Opportunities for Year 12 Students: University Tour and Mentorship Programme

This week, our Year 12 students visited CUQ Ulster University for an exciting tour. This visit will provide a unique insight into the university's undergraduate programmes and highlight the benefits of earning a UK degree right here in Qatar.

Mentorship Programme: Gain Expertise and Career Guidance

We are thrilled to announce that the Qatar National Library will offer a mentorship programme for our students. In addition to the career education and guidance provided at Doha British School, this programme allows students to connect with leading industry experts who will mentor them. These mentors are accomplished professionals in their fields and volunteer their time to support and inspire the next generation of leaders.

What Can You Expect from This Programme?

- One-to-one guidance from highly qualified mentors who are experts in their fields.
- Personalized advice on university applications, scholarships, career planning, and more.
- Insider tips on excelling in both academic and professional environments.
- Encouragement and strategies to help students develop effective pathways to success.

This programme is ideal for our older students preparing for university.



CAREERS CORNER

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Dates:

- 14 December 2024
- 21 December 2024
- 28 December 2024

Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Language: Arabic and English

Location: Main Plaza, Qatar National Library

Programme Guidelines for Enrollment

All mentees must complete a registration form, specifying the subject(s) in which they seek assistance. The form will be available soon. Please check the following link <https://qnl.qa/en/programs-and-events/mentorship-program>

Mentees will select 3-4 potential mentors from the mentor list. Based on the provided information, QNL staff will assign an appropriate mentor to each mentee, considering availability and required time.

Don't Miss This Opportunity!

This mentorship program is an excellent chance to network with experienced professionals and set yourself up for success in your academic and career journey.

For more information and to register, please visit the Qatar National Library Mentorship Page: [Qatar National Library Mentorship Program](#)



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.

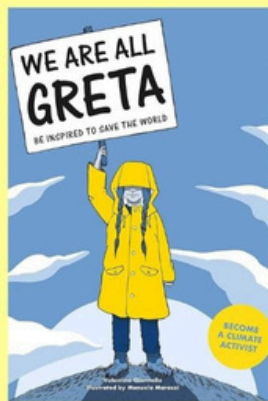
Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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BOOK of The Week

This week's library feature is *We Are All Greta*, a powerful and inspiring book that follows in the footsteps of climate activist Greta Thunberg. Written in an accessible and engaging way, the book tackles big questions about climate change: What is the greenhouse effect? Why is biodiversity important? What actions can we take today to make a difference?

Packed with reliable sources, a glossary of key terms, and suggestions for further reading, this book empowers young people and families to take action. *We Are All Greta* is a call to protect our planet and be part of the change. Start your journey today!



BORROW TODAY!

Today in History

- 1 December 1913: The first moving assembly line for mass production is introduced by Henry Ford in the United States, revolutionising how cars and other products are made.
- 3 December 1967: The first successful human heart transplant is performed by Dr. Christiaan Barnard in Cape Town, South Africa, paving the way for modern heart surgeries.
- 5 December 2017: Scientists reveal a "supercolony" of 1.5 million penguins discovered on the Danger Islands in Antarctica, hidden for decades due to its remote location.



Source: www.onthisday.com

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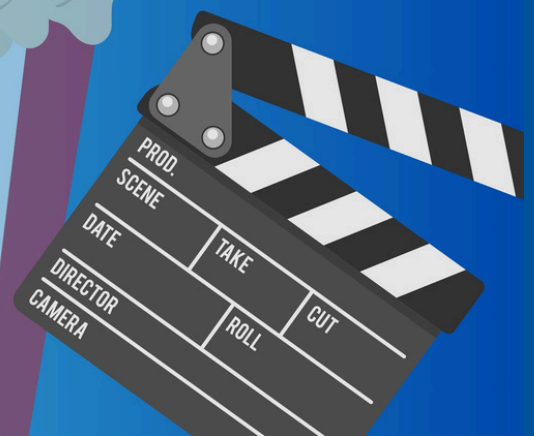
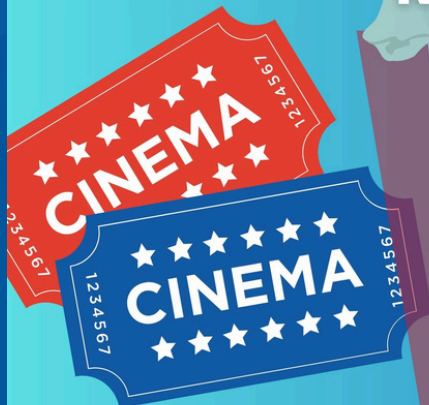


MOVIE NIGHT

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](#)

• [Head of Houses](#)

Kind regards,

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Thank You