



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
RAWDAT AL-HAMAMA



Secondary Newsletter

Thursday 20th February 2025

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



HOLY MONTH OF RAMADAN UPDATE



As we approach the Holy Month of Ramadan, we anticipate that the first school day after the start of Ramadan will be Sunday, 2nd March. The proposed timings for the school day are based on last year and are outlined below, but these may be subject to change pending final confirmation from the Ministry of Education.

EYFS: 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Year 1 – Year 12: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Students will be permitted to enter the school from 8:15 AM, with lessons commencing promptly at 8:30 AM.

Finally, please note that all ECA activities will conclude on Wednesday, 26th February, and there will be no ECA's during Ramadan due to the shortened school days.

Wishing everyone in our community Ramadan Mubarak!





Invitation to Participate in the Qatar Private Schools Esports Tournament (Year 9 to Year 12)

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to invite students to participate in the Qatar Private Schools Esports Tournament, an initiative designed to provide students with a structured, competitive environment where they can develop strategic thinking, teamwork, and decision-making skills in a digitally evolving world.

The tournament is approved and authorised by the Ministry of Education and higher Education, Ministry of Sports and Youth and the Qatari Esports Federation.

Key Tournament Details:

Game: EA FC 25 (FIFA 25)

Format: School qualifiers, online national qualifiers, live grand finals

Team Size: between 16 and 128 students

Registration Fee & Deadline: QAR 190 by Sunday 23rd February 2025

For more details, please see the link [here](#).

To register, please see the link [here](#).

Once you have registered, you can pay the registration fee through the finance office and completing the payment slip [\(Link\)](#).



Our annual charity competition is now open

We're excited to invite students from DBS Rawdat to take part in our annual charity competition, celebrating this year's theme: Inspiration For My Future Career.

The Young Photographer Challenge

Students simply need to submit a photo of a person, place or moment that inspires their dream career, along with a short caption.

Deadline: 5pm, 24th February 2025

Prize: The winner can choose between receiving a free place on an InvestIN weekend programme

or

a one-to-one mentoring session with a professional from one of our 15 industries.

We'd love for our students to get involved! Please follow the link below to view full details of the competition, as well as a poster containing more information.

[**VIEW COMPETITION**](#)

[**VIEW POSTER**](#)

It's free to enter, and for every submission, InvestIN will make a donation to UNICEF.

Submit your participation today!



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.





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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 February</i>	Beach Clean Up Trip
<i>25th February</i>	Parents YONDR pouch presentation (Online) TBC
<i>2nd March - 27th March (TBC)</i>	Ramadan School Days (TBC)
<i>QUESS Activities</i>	
<i>14th April @ 2:30pm</i>	Boys Table Tennis
<i>16th April @ 2:30pm</i>	Girls Table Tennis



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!



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.

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.



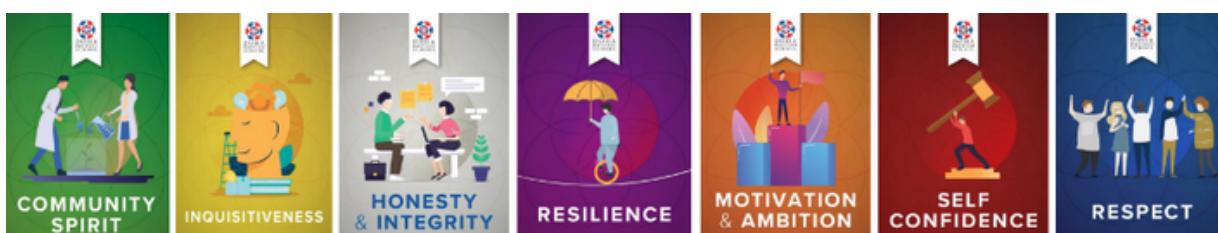


HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

STAR OF THE WEEK

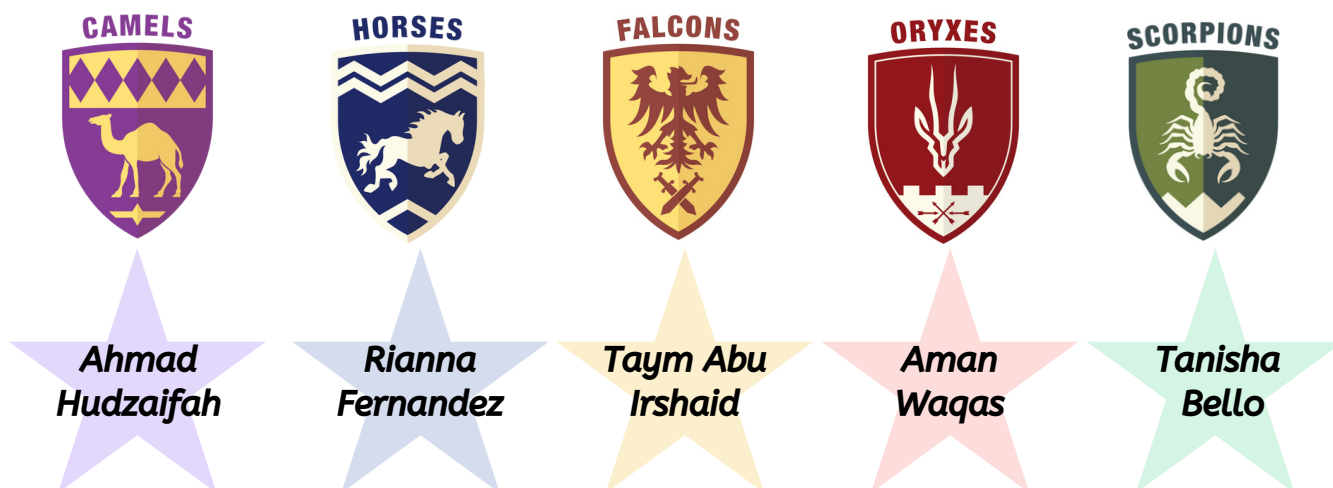
At DBS, we are dedicated to ensuring every student benefits fully from their time here. We aim to nurture well-rounded individuals through excellent teaching and strong character development.

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!





THANK YOU **FOR AN AMAZING** **SPORTS DAY!**

PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DAY! 



House	Points
Horses	12
Oryx	15
Camels	36
Falcons	18
Scorpions	36





DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

USING AUTOCAD

Year 8 students are sharpening their technical drawing skills using AutoCAD, a leading industry software. They are analysing intricate real-life objects, taking precise measurements, sketching their forms, and creating detailed technical market drawings.

This hands-on experience enhances their spatial awareness and accuracy, introducing them to professional digital drafting techniques. Through this project, they are building essential skills for future careers in engineering, architecture, and product design.

Keep an eye out for their incredible work, our young designers are shaping the future, one line at a time!

-Mrs. Salameh





MATH HIGHLIGHTS

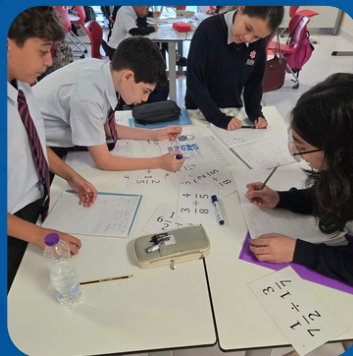
MATH SKILLS

On Tuesday, Y7D took part in an exciting "Crack the Code" competition, where they tackled challenges involving multiplication and division of fractions and mixed numbers. This activity not only tested their mathematical skills but also encouraged teamwork, problem-solving, and perseverance.

A huge congratulations to our winning team: Ayat, Alma, George, and Georges—well done!

Special recognition goes to Mohammed Abdulla for being an outstanding team player. Well done to everyone in Y7D for their hard work, collaboration, and support for one another. You all did an amazing job!

Ms. Zainab





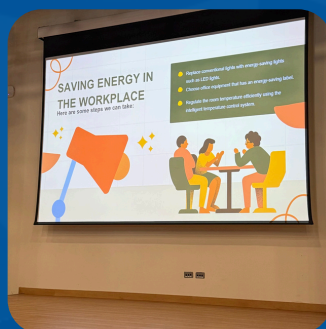
SCIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

SUSTAINABILITY IN ACTION: SECONDARY ASSEMBLY ON ENERGY CONSERVATION

Yesterday's Secondary Assembly was an inspiring session led by Mr. Ali and a group of dedicated secondary students, highlighting the importance of adopting a sustainable approach in our daily lives. The presentation focused on key environmental initiatives, including energy savings, the benefits of replacing conventional lights with energy-efficient alternatives, and the broader positive impact of energy conservation.

Students learned how reducing energy consumption helps lower carbon emissions, conserve natural resources, and cut costs in the long run. The assembly also emphasised the significance of achieving zero waste and reducing our carbon footprint, encouraging students to take small but meaningful steps towards a greener future.

We are incredibly proud of our students for leading such an impactful discussion, reinforcing the importance of sustainability within our school community. Let's continue working together to make a difference! 🌱💡♻️





ECO SECONDARY COMMITTEE

SECONDARY BEACH CLEAN DAY

I am pleased to share that our Eco Club students recently participated in an environmental cleanup at the sand dunes as part of our commitment to sustainable practices. They demonstrated great dedication by collecting a significant amount of waste while navigating large dunes and encountering local wildlife, including spiders and beetles. Their hard work and enthusiasm highlight the importance of environmental responsibility and conservation. We are incredibly proud of their efforts in making a positive impact on our surroundings.

Mr Ali and Mrs Lorente





DBS Students Shine at the Global Cooperation for Human Security and Sustainable Development Conference! 🌍🏆

Our DBS Secondary Rawdat students competed at the MUN conference at RGS, and their hard work and dedication paid off! The event was a huge success, with several of our students receiving awards and recognition for their outstanding performances.

Award Winners & Recognitions

🏆 Best Delegate Awards

Jana Maged Helba (South Africa – UNICEF)

Hussain Ali Gardezi (France – HRC)

🎤 Special Recognition for Debate Skills (First MUN Conference)

Dylan Berry

Diala Jamal Barahmeh

🏆 Honourable Mention Certificates (First MUN Conference)

Muhammad Mustafa Khawaja (Pakistan – CCPCJ)

Mohamad Khaled Garada (Brazil – HRC)

A huge congratulations to all our participants for representing DBS with excellence and enthusiasm! Every student who attended will be awarded significant house points for their contributions.

Our next MUN conference will take place at Parkhouse on the 21st and 22nd of February. If you would like to support the event, especially on Friday afternoon for dismissal or Saturday morning for registration, please let us know.

Well done, DBS delegates! Your commitment to global issues and diplomacy is truly inspiring. 🎉👏





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

February 16-20



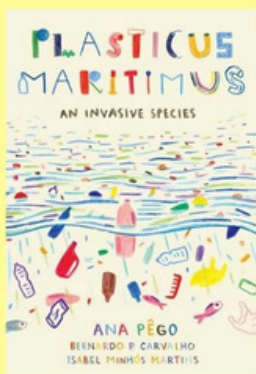
BOOK of the Week

Plasticus Maritimus: An Invasive Species by Ana Pêgo

Did you know there's a new species invading our oceans? It's not a fish or a plant—it's plastic! Marine biologist Ana Pêgo takes readers on an eye-opening journey to explore the growing problem of plastic pollution in our seas.

With engaging facts, real-life stories, and striking illustrations, this book helps us understand how plastic affects marine life and what we can do to stop it. From the smallest microplastics to massive floating islands of waste, *Plasticus Maritimus* reveals the shocking impact of human actions on the environment.

Perfect for young environmentalists, this book is a call to action, encouraging us all to rethink our daily habits and protect our oceans for future generations. ♻️



BORROW TODAY!

Today in History

- 16 February 2005 - YouTube is founded by Chad Hurley, Steve Chen, and Jawed Karim, revolutionising how people share and consume video content online.
- 19 February 2008 - Apple introduces the first-ever iPhone 3G, ushering in the era of smartphones with a faster internet connection, GPS, and access to the App Store.
- 19 February 2019 - The world's largest radio telescope, the Five-hundred-metre Aperture Spherical Telescope (FAST) in China, begins operations, aimed at exploring the universe and searching for extraterrestrial life.



Source: www.onthisday.com



"YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE IN YOURSELF AND KEEP PUSHING. THE MORE YOU PUSH, THE MORE YOU ACHIEVE." – LEWIS HAMILTON



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