



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
RAWDAT AL-HAMAMA



Secondary Newsletter

Thursday 27th 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 prepare to welcome the Holy Month of Ramadan, we can now confirm that Ramadan will begin next week, with the first school day after the start of Ramadan falling on Sunday, 2nd March.

The school timings during Ramadan will be as follows:

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.

A gentle reminder that all ECA activities have now concluded. As Ramadan is a sacred month of fasting and reflection, there will be no ECAs during this period.

Wishing everyone in our community a blessed and peaceful Ramadan.

Ramadan Mubarak!





Enhancing Learning Through the YONDR Pouch Initiative

Dear Parents,

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who attended the Parents' Presentation on the YONDR Pouch on Tuesday, 25th February. Your presence and engagement in the discussion were greatly appreciated.

During the session, we explored the academic benefits and social development improvements that the YONDR Pouch brings to our students. By minimising digital distractions, this initiative aims to foster greater focus in the classroom, enhance interpersonal skills, and support overall well-being.

The meeting also provided an opportunity for parents to ask questions, share perspectives, and gain a deeper understanding of how this approach positively impacts student learning.

If you were unable to attend, we encourage you to review the presentation that was shared during the session. You can access it via the following link:

[Presentation](#)

We appreciate your continued support in creating an environment that nurtures focus, collaboration, and academic success.





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, Students, and Staff,

As we approach the blessed month of Ramadan, beginning on March 2nd, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to all of you! Ramadan is a period of reflection, gratitude, and unity, where values of compassion, patience, and generosity are embraced.

At DBS, we are committed to supporting our students and staff throughout this sacred and meaningful month. We will ensure a respectful and accommodating environment, promoting understanding and kindness among all. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to strengthen their sense of community, empathy, and self-discipline.

May this Ramadan bring peace, happiness, and countless blessings to you and your families. Ramadan Kareem!

Best regards,
Mrs Hill

Dates for you Diary

| <i>Upcoming events</i> | |
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| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i> |
| <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.



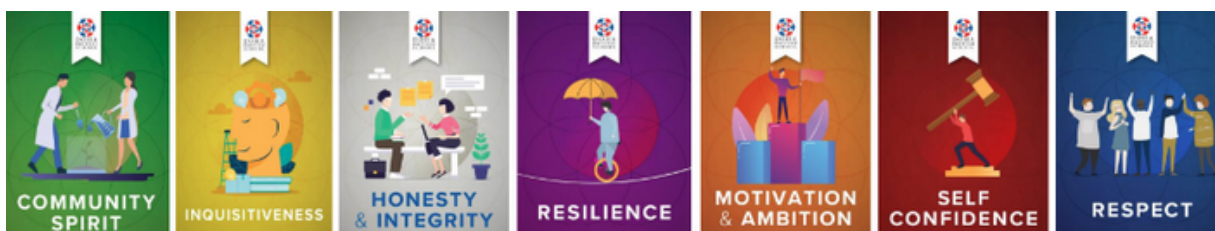


HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

STAR OF THE WEEK

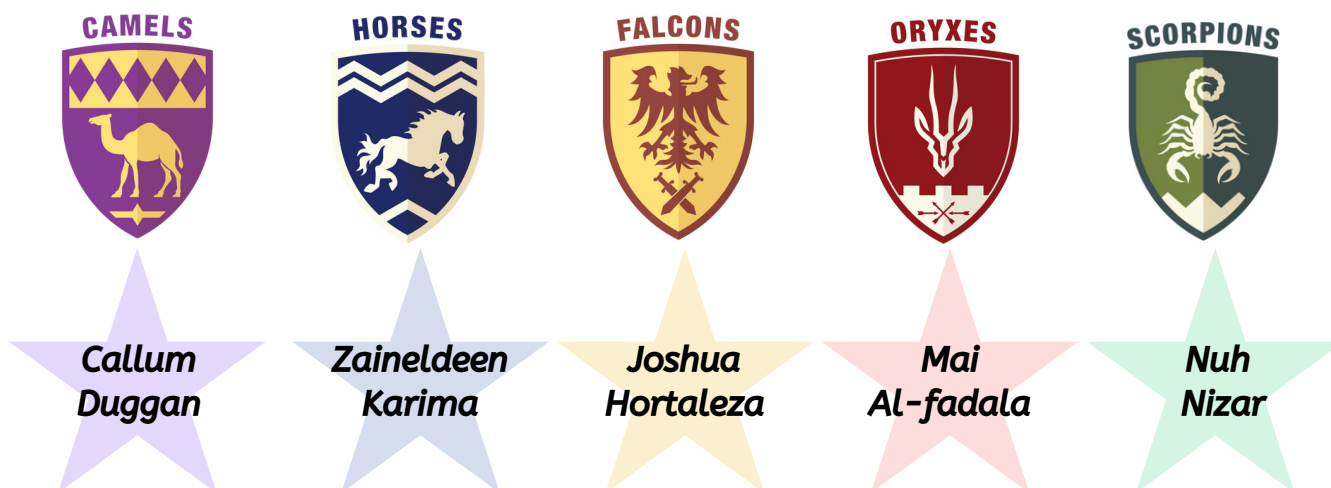
At DBS, we are dedicated to ensuring every student benefits fully from their time here. We aim to nurture well-rounded individuals through excellent teaching and strong character development.

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!





GEOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY TRIP

The IGCSE Geography students were able to get into Doha on Monday to gather data for their urban study fieldwork.

Under the supervision of Ms Waseme and Ms Anson, the students visited Msheireb and Souq Waqif to compare the effectiveness of different sustainability technologies and techniques. To understand how residents and visitors feel about the area, they interviewed members of the public they encountered. They represented both themselves and the school so well that I was approached, complimented, and asked which school they were from. I was delighted with the level of participation from all the students and the way they supported each other.

They demonstrated great maturity and kindness, consistently reflecting our school values and enhancing the reputation we are building in the wider community.

Well done, Year 11!





CAREERS CORNER

A MILESTONE WORK EXPERIENCE AT DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

On 24 February 2025, Doha British School launched its first-ever work experience programme, marking an exciting milestone in our commitment to preparing students for the professional world. As a pilot initiative, this year's programme was a one-day experience, but based on its success, we plan to extend it to 3–5 days next year.

Our students ventured into various industries across Doha, gaining first-hand insight into different career paths. They returned with enthusiasm, sharing their experiences and newfound understanding of workplace dynamics. Malak, one of our participants, expressed how much she loved being in a professional environment, describing it as an opportunity to step into the world of adulthood and responsibility.

Here are some snapshots of our students in action, immersing themselves in real-world roles and embracing this valuable learning experience.





CAREERS CORNER

CAREERS EVENT

We are excited to invite **DBS students interested in careers in gaming** to an exclusive event on **28th February 2025, from 4:00 to 5:00 PM** at **CUQ, Ulster University, Lusail**. This engaging session will feature speakers from **Quest Esports** and **Play Rivals Gaming (PRG)**, who will share their journeys, insights, and valuable tips on how you can start and grow a successful career in the gaming industry.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn from the experts and kickstart your career in gaming!

[Click here for register](#)

City University Qatar | **U**lster University Qatar | **CUQ** CAREER LAB

BEYOND THE CONTROLLER

Careers in Game Development

Title Sponsor: **Networking CISCO Academy** | Presented by: **QUEST** | **PRG PLAY RIVALS GAMING**

26th February 2025
4:00 - 5:00 PM
at our Lusail Campus

RSVP NOW



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 23-27



BOOK of the Week

"Boy, Everywhere" follows 13-year-old Sami, whose comfortable life in Damascus is shattered by war. Forced to flee with his mother and sister, he embarks on a dangerous journey to the UK, leaving everything behind.

Through Sami's eyes, readers experience the hardships faced by refugees—treacherous journeys, adapting to a new country, and the emotional toll of loss. This powerful novel challenges stereotypes, highlighting resilience, family, and hope while sparking discussions about empathy and migration.



BORROW TODAY!

Today in History

23 February 1997 - Scottish scientists announce the successful cloning of a mammal, a sheep named Dolly, marking a major breakthrough in genetic research.



27 February 2019 - South Korea's boy band BTS becomes the first K-pop group to present at the United Nations, using their platform to inspire young people worldwide.



27 February 2010 - An 8.8-magnitude earthquake strikes Chile, causing widespread devastation and triggering a tsunami across the Pacific Ocean.



Source: www.onthisday.com



"OH YES, THE PAST CAN HURT. BUT YOU CAN EITHER RUN FROM IT OR LEARN FROM IT." - THE LION KING (1994)



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