

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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another exciting
edition of our
Alumni Newsletter!**

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Message from the Principal

We continue to be absolutely astounded by the remarkable achievements of our distinguished alumni. Your success stories never fail to inspire our current students and staff, reminding us of the exceptional calibre of individuals who have walked through our halls.

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Our commitment remains steadfast – to nurture and maintain a robust network that connects our alumni across generations and geographies. The sense of community and mutual support that defines Doha British School is truly what makes this institution extraordinarily special.

Whether you're a recent graduate or a long-standing alumnus, your journey continues to be an integral part of our collective narrative. We invite you to stay connected, share your stories, and remain an active part of the DBS family.

Mrs. Lynette Grant

Principal

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Vice Principal's Welcome

Dr. Luke Cheater Ed.D, MSc, BA(Hons), NPQH

Welcome to our latest Alumni Edition!

At Doha British School, we are immensely proud of our global community of graduates who continue to make extraordinary achievements across diverse fields. This edition celebrates three remarkable alumni: Naeema: Currently pursuing Business studies at Durham University, and enjoying relocation in the United Kingdom. Tinasha: A 5th Year Medical Student at Nottingham, not only advancing in medicine but also championing the Meningitis Research Foundation - demonstrating our graduates commitment to making a positive social impact. Further details of how you can support this appeal is in this addition! Natalie: A recent University College London graduate, achieving a first-class honours degree in Human Sciences, showcasing the exceptional academic potential of all our students.

This addition also includes the following highlights:

- > **DBS Alumni LinkedIn Launch:**
- > **Your Global Connectivity Catalyst:**
- > **Alumni Database Mission:
Expanding Our Global Family**



Join our LinkedIn page
Share Your Journey, Support
Your Community!

- Purpose-built platform to reconnect, network, and grow our global alumni community
- Designed to bridge geographical distances and professional sectors
- Creating opportunities for mentorship, career development, and meaningful connections
- Committed to nurturing lifelong relationships beyond graduation



Pearson Award Winners: A Legacy of Excellence

- Unprecedented achievement in global and regional academic performance
- Celebrating students who have demonstrated extraordinary educational prowess

The Pearson awards and exam results.

DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
HIGHEST MARK IN THE WORLD
MAY/JUNE 2024
Pearson Edexcel GCSE Art and Design: Textile Design
Bana Batrawi

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HIGHEST MARK IN THE WORLD
MAY/JUNE 2024
Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Subsidiary Psychology
Eshal Mustafa

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HIGHEST MARK IN THE WORLD
MAY/JUNE 2024
Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Subsidiary Psychology
Harum Khalid

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HIGHEST MARK IN QATAR
MAY/JUNE 2024
Pearson Edexcel GCSE Physical Education
Magdalena Kristo

DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
HIGHEST MARK IN QATAR
OCTOBER 2023
Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Subsidiary Chemistry & Physics
Maryam Sohail

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HIGHEST MARK IN QATAR
MAY/JUNE 2024
Pearson Edexcel GCE Advanced Level Art, Craft and Design
Mikayla Van Loggerenberg

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HIGHEST MARK IN THE WORLD
MAY/JUNE 2024
Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Subsidiary Arabic
Mohammad Ayman Mohammad Mustafa

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HIGHEST MARK IN THE WORLD
MAY/JUNE 2024
Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Subsidiary Psychology
Naysha Maru

DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
HIGHEST MARK IN THE WORLD
MAY/JUNE 2024
Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Subsidiary Arabic
Ahmed Mokhtar Mansour

DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
HIGHEST MARK IN THE MIDDLE EAST
JANUARY 2024
Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Subsidiary Spanish
Ramon Fernandez Osuna

DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
HIGHEST MARK IN THE WORLD
MAY/JUNE 2024
Pearson Edexcel GCSE Design and Technology
Stefano Rios Prudent

DBS Graduation 2024



Naeema Nuramira

Since graduating from DBS, life has been awesome (alhamdulillah). I would've never made it to my dream university without the unwavering support of everyone at school - friends, teachers, and supporting staff. Academically, they provided me with the guidance and encouragement to excel, ensuring I was fully prepared for life beyond school, whether it was going to university or having a backup plan.

On a personal level, they helped me develop the confidence, independence, and communication skills I needed to thrive in this completely new environment. I was incredibly fortunate to be surrounded by some of the most supportive, inspiring, and wise individuals who became like a second family to me. I am the person I am today because of the community at DBS, and as I continue to grow and face new challenges at university, I carry the lessons and values instilled in me during my time there.



Tinashe Gumunyu

It's an honour to share my journey since graduating from DBS and reflect on how my time they shaped who I am today.

My Journey Since Leaving DBS

After completing Year 6 at DBS in 2013, I moved to England and attended Lawrence Sheriff School, where I completed my GCSEs and A-levels in Physics, Maths, Biology, and Chemistry.

From a young age, I was always drawn to science and dreamt of becoming a doctor. I was also drawn to engineering due to my interest in physics and design but at the age of 13, I knew medicine was my true calling. Combining science with the opportunity to make a direct impact on people's health solidified my decision.

The journey hasn't been easy; some students discouraged me, but Doha British School taught me perseverance and self-belief. Remember, when someone doubts you, it reflects their limits, not yours.

What DBS Meant to Me

Doha British School laid the foundation for values like perseverance, kindness, and curiosity. Teachers like Mr. Miah, who encouraged me to enter and win the Talent Show, gave me the confidence I still carry today.

A highlight of my time was the Dubai expedition, where teamwork on a raft-building activity taught me skills I still use today.

Doha British School also nurtured my sense of service. The support and encouragement I received inspired me to give back and pursue my ambitions. Doha British School was truly a launchpad for my future.



Where I Am Now

I'm now a fifth-year medical student at the University of Nottingham, completing placements in Lincolnshire. Next year, I'll start as a resident doctor in the UK with the aim of specialising in anaesthetics and emergency care.

Looking back, small habits like being organised, showing up on time, and asking questions have been invaluable. Build those habits now and they'll take you far.

Final Words

Doha British School gave me the foundations to chase my dreams, and it can do the same for you. You have a world of potential at your fingertips and excellent staff dedicated to helping you succeed. Embrace opportunities, believe in yourself, and take bold steps toward shaping your future.

Natalie Magness

Hi, I'm Natalie and I graduated from DBS in 2021 (during the height of COVID-19!) having completed A Levels in Biology, Chemistry, and Music.

I then spent 3 wonderful years studying and graduated with a First-Class Honours Degree in Human Sciences at University College London. This degree is an interdisciplinary course linking the life sciences (such as genetics, physiology, and anatomy) and social sciences (such as anthropology and psychology) with the aim to study humans through a wide range of lenses.

Through exploring my interests, I decided that I wanted to work in consulting (the practice of providing professional advice to companies and organizations about any issues they face), specifically within the public sector space. This is because of two main reasons. Firstly, my long term goal is to see my work have a positive impact on people's lives, and I believe through helping entities such as government departments, the NHS (the National Health Service in the UK), hospitals, schools and universities, I can make a tangible difference to society.

Secondly, through my studies and extra-curricular involvements such as founding and leading Qatar Youth Power (<https://www.qataryouthpower.com/>) since Year 12, I have developed the key skills needed in consulting, like communication and team working.

I am now 2 months into my first job as a Consultant in the Infrastructure, Government and Healthcare team at KPMG, a professional services firm, and am thoroughly enjoying it so far.

As I reflect, I look back and feel grateful for my time at DBS. I was a student here since Year 7 and was involved with a range of activities such as MUN, DofE, and Deputy

Head Girl, while balancing my studies - ultimately achieving Grade 9s at IGCSE in all of my subjects and 3 A*s at A Level, including 100% full marks in my chemistry paper 1. However, I would not have achieved this without the support of my peers and teachers.

As it's mock exam season and soon exam season proper, I'm sure many of you are studying hard but also wondering how to truly succeed, and achieve your goals, both inside the classroom and outside. My main piece of advice would be to treat any mistake, failure, or rejection as a lesson and something to make you even stronger. I definitely would not have achieved my academic and extra-curricular goals if I hadn't treated my past mistakes as lessons to improve. I applied the same mindset to everything from class unit tests, to my real IGCSE and A Level exams, university applications, and job applications.

In summary, don't compare yourself to others, only your past self and improve with every misstep - I'm sure you'll all do amazing! Best of luck!



Natalie Magness



If you have any questions or just want to chat, reach out to me on email at magnessnat@gmail.com or LinkedIn at [Link](#)

United Kingdom

Loughborough University
 Swansea University
 University of Edinburgh
 University of Nottingham
 University of Portsmouth
 University of Surrey
 University of Sussex
 University of Bristol
 King's College
 University of Reading
 University of Leeds
 University of Bath
 University of Plymouth
 University of Glasgow
 Oxford Brookes University
 Robert Gordon University
 University of Middlesex
 University of York
 The Institute of Contemporary Music
 Performance - London

Qatar

CUC Ulster University Qatar
 Texas A&M
 Weill Cornell Medical
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Northwestern University
 Virginia Commonwealth University
 Qatar University
 Academic Bridge Program
 University Foundation College

Australia / New Zealand

University of Adelaide – Australia
 University of Melbourne – Australia
 University of Sydney – Australia
 Monash University – Australia
 Auckland University – New Zealand

Europe

University of Plodiv – Bulgaria
 University of Debrecen – Hungary
 University of Amsterdam – The Netherlands
 University of Szeged – Hungary
 Leiden University in The Hague – The Netherlands
 Les Roches – Switzerland
 Gronigen University – The Netherlands
 FH Aachen University of applied sciences – Germany
 The University of Twente – The Netherlands
 Middle Eastern Technical University - Turkey

USA & Canada

University of Toronto – Canada
 Western University – Canada
 Ryerson University – Canada
 Concordia University – Canada
 University of British Columbia – Canada
 Dalhousie University - Canada
 Georgia Tech Institute – USA
 Cal Poly - USA
 Washington State University - USA
 University of San Diego – USA
 La Verne University – USA

Other countries

University of Cape Town – South Africa
 University of Cairo – Egypt
 Ateneo De Manila University – Philippines
 NMU - Cape Town, South Africa
 American University of Beirut – Lebanon
 American University of Sharjah - UAE



Pathways

