



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

House System Policy



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Reviewer: Policy Committee





1. Purpose






It is important that the standard we set for children who come to DBS supports them to feel part of a wider community, part of more than just a class, and provides them with opportunities to celebrate, collaborate and work hard as a wider student team. The house system forms part of the pastoral system, adding to what is already a vital element of the day.

2. Scope

At DBS every child enters a house on enrolment. This house forms part of their internal school family, making them part of a vertical system that puts them together with students from across all year groups within the school. On joining the school, staff are also entered into a house as the importance of the system drives through all stakeholders.

3. House Teams

Within our DBS schools, the following houses are identified through the school and assigned to students on enrolment. House teams are recognized not only by their name and shield, but also by the colour.

 <p>ORYXES</p>	 <p>HORSES</p>	 <p>FALCONS</p>	 <p>SCORPIONS</p>	 <p>CAMELS <small>(Ain Khaled Only)</small></p>
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4. House Points

Pupils are awarded House points for academic and pastoral activities in daily school life. The House points give the opportunity to develop self-confidence, personal and team pride. Achievement of house points also links to the DBS character traits that are part of the whole school culture. House points are shared via assemblies and social media so students are always aware of how well their house is doing.

5. House Points – Examples

Below outlines some of the ways students will be able to support their house team, following academic and pastoral expectations to achieve house points.

Academic Endeavour

- Trying hard to complete a challenging task.
- Asking for help with difficult work after trying hard.
- Significant academic achievement based on the child's effort and ability.

Pastoral/Social



- Being organised – having the correct uniform and equipment regularly for lessons (older children)
- Being helpful – volunteering to help tidy classroom or assisting the teacher.
- Being kind – caring for someone when they are hurt, looking after new pupils, including others in games, sharing with, and thinking of others.
- Being polite – greeting people correctly, saying please and thank you, opening doors, allowing others to go first, smiling, being friendly, using names appropriately.
- Being a team player – taking initiative and responsibility, cooperating, being supportive of others and respecting their ideas, offering compliments, being positive and encouraging.
- Being honest – owning up to mistakes, telling the truth.

6. Activities and Competitions

House events will run each term in which House teams compete against each other to earn House points. These activities will help children show their prowess in Poetry, Drama, Languages, Humanities, Classics, Maths, Science, various Sports, Music, Debating, Literature and much more.

The winning Houses will be awarded cups and awards for various activities along with names posted on the honors boards. The overall House point winners each year will be awarded a cup at the final assembly.



Thank you