



Secondary Newsletter

15th April 2021

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



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

FATEMA KHAN

SENCO

I am delighted to be introducing myself as SENCo, leading Learning Support across the Primary and Secondary school phases here at DBS, Ain Khaled. Following a decision to pursue my interest in Special Educational Needs after joining DBS as Assistant Subject Leader of English, I am completing Masters level qualifications in SEN provision; it is a very exciting and eventful time.



My role is to develop the school's SEN strategy as well as to oversee English as an Additional Language provision led by Julia Moody. We, the Learning Support department, are the crucial 'can' element of the school's vision to become a dynamic, global environment, providing access to learning for all students at DBS.

With over 10 years' experience in Secondary English and CELTA Adult teaching, my previous work in the UK includes whole school Safeguarding & Child Protection, coordinating provision for Looked After Children and leading Literacy and Interventions. The best part of my day is seeing how values such as Creativity, Compassion, Equity and Self-Leadership bring about fruitful multi-agency work and secure best outcomes, especially for children with additional needs.

I hope that by working with other pastoral leaders, parents and external agencies, our team will enhance the learning journey of DBS children and reaffirm that all learners can, need and want to achieve.

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STARS OF THE WEEK!

Year 7 – Mohammed Khalid Al-Mughesib

Year 8 – Angelica Monthero

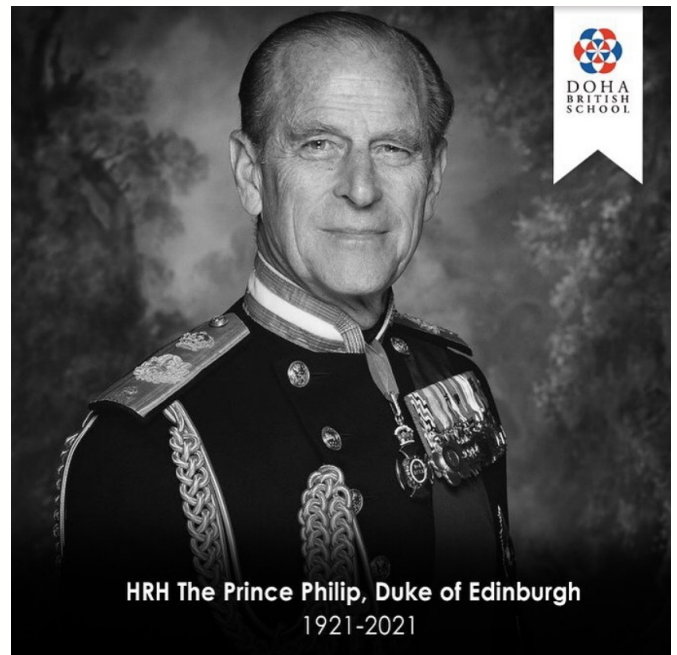
Year 9 – Abdulla Alahmad

Year 10 – Noor Shouman

Year 11 – Abdulrahman Kassab

Year 12 – Hamad Al Marri

Year 13 – Carla Danzinger Dia

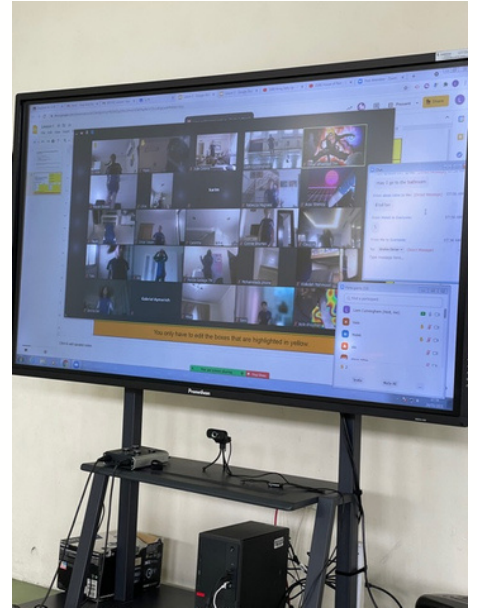


HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
1921-2021

The DBS community extends its condolences to Her Majesty The Queen and The Royal Family on the passing of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

KS3 PE GOES LIVE

With numbers of students allowed in schools reduced to 30% before Spring Break, KS3 students were set to work online for 100% of their time. This included their PE lessons. It was great to see students joining the Zoom lessons in their PE kits ready to join in with the different activities that the PE department had put together. Students tested their coordination through juggling challenges and worked on their fitness doing a circuit. The effort shown by students was superb and it was lovely to see siblings, parents, dogs and cats joining the Zoom sessions!



MARVELOUS MATHS

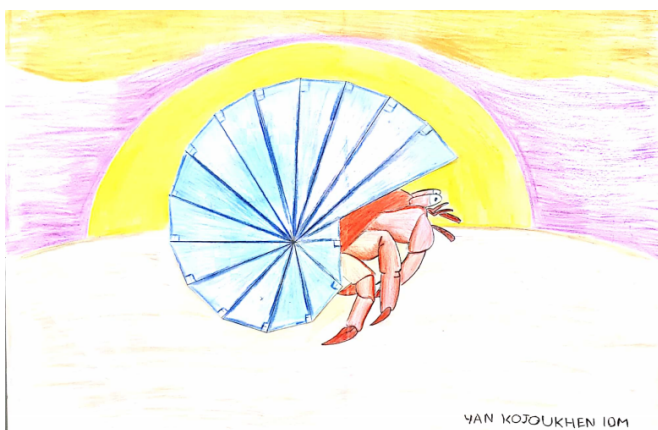
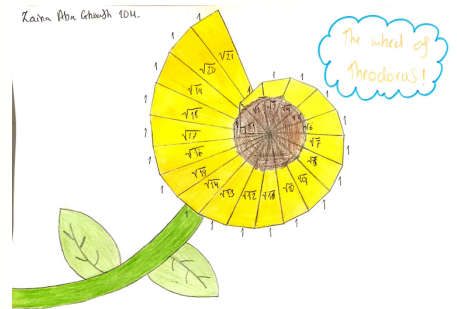
Miss Okane's Year 7 class studied symmetry last term. This concept is a fundamental part of geometry that we encounter in everyday life, giving students a greater appreciation for the role of Mathematics in the real world. As part of the activity, students created posters of symmetrical shapes, thus developing skills needed to produce complex geometries from simple building blocks.

Appreciation of numbers was celebrated in Mrs Oganessian's Year 10 class as well. After learning the concept of irrational numbers, students were asked to draw shapes based on these special numbers. Students noticed that these numbers produce spirals which are abundant in nature. Maths was fused with art and technology, and students produced fascinating images of spiral based geometry.

THEODORUS THEOREM



Justin Kim 10Q



YAN KOZOUKHEN 10M

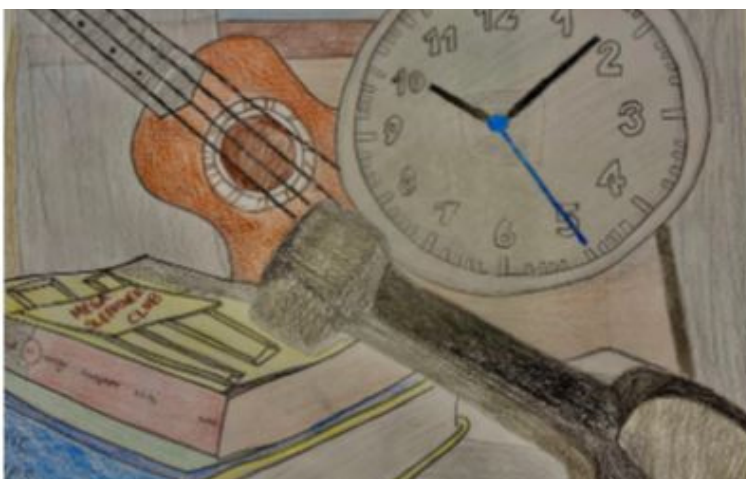


STILL LIFE IN ART

Our KS3 students have been busy with their new Art topic, "Still Life" They have looked at the work of 20th Century artist Paul Cezanne. Students have sketched, shaded and blended colours to replicate his work. We are sure you will agree the work produced by Sumaya 8Q of Paul Cezanne's "The Basket of Apples" is fantastic.



Year 9 students composed still life work to reflect their life in lock down and have done an amazing job!



Martha 9D

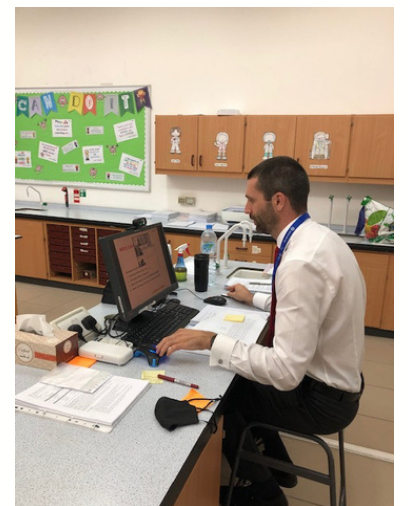


Zainab 9B

100% ONLINE TEACHING & LEARNING

With the recent Ministry announcement to go back to Teaching and Learning 100% online, we have had to adapt our routines and strategies as teachers to ensure we keep teaching without compromising any of the quality of lessons. Since the very first lesson on Sunday 11th April, our wonderful teachers have been online to ensure the exciting learning journey continues. Adaptability, flexibility and passion is what it is all about for our resilient community as teachers and learners.

It feels very different being in a school with no students and we miss them all dearly already but we will see each other very soon hopefully. In the meantime, this is what your teachers are up to:

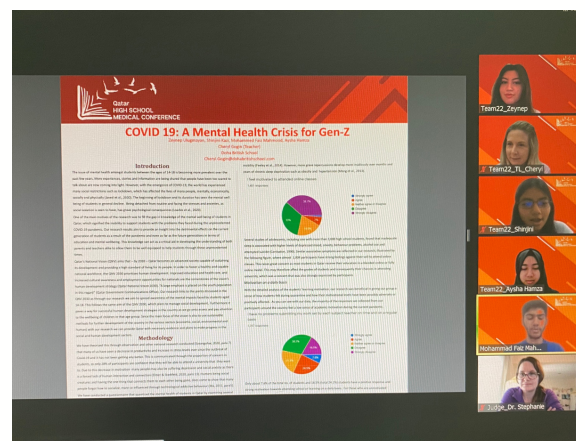


HIGH SCHOOL MEDICAL RESEARCH COMPETITION

Year 12 students Aysha, Zeynep, Mahmoud and Shinjini all took part in the High School Medical Conference Research Competition where they had to present their poster to three judges from Weill-Cornell University in Qatar.

Only qualifying students will participate in the High School Medical Conference in November 2021. We will find out soon how we performed out of a total of 52 teams from 18 schools across Qatar. The students received excellent feedback from all judges and did a wonderful job representing DBS!

Their poster title is "COVID 19: A Mental Health Crisis for Gen-Z".



ASSEMBLY

This week's assembly was put together by staff and students from our wonderful Arabic department and is all about the Holy Month of Ramadan. Students gave us some interesting information on why Muslims fast, the importance of Ramadan and they taught us some common Ramadan greetings. Members of staff also told us what they understood about Ramadan and students told us about the Ramadan schedule and the different meanings of words such as Iftar, Suhoor and Silat Al Rahim. It was a fantastic and very informative assembly and we would like to thank staff and students for the time and effort that went into producing the assembly.

- * Suhoor : A light meal before dawn (*before fasting*)
- * Iftar : breaking of the fast at Sunset (*coincides with the 4th daily prayer Maghrib*)
- * Silat Al Rahim : visiting family members
- * Iftar Saem : Giving Iftar (*fast-breaking*) meal, which is not just restricted to the poor it's sharing what you can afford with any fasting person.
- * Taraweeh : Extra prayers performed by Muslims at night in the Islamic month of Ramadan. They are not compulsory. However, many Muslims pray them.
- * Qiyam : Voluntary late-night prayers, this is why during Ramadan we have a late start (*around 8:00 a.m.*) because most Muslims perform these night prayer during this holy month.

- * Ramadan Mubarak

Have a Blessed Ramadan

- * Ramadan Kareem

Enjoy the Generous blessings of Ramadan

Wishing everyone a
Happy Ramadan

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

It's very close between the top 3 houses and there is still a full term to go! Keep working hard and earning those house points for your house.

Blue Horses	9713
Green Scorpions	14632
Purple Camels	10851
Yellow Falcons	14547
Red Oryxes	14708

ECOSCHOOLS

Ecoschools is a really exciting opportunity for us here at DBS! Mrs Walles-Butler and Mrs Wilkes have been working hard to set it up and organise the committee.

The aim is to come up with ideas, events and opportunities to make the school a more sustainable and eco-friendly environment. By evidencing the things we do successfully we will be able to apply for a "Green Flag" award, which is a prestigious status that will make DBS stand out as there are only two other schools in the country that are involved in the initiative.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students that applied to the committee and a big well done to those who are going to be involved.

A particular well done to:

President: Malaak Ghandir

Vice Presidents: Aprilia Kusmedi and Rana Omrani

We look forward to working with you and making a difference to the school environment!



MISS LEIGHTON'S TOP TIPS FOR LOOKING AFTER YOURSELF DURING ONLINE LEARNING

- Get up in enough time to wake up and get ready for the school day... don't register whilst still half asleep!
- Be organised. Have your timetable displayed and ensure that you have everything ready for the day.
- Have a designated work space. When you are in this area make it a time to focus. Keep distractions away and make sure that it is comfortable, light and has all of your equipment ready.
- Separate school and relaxation time. Focus when it is lessons and relax afterwards... you do not want to be sat working all day.
- Limit screen time. When you have finished online school, ensure that you go and do something that does not involve technology.
- Keep in touch with friends and family. Talk about how you are getting on, what you have enjoyed, what you have found difficult and what you have been doing besides school work.
- Reach out if you are finding things hard. Your Friends, Form Tutors, Progress Leaders and Teachers are all there to help you and if you would like to speak to the School Counsellor then please let me know.
- Finally; work hard, stay positive and enjoy your online learning as much as possible.

SIXTH FORM

Leena Fraihat to become a published author

Year 13 IB student Leena Fraihat will soon become a published author in the geography student magazine "Routes". Her article about the effect of COVID-19 on Syrian Refugees has gained attention of the editor at this prestigious student magazine. Leena took inspiration from her geography teacher to research a topic close to her heart and her research has led her to openly discuss the plight these people face. We congratulate Leena for having this open discussion and for thoroughly researching its affect around the world.



Year 12 IB celebrate CAS Successes

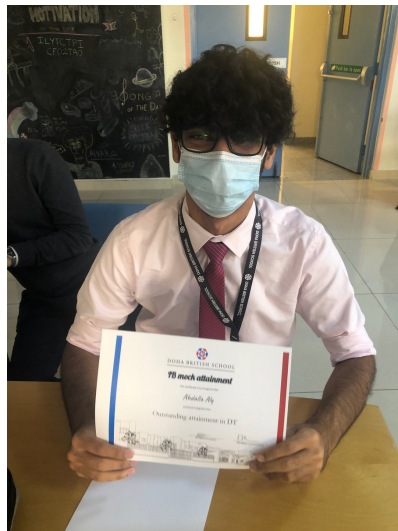
We celebrated some incredible achievements with our year 12 IB cohort this week, recognising the work they have done within the CAS element of the IB Diploma. CAS (which stands for creativity, activity and service) is a core component of the IB diploma programme and students must contribute to their community and develop new skills over the 2 years. So far some of our students have:

- Made donations to workers in Al Khor
- Collected donations for QAWS
- Supported class teachers with displays
- Supported sports week and parents evenings
- Completed triathlons



YEAR 13 STUDENTS RECEIVE THEIR MOCK EXAM RESULTS

We recently handed out to our year 13 IB cohort the results of their most recent mock examinations, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements. So much in fact that we felt it only right to recognise those students who made outstanding progress or attainment. Here are just a few students who blew us away with their results.



HOLY QURAN COMPETITION RESULTS

We would like to congratulate the following students on their superb results in the recent Holy Quran Competitions. Everyone at DBS is extremely proud of their achievements.

NU	Class	Name	Grade
1	7	Ala' Ayman Mohammad Mustafa	Very good
2	7 Q	Rayan Esbaiss	Very good
3	7B	Sara Hany Elsayed Ibrahim Metwaly	Excellent
4	7D	Ahmed Adel Ahmed Fraij Zahran	Very good
5	7M	Omar Elhaddad	Excellent
6	7M	Youssef Mokhtar Mansour	Very good
7	7S	Sarah Badran	Good
8	8	Abed Al Rahman Al Habach	Excellent
9	8D	Malak Zaid	Excellent
10	9	Mohammad Mustafa	Excellent
11	9S	Ahmed Mokhtar Mansour	Very good
12	13	Moa'ath Mustafa	Very good

LIBRARY NOTICES

Suggested free online readings

Lockdown or partial lockdown is a great opportunity for reading. If printed books are not available at home, try online reading. Here are some of the sites that offer free online books and magazines.

Books on loan to be returned to the library

We would like to ask our students to return the borrowed books that they have finished with to the library if possible. We will leave a box at the gate for parents or drivers to drop the books in it.



Qatar National Library (QNL):

<https://qnl.qa/en/library-services/become-a-member>
A great source of online book. Although the library is currently closed, however you can become a member online and access online books straight away.

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"There is no friend as loyal as a book.
(Ernest Hemingway)"



WELL-DONE FROM THE HEAD OF SECONDARY

A huge **'Well Done'** to all DBS parents who have also had to adapt to changes in the current lockdown situation. Staff at DBS are very proud to work with you as we maintain high standards, curriculum delivery and pastoral welfare during another period of 100% online learning.

We know you will be facing your own challenges with this change and we just wanted to say **'thank you'** for everything you do at home to support the DBS learning expectations.

We are here if you need advice, help, support or just want to update us on how things are going. We may not be able to change the impact of the pandemic, but together we can keep moving forward.