



DOHA
BRITISH
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SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

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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

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to what promises to be another exciting year in the development of our school, although not the 100% return we had hoped for, we trust this is still the right decision for now. We have just been celebrating another year of amazing examination results. Our iGCSE/GCSE results were excellent whilst our AS/AL and IB results gave access to university courses all over the world. We are very proud of these results and the hard work by students and staff which made them happen.

Staffing Changes

We are delighted to welcome the following new staff to DBS Ain Khaled:

Miss C Evans - English Teacher
Ms O Conroy - English Teacher
Mr M Raper - History Teacher
Miss E Porter - History Teacher
Mr L Graham - Science Teacher
Mr P Bramson - Science Teacher
Mr C McCartan - ICT/Business Teacher
Mr K Bloomfield - Assistant Subject Leader for ICT/Business
Mr D Johns - Music Teacher
Mr A Glover - Subject Leader for PE
Mr J Dudley - MFL Teacher



Darren Atkinson
Head of Secondary

In addition, we have made a number of internal appointments as follows:

Mrs E Walles-Butler - House Leader
Mrs K Hameed - Assistant Subject Leader for English
Mrs L Viarisio - Subject Leader for Science
Mr I McKenzie - Assistant Subject Leader for Humanities

Uniform

The majority of students have returned to school in full and appropriate uniform. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that students must wear smart / polished shoes for school, trainers are not accepted as part of the uniform and only worn for PE lessons. As part of their House identity, students should also now be wearing their House pin badge at all times, as well as always have their House planners with them in lessons.

An updated uniform policy was also introduced for Sixth Form students. All sixth form students should attend school in 'business dress', setting the highest of standards for all students across DBS. If you have any concerns about uniforms please contact the school.

Please feel free to contact me and best wishes for another happy and successful year at DBS Ain Khaled.

Mr Atkinson
Head of Secondary

YEAR 11 STUDY SKILLS

This week we have seen the launch of the Year 11 Study Skills programme which will be run during form time once a week, for tutors to support our students through the examination year.

The programme has been designed based on feedback from past students and teachers' experience of exam classes. We are hoping this will give them the skills and organisation they need to be successful as well as some Motivation, some Resilience and some Self-Confidence as we are approaching the examination season in the summer.

If you want to support your child alongside the programme, please find the details below:

Session	
1	How to create an efficient revision timetable?
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2	Creating your efficient timetable
2	Creating your efficient timetable
3	How to set up your revision environment?
3	How to set up your revision environment?
5	How do we memorise and recall knowledge and facts?
5	How do we memorise and recall knowledge and facts?
6	How can we use metacognition to support your learning?
6	How can we use metacognition to support your learning?
7	What do you need to know in each subject?
7	What do you need to know in each subject?
8	How to manage anxiety?
8	How to manage anxiety?
9	Strengths and Weaknesses analysis per subject
9	Strengths and Weaknesses analysis per subject
10	Sharing good practice of revision strategies and techniques
10	Sharing good practice of revision strategies and techniques
10	How to manage your time?
10	How to manage your time?
11	Poster by exam of length, methodology and key tips (core subjects)
11	Poster by exam of length, methodology and key tips (options)



REVISION TIMETABLE

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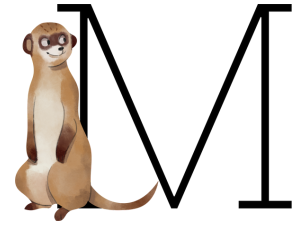
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SPARKS FLY IN SCIENCE

This week in Science Mr Karim's Year 7 class had an introduction to using bunsen burners safely in science lessons. The pupils were able to light magnesium ribbon which ignites in a very bright white light. Students thoroughly enjoyed the excitement of a practical science lesson and it was great to hear the enthusiasm coming from the classroom.



MFL MEERKATS



This week in MFL Mr Dudley's class have been playing a game called 'Meerkats'. Students are given a number 1 to 4 and when they see their number appear on the board they stand up like a meerkat and shout out the translation. The students have really enjoyed the game and it has encouraged spontaneous speech in MFL.



BIRDHOUSE MAKING IN DT

As part of their project on making a birdhouse, Mr Quinn's Year 9 Design Technology class were learning how to make a lap joint. This will be an essential skill when constructing their final designs. We look forward to seeing their finished products.



CRITICAL THINKERS BRONZE AWARD

Year 9S Geography students have been chosen to take part in the Critical Thinkers Bronze Award with Mrs Walles-Butler. We are using the topic of "Climate Change" to consider where our information comes from and how valid and reliable that information is. The students will create a small portfolio of evidence and research and then complete a reflection on their findings!



ECO-SCHOOLS



Our Eco-schools committee is now up and running with a fantastic team of students at the helm. We are currently in the process of conducting an environmental review where all stakeholders will have an opportunity to have their say in what they think of the current school environment. Based on these results the committee will then set this year's targets to improve the school environment and also allow us to apply for the Green Flag Status.

Our Eco-Schools ECA will start on Sunday 26th September and everyone is welcome to get involved.

KS3 & 4 HISTORY

Mr McKenzie's Year 8 History students have been busy working on the new KS3 History curriculum. Students are excited to be studying the development of South Asia from the Mughal times to the present day.

Meanwhile our Year 10 IGCSE students are learning about the development of Public Health which is very relevant given the current global pandemic.





MUN IS BACK!

We are so excited to bring back MUN to the school. With a brand new team of passionate and dedicated teachers to support you, join the MUN ECA on Wednesdays!

We have a comprehensive programme of ECAs, Conferences and Projects opportunities this year and we would love for the students to get involved!

MUN is also a wonderful platform for students who want to develop their debating and research skills which are crucial assets for the future.

When joining the MUN Team, students focus on their Inquisitiveness, Self Confidence, Motivation & Ambition, Community Spirit, Reliance, Honesty & Integrity and of course Respect. MUN is the embodiment of the Character Development we are launching this year as a school and we would be delighted to count your child as one of our MUNers.

All details can be found on the MUN display board in the upper quad, on the MUN Google Classroom (code on the display) or on the posters given to tutors to display on their form boards. The Google Classroom Code is yosllu6.

The leaders of tomorrow are amongst us, just come and grab the opportunity to show it!

Join us on Zoom on Wednesday 29th September!



HOUSE COMPETITIONS

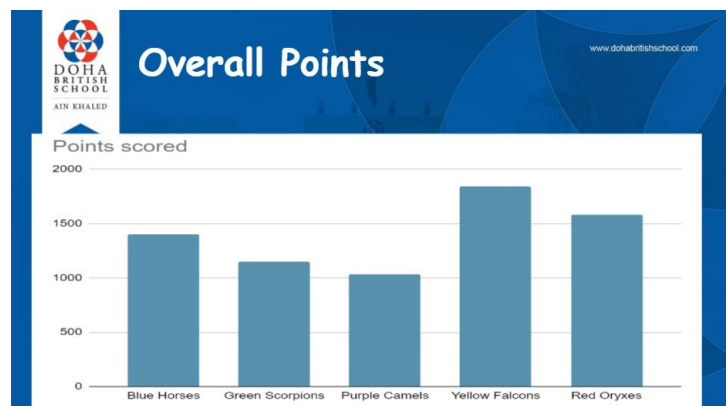
It has been a fantastic start to the new academic year and our new and improved house system. Students and staff are proudly wearing their house badges and it is already becoming a highly competitive and exciting environment.

Congratulations to the Yellow Falcons who have taken an early lead in the house point competition, but can they hold onto their lead? This weeks house competition was set by the PE department and was all about the Olympic Games



STARS OF THE WEEK!

It has been a fantastic start to the year with so many nominations for Star of the Week. Well done to everyone who was nominated and a huge congratulations to all of this week's winners.



KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK EVERYONE!

Green Scorpions	Blue Horses	Red Oryx's	Yellow Falcons	Purple Camels
Rawda Al-Hammadi	Yusuf Selim Karakose	Elias Hellemann-Michelsen	Alexander Budsworth	Noor El Sangary
Mays Balasy	<u>Gamezyani Singogo</u>	Malak Elsangary	Paul Angelo Tungol	Sumaya Sajid
Elina Kalmouni	Abdulla Abdalla	Rana Mohamed	Kevin Gimmy	Samantha Longmore
Malaaika Naji				

WELCOME BACK TO THE LIBRARY!

We hope you had a great summer break filled with relaxation and opportunities for reading those books you have had on your shelves for quite some time. We are delighted to welcome Year 7s to the library. They are already showing the signs of good, enthusiastic readers who cannot wait to engage with us in reading activities and awards.



NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Over the summer holidays we placed an exciting order of books. Some of them recommended by our keen readers and others award winning or shortlisted for well-known book awards. I have the pleasure to let you know that we have received them from the UK and we are looking forward to students, as well as librarians getting our hands on them and enjoying reading them. Follow the library notice board in the school newsletter to hear about our activities and reading competitions, and please encourage your children to participate in the fun of reading.



ECAs Go Virtual

With Covid-19 restrictions still in place and Ministry of Education guidelines keeping schools at 50% and working within class bubbles, we are still in a position where we cannot run our usual ECA programme. After the success of a number of virtual ECAs last year we have decided to run a full Virtual ECA programme. There will be a variety of activities on offer which will all run via Google Classrooms. Tasks and challenges will be set by teachers on Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week to encourage students to stay active, try a new skill or develop an existing interest.

THE BENEFITS OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Students will also be able to add to their pledge passports by taking part in our virtual ECAs.

All information will be emailed to parents this week so please encourage your children to check the activities on offer and get involved.



SIXTH FORM

University Bridging Program

All students in Year 12 & 13 are taking part in a new and exciting course, called the University Bridging Program. (UBP) Students in Year 12 & 13 will receive a lecture and tutorial each week. During this time we will explore skills and characteristics which will help students bridge the gap between school and university.

This week our topic was about organisational techniques and was delivered by 2 Year 12 students, Mattias and Delaram. Students have been tasked with the challenge of downloading an extension onto their computers to see if it helps them with their own organisation.



Other topics we will soon explore include:

- Setting your vision
- Methods of knowledge retrieval
- Issues such as gender pay gaps

Careers

Our new careers and university guidance team have moved offices and can now be found in the sixth form area. We are offering support for students from Year 9 - 13.

If you would like to arrange a meeting, you can contact cherie.crouse@dohabritishschool.com.

We are on hand to help you with university applications, personal statements, or discussing future careers - it's never too early to start thinking about your future!

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY FAIR QATAR

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28-29 SEPTEMBER 2021 @ 4-7PM AST

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Students, parents, teachers, school administrators, and counselors will join us for our upcoming WebiFair (virtual university fair) where they will have the opportunity to engag...

