



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
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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



John Kenwright Subject Leader MFL

Bonjour, Hola, Hello. My name is John Kenwright and I am the Subject Leader for Modern Foreign Languages at Doha British School. This is my fourth year at Doha British School and I consider myself so lucky to work with such fantastic students who are enthused by languages. It is such a privilege to teach MFL internationally as students really understand and respect the value of other languages and cultures. So many students can already speak more than one language and can apply this skill set when it comes to learning French and Spanish.

My story of becoming an MFL teacher is a simple one. I studied French in school, I continued with it at University, and then I went on to teach it. When it was time to choose what I wanted to study at university, I couldn't give up on French as I considered it such a special skill and would have been too sad to let all that learning go to waste. How glad I was to have made that decision! Studying it at university also allowed me to spend a year working and living in France, and I consider myself so lucky to have had the language to meet new people and create some cherished memories. Without a language, I feel as though there is a whole life experience that I would have completely missed out on.



MFL teachers by their nature are open minded, conscientious and friendly, and this couldn't be more true of the teachers at Doha British School. I work with the most amazing team who have a progressive outlook towards language teaching and are not afraid to push the envelope and try new things to ensure our students receive the best possible education.

If you ever need to contact me my email is john.kenwright@dohabritishschool.com

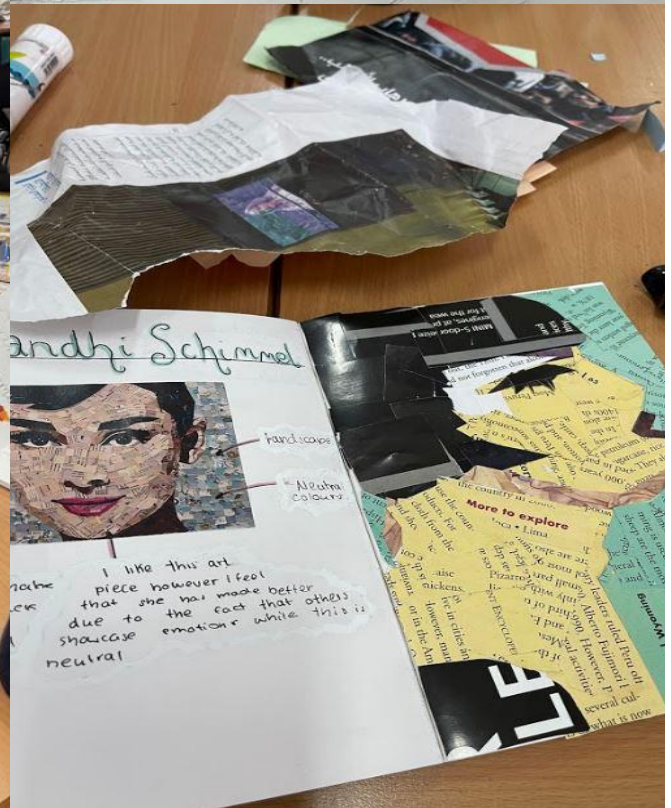
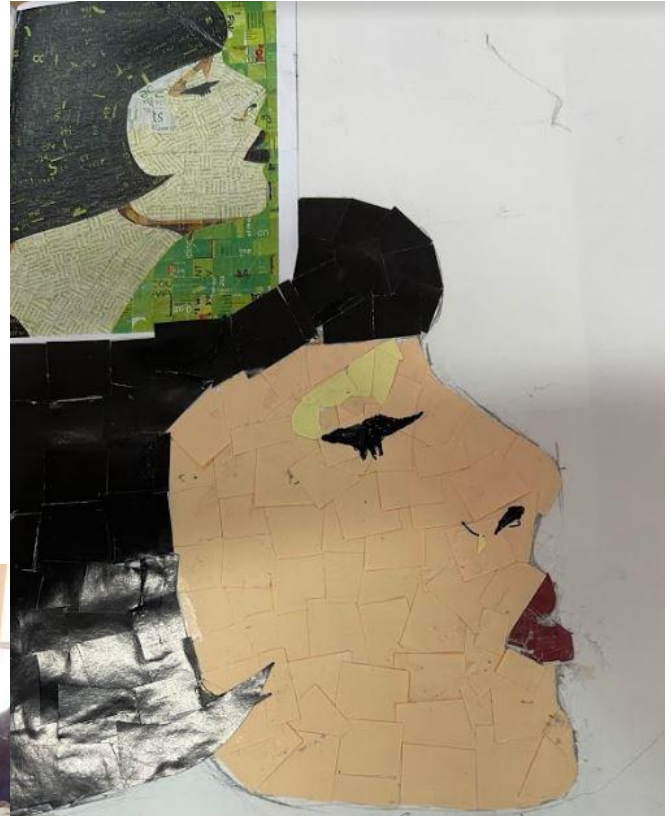
Key Stage 3 Art

Sandi Schimmel



In Art Key Stage 3 students as part of their project work on portraiture have been studying the artist Sandhi Schimmel, a contemporary artist who upcycles old magazines, flyers and junk mail and creates portraits from them. Students have studied her work and used old magazines and leaflets to recreate one of her portraits.

Great work Key Stage 3 and a great link to Qatar Sustainability week.



Design & Technology

Year 9 Design Projects



Our Year 9 Design and Technology students are steaming ahead reaching the mid way point in their design projects. Weeks of research and design idea development means students are now starting the modelling stages. This process will allow students to use mathematics in action, working out scale and adapting dimensions.

Skills mastered in Year 8 and Year 7 allow students to operate a range of machinery that will help them speed through the manufacturing elements.

Character development is in full production with Self Confidence, Resilience and Motivation & Ambition all being utilised across the class. Students remark how they love using learning from another subject to complete real life tasks in Design and Technology.

Keep up the great work Year 9, we are looking forward to seeing your finished products.



Year 13 Biology

Heart Dissection



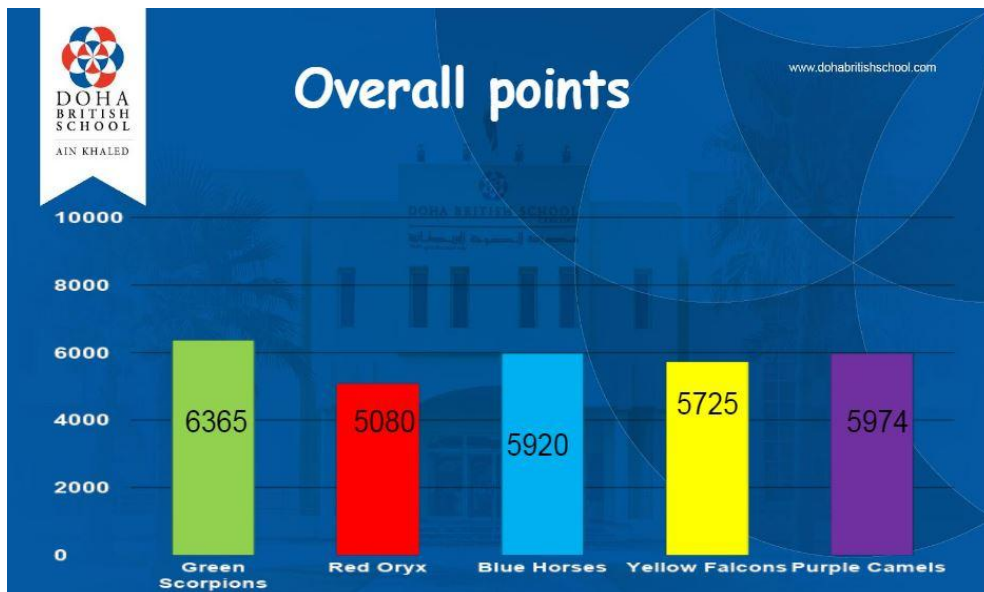
Mrs Gogin's amazing Year 13 Biology students have been busy this week dissecting hearts. It was fantastic watching a group of inspiring students identify the different parts of the heart in a real life situation. Keep up the great work girls!



House Competitions



The race to be top of the leaderboard by Winter break has got off to a great start this half term. The Green Scorpions continue to lead, however, the Blue Horses and Purple camels are now hot on their heels! Things are starting to get very exciting and extremely competitive, especially between our wonderful House Leaders. Keep working hard everyone and those all important house points for your house



STARS OF THE WEEK!

A huge congratulations to all of our fantastic stars of the week and well done to everyone who was nominated.

Green Scorpions	Blue Horses	Red Oryx's	Yellow Falcons	Purple Camels
Ahmed Elham Haroun	Algalyah Mariam Al-Souror	Udai Beirkdar	Konnor Binns	Yazan Wesam Yousef Abu Harb
Hussain Raza	Sarah Al-Waili	Amro Sabra	Ali Afifi	Crystal Kagunyi
Elina Kalmouni	Alisar Saba	Ali Ahmad Hiba	Nefeli Koutsouki	Zeynep Ulugmayan
Malaaika Naji	Lujine Younis			Katarina Azar
Siddhika Lamsal	Ruqaiya Mahmood			

Virtual ECA'S Beat Mr Thomas



This weeks challenge from Mr Thomas was to create the best representation of themselves on a baked 'good'. There have been some amazing entries this week and a few that have definitely beaten Mr Thomas!



Whole wheat carrot
walnut cupcakes with
cream cheese frosting



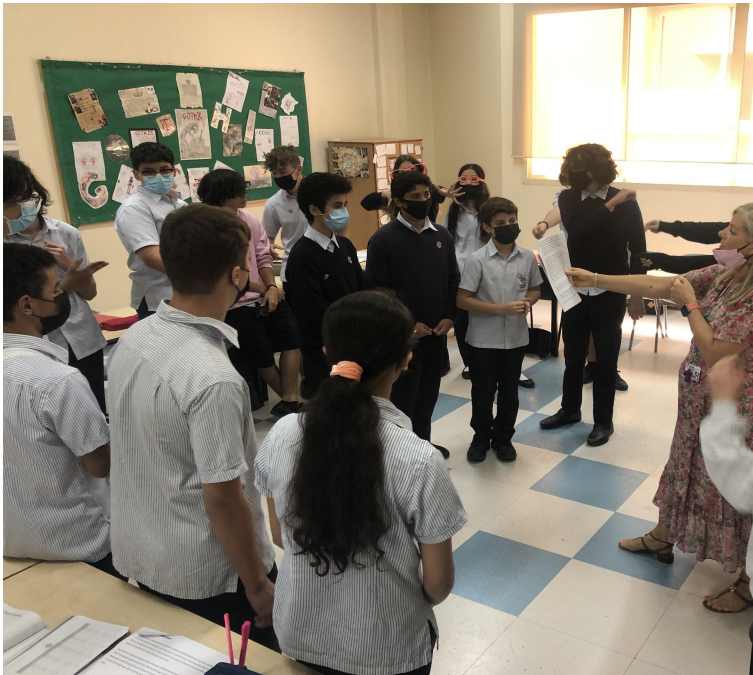
Virtual ECA'S

Ready, Steady, Cook



Our students have been extremely busy learning how to cook with Mr Lambert and Mr Fewster in the Ready, Steady, Cook ECA. We are sure you will agree that their cooking & photography skills are superb!





This week in English Mrs. Kings explored the opening of Othello using a Whoosh with Year 9H to bring the plot to life and make the play easier to understand. Keep up the great work Year 9H.



The Maths department would like to invite all students to come and have a go at the new challenges for this half term on the Maths Challenge Board. All year groups all welcome to get involved and there are plenty of house points on offer.

Good Luck!

"I will give you 10 house points if you can solve this..."
- Mr. Glew

Rules

- 1) One attempt per student
- 2) **FULLY** explained **WRITTEN** solution
- 3) You must be able to **EXPLAIN** your solution **LIVE** to Mr. Glew
- 4) First correct gets 10 house points.
Second correct gets 9 house points.
Third correct gets 8 house points.

Q1 - Y7, Y8 only

Q2 - Y8, Y9, Y10 only

Q3 - Y10, Y11, Y12 only

Q4 - Y12, Y13 only

Q1
What is the biggest number you can make with the numbers:
2, 3, 4, 5
Use any operations (but 3^2 will use up both 3 and 2)

Q2
Same as Q1, but you must beat $77+78$

Q3+Q4
Q1 but Prove yours is big (your calculator might struggle)

Most Able Programme



The Most able Programme has been launched with lots of enthusiasm and excitement as a selection of students in Key Stage 3 are now researching Extended Essay - like questions. Their critical thinking, resilience, inquisitiveness and self-confidence will be put to the test in this brand new programme that will challenge and encourage our students to question and think deeply about key matters. All 28 individuals have until 1st December to submit their findings and convince us they can get through to the Semi-Finals where they will present their research under the format of a TedTalk, supported along the way by workshops to guide them through their submission work.

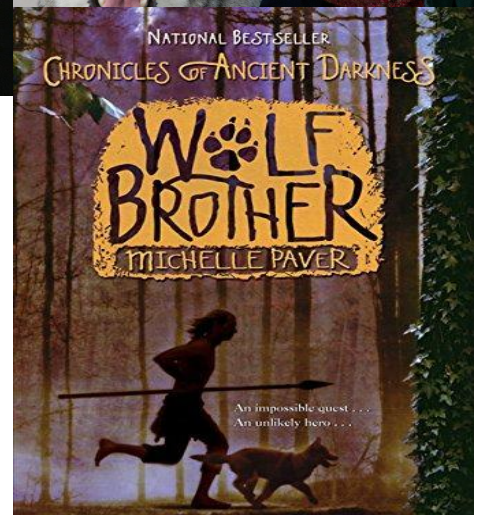
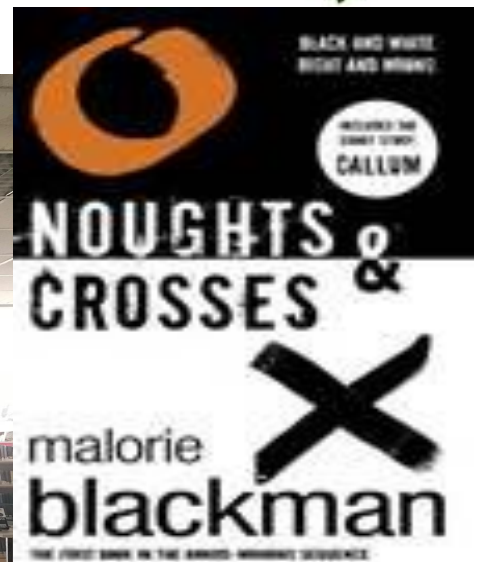
We look forward to learning all about their research questions and being inspired by this amazing group of forward thinking young people!





Last week we celebrated International School Library Month where the students enjoyed virtual visits from well known children and young adults' authors.

Malorie Blackman OBE, the British writer who held the position of Children's Laureate from 2013 -2015, visited our Year 9s students. She told us about the inspiration behind writing **NOUGHTS & CROSSES**, her first book in the series, followed by some reading from the book.

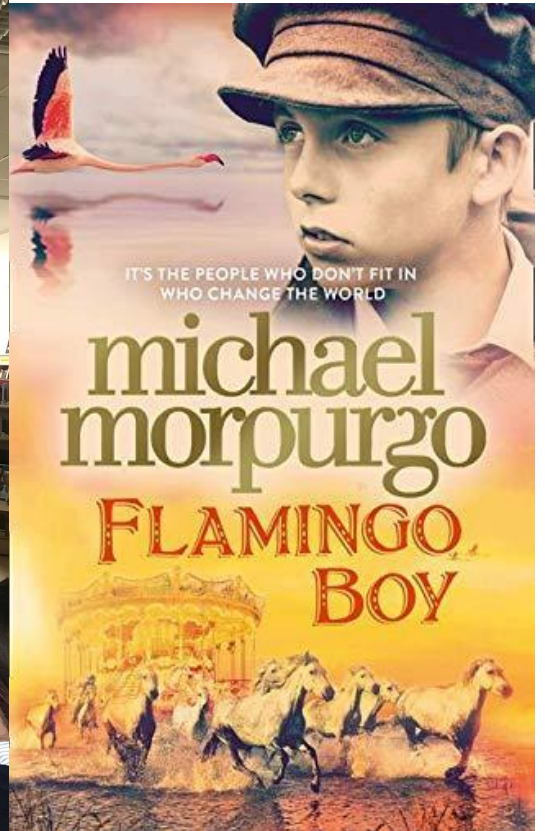


Our Year 8s students were visited by Michelle Paver. Her love for writing to children and young adults made her give up her degree in Biochemistry from the University of Oxford and become a full time writer. She told us the story behind her first book in the hugely successful series of Chronicles of Ancient Darkness – **WOLF BROTHER**





Meanwhile our Year 7 students were visited by Michael Morpurgo OBE, the English writer and one of Britain's best loved children's story makers and tellers. He read to us from his book **FLAMINGO BOY** and told us why and how he wrote it



The week was a great opportunity for our students who for some, it was the first time they got to see their favorite author and for the other students to try new authors/books. The books reviewed by the visiting authors are all now on loan in the library.



What is Qatar Sustainability Week?

Qatar Sustainability Week is an initiative made to promote making eco-friendly choices in our day-to-day life, including our time in school. This week will serve as a unique platform that encourages individuals to contribute to achieving Qatar's vision of sustainability and instilling a culture of sustainability among the groups of society. Right now, we are responsible for taking action and coming together to create a movement for change.



Qatar Sustainability Week

Open Debate



As part of Sustainability week, all students were invited to take part in our first ever open debate. Students were given a 2 minute time slot to discuss a sustainability issue in Qatar that they feel passionately about. We had topics on Desalination, the introduction of electric cars in Qatar, recycling domestic waste and the improvement of traffic and transport to name a few. The quality of the talks produced by our Year 7 to Year 12 students was outstanding and the judging panel had an extremely difficult time deciding on the winners. A huge thank you and well done to everyone who was involved and Congratulations to our winners;

Key Stage 3: Sanika 7S

Key Stage 4: Dhruv 11F

Key Stage 5: Malaak 12O





Qatar Students Information Sessions - 27 October 2021

In order to better prepare all of our students at DBS, the careers department hosted key speakers from Qatar National Service, Qatar University, Ministry of Education and Qatar Foundation (Academic Bridging Program) to discuss topics with Qatari students and their parents related to their higher education options. The presentations were information to provide clarity to students and parents looking to study in Qatar.

We would like to send a huge thank you to our guests for attending and an even bigger thank you to all the students and parents that attended. We look forward to meeting more of you next year.

Careers Team





Pink Day - Breast Cancer Awareness

As part of Breast Cancer Awareness month, staff and students were encouraged to take part in Pink Day to help raise awareness of Breast Cancer. It was lovely to see so many members of our school community come together with a splash of pink to raise awareness for such an important cause. Well done to everyone who was involved and a huge thank you to our wonderful 6th form students who delivered a very informative and important assembly.



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Study Centre Renovations

A huge thank you and well done to our wonderful Sixth Form students who gave up their weekends to add a splash of colour to the 6th form study area. We are sure you will agree that it is now a motivating and inviting space in which our students will want to study.



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Thank You