



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



I am Mrs. Kings, the impassioned House Leader for the Scorpions.

My teaching career has spanned over quarter of a century from the valleys of Wales to its coastline, and finally to the desert of Qatar. This is currently my eighth year teaching at DBS and my fifth year working as a pastoral leader. I love overseeing my house and taking care of my Scorpions.

As I was encouraged and motivated by my drama teacher, I endeavour to share my passion for English with my students and always try to make my teaching as creative, fun and interesting as I can. I want to impart my love of literature, especially reading to my students and I incorporate drama into my lessons whenever I can!

Lover of a good story - I'm sure that this is something my classes would tell you about me! I see my role to be more than an educator of English but would like to think that I help prepare my students for life beyond the classroom too. In the same way that I have kept in touch with some of my own lecturers and teachers who had an impact on me, I still hear from many of my past pupils who are now adults with careers of their own. Every day that I step into my classroom whether it be real or virtual - I strive to be that inspiration to my students too!

If you wish to contact me, please email me on

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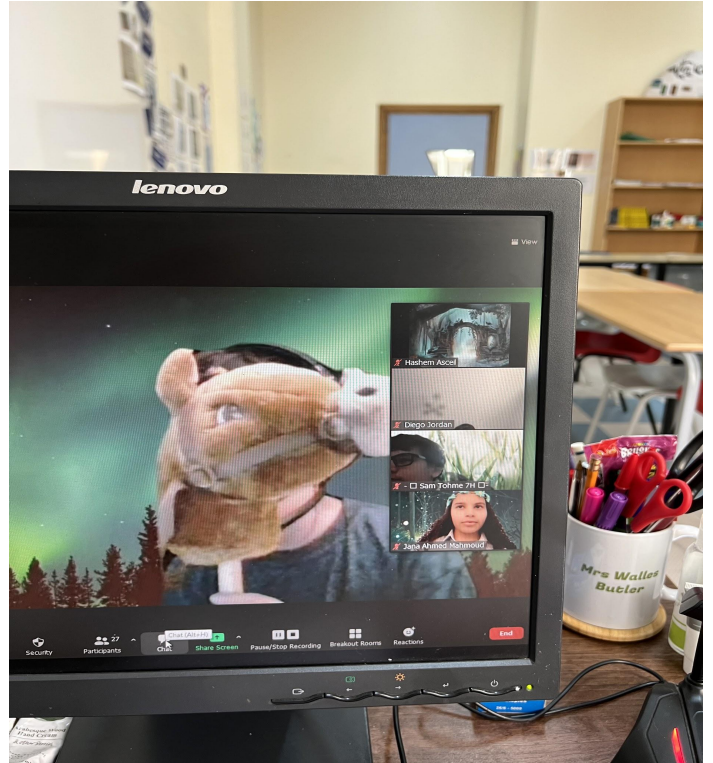
Year 7 English

A Midsummer Night's Dream



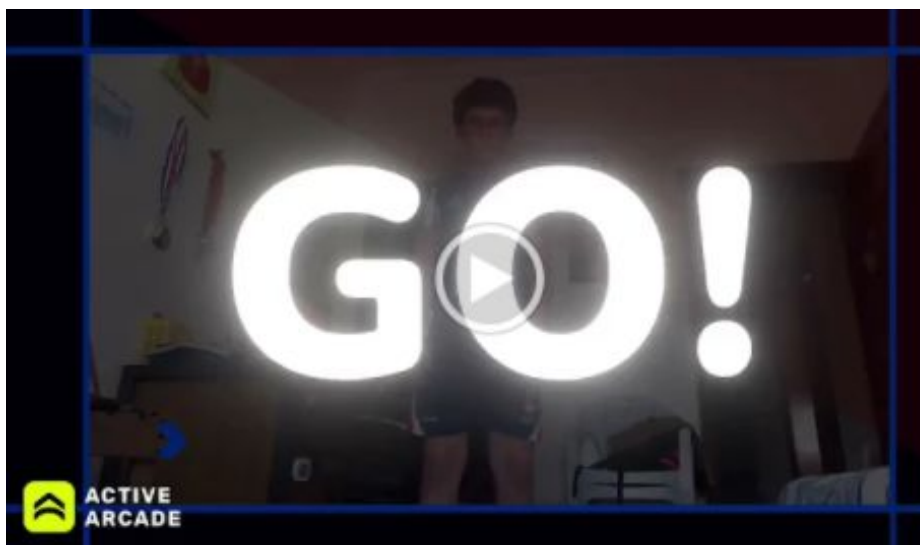
Not to be thwarted by online learning Mrs Kings did a virtual Whoosh exploring the plot of A Midsummer Night's Dream.

7H rose to the challenge donning magical backgrounds and using props! Well done year 7!

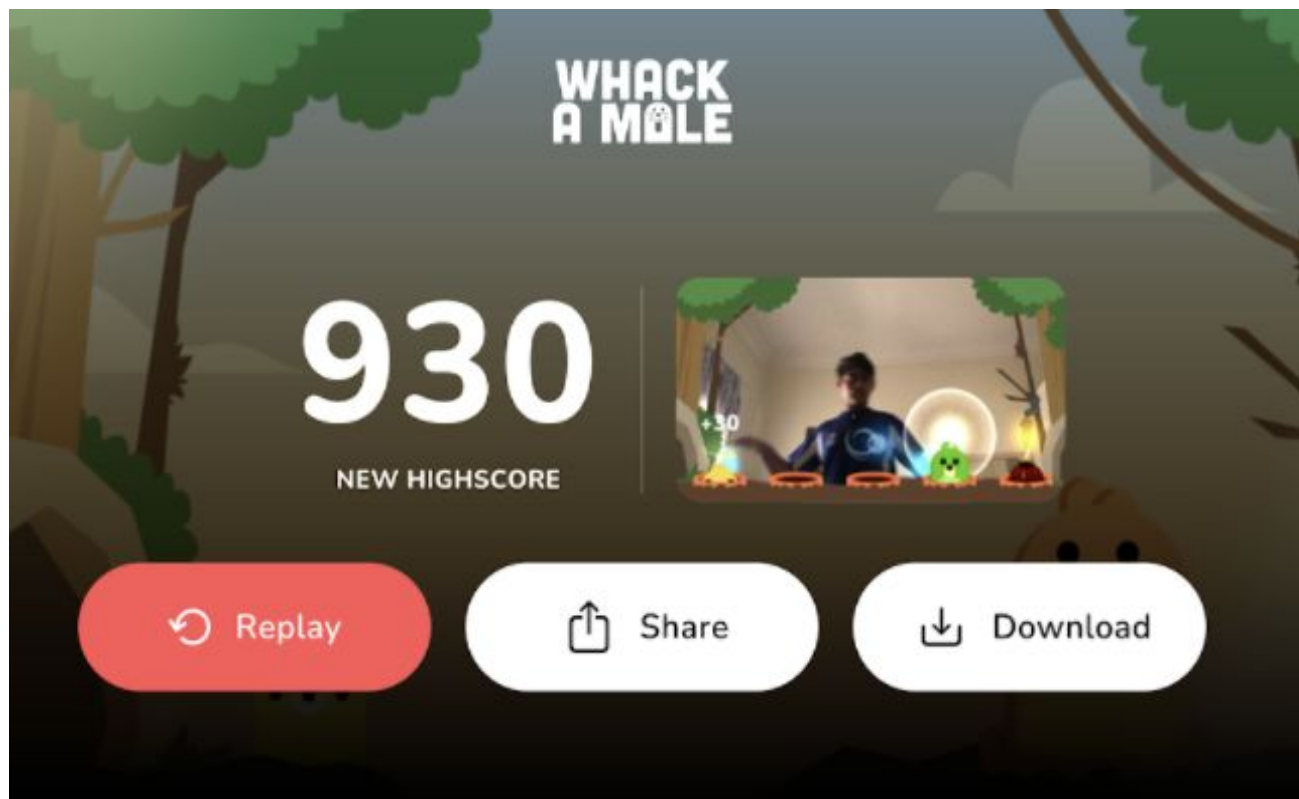




This week our KS3 PE students have been trying out the challenges on the Active Arcade app. With games like laser dodge and whack a mole students have been able to compete against each other and the PE staff to see who can get the highest scores, all while developing their speed, coordination, reaction time and agility.



It has been great to hear so much positive feedback from our students and we are glad they are enjoying the challenges!



House Competitions

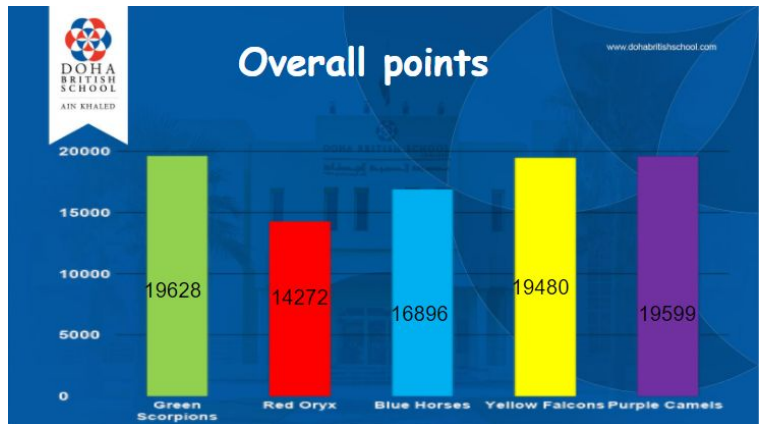
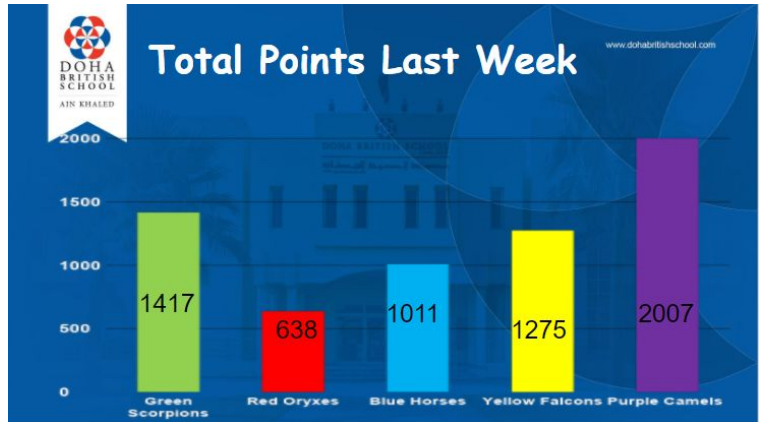


It has been an amazing week for the Purple Camels who earned a massive 2007 house points this week putting them within touching distance of the Green Scorpions who are only just managing to hold on to their lead.

There are now only 29 house points separating the top two houses and the Yellow Falcons are also only 148 house points away from top spot!

There is everything still to play for in the race to the top of term 2, so keep working hard and earn those important points for your house

Good Luck and may the best house win!



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Green Scorpions	Blue Horses	Red Oryx's	Yellow Falcons	Purple Camels
Raghd A Alyafei	Bana Amourah	Obanifemi Oluwadarasimi Ilori	Maha Al Jabir	Talia Abulobeh
Maiar Issa	Aditya George	Cassandra Poliacik Smith	Mika Kodais	Cameron Dookie
Yohan David Las	Alisar Saba	Sara Shdaifat	Youssef Mokhtar Mansour	Rebecca Magness
	Jessica Sarah Samuel			Mattias Van Alsenoy



Design Technology

Year 11 Intervention Day

Last Sunday 25 of our Year 11 Design Technology students took up the offer of an intervention day to carry on with their coursework projects. Mr Quinn and the rest of the DT department were extremely pleased with the progress that our students have made and the maturity in which they have worked.

Well done Year 11, we look forward to seeing your finished products in the near future.



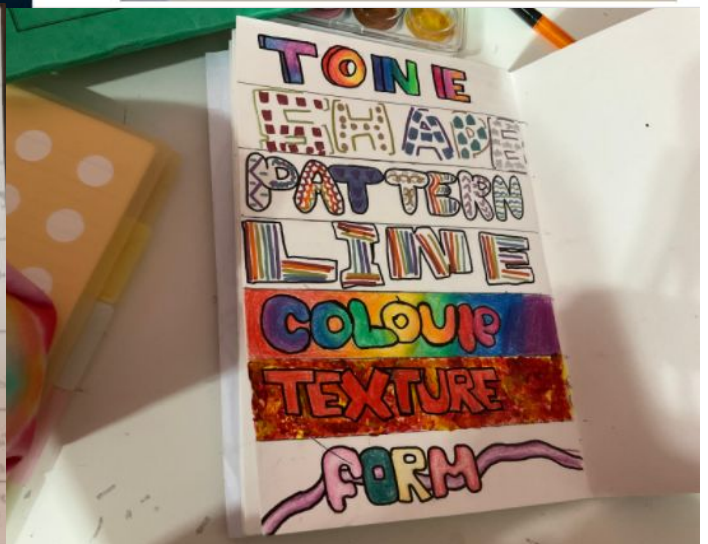
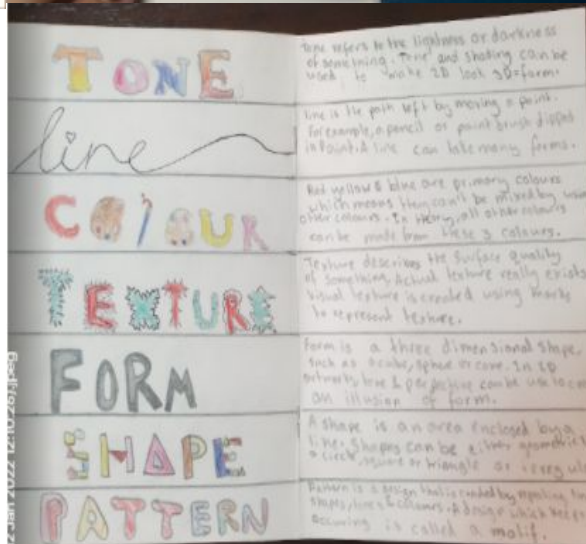
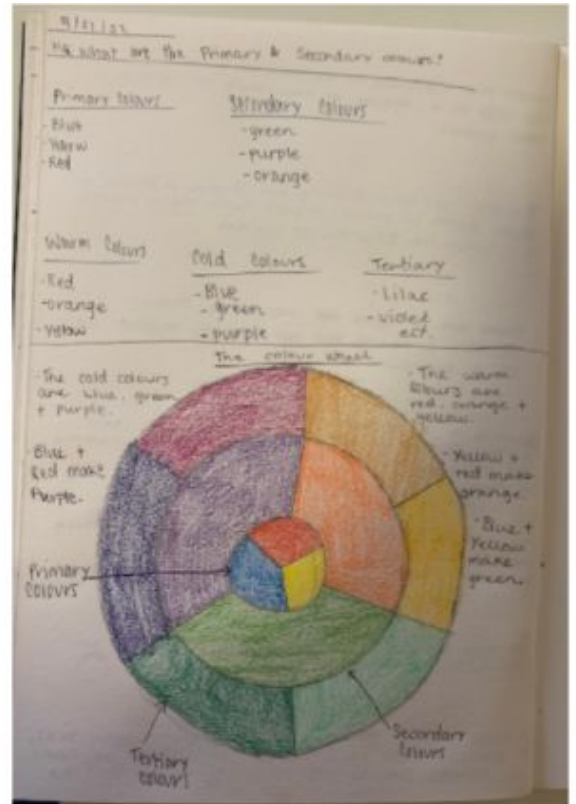
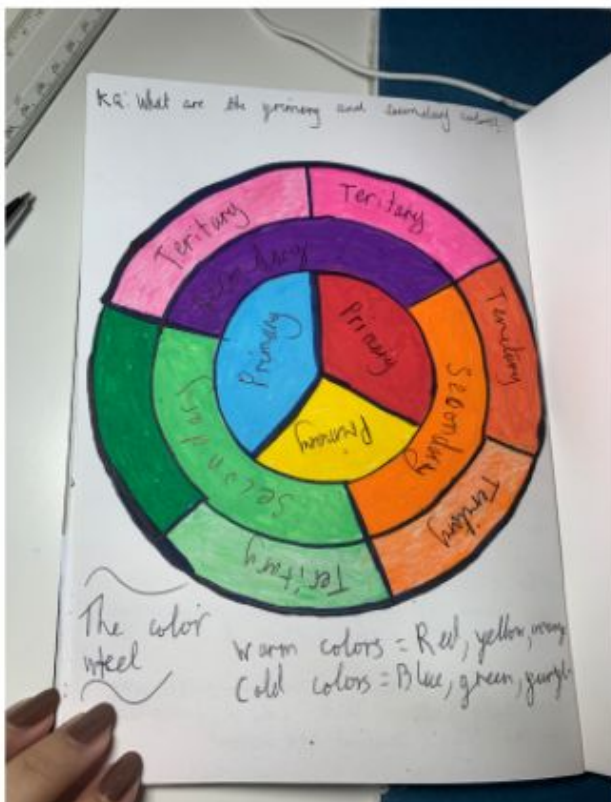
Year 8 Art

Formal Elements



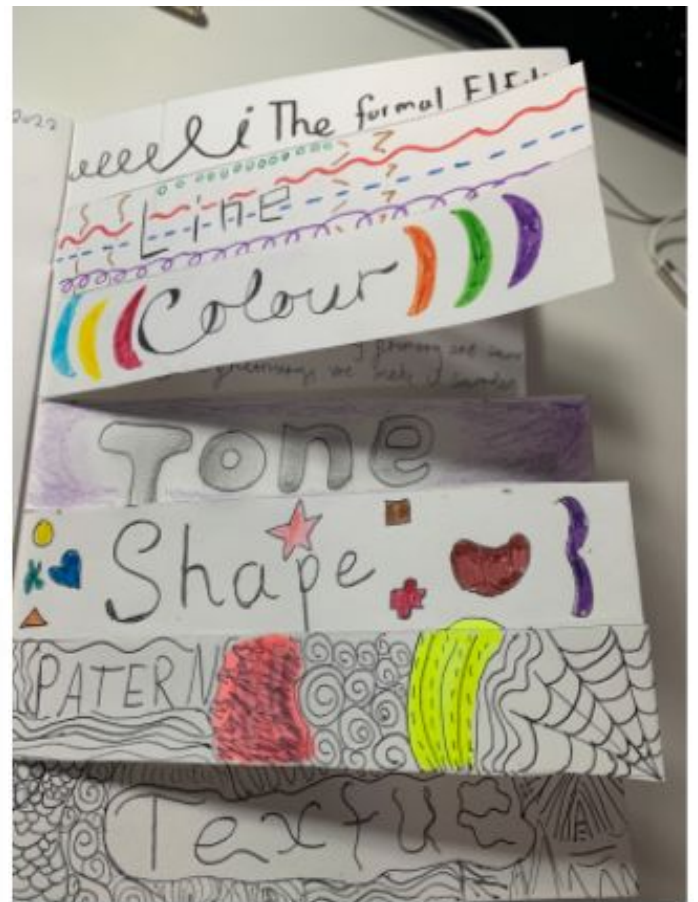
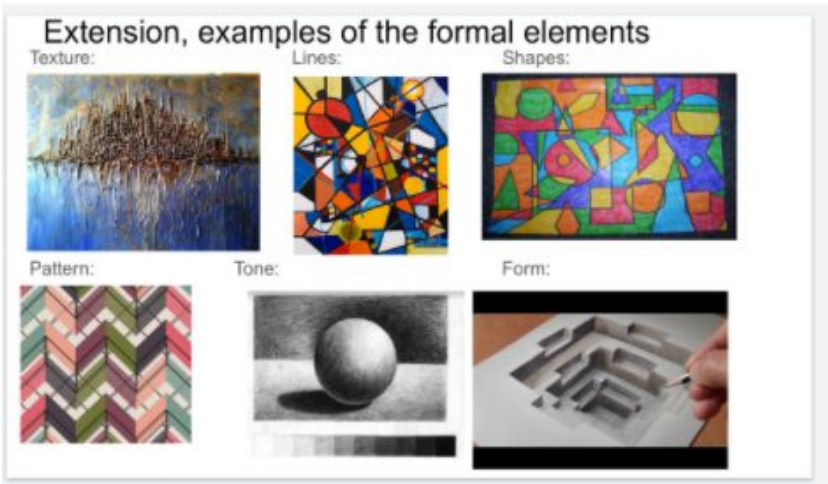
Our Year 8 Art students have been studying the fundamental principles of Art, namely the formal elements. There are 7 in total and any good piece of art work will include these elements. Students need to include them to achieve a grade in their work, so having an understanding of them is essential.

They have also looked at the colour wheel and how the three primary colours mix to make all the other colours in the colour spectrum. Great work Year 8, keep it up!



Year 8 Art

Formal Elements





Virtual ECAs - Photography

In our first week of term 2 of virtual ECAs, our photography group were set the challenge of taking a photograph of a sunrise or sunset. We are sure you will agree they have captured some lovely moments and not just from Qatar, one of our photos was actually taken in Sri Lanka.

Well done to everyone who took part this week and we look forward to seeing more of your photos in the coming weeks.



It's never too late to join us, if you would like to take part please sign up to the Google Classroom using the following code **vytj3jh**



Qatar National Library

Year 12 Virtual Tour

Last week, our Year 12 IB students took part in a Virtual Tour of the Qatar National Library where they were able to gain an understanding of how to conduct academic research. As part of the IB Diploma, students must write a 4,000 word academic research paper on a topic of their own choice. Students were informed of the resources that are available to them at the QNL along with how to reference sources correctly. Essays are currently in the planning stages with topics including Stem Cell Research, Artificial Intelligence and Architecture. If you have a son or daughter that is interested in undertaking the IB Diploma at Key Stage 5 and would like more information, please contact nicholas.taylor@dohabritishschool.com

The image shows two screenshots from a virtual tour video. The top screenshot displays the Qatar National Library website with a navigation menu and a main banner. A text box below the banner states: "Visits to the Library are currently by appointment only! Due to the recent developments of the COVID-19 situation, and for the safety of everyone, visits to the Library are currently by appointment only until further notice. All visitors must be accompanied to enter. Visits are available from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM and 1:00 to 4:00 PM, Saturday to Thursday. The Library is closed on Fridays. The Children's Library is also closed for family visits until further notice. However, parents can visit the Children's Library to borrow books for their children. Click here to book your visit." The bottom screenshot shows a grid of digital resources including AudibleCloud, Bookshare, Britannica Digital Learning, EBSCO Research Databases, Frontiers, Gale eBooks, JSTOR, NovelList K-8 Plus, OverDrive, Scholastic, and Tumble Math. The video player interface at the bottom shows a progress bar at 13:06 / 48:19 and 29:05 / 48:19.



We have been busy within the last few weeks making some progress on the services provided by the library to its community of students and parents.

Mrs Osman, our Senior Librarian is thrilled to share with you some of our good news so far:

- ❖ We now have an online library catalogue that students and parents can access and browse the materials available in DBS libraries. Use the following [link](#) in any browser to access our online catalogue.

The above link not only allows you to browse our resources but will also help you to be on board with your daughter/son reading. It gives you the opportunity to browse together and select a book to share read – it couldn't be a better way to reconnect with your daughter/son.

If sharing is not your cup of tea, then you could recommend some of the titles you read when you were in secondary school or recently!





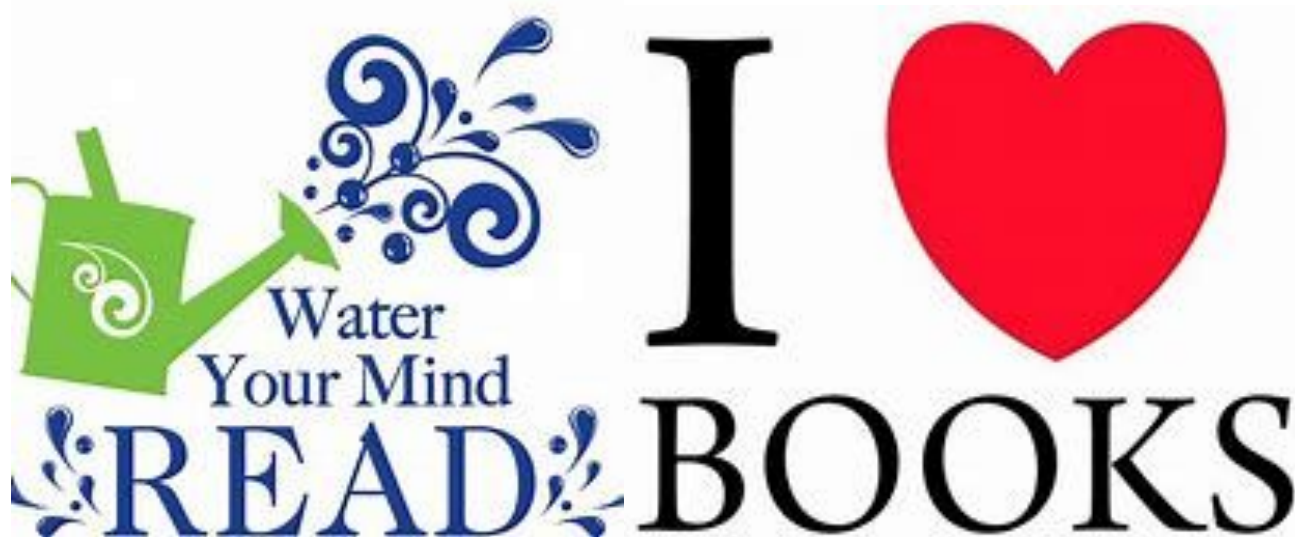
- ❖ We now have a link on the Ain Khaled side of the DBS website to the libraries in Ain Khaled:

<https://www.dohabritishschool.com/ainkhaled/dbs-library>

If you follow the above link you will find more information about our libraries and how they work – more will follow in this area.

- ❖ We have also made an internal progress to Oliver – our library management system – the system that helps us run the libraries. We linked our students' emails to the system. From now on, students should receive automated messages regarding overdue books as well as recall of books. I am sure you will agree that it will improve the circulation of books and allow students to take responsibility for their loans.

We look forward to working with you on promoting reading for pleasure!





Welcome Back Year 12 & 13 Students

It has been wonderful this week having our Year 12 & 13 students back in the school building and attending lessons in the classroom. With Ministry guidelines allowing these students back into school, it is an extremely welcome return and a step closer to normality.

We are extremely proud of how our Sixth Form students have carried on with their studies and exams during another difficult period of their school life.



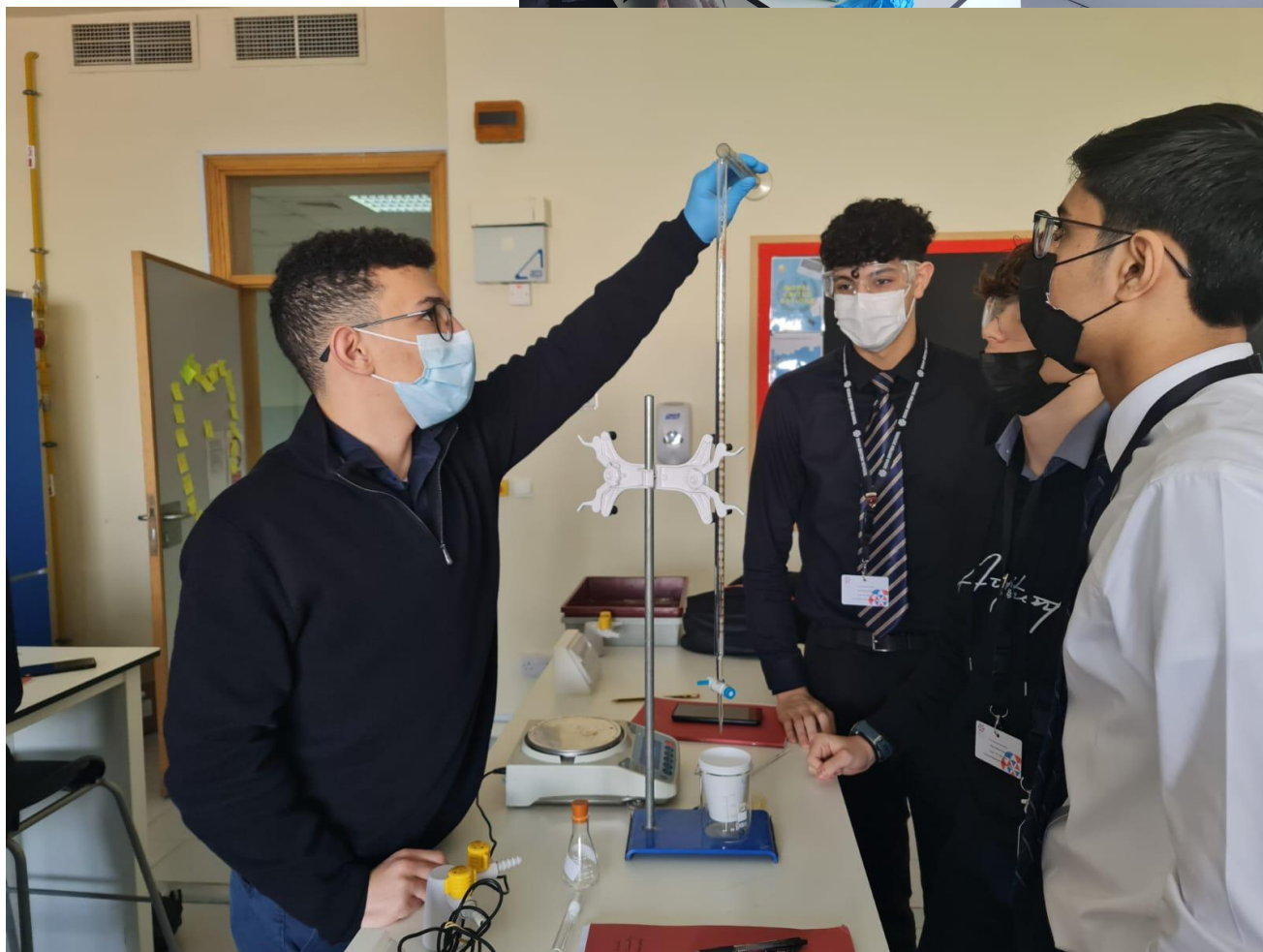
Year 12 Chemistry

AS Practical Experiments



This week our Year 12 Chemistry students have been completing the first required practical experiment for their paper 2 exam in the summer.

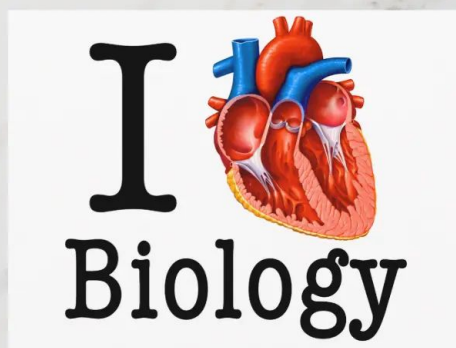
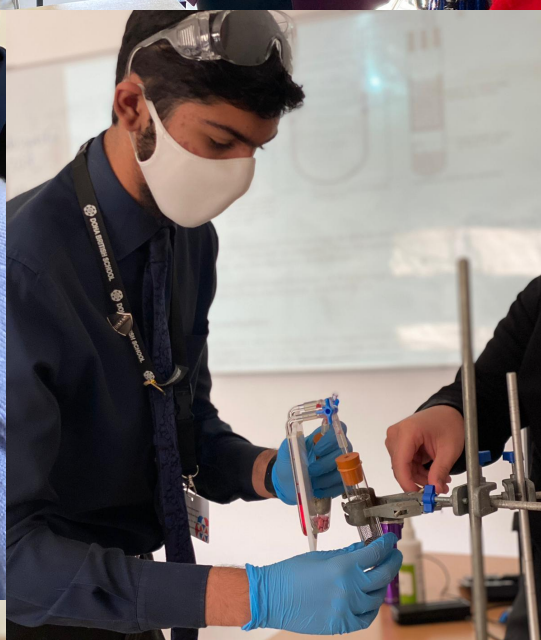
Mrs KP is extremely impressed with how well the students are working and the enthusiasm that they show during lessons. It is great to have them back in the classroom.



Year 13 Biology



Year 13 have wasted no time since returning to school and are straight back into practical lessons. This week they have completed a core practical on respiring seeds. It is great to see our students back in the classroom and enjoying their studies.





Year 11 Mock Exams

With schools returning to online learning our Year 11 mock exams were unfortunately put on hold, leaving our Year 11 students frustrated and understandably anxious about their studies. After spending the winter break revising, they have shown great resilience and determination to keep going and this week finally saw them return to school to put all of their hard work into practice. We are incredibly proud of our students and how they continue to deal with the ever changing situation due to Covid 19. We wish them lots of luck with their mock exams.



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Thank You