



DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

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This email is for parents of students in Preschool to Year 13.

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of another academic year it gives me the opportunity to reflect on the journey the school has been on. This year has seen DBS again face up to the challenges of the pandemic with our staff and students excelling in the way they have adapted to and embraced the blended learning model of teaching. This proved a time in the school year when we missed our students from physically all being together in the school. When the news that all students returning to school face to face was announced, it was greeted with such joy by all of our staff, students and parents! Almost overnight DBS returned to the vibrant, welcoming school that we are so proud to be associated with.

Whilst there have been restrictions placed upon our students this year, this has not deterred them from making exceptional progress in their studies. The students at DBS consistently surpass all of our expectations as they go above and beyond their academic abilities.

Although as a school we pride ourselves on our strong academic focus, our wider curriculum supports the development of all of our students, from the age of 3 to our young adults aged 18, have enjoyed the wider benefits of life at DBS: International Day; Sports Week; Most Able program; World Book Day; DBS Art Exhibition; Flag bearers at the FIFA Arab Cup; EYFS Winter workshops; National Arabic Schools Championship. The list goes on. As we approach the end of all Covid restrictions, we hope that we can get more extra-curricular activities and trips up and running again, which is very much the fabric of the DBS culture and ethos. I'm also incredibly excited that our students are going to be a part of a unique global experience when the State of Qatar hosts the FIFA World Cup in November 2022 and who knows, the staff at DBS may even create another World Cup video on the back of the success of our '1 year to go' video!

This year the school was inspected by the British Schools Overseas who only reinforced the excellent education provided by our teachers and specifically acknowledged the schools culture of promoting and valuing reading: 'A culture of reading is evident in all areas of the school and as a result standards in reading and the communication of pupils are excellent throughout the school'. (BSO 2021). The report also highlighted the exceptional curriculum and academic standards which are in line with and above UK standards.

Proud member of Artan Holding

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Our core 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.

I have been immensely proud to lead DBS Ain Khaled and be the Principal of such a wonderful school over the last 3 years. From August, due to the growth of the DBS Cluster at DBS Wakra and the opening of the new campus at DBS Rawdat Al Hamama, I will be taking on a wider role across the DBS cluster. I'm therefore delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Daniel Landi who will be the new Principal joining the school in August. Mr Landi is an experienced Principal and joins us from South Africa. I'm sure you will all join me in welcoming Mr Landi to DBS.

I would finally like to wish the class of 2022 best wishes for the future. I know many of you have offers of acceptance at some of the top universities across the world. I hope you all look back with fond memories of your time at DBS and the significant contributions you have made to the life of the school, also to the families that are returning home or moving on to pastures new. You will always be a part of DBS.

The final day of term is Thursday 23rd June with a slightly earlier finish time for all students of **12:00**. We return at the start of the new academic year on Tuesday 16th August 2022, with **Year 12 ONLY** returning on Sunday 25th August 2022.

Best wishes to you all and I hope you all have a great summer.

Best wishes,

Paul Sherlock
Principal