



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
AIN KHALED



Secondary Newsletter

16th of June 2022

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

Message from the Head of Secondary

Darren Atkinson



The 2021/22 academic year was a great year in comparison to the previous COVID impacted years, with all students, staff, and parents back in the building and restoring the 'school life' feeling back into the building.

The last 11 months have reminded me about how great a school we have here at DBS Ain Khaled. In particular, since the return to 100%, the school has been alive with lessons, assemblies, sporting activities, curriculum programmes, musical performances and so much more. As an educator, there is nothing more fulfilling then walking the corridors of a great school and observing all the fantastic learning that is taking place.

One of our many objectives for the year was to have a successful BSO (British Schools Overseas) Inspection that highlighted the great work we do here in Secondary, and also provide an opportunity to show off some of the plans we had for the next few years. It is safe to say that both my staff and students provided the greatest picture of what we do here at DBS Ain Khaled, and I am very proud to have been part of that, back in November.

The DBS House System was another one of our objectives this year, and as I write this, we are currently celebrating the achievements of students in a series of House Achievement Assemblies in school. It has been fantastic to watch these take place and we have been able to invite parents to sit with us to celebrate. Across the academic year students have embraced their house. They have supported their house in events, clubs, competitions (internal and external), through 100% attendance and perfect punctuality and even by delivering assemblies and attending school events. Next year will see the return of all the Qatar sporting competitions, swimming, and the re-introduction of our local and international trips, so we will be hoping that the house system will continue to grow in stature and achievement.

Finally, congratulations must also go out to all Year 11, 12 and 13 students who completed their studies. This year was the first year since 2019 that we implemented a full external examination programme but it was also the first year that DBS Ain Khaled delivered so many examinations.

Between April and June, over 340 students sat a huge range of examinations across IGCSE, iAS, iAL, BTEC and IB and although this was an incredibly busy time for everyone, we could not be more proud of their dedication and attitudes. We wish you good luck in receiving your results during and after the summer holidays.

In closing, I wish you all the best of health and happiness over the summer break and look forward to welcoming you back, along with our new secondary students/parents, on Tuesday 16th August 2022.

Darren Atkinson

Lead Head of Secondary



The Queen's Jubilee Baking Competition



As part of our Queen's Jubilee celebrations all of our Secondary students were invited to take part in a baking competition.

We had a fantastic number of entries and it was clear that a lot of hard work and effort had gone into our students baking. A huge well done to everyone who took part.

1st - Sarah 9S

2nd - Alicia 9S

3rd - Jood 8S & Penda 8F



The Queen's Jubilee Baking Competition



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The Queen's Jubilee Door Decorating Competition



As well as our baking competition, all tutor groups were invited to take part in our door decorating competition. A huge congratulations to our winners 10C who did an amazing job decorating their door which was designed by Sarah F and put together with her peers.

Results

- 1st - 10C - 50 house points
- 2nd - 7F - 30 house points
- 3rd - 9F - 20 house points

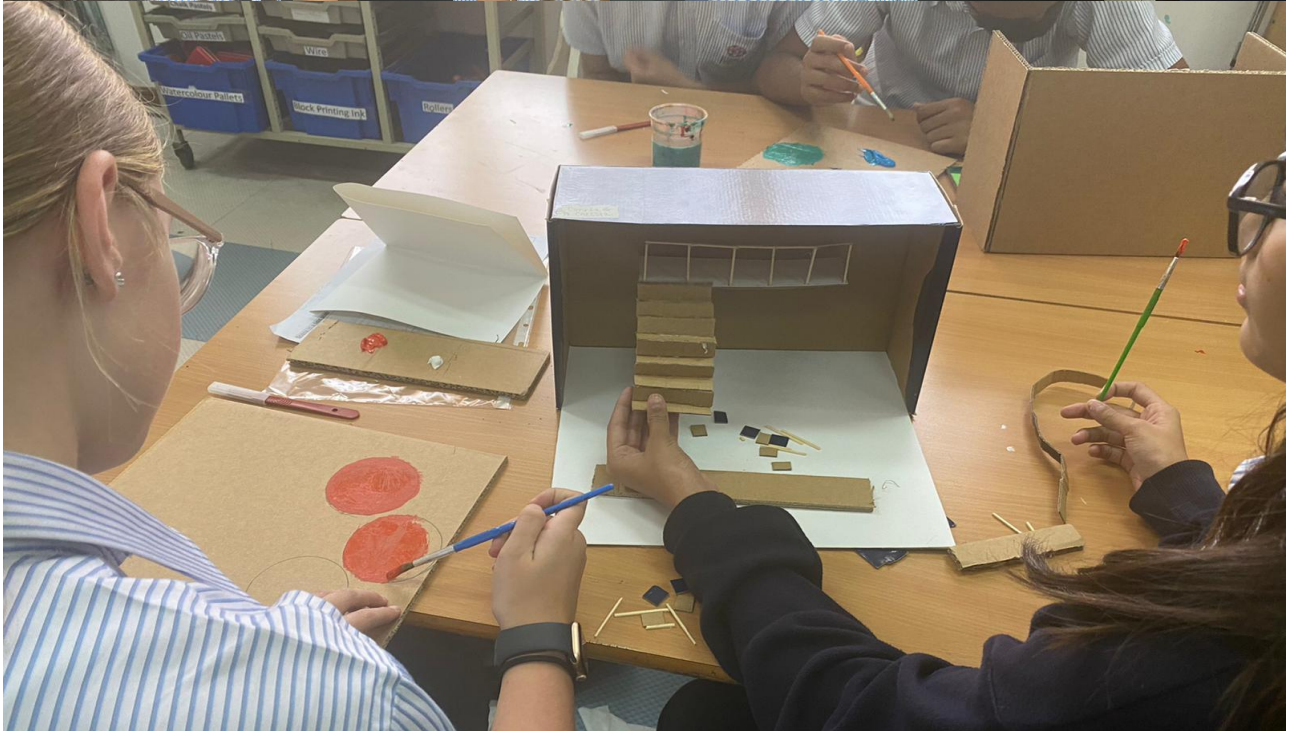


Year 8 Art

Scene in a box



Mrs Dearden's Year 8 Art students have been given the task of creating a scene in a box. Students had to choose their favourite scene from a film, book or TV show and using things like tin foil, straws and cardboard are busy recreating the scene. Characters, props and background are all things that students need to consider to make their scene. We look forward to seeing their finished designs.



Year 9 Art

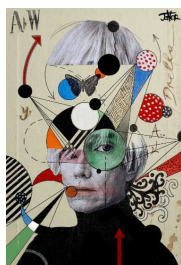
Self Portraits - Loui Jover



Miss Battersby's Year 9 Art students have been busy drawing self portraits in the style of the Australian artist Loui Jover. Most of his art embodies the human face or the human form and the many emotions expressed.

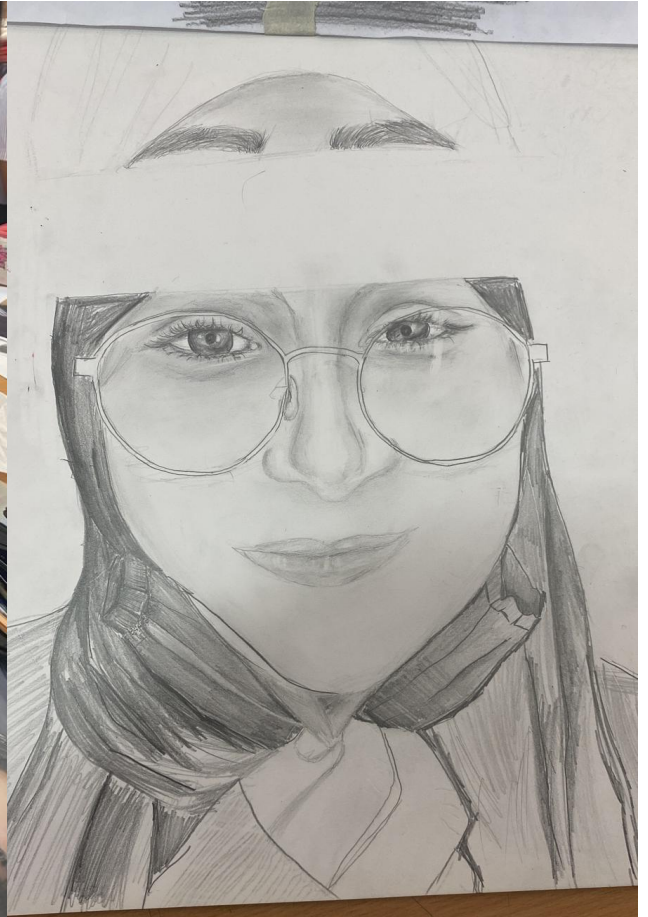
The standard of work they have produced so far is fantastic and we look forward to seeing their work once it is completed.

Well done to Somaya, Luca, Abdulla, Khalifa, Audrey Alicia, Lolwa, Palak, Anjie and Abdalla 9S whose work is on display here.



Year 9 Art

Self Portraits - Louis Jover





With only one week to go until the end of the year the excitement is building as to who will be crowned champions and winners of the House Point cup 2021-2022.

After an impressive start to the academic year and being crowned champions in term 1, the Green Scorpions are still currently chasing term 2 winners the Purple Camels, with the Falcons and Blue Horses in close pursuit. The Red Oryxes have been working hard to close the gap but has anyone done enough to knock the Camels off top spot?

This time next week all Secondary students will be eagerly awaiting the final results after a long and hard fought battle of the houses throughout the year.

Good luck to everyone in the final week and may the best house win!

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Green Scorpions	Blue Horses	Red Oryx's	Yellow Falcons	Purple Camels
Yara Abboushi	Aseel Abdulaziz	Samia Aureen	Mais El Natsheh	Rakan Rami Abumaali
Vidanelage Sarah De Mel	Amelia Isaacs	Jude Abbas	Chad Jonathan	Maham Amer
Mohammed El Samak	Dihein Perera	Amina Rafibeyli		Mays Ruagh
Ramon Fernandez Osuna Tulip Hegazy	Malika Albaraa Rizk			Sumaya Chatterjee

Most Able Programme

Final



Last week brought the Finals of the MAP programme and what a privilege it was to have the opportunity to listen to these incredible students. From the journey of Todd Todderson into 2032 by Tim, who won the competition, to Divneet's passion for books which was highly contagious, the convincing argument by Maham that women are better leaders than men, the fanatics double acts by Yousef and Julia on gaming and the Adam and Evin empowering act to Mesuur who took us into the mind of a master procrastinator. The event concluded with a lovely Oud piece played by our winner, Tim.

Thank you to the Year 10 girls for their support with welcomes and refreshments, Mona and Rebecca for their talented piano playing who accompanied our guests and Mr Dudley for his fantastic hosting performance.

Massive congratulations to all our participants who did themselves proud along those 10 months of competition.

The MAP programme will come back next year, so Year 7 to Year 9 students, look out for the invite...

Have a restful summer; we can't wait to meet you back in August for even more fun at DBS!



Most Able Programme Final



Anti-Littering Campaign

Over the past week students across all houses have been getting involved with an "Anti Littering" campaign.

We are trying to teach our students the importance of clearing up after themselves around school and also keeping our environment clean!

Well done to everyone who took part for playing your part in raising awareness of such an important issue.

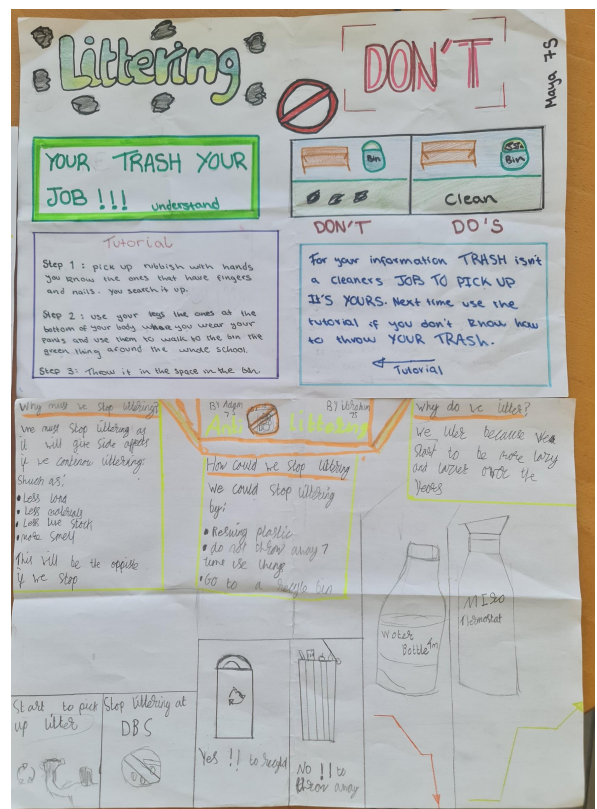
The winner: Nikitha Thomas 8S - 50HPs

Runner up: Sara Sajadi 8S - 25HPs

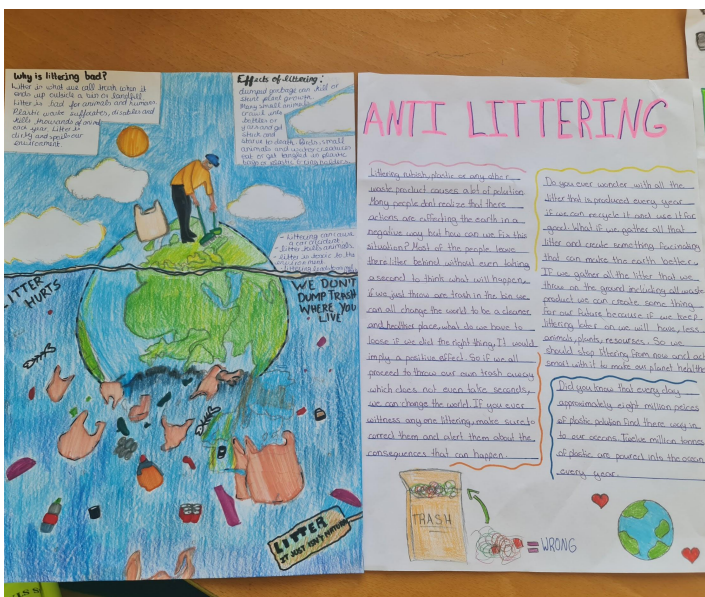
Third place: Hareem Khan 10H - 10HPs

Other entries all 5HPs:

- Andreas 8S
- Ibbby 7S
- Maya 7S
- Mila 7S



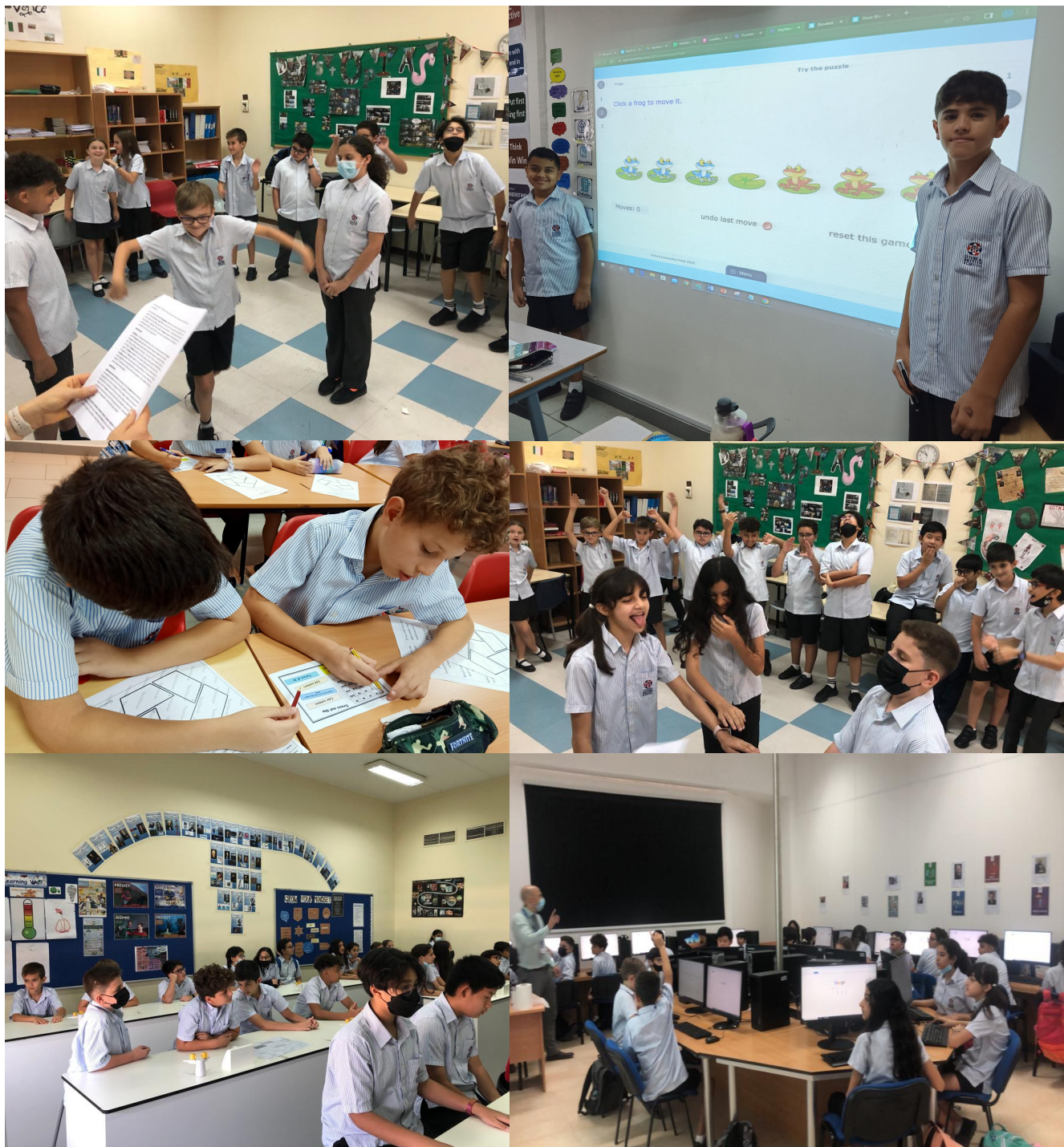
Hareem Sami 10H



Year 6 Transition Day



Last Thursday, saw our Year 6 students arrive in Secondary for their transition day. Students spent their day with their new tutor groups and got to meet their new house leaders. They followed a full timetable for the day and got to experience what lessons are like in our Secondary School. We hope that they had a wonderful day and are looking forward to joining us in August.



Year 6 Transition Day



Secondary Library

Year 6 Induction Day



Last week we had the pleasure of inducting our Year 6 students in to the Secondary Library. They were introduced to the collections, library rules and regulations in regard to borrowing, using the library and what services the library offers. They had the opportunity to tour the library, look closely to the collection and ask questions. We hope that they had a wonderful day and that they are looking forward to joining us in August.





SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Last week we launched our annual Summer Reading Challenge for Year 7s, 8s and 9s. The idea is to encourage and help our students to continue reading for pleasure during the summer break.

We have prepared lists of books for each year group. Students will choose 3 books from his/her year group and read during the holiday. They will then write a brief review for each book read. After the summer holidays, the student will hand the reviews to the Secondary Librarian. All participants will be awarded house points and personal prizes in recognition of their effort and love of reading

Last year the challenge was a great success and this year is going to be another successful challenge, looking at the number of students who have already signed up so far.

Thank You Mrs Osman

We would like to thank Mrs Osman for all of her hard work promoting the library here at DBS and we wish her every success in her future back in the UK.





The Secondary Library has had a great year full of activities, fun and challenges:

We hosted our first DBS Costa Book Awards Reading Competition, team fiction knowledge competition, many virtual author visits, celebrated Shakespeare's life and works, along with many more activities.

We also made our library management system (Oliver) available online to our DBS community of students and staff, introduced students on how to access and navigate through their Oliver's accounts, search the system effectively and efficiently and take advantage of our rich resources available to them in the library.



Our students were the drive behind the above development. Their love of reading and hunger to acquire knowledge encouraged us to offer the maximum support and attention to their needs.

I can honestly say the library is a place loved by all students, readers, game players, academic driven or just releasing the pressure of exams by chatting to the librarian.

Wishing all of our students a great summer break

**Special Thanks and Best Wishes to Our Fantastic Readers
and Library Users!**

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Thank You