



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية  
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL  
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# Secondary Newsletter

2nd 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

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## **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

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## **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



Hello, my name is Jennifer McClelland and I am one of the school counselors here at DBS. This is my 3rd year working at DBS. Previously I worked as a Registered Mental Health Nurse for the NHS in Manchester and Liverpool, UK for over 12 years. During this time I was also fortunate enough to be able to travel and work with adolescents in Melbourne, Australia as part of my nursing profession too. Having worked in diverse cities such as Manchester, Liverpool, and Melbourne I quickly learned that cultural context can greatly affect the way people talk about mental health. Therefore I was keen to learn and adapt how I communicated with people in order to reach out to them effectively and get them the support they needed. This was an invaluable experience and has helped me to provide effective care throughout my nursing career.

Working here in Qatar has been a great opportunity because I am working with such a diverse community of people. My role involves working with students, families and teachers to support and promote their social and emotional development, which in turn helps students to thrive academically. I believe the aim is to provide our students with the tools to manage any challenges that they may face which is empowering for them and will help them develop. Over the past year, I have enjoyed delivering parent sessions as this has allowed for positive communication, education and insight to families. I know as a parent myself the ups and downs we face, the worries we have for our children and just simply wanting them to be happy and reach their goals. I also strive to create better awareness of mental health issues in order to break down the stigma that all too often affects those seeking help in order to normalise mental health instead of simply medicalising the difficulties that some people experience.

It has been a fantastic experience being part of the development and delivery of the DBS counselling service over the past few years. I have relished the introduction of small counselling groups amongst other interventions. I feel really privileged working with students at DBS as it allows me to celebrate who they are, as well as seeing how they overcome trials and tribulations, and thus build their resilience. Aside from my role within school I am a mother of two girls, aged 11 and 7, who attend DBS. I feel lucky that they have been able to attend this school as they are exposed to many different cultures and nationalities.

Should you wish to contact me for any reason please feel free to do so at [jennifer.mcclelland@dohabritishschool.com](mailto:jennifer.mcclelland@dohabritishschool.com).



# The Queen's Jubilee

## 1952-2022



This week during form time students have been taking part in activities as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. There are lots of house points on offer for the winners of The Jubilee quiz, as well as for the best decorated classroom doors. Her Majesty The Queen is celebrating 70 years of service, which is a wonderful achievement.



"It's worth remembering that it is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change."

**—Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II December 2019**

# The Queen's Jubilee Baking Competition



Can you bake a cake that is fit for the Queen?

During form time this week students have been given the opportunity to enter The Queen's Jubilee baking competition.

Students who wish to enter must bake a cake, scone or any other dessert with the theme being the Queen's Jubilee. All entries must be brought to school on Sunday 5th June where they will be judged in the Secondary quad at break time.

There will be house points on offer not only for the winners but for everyone who enters. There will also be a 100QR Virgin gift card for the winner.



## Baking Competition

Bake a cake/scone/dessert with a Jubilee theme. Bring this to school on **Sunday** for the judges to decide on the winners



# Qatar Debates

A huge congratulations to the Arabic Language department and our Boys Qatar Debates team who recently competed against a number of other schools in Qatar.

They won 2 out of their 3 rounds which is a fantastic achievement. They were also the only International school to win 2 rounds.

Thank you to Mr Elsawi for accompanying the boys to the event and to all of our Arabic department for supporting and preparing our students for these competitions.





To mark International Biodiversity Day 2022, DBS gave students the opportunity to build miniature habitats for organisms that today are listed endangered species. Prior to building, students researched the term 'biodiversity' - its meaning, how and why biodiversity levels have changed over time, the challenges we currently face as a result of decreasing biodiversity, and what we can do to tackle this global issue. Students are well aware that the anthropocene is a major contributor to this decrease in biodiversity, and so they decided to create the ideal habitat, a safe haven, for species that are vulnerable to extinction - a habitat free from human interference, which is reality, would benefit scarce numbers and encourage a more biodiverse planet Earth.



A huge thank you to Miss Wilson and our students for raising awareness of biodiversity



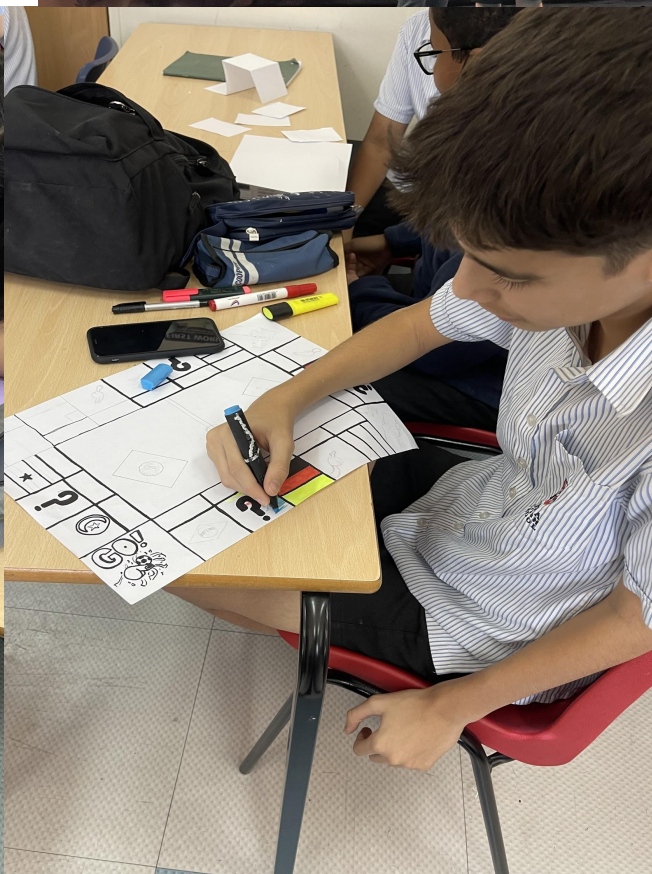
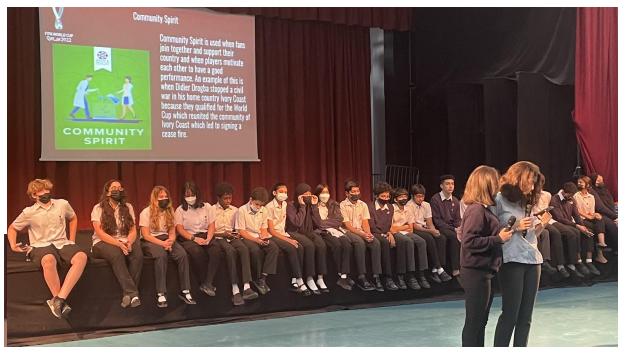
# FIFA World Cup 2022



With only 25 weeks to go until the start of the FIFA World Cup, the excitement is already building here at DBS.

This week Miss Porter's Year 9 Qatar History class were creating board games to think about the impact that the World Cup will have on Qatar.

Meanwhile the wonderful 9S put on a fantastic assembly telling us all about the upcoming World Cup and they linked it to one of our character traits, Community Spirit. They finished with a Kahoot and prizes for the winners. An awesome job 9S well done!





# House Competitions

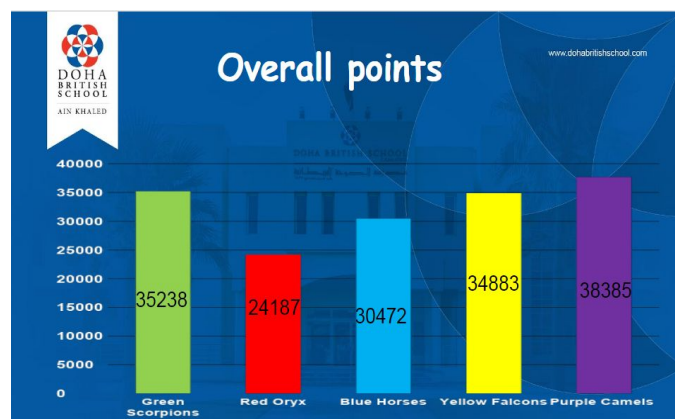
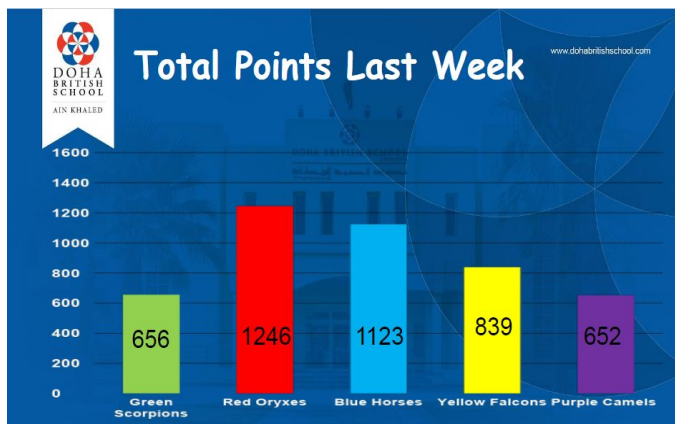


It was an amazing week for the Red Oryx's with a huge 1246 house points.

With only 3 weeks remaining until the end of the academic year the Purple Camels are still leading the way and are still over 3000 house points ahead of their closest rivals the Green Scorpions.

However, with door decorating and baking competitions coming up as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, there are still a huge number of house points to be earned.

Have the Purple Camels done enough to win the house cup? Or is a come back from the Scorpions on the cards?



## STARS OF THE WEEK!

Green Scorpions	Blue Horses	Red Oryx's	Yellow Falcons	Purple Camels
Abdulrahman Al Sulaiti	Isaac Joseph De Torres	Mophammed Imaan Asif	Calix Cai De Guzman	Talia AbuLobeh Noor El Sangary
Amin Okleh	Hasti Naeimi	Ahmed Elgaali	Youssef Mokhtar Mansour	Mohammed Khalid Al-Mughesib Abdulla Rasheed
	Ahmad Takriti			Ala' Ayman Mohammad Mustafa Shania Cunthia Suresh
				Mary Omar Shboul

# House Assemblies



For the past 3 weeks our house assemblies have all been student lead covering a variety of different themes and topics. The Green Scorpions are all focusing on the different character traits within our school, while the Yellow falcons have looked at the FIFA World Cup and the different nationalities within their form group. The students have shown great confidence when performing in front of each other and many have stepped outside of their comfort zones to try something new. A huge well done to everyone who has been involved so far.





# Qatar Schools Olympic Programme

Ian Gomes



A huge congratulations to Ian 8F who recently participated in the Qatar Schools Olympic Programme.

Having competed in the initial qualifications in the QSC(Qatar sports complex), Ian qualified for the finals, which took place at the Aspire indoor stadium and was attended by numerous schools in Doha.

Ian competed in the Long Jump where he won the gold medal with a distance of 5.38metres and he also won a silver medal in the 60 metre Hurdles

This is fantastic achievement and we look forward to hearing of Ian's success in the future.



# Doha Diamond League

## Erina Maurice



A huge congratulations to Erina 7C who competed in the 800 metre race as part of the Doha Diamond League development squad. (11-18 years).

This took place on Friday 13th May at Qatar Sports club in front of a packed audience who were in attendance to watch athletes from across the world including Qatar's own Mutaz Essa Barshim.

Erina finished 7th out of a field of 16th athletes which is a fantastic achievement and we look forward to hearing more from Erina in the future.



# Secondary Library

## Virtual Author Visits



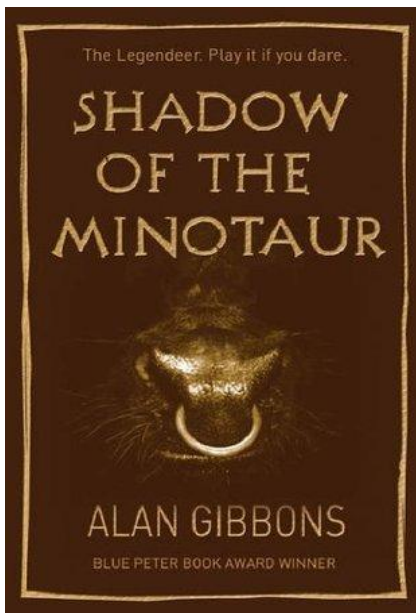
This week in the Library, we had 3 virtual visits from 3 fantastic authors.

### Alan Gibbons

Alan is based in Liverpool and has been writing children's books for more than a decade. He was shortlisted and won awards for some of his famous books.

Alan spoke to Year 7s about his journey of writing books and how his book **Shadow of the Minotaur** won the Blue Peter award. He also advised students on how to be a writer.

He was really funny and very entertaining so we had a great time listening to him.





### Robin Stevens

Robin spoke to Year 8s about her series **A Murder Most Unladylike**. She explained to us how she couldn't get one of the chapters right from the start and she had to travel to the place where the plot happened to get the right feeling for that chapter.



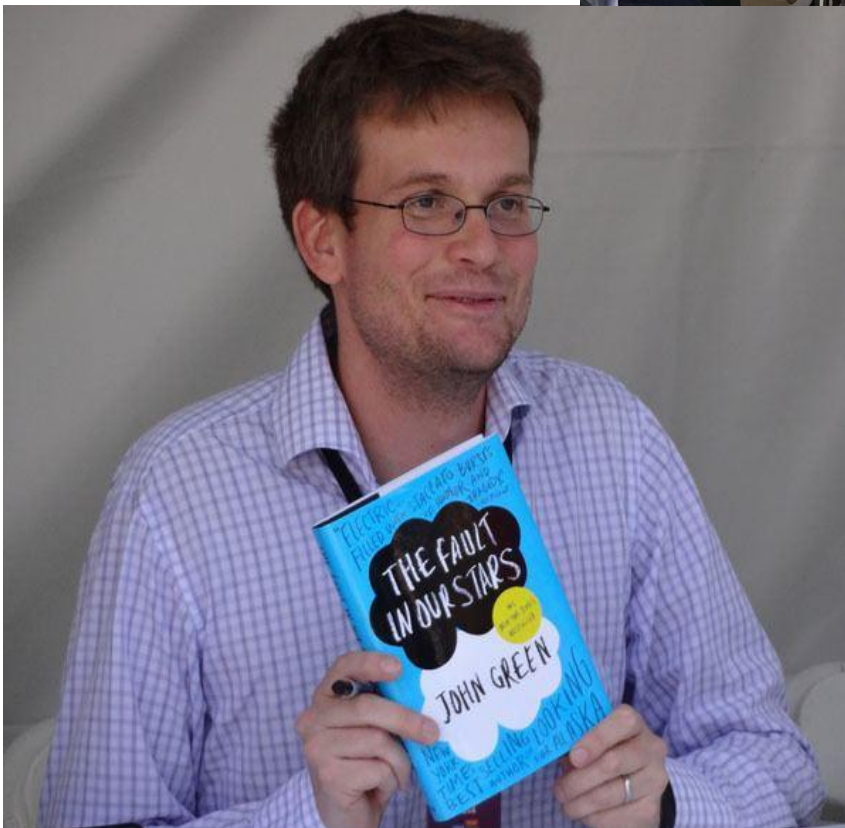
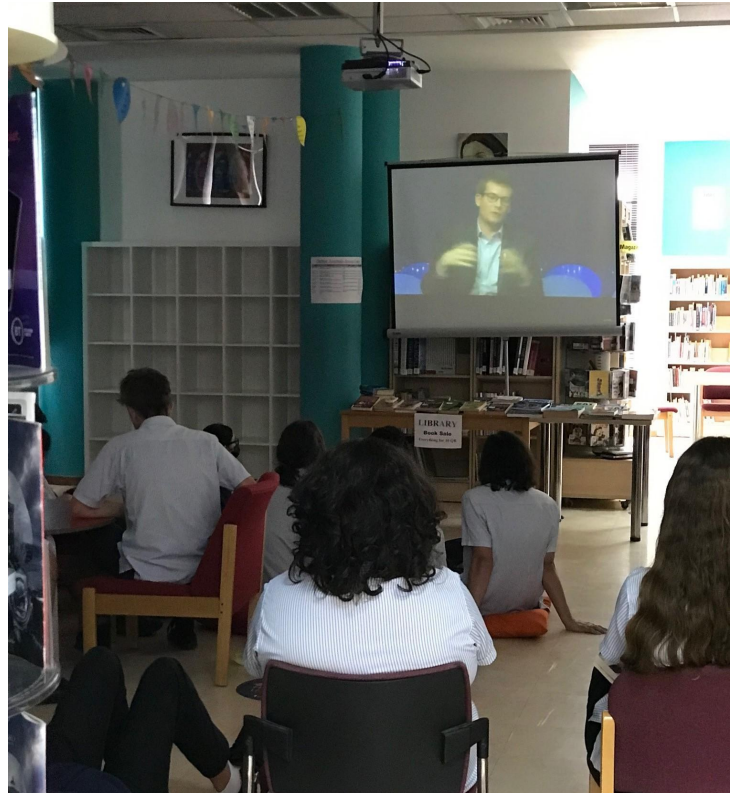
# Secondary Library Virtual Author Visits



## John Green

John spoke to Year 9s about his journey of writing Young Adult fiction. He wrote some really interesting books for teenage students. Some of his titles were made into films. He spoke specifically to us about his famous book **The Fault in Our Stars**.

**Other titles of his, Turtles All The Way Down and Paper Town.**



**I ♥ my  
Library**





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Thank You