



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية  
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL  
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# Secondary Newsletter

3rd of March 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 Everyone. My name is Robbie Lambert and I am the House Leader for the Red Oryxes at Doha British School. I have been a teacher for 9 years, 6 of these back in the North West of England and now I am moving into my 3<sup>rd</sup> year here in Qatar. As well as overseeing the Red Oryxes, I am a teacher of Physical Education at DBS.

Since moving to Qatar in 2019, I have really enjoyed the opportunity to work in an International school setting. The students we have in DBS are brilliant and it has been amazing to get to know so many students from so many different cultures. It is great to see how our students enjoy sport and physical activity and see many of these pursue this into the IGCSE program and beyond.



I have always seen myself having a career in sport and as I made my way through University, it was teaching that stood out as the pathway to pursue. As well as teaching I was very fortunate to play sport to a good level in both Football and Cricket. I also have the opportunity to coach Cricket at representative level within my home county of Cumbria. Sport takes up a large proportion of my time outside of school, whether it is playing Padel, training for triathlons or trying to get the occasional game of golf, sport plays a huge part in my day to day life as you can tell.

With my role as a House Leader, it is so enriching to have conversations with our students on their education journey, trying to make a positive impact on their decisions and experiences they have within DBS.

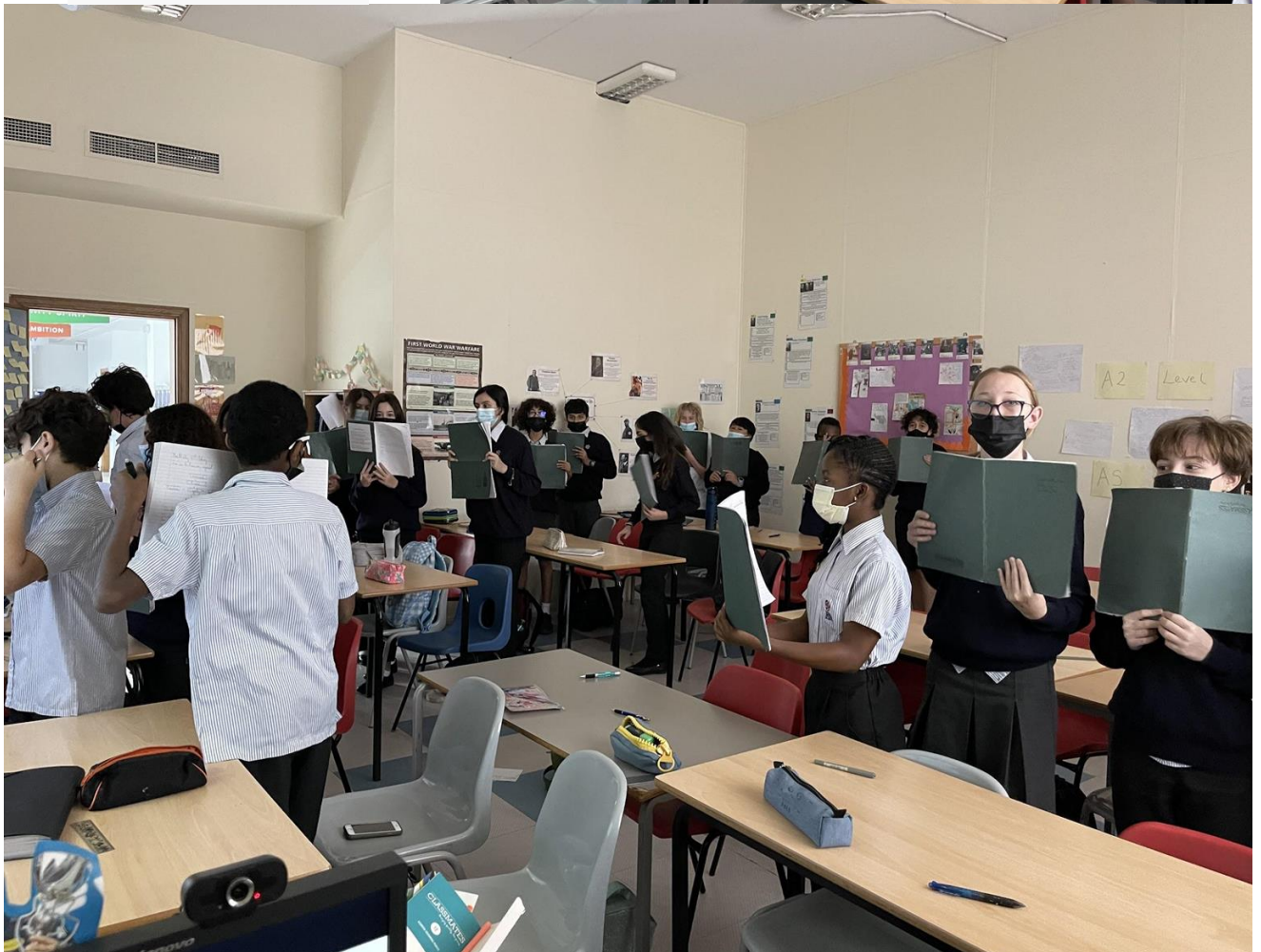
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# Year 7 History

## The Romans



This week 70 and Miss Porter have been putting their knowledge of The Romans into practice by carrying out Roman battle formations. Keep up the great work Year 7.





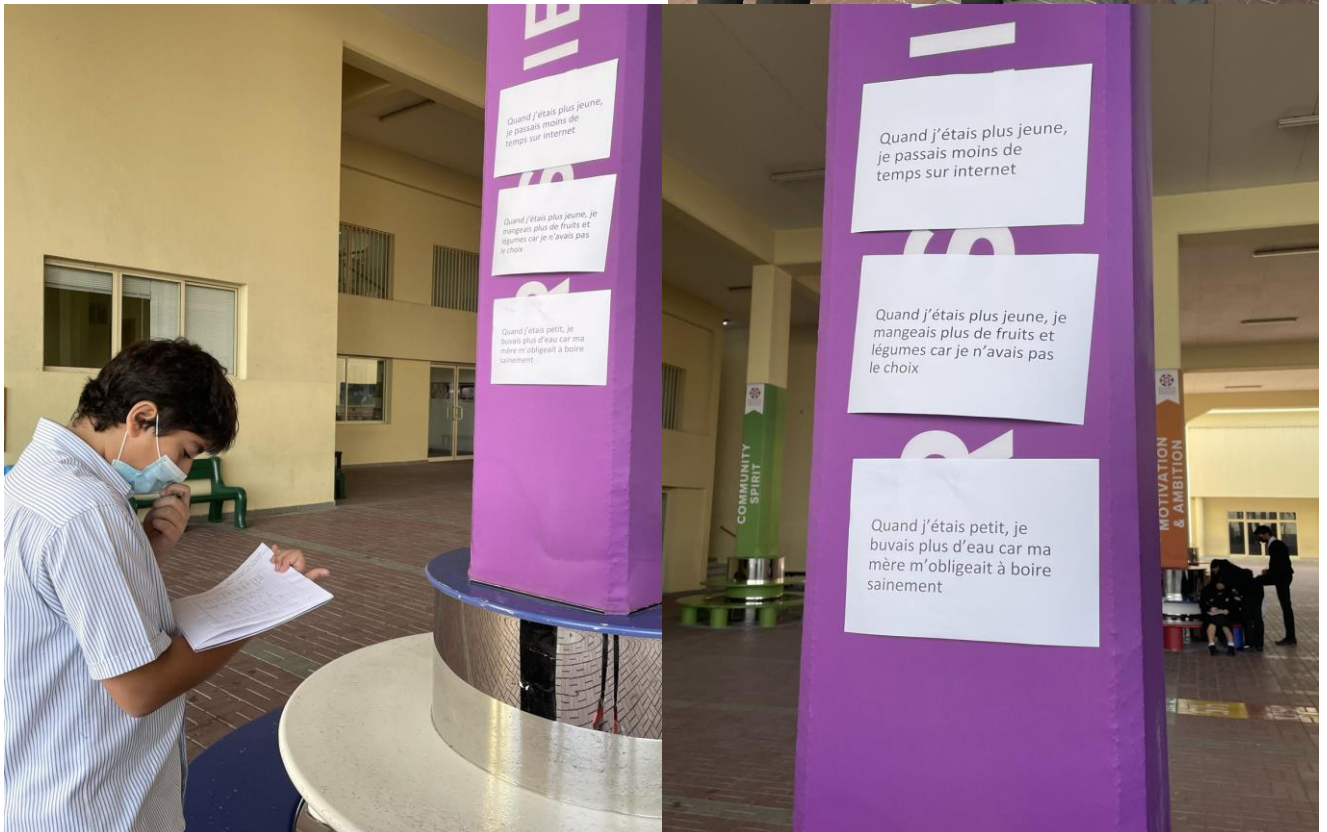
# Year 8 French

This week Mr Dudley's Year 8 French class have been taking part in running translations. The sentences that they have been learning are on the opposite side of the pillar, they have to memorise the sentence, read it in French to their partner who then has to translate it.

Despite being Y8, the sentences are Year 10 work, giving the students more of a challenge to push their French language skills

How is your Year 10 French?

Quand j'étais plus jeune, je mangeais plus de fruits et légumes car je n'avais pas le choix

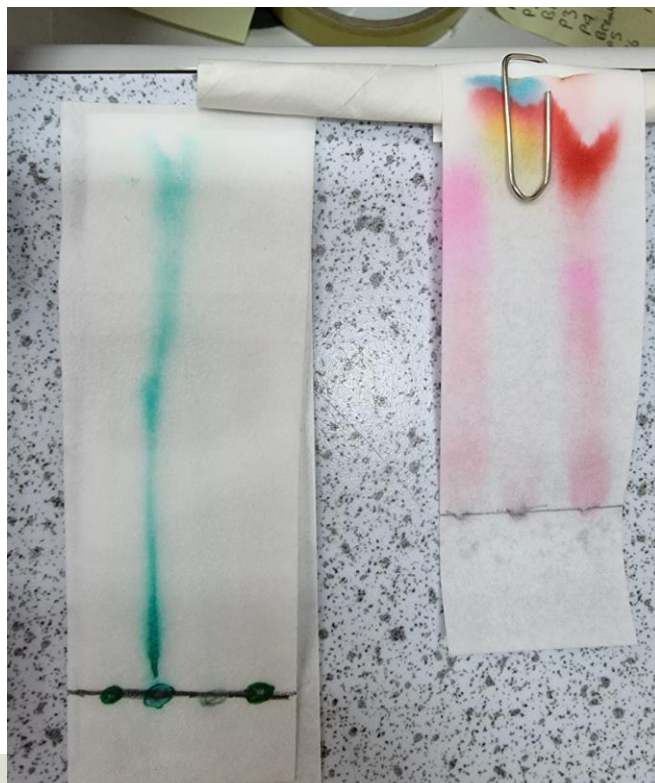


# Year 9 Science Chromatography



This week Mr Karim and 90 have been taking part in a practical lesson looking at chromatography. They were able to identify the different coloured dyes present in different inks.

Well done Year 9 keep up the great work!



# House Competitions

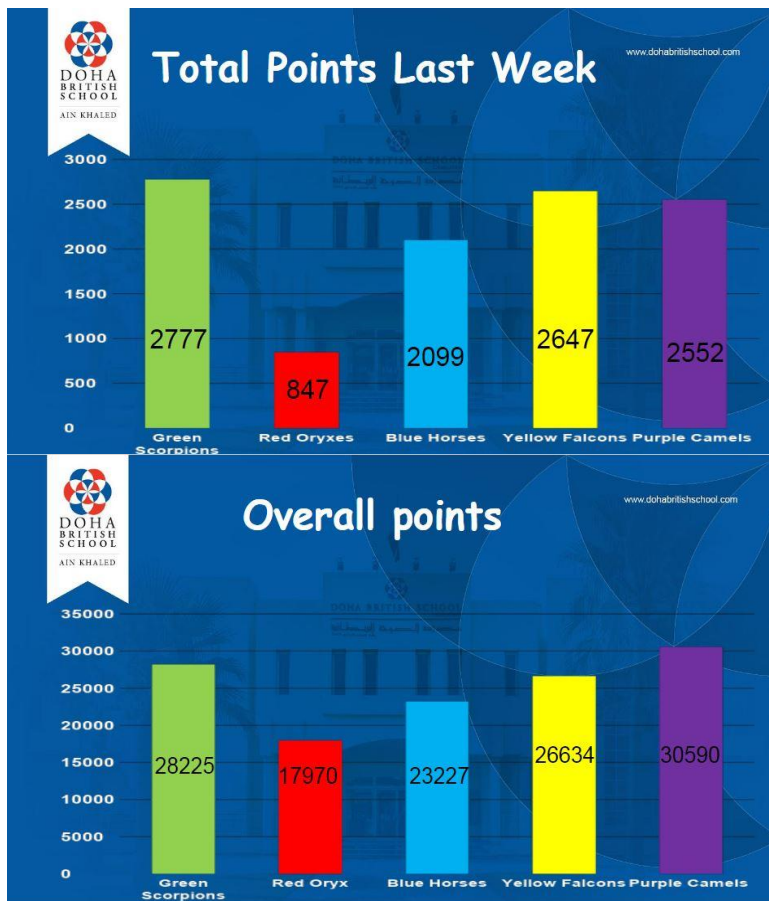


It has been another high scoring week for The Scorpions, Camels and Falcons with The Scorpions taking top sport. Unfortunately for them it wasn't quite enough to regain top spot in the overall standings as The Purple Camels keep the lead for yet another week.

With only 1 week to go until the half term break will the Purple Camels be crowned champions?

There is still everything to play for especially with next week being sports week!

Good Luck everyone and may the best house win!



## STARS OF THE WEEK!

Green Scorpions	Blue Horses	Red Oryx's	Yellow Falcons	Purple Camels
Aljohara Al Mannai	Muhammad Khan	Duru Hayal Akgun Dana Hani Alkhoul	Kevin Gimmy	Maham Amer
Ahmed Elham Haroun	Malika Albaraa Rizk	Karim Bshennaty	Hamad Kalifa	Hugo Harley Hughes
Yahia Kabashi	Shastrikha Uma Shankar	Elliane Veniz Dela Vega	Miaohan Long	Justin Kim
		Tia Ngetich	Darya Vatankhater	Hammad Zaidi

# Assemblies are Back!



It has been wonderful this week having all of our students back together in their house assemblies. There is a real sense of community spirit within all of our houses and it is great to see.

This week Hadi from The Green Scorpions played the Scorpion house song on his Oud as students left assembly, while other students in took a lead role in delivering assemblies to their peers, all of whom have shown great confidence when speaking and performing to others.





# Model United Nations THIMUN Conference



19 of our students have recently taken on the THIMUN Conference which took place Tuesday 15th to Friday 18th February 2022, online.

THIMUN Qatar is the largest MUN conference of the Middle East and this year, the focus was on SDG 1 - Poverty. During 4 days, the students debated on Global Issues to find solutions to this ever growing problem of poverty in the world and its consequences on so many other levels. The star student of that conference was without a doubt Dana Gadhban in Year 13, who represented France and with her ally South Korea, managed to get their resolution passed. We are extremely proud of the contributions made by our students and we know they have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The even better news is that we are already working on next year's THIMUN conference for a face-to-face conference, which will bring back even more networking opportunities, greater discussions and resolution writing and a sense of community that is so particular to MUN and we cannot wait!



# Arabic Reading Competition



With Covid 19 putting a stop to any trips or visits over the past 2 years, it was amazing this week to finally have our first group of students attend an Arabic reading Competition. Sara from 8S did a fantastic job representing the Secondary School and we look forward to hearing the results.





# Maths Olympiads

Despite the pandemic and lockdowns, the Maths department continues to pursue its traditions of participating in Maths Olympiads. This year, our students have been involved in the i-STEM Olympiad which was held online on the 6th of February. The goal of the competition is to promote the popularity and awareness of mathematics globally. Students around the world compete in two rounds of Mathematical problem solving. We are pleased to announce that three students from our school, Adam Benade (Year 7), Shu Hui Seah (Year 8) and Muhammad Khan (Year 10), have qualified for the final round of the olympiad. This is a big achievement for our students and we are incredibly proud of them.



# Most Able Programme

## Semi Finals



Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd February have been two evenings that Mrs Jugue and other members of staff will remember for a very long time! The Semi Finals of the MAP programme, hosted by Mr Dudley (Teacher of MFL) were held in the MPH in front of parents and special guests, including Mr Sherlock, Executive Principal, Ms Abrahams, Director of Education and Madam Natra, CEO of Artan Holding.

16 presentations were given and our students from KS3 showed so much resilience, confidence and knowledge on their research question that we were all so impressed by their journey. Unfortunately, our judges (Mr Atkinson - Lead Head of Secondary, Mr Salam - Acting Head of Secondary and Ms Wilkes - Assistant Headteacher for Enrichment) could only choose 6 finalists and the following students will go through to the Finals:

- Divneet Sarin Year 8
- Julia Catana and Yousef Mansoor Year 8
- Maham AMer Year 9
- Adam Kankouch and Evin Jijo Year 9
- Tim Salman Year 9
- Mesuur Iorna Year 9

A massive congratulations to our Finalists who will compete again in June for the winning title!



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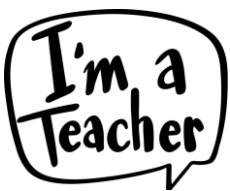
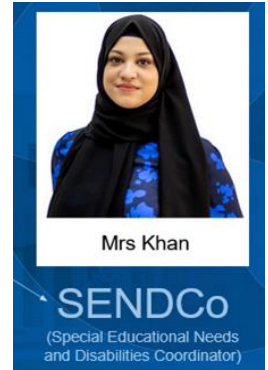
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This edition of #SENSAY interviews staff about their experiences of SEND. SEND Support is not just a medical model of diagnosis and intervention, but also a social model of inclusion that needs the majority to bring it to fruition. We hope you enjoy learning about staff's experiences as much as we did.



## ***...and the wife of someone with ADHD (Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder)...***

*Life can be very frustrating at times as I sometimes feel like my husband is not listening or concentrating and he feels that I don't understand how difficult it is for him to focus on anything other than the one thing that he is currently doing. He becomes distracted very easily unless he is doing something which he loves, which is mostly work and sport.*

*My husband always seems to have an issue with his wallet and car keys, they are forever going "missing". It has actually become a running joke within the house as it is always me who finds the missing items in the most random places, car keys on the bathroom sink and wallet on the washing machine. Also looking somewhere that he has "already looked" only to find the missing item!*

*My initial reaction when he told me he had ADHD was not really that surprising, although I had never met an adult with ADHD, I had worked with a number of young people with ADHD and recognised the signs. His reaction to finding out he had ADHD was one of relief as he was only diagnosed when he was 20 and studying at college. Prior to this he had been labelled as an easily distracted student who would always be getting told off.*

*My advice is to talk to each other and discuss how the need makes you both feel so that you can better understand how to support each other. Be patient with the person with the SEND need, remember it is not their fault that they sometimes act or respond in a different way to you or I.*



## Costa Book Awards

In our beautifully decorated library and achievement atmosphere our Great Readers voted for their favourite book of Costa shortlisting Book Award Reading Competition.

We can officially say DBS' favourite Costa Book Award book is .....

### **The Super Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates**

All participants were awarded personal prizes as well as house points for every book they read. It was such a pleasant ceremony and such great achievements. We are indeed very proud of our Great Readers and we cannot thank them enough for their commitment and efforts, well done!!

Special thanks to our Executive Principal Mr Paul Sherlock for giving out the prizes and Mr Marcus Thomas Leader of the Camel House for attending.

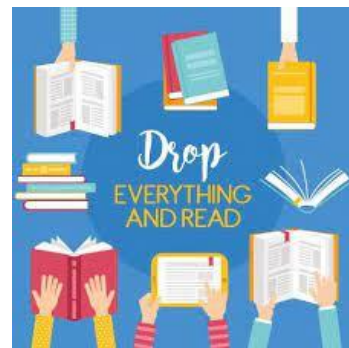






## Drop Everything And Read - DEAR

This week all DBS staff and students read every morning for 15 minutes during tutor time as part of the Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) initiative. This activity was a good way to start school's day as it clears the mind and prepares everyone for their first lesson.





## Library Lessons

Library lessons have focused on activities and challenges. Year 7s enjoyed the Roald Dahl BrainBox challenge where they were divided into teams playing against each other. Mrs Osman is sure that Roald Dahl would have been very pleased to see a fierce competition between the teams to see who would win, Matilda, BFG or Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.



Meanwhile, Year 8 and 9 students were challenged to build up stories having been given prompts or the beginning of story to complete in groups. Each group nominated a reader to deliver the story to the rest of the groups. We listened to well-crafted stories with clever imaginations as well as comedy stories. We also laughed and admired the imaginations.





Thank You