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DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
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Secondary Newsletter

15th of September 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 Principal

Daniel Landi



Dear Parents, Guardians, and students of the DBS Learning Community.

I would like to take the opportunity of the first Secondary Newsletter of the year to introduce myself informally.

I have been given the opportunity and the honour of leading DBS Ain Khaled as its Principal. I was frankly a little awestruck on first arriving at school and meeting the staff. Having worked in a number of UK and international schools over the last 20-odd years, I know a special school when I see one.

The staff are extremely competent and professional, while at the same time, kind and fun-loving. The youngest students are full of joy, while the oldest demonstrate that wonderful sense of great people waiting for their chance to shine. I feel confident that while I find my feet and explore DBS, the sound efforts of Paul Sherlock and his team have created such stability and direction, that I will be allowed the time to see where best I can support and drive the vision of DBS into the foreseeable future.

I look forward to working with all of you for the benefit of the students of DBS.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Paul Landi
Principal





Congratulations and Well Done

After two years of no formal examinations we returned with an amazing set of examination outcomes across all key stages and courses.

A massive well done and congratulations goes out to all iAS, iAL, BTEC and IB students who achieve excellent results compared to global averages and personal aspirations.

As well as this, an amazing well done and congratulations goes out to the iGCSE students who achieved record breaking results for DBS. We are incredibly proud of that achievement after a difficult past few years due to COVID.

We wish you all the best success in your next steps towards your dreams and goals.

OUTSTANDING
iGCSE Results 2022

- 85% Grades 9-7 (A*-A)
- 97% Grades 9-5 (A*-B)
- 98% Grades 9-4 (A*-C)

Congratulations DBS!

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Welcome to DBS

As we start a new academic year, we welcome to the DBS Secondary family some new staff who will help us on our journey towards greater success.

I would like to formally welcome:

Miss Catton	Subject Leader: English	Mr Qamar	Maths Teacher
Miss Laporta	Assistant Subject Leader: English	Miss Vance	Maths Teacher
Miss Covell	English Teacher	Mr Ahmed	Maths Teacher
Miss Ali	English Teacher	Miss Thompson	Maths Teacher
Mr Ali	Science Teacher	Miss Mekhalfia	Science Teacher
Mrs Sheppard	Assistant Subject Leader: Humanities	Miss Carroll	Business/Computing Teacher
Miss Hunter	Business/Computing Teacher	Mr Kotze	Business/Computing Teacher
Mr Boylan	Subject Leader: MFL	Mr Stephens	MFL Teacher
Mr Farahat	Arabic Teacher	Miss Omar	PE Teacher
Mr Jeeva	Assistant Subject Leader: DT/Art	Miss Cullen	DT Teacher
Mr Thombs	DT Teacher	Mrs Kouser	Assistant SENDCo
Mrs King	Assistant Careers Counsellor		

Mr Atkinson
Lead Secondary Headteacher



This year at DBS, we are having a big push on improving attendance across the school. Now that the world is almost back to normal, now that we have all our students back, all of the time, and now that Covid seems to finally be on a decline; we want to see our learners in school and engaging with the wonderful learning opportunities that they receive every single day.



Our attendance expectation is 95% across the year. This is across all 184 days of the academic year. In order to reach 95% attendance, students would need to be present for 174 days of the school year.

Research has shown that the more absences a student has, the lower their final grade. From the English government website, gov.uk, it shows that *“Among pupils with no missed lessons over KS4, 83.7% achieved grades 9 to 4 in English and maths compared to 35.6% of pupils who were persistently absent.”* When we factor in the Qatar Ministry of Education’s requirements for students to achieve 7 grades 3-9, this shows the importance of keeping attendance as high as possible. We can also see that *“Pupils with higher attainment at KS2 and KS4 had lower levels of absence over the key stage compared to those with lower attainment.”*

Staff and parents must work together to encourage each and every student into school each day. This may mean at times, a student comes in with a slight headache which will wear off through the day. It may mean that a student comes in with a slight snuffle, or a slight sports injury from the night before. This is fine! We want to teach our students to be resilient, self-confident and motivated, and part of this comes from pushing themselves further, giving them the opportunity to come to school when they feel 90%, rather than 100%. Staff will support each and every student in school as much as we possibly can, so they will be in good hands if they feel less than 100% well.

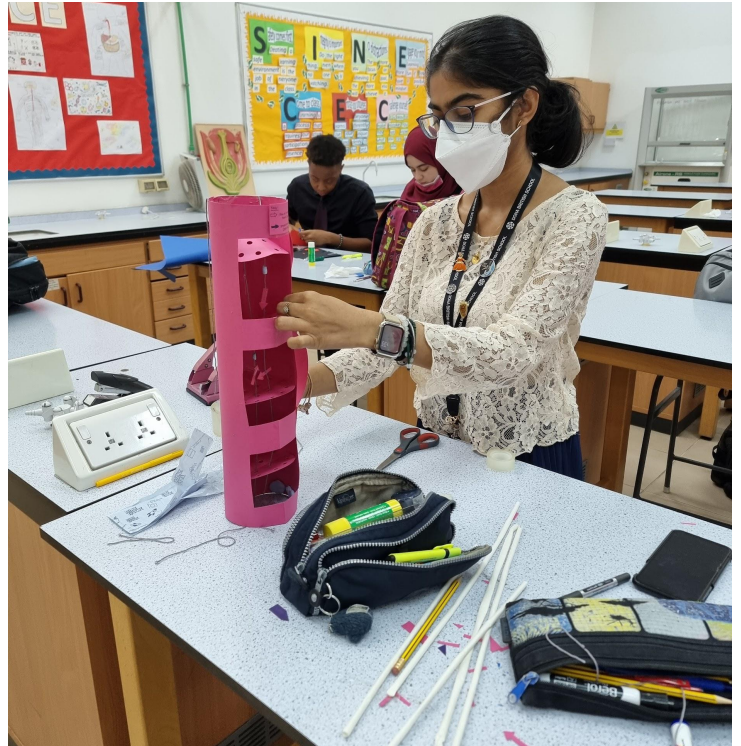
We look forward to your support in our push on improving attendance. Please discuss the importance of attendance with your child. It all starts at home.



Year 13 IB Biology

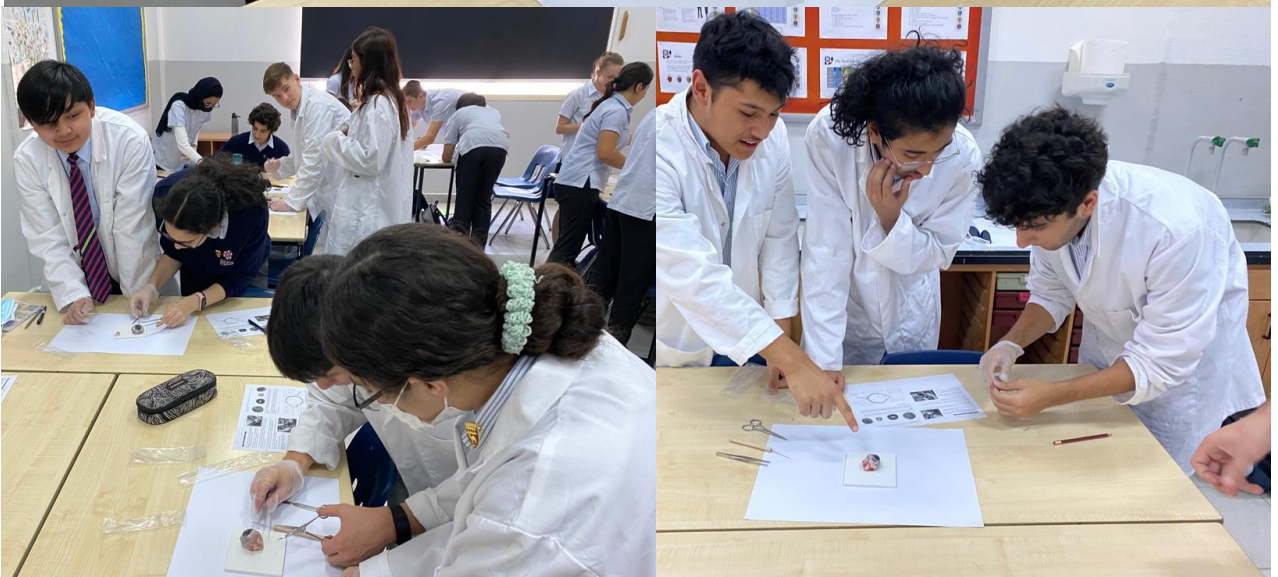
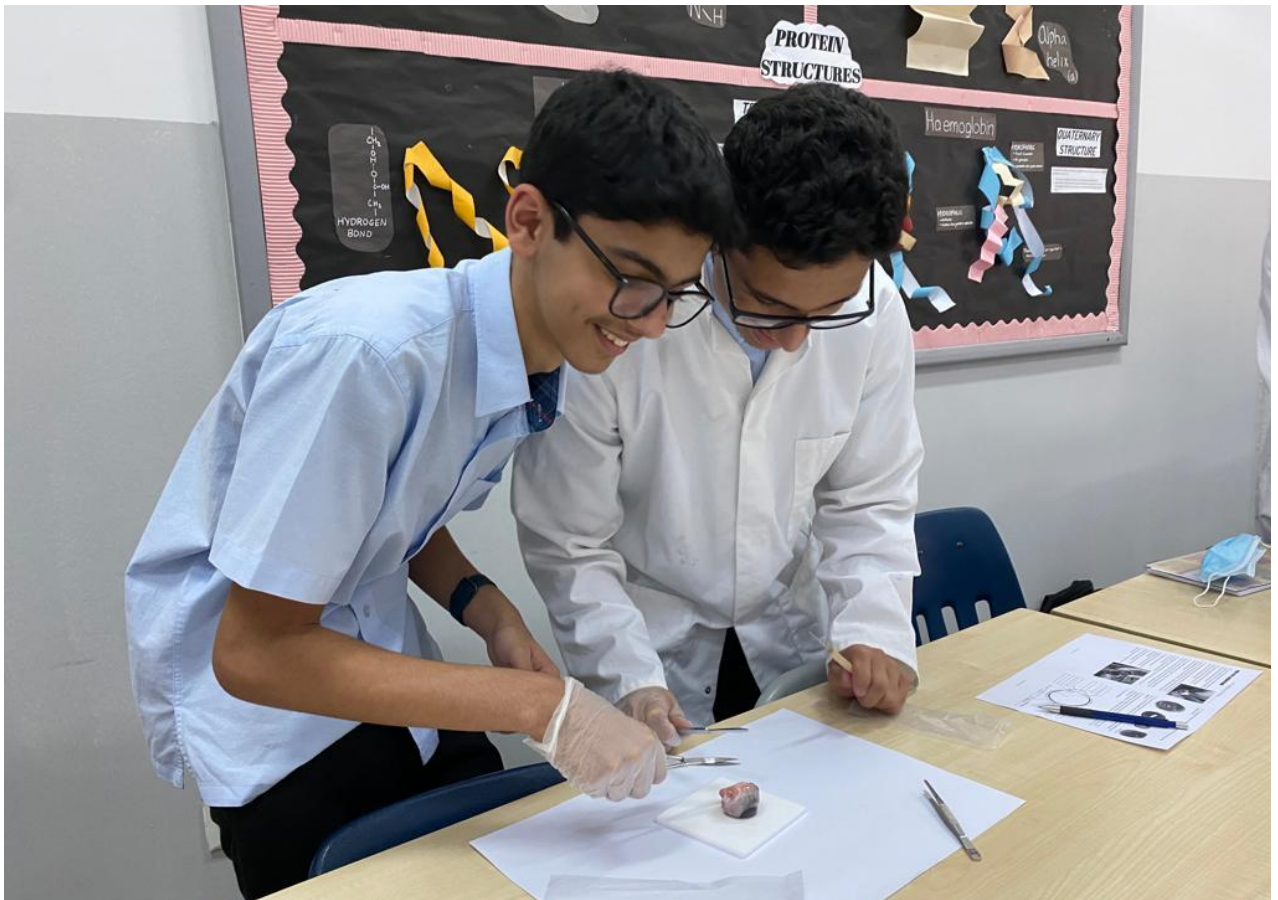
Mr Graham's IB Biology class have been working hard to investigate the rate of transpiration in different conditions. Practicals such as these require skills and patience and deepens our understanding of the natural world around us. To help with their understanding, students have worked in teams to design a 3D pressure flow model of a phloem to show its bidirectional approach to translocation.

Well done Y13, it's great to see you working together to produce some fantastic work.





Mrs Gogin's Year 11 Biology students had a wonderful opportunity this week to dissect sheep eyes! This enabled them to get a better understanding of their structure and function and they also discovered how extremely tough they are to cut! Keep up the great work Year 11.

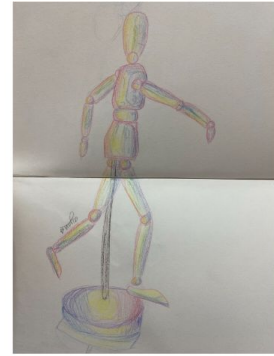


KS3 Art

Baseline Assessments



At the start of the academic year all KS3 Art students undergo a 'Baseline Assessment' where they have the opportunity to demonstrate their skills using a range of media. Here are some of our student's amazing work. We are sure you will agree we have some extremely talented students at DBS. Keep up the great work everyone!



Ayan 7H - Colouring Pencil Baseline Assessment



Excellent!

Maya 8C - Colouring Pencil Baseline Assessment

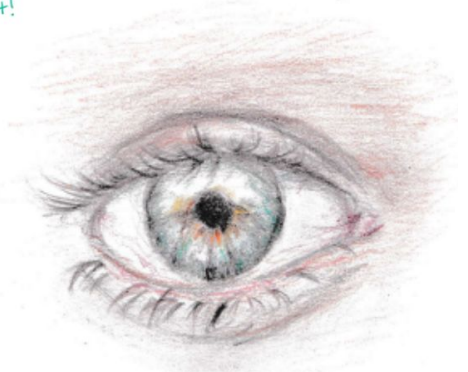
Great Work!



Excellent!



Miral 8F - Watercolour Baseline Assessment



Candice 9H - Colouring Pencil Baseline Assessment

House Competitions



The DBS Dream Team is back! Everyone in each form contributes to the dream team totals with house points, attendance and learning reminders all going towards their form total.

Well done to our current top 3 forms:

- 1st - 7F
- 2nd - 7S
- 3rd - 9F

	HP	ATTENDANCE	LR (+/-)	Week TOTAL	Overall Total	RANK
7H	329	78	-10	397	793	5
7O	96	52	-5	143	594	8
7F	213	72	-20	265	925	1
7C	88	28	-5	111	704	7
7S	185	78		263	919	2
8H	123	40		163	548	10
8O	189	58	-45	202	567	9
8F	42	90	-30	102	756	6
8C	61	4		65	231	25
8S	84	40	-5	119	456	16
9H	145	40	-15	170	438	17
9O	146	12		158	370	20
9F	131	90	-10	211	903	3
9C	158	22	-70	110	411	18
9S	62	100	-15	147	525	11
10H	147	16	-10	153	316	23
10O	133	8	-10	131	494	14
10F	274	58		332	824	4
10C	66	64	-15	115	334	22
10S	73	22	-15	80	506	13
11H	221	68	-25	264	509	12
11O	116	32	-15	133	378	19
11F	93	96	-15	174	492	15
11C	69	84		153	284	24
11S	44	48	-75	17	342	21

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Green Scorpions	Blue Horses	Red Oryx's	Yellow Falcons	Purple Camels
Abdalla Hammo	Dana Alojjan	Monique Czemerys-Hufford	Mohammed Al Thani	Zinyat Gadirli
Anabiah Mustafa,	Aysha Jassim	Martin Tabakov	Haiden Maree Dunn,	Rebecca Magness
	Kiara Lunderstedt	Victoria Terslov	Fatina Saify	Maria O'Connor Ramiro



Donations for Pakistan

With the humanitarian situation in Pakistan deteriorating over the past couple of weeks, with over **35 million people affected** as heavy rains continue to cause floods and landslides, a group of our 6th students organised the collection of donations of food, clothes and baby products to be sent to Pakistan as part of an initiative organised by Qatar Airways. A huge thank you to our wonderful students who organised this and for everyone who donated and helped on delivery day.



Most Able Programme MAP



The MAP programme is back!

This year, 37 students from year 7 to year 9 have been invited to take part in the competition that will test their resilience, knowledge and self confidence through an Extended Essay (IB programme) style research question.

This year, the MAP has a new twist: the competition is going Cluster wide as we will be competing against students from Rawdat and Wakra in the Finals.

Who will join Tim Salman, 2022 MAP winner, and be our 2023 champion?

Keep up with the progress of these 37 students as the Semi Finalists will be announced early January, after a whole term of hard work, independent research, inquisitiveness and resilience.

The first workshop will take place on Tuesday 20th September. I am sure you will join us all in wishing the candidates the best of luck!





Hi, my name is Mattias and I am proud to say I am a part of the Qatar Youth Choir. A number of us at Doha British School are part of QYC's tight knit community and over the summer we have been fortunate enough to have taken part in the 40th International Choral Festival of Preveza and the 26th International Choral Competition of Preveza. This trip, like every other trip before it, has been one of the best weeks of my life. Not only did we get to travel again after a very long 3 year wait, but I got to do it all with my best friends, not to mention the new friends I made along the way.

It was my first time being the choir leader on a trip like this, so it's been interesting to see how all of the logistics work, now that I was 'behind the scenes' so to speak but I believe that the experience has really helped me grow as a singer and leader, much like all the other amazing things we get to do in choir.



This competition has been long awaited, starting as a little spark in the form of "what if's" and imaginations, all the way to where we are now. Everyone has worked so incredibly hard to get us where we are today. Winning the gold medal, the certificates and recognition along the way has been the hardest and yet the most rewarding and fulfilling experience I have had until this day with QYC, and getting to represent Qatar, the place where we all met, has made me equally proud.



A huge well done from all of us at DBS, we are incredibly proud of all of our students who are part of the QYC, what an amazing achievement, winning gold at such a prestigious event and representing Qatar.





It is wonderful to see one of our very own students, Faisal 7H as the face of the upcoming FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

Faisal was nominated to be part of the film shooting for 3 different stadiums and is on the Qatar 2022 website.

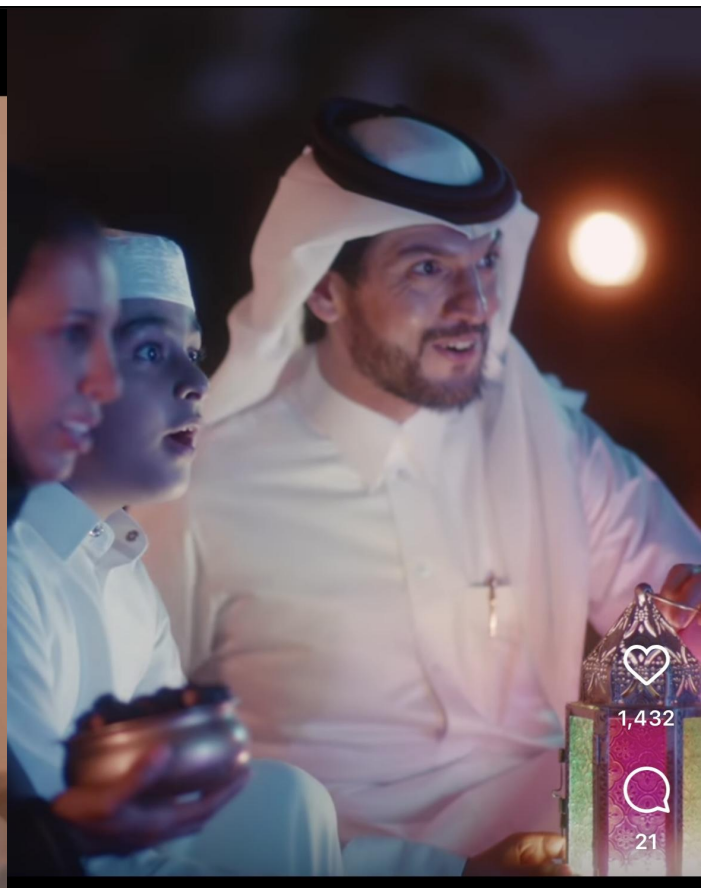
A huge well done Faisal, everyone at DBS is incredibly proud of you.

You can see the videos of Faisal by clicking on the following links.



<https://www.instagram.com/reel/CiR6UTmKLYS/?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

https://www.instagram.com/p/CWgca_GLsbC/?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=



Sportexcel Junior Swimming Circuit

Shu Hui 9S



A huge congratulations to Shu Hui 9S who participated in the Sportexcel Junior Swimming Circuit held in Kuala Lumpur, one of the biggest swim races in Malaysia. She competed in the 50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Backstroke, 50m Butterfly and 100m Breaststroke events, and qualified for the grand final in all 5 events. She managed to achieve personal best timings for 3 events in the final and the closest ranking was No.4 in the 50m Freestyle with the timing of 29.64 seconds.



Besides the pool swim races, Shu Hui has taken up the challenge of participating in open water swim races during this summer.

On the 2nd July, Shu Hui took part in the Oceanman Open Water Swim in Bali, Indonesia. She braved through the fears and uncertainties to complete a 1km swim distance. She has shown strong mental and physical resilience in completing the race. Well done Shu Hui, keep up the great work.



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