



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
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Secondary Newsletter

29th 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



My name is Ian McKenzie, and I'm the Subject Leader for Humanities at DBS AK. This is my 16th year teaching and my 3rd year in Qatar.

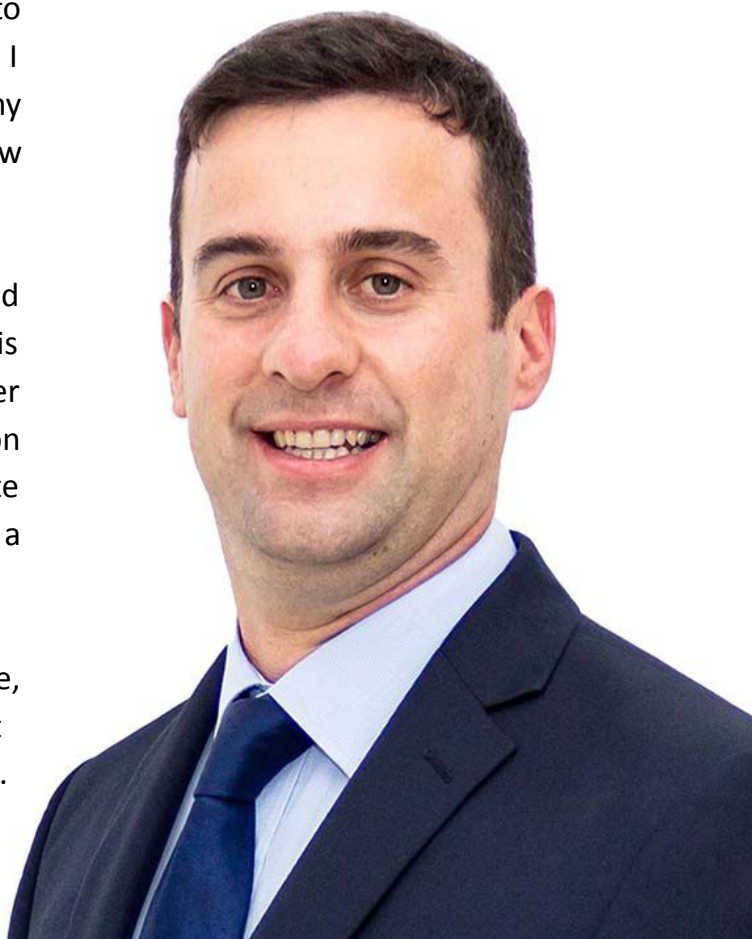
I am very excited to be part of an enthusiastic team of creative teachers who are passionate about their subjects. We have just had some excellent results across the three Humanities subjects at iGCSE, A-Level and IB level, and we are all very proud of the efforts our students have made in Humanities. It is very rewarding to work with such hard working students and support them on their learning journey from Year 7 and onto Year 13.

It's a real privilege to see DBS students working in Humanities lessons with ambition and resilience, and these are the qualities with which students can achieve their goals.

I grew up and went to university in Scotland and moved to England to work as a secondary level teacher. I am passionate about sharing my subject and learn something new about History every day.

I enjoy travelling with my family and love living in Qatar. The scenery is really interesting and the weather is perfect for exploring and being on the water! One of my favourite experiences in Qatar was riding a camel in the desert!

Should you ever need to contact me, please do not hesitate to email me at ian.mckenzie@dohabritishshool.com.



Doha British School

25th Anniversary



This week in assemblies we have have been back in time to 1997, and looked at the events which had happened at this time. These events all coincided with the opening of Doha British School.

Our wonderful head students Malaak and Aseel spoke so highly of their time at DBS and the honour of being head students in the schools' 25th year.

This year we will be celebrating 25 years of DBS with various events and activities throughout the year for staff, students and parents. We look forward to sharing these events and celebrating together.



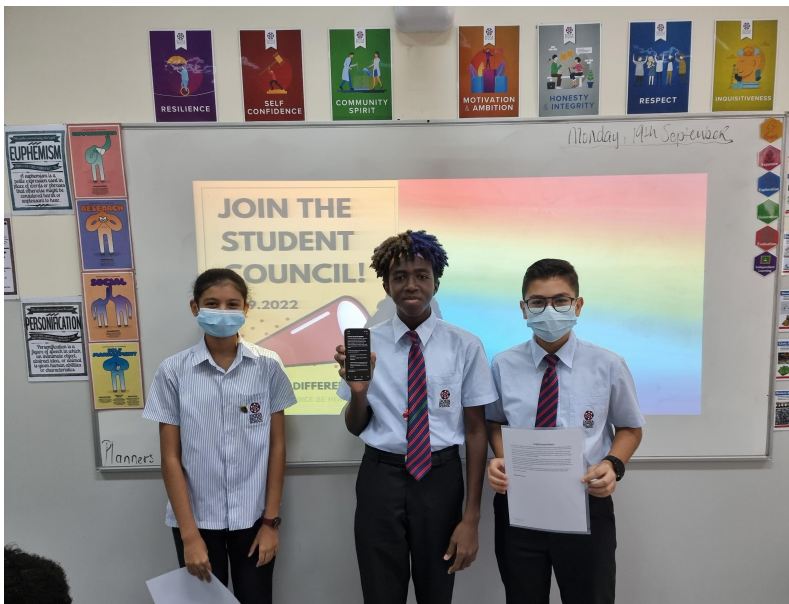
Student Council

2022-2023



The past few weeks have seen students from all year groups and all houses deliver their speeches to be selected for the student council. Each tutor group has 2 representatives and it was wonderful to see students putting themselves forward for these roles and seeing the winners announced this week in assemblies.

Well done to everyone who was involved and a huge congratulations to everyone who was selected to represent their tutor groups. We look forward to seeing you work together throughout the year.

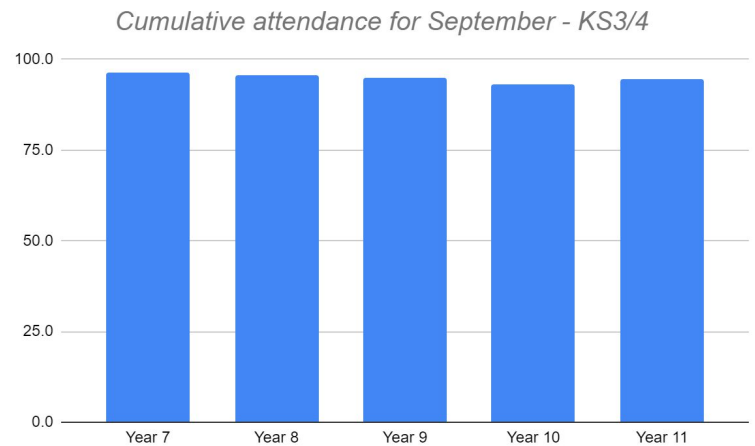




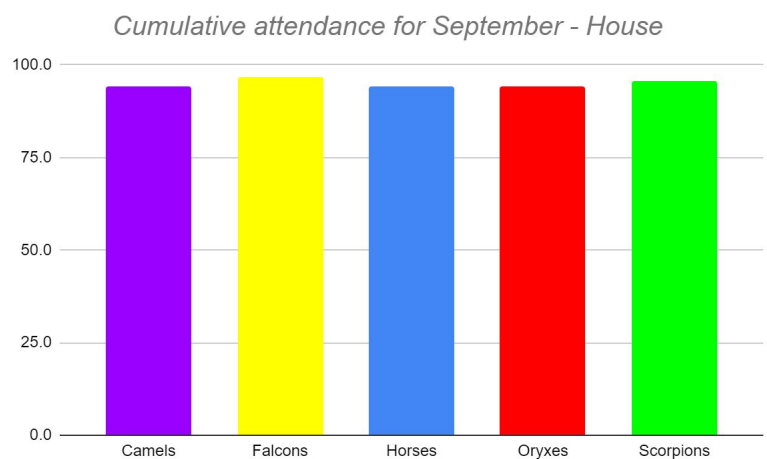
School Attendance

As part of our push on improving attendance this year, we will have a monthly attendance update by year group and house for KS3 and 4.

Year 7 are leading the way, with a total attendance for September of 96.5%. Year 8 are hot on their tails with 95.5%, and Year 9 on 95.1%. Year 11 need to work hard to reach the 95% target, where they are currently on 94.7%, but Year 10 should have a big push on their attendance - currently bringing up the rear with 93.3% attendance - you can do better than this, Year 10! Parents, please give your Year 10 students a big push.



Falcons are flying high in terms of whole house attendance, with a huge 96.6%, although the Scorpions are trying to claw their way into the lead with a 95.8% attendance. These two are galloping ahead of the Horses and Camels, who are tied on 94.3%, coming in just an Oryx horn's width ahead of the Oryxes themselves, who are slightly behind on 94.1%. A big push is needed for those three to catch the early leaders!



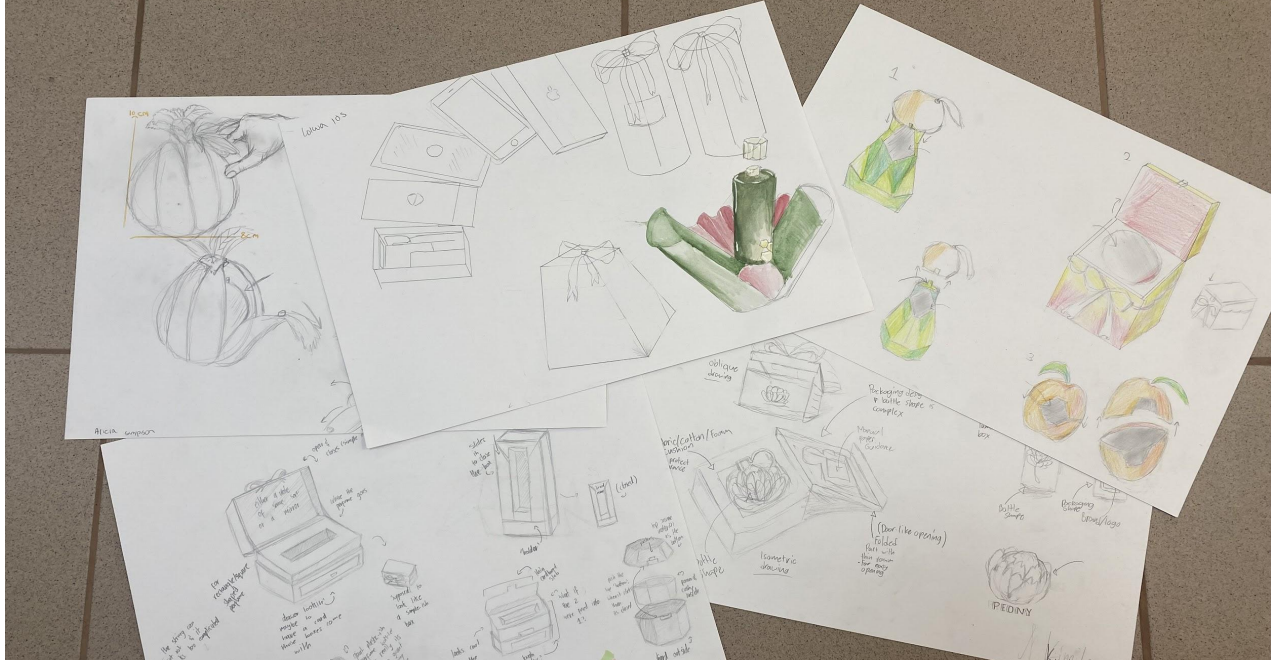
House Assemblies



Our house assemblies form an extremely important part of school life at DBS. A variety of topics are presented each week by house leaders and students, as well as the opportunity to celebrate the success of our students including house points and stars of the week.

This week it was wonderful to see some audience participation, with students volunteering to act out a scene on being a good friend. Well done to everyone involved.



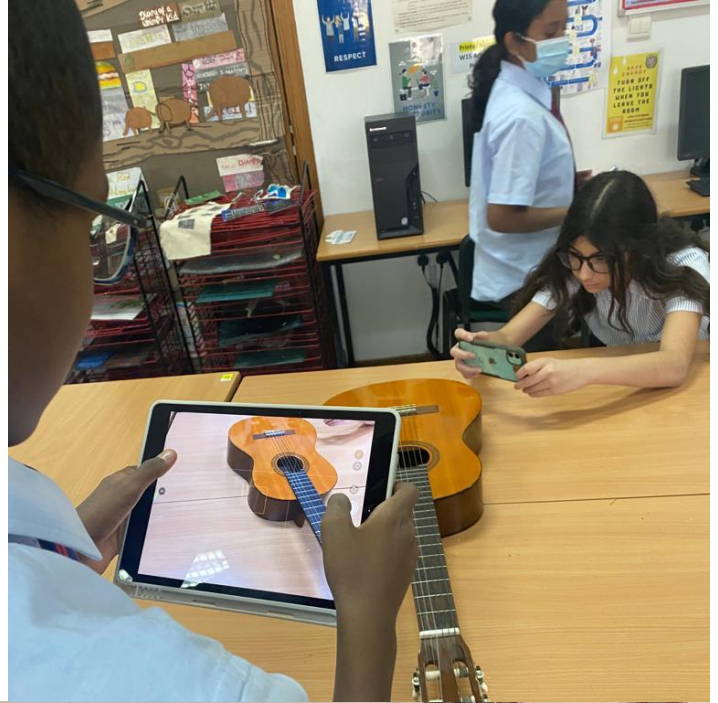


Year 8 Art

Cubism Photography



Mrs Dearden's Year 8 Art students are currently working on their Cubism project. They have been learning about how Cubist artists explored a range of perspectives in one artwork. As part of their photography lesson, students were asked to document the musical instruments from a range of different perspectives. They will later be using the photographs to explore and interpret synthetic and analytical cubist art styles. Great work year 8, we look forward to seeing your finished work





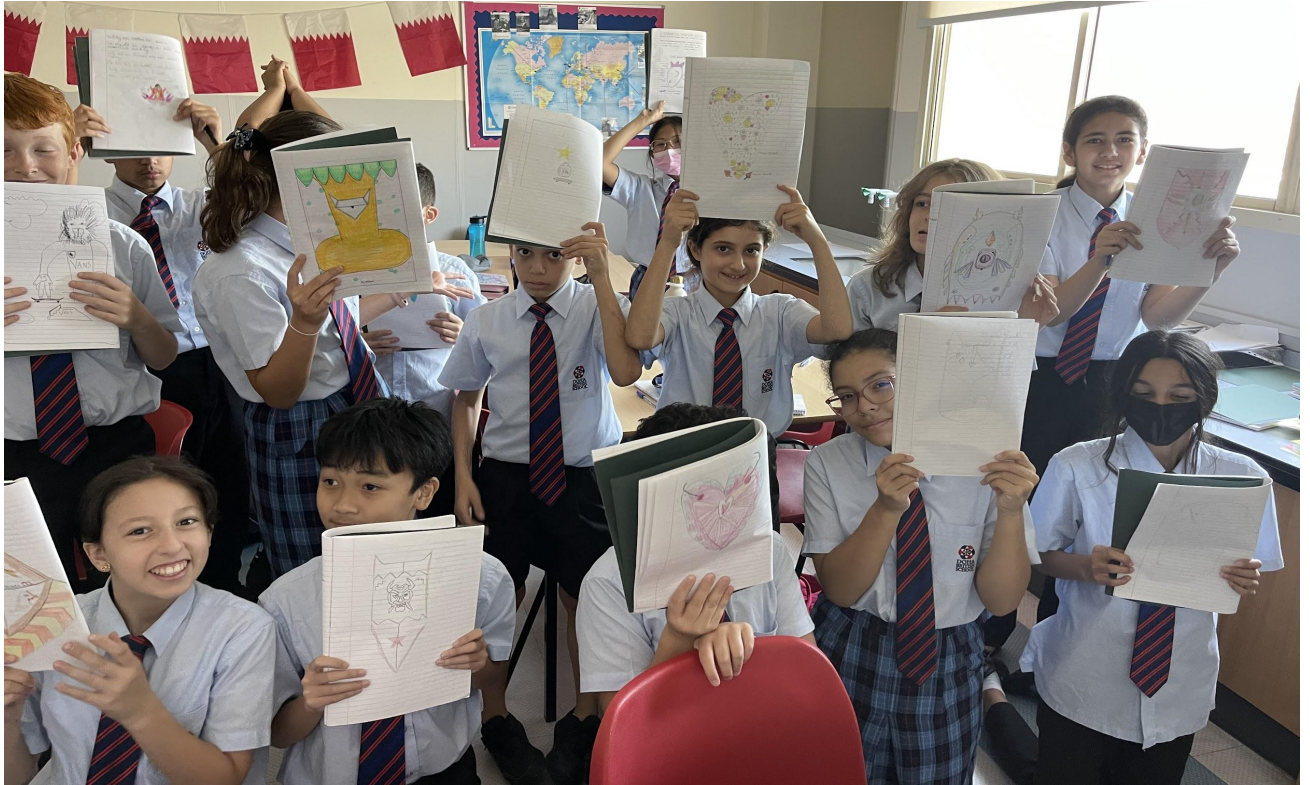
Mr Graham's year 7 scientists have been exploring the structure and functions of a plant cell under a microscope. Students had to prepare a microscope slide from scratch and dye their specimen using iodine. Students were able to accurately calculate its magnification and identify the nucleus and cell wall. Great work year 7, keep it up!



Year 7 History



Miss Porter's Year 7 History students have been learning about The Romans. They have been busy this week recreating Roman battle formations and have produced some fantastic work. Well done year 7, keep up the good work!



House Competitions



Week 5 of our house competitions has seen the Yellow Falcons storm into the lead with a huge total of 5361 house points, which comes as no surprise looking at the dream team standings with 8F and 9F currently in first and second place.

With attendance and learning reminders all counting towards for totals this year, earning house points alone isn't enough!

All students need to contribute to their form totals and need to avoid learning reminders which count as house point deductions.

Good Luck everyone and may the best house win!



Week 5 Standings

	HP	ATTENDANCE	LR (+/-)	Week TOTAL	Overall Total	RANK
7H	201	100	-15	286	1385	4
7O	96	52	-5	143	907	12
7F	105	86		191	1284	5
7C	113	80	-20	173	1017	10
7S	390	52		442	1449	3
8H	71	70		141	792	14
8O	290	94	-15	369	1093	8
8F	829	70	-20	879	1980	1
8C	63	52	-15	100	388	24
8S	83	60	-10	133	654	19
9H	92	4	-25	71	839	13
9O	32	28	-10	50	544	20
9F	205	70	-15	260	1482	2
9C	206	94	-60	240	688	17
9S	205	18	-10	213	1025	9
10H	52	38	-80	10	382	25
10O	79	70	-30	119	672	18
10F	173	18	-25	166	1237	6
10C	55	8	-10	53	402	23
10S	498	38	-70	466	984	11
11H	107	86	-20	173	1134	7
11O	77	24	-15	86	518	22
11F	106	12	-5	113	774	15
11C	59	32	-35	56	542	21
11S	132	44	-15	161	756	16

Overall House Point Standings

5361

3852

3758

2967

2460

Green Scorpions	Blue Horses	Red Oryx's	Yellow Falcons	Purple Camels
Hussam Ahmed	Aseel Abdelaziz	Najine Elkholy	Youssef Essam Ahmed	Ali Al Hammadi
Luca Babieri	Algalia Maria Al-Sourour	Malaak Ghandir	Nandita Balachandran	Talal Fahoum
Ramon Fernandez Osuna	David Davidovici	Aisling Murphy	Prisha Sharma	Sama Mohamed,
Gregory Hague	Mikayla Pullian			

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Doha British School - Ain Khaled

Extra Curricular Activities



Last week saw the highly anticipated return of Extracurricular Activities (ECAs) after an extremely long absence due to Covid 19. ECAs play a huge part of school life and it has been wonderful to see so many of our students already taking part.

With activities including volleyball, photography, sign language, MUN and coding there really is something to suit everyone.



U'14 Volleyball Tournament



Monday afternoon saw the long awaited return of sports fixtures in Qatar. Our U14 boys Volleyball team travelled to Al Khor for our first tournament of the year.

It couldn't have been a better return to sport for DBS with the boys coming away as U14 Volleyball Champions!

This is a fantastic achievement and even more so that the boys were unbeaten in all 8 games that they played on the day!

Congratulations boys you have done an amazing job of representing DBS.





A huge congratulation to our Year 13 student, Jayden who is off to Oman to represent Qatar at Cricket. He is competing in an U19 tournament with the aim being to qualify for the Olympics.



Good Luck Jayden from all of us at DBS!



Qatar Fund for Development

Women in Conflict Zones



We were delighted to hear that one of our Year 9 students Rebecca, has taken part in a film highlighting “Women in Conflict Zones”, as part of the Qatar Fund for Development. Rebecca played the role of an Afghan girl in the Taliban Invasion and the film was played last week to the United Nations General Assembly. This is a fantastic achievement being part of something which raises an important issue throughout the world. Well done Rebecca, we are incredibly proud of you

Click [here](#) to watch the film.





Thank You