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DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL  
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# Secondary Newsletter

14th September 2023

## **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



Dear Parents,

It is incredibly pleasing as the Head of Secondary in this special community of DBS, Ain Khaled to be afforded the privilege of dropping in and out of lessons on a daily basis. I get a frequent temperature dip of the excitement and curiosity that characterizes learning and helps fire and wire our critical thinking skills. Key to this is also an ethic of excellence that centers on hard work and perseverance. As a teacher of Psychology, each week I will focus very briefly on one key aspect of how we learn and highlight its role in supporting home learning and learning here at school.

**Desirable Difficulties:** based on the work of prominent psychologist Robert Bjork, the concept refers to learning strategies that may mean more challenge or effort is required, but ultimately this process of perseverance and sustained attention results in much stronger long term retention and understanding.

On a different note, our P.7 sports trials this week for our younger aged volleyball teams has been joyful; fun, smiles, laughter and an obvious sense of pride and motivation to represent DBS AK Lions. More to follow on this as we draw closer to our fixtures calendar beginning. Have a restful weekend and as always, thank you for your continued support

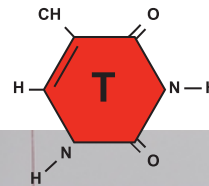


**MR. MARK HEALY**  
**HEAD OF SECONDARY**



## AS LEVEL BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY

Year 12 A Level students in biology and chemistry have gotten to grips with their first practical this week. Core practical and their content are used throughout the curriculum to enable our students to conduct student led, inquiry based learning practices in the classroom.



## PASS ME THE SICK BUCKET!

History - Year 10 IGCSE - Pass Me the Sick Bucket!

This week our students have been learning about the 'bad old days' of 19th Century Surgery as part of their IGCSE Medicine Through Time Course. Students will cover the changes and developments of medicine from 1848 to 1948.

This week saw students taking part in a live reenactment of a 19th Century surgical operation. Not for the faint hearted!

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022  
 Q2: The biggest killer: Attitude, Disease, Government or Science?

I think the biggest cause for bad health is the diseases, because there was no healthcare at that time. Some like is probably the one that links to this answer.

The Government can also be one of the biggest killers, because they just didn't care, they didn't bother helping out if they thought it was unprofessional to tell people how to live their lives.

Back then, things were so bad, diseases could kill you in the span of a few minutes if you were not always getting worse, there would be dead bodies (remains) no matter where you were. People would drop dead at any moment, they were too stupid, doctors weren't educated at all, the government didn't care at all, they were the worst to blame in my opinion.

1. What was the biggest risk to public health in the 19th Century?	the importance of different factors. 'Although science was weak and could only achieve... Government was more to blame because.'	a few minutes if you were not always getting worse, there would be dead bodies (remains) no matter where you were. People would drop dead at any moment, they were too stupid, doctors weren't educated at all, the government didn't care at all, they were the worst to blame in my opinion.
2. Use the sources and your prior learning. Tell me how bad things were - What diseases and conditions were like.	7. Use criteria to argue the reason a feature, event or person in the past is significant. 'This was important because.'	
3. 'Wait a minute! Does that mean medicine was amazing, the public were really concerned and the Government did everything right?'	6. Explain what makes something unique.	
4. Decision time: What was the most to blame? Attitudes, Government, science or something else?	5. Explain the reasons of what was to blame.	
	4. Describe some of the reasons for why something is to blame.	





## IMPACT OF TOURISM IN SPAIN

Btec Travel and Tourism students have started the year with some very in-depth discussions about how tourism can impact different countries from an economic and environmental perspective and why we should be looking at promoting sustainable tourism.

We have also been discussing how tourism can be influenced by certain factors such as language and cultural perspectives. The students have started the year off very well by producing some leisure trip advertisements to various destinations:



## ECONOMY IN SPAIN

Spain's highly developed social market economy ranks 15th globally and sixth in Europe. It is a member of the European Union, euro zone, and World Trade Organization. In 2021, Spain was the twentieth-largest exporter in the world and the sixteenth-largest importer.

Spain ranks 27th in the UN Human Development Index and 37th in GDP per capita. Key economic sectors include automotive, medical technology, chemicals, shipbuilding, tourism, and textiles.





Eco Club.

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Geography - This will be an exciting term as Ecoschools returns. Plans are being made to work with Primary to improve the biodiversity of our outside places, and build on the successes of last year. Mrs. Wallis Butler and the Eco-Schools Team continue the Green Flag Award accreditation.

## ECOSCHOOLS

Ecoschools is an international programme of the Foundation for Environmental Education that aims to “empower students to be the change our sustainable world needs by engaging them in fun, action-orientated, and socially responsible learning.” So far at DBS we have been working towards three sustainable themes 1. Reducing Waste 2. Reducing Energy Consumption 3. Increasing Biodiversity for four academic years now. We are very proud of how the initiative has grown in the school and last academic year we gained the Green Flag accreditation which recognised our efforts across the campus in meeting these themes. We are very excited for a bigger and better year this year!

The Ecoschools committee met on Monday lunchtime to decide what the exciting projects will be for the year ahead and discuss ideas for the upcoming assemblies and Qatar Sustainability Week in November. We can't wait to see all the new and old faces at our first meeting in a few weeks time.

Introducing the President for 23/24 - Trystan Fernandes [\[Link\]](#) (here are all the students and their leadership roles for this academic year)

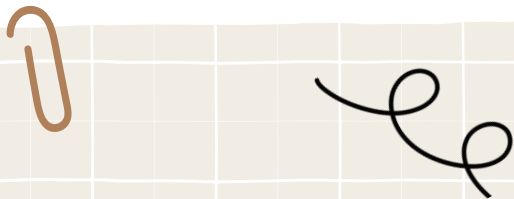




## PASTORAL UPDATES!

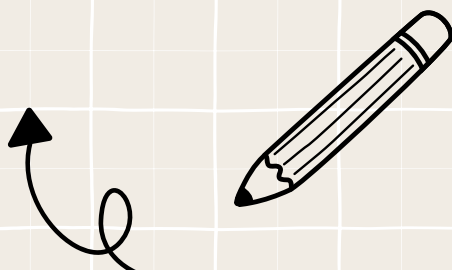
### Student Leadership

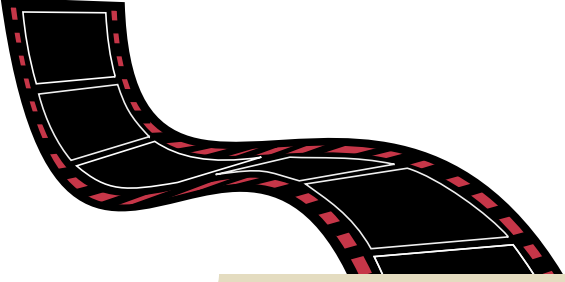
We have started to receive nominations for the 2023–24 student leadership team. Students are able to nominate themselves or be nominated by their peers. Following their nomination, students deliver a speech to their Tutor group in order to gain their vote to become the new House Rep. Year 13 are also beginning their campaigns to become Head Students and House Captains. We can't wait to find out who will be part of the new student leadership team 2023–24. Good luck to all involved.




### EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The list of ECAs has now been finalised. Students will find out next week which ECA groups they will be part of. ECAs will begin on Sunday 24th September.





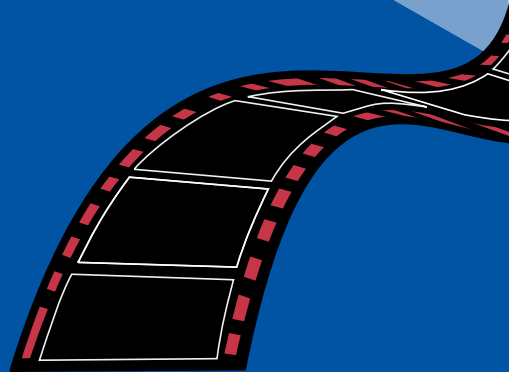
## Calling all Year 11 Film Buffs!



History - Calling all Year 11 Film Buffs! Our students have been learning about the entertainment industry of the Roaring Twenties, as part of their Depth Study.

Our students recommend to you the works of Charlie Chaplin, one of the greatest silent movie actors of the period. "City Lights" (1931) is not only Charles Chaplin's masterpiece.

The film premiered four years into the era of talking pictures, which had roared into cinemas with "The Jazz Singer" (1927).







## *Free* **ASSESSMENTS NOW OPEN!**

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DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL TO BRING  
YOU THE BEST AQUATICS EXPERIENCE.**

**FROM TOTS TO TEENS – ARE  
YOU READY TO JUMP IN?**

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## SCHOOL TIMINGS 2023-2024

	EYFS	PRIMARY & SECONDARY
<b>SUNDAY</b>	7:00 AM - 1:00 PM	7:00 AM - 2:00 PM
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00 AM - 1:00 PM	7:00 AM - 2:00 PM
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 AM - 1:00 PM	7:00 AM - 2:00 PM
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7:00 AM - 1:00 PM	7:00 AM - 2:00 PM
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:00 AM - 1:00 PM	7:00 AM - 2:00 PM
<b>FRIDAY</b>	CLOSED	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	CLOSED	

### MORNING DROP OFF

#### GATES OPEN

6:50 AM (EYFS)  
6:45 AM (PRIMARY & SECONDARY)

### AFTERNOON PICK UP

#### GATES OPEN

12:55 PM (EYFS)  
2:00 PM (PRIMARY & SECONDARY)

- **Primary & Secondary:** Students arriving after **7:05 AM** need to report to the main reception and register before proceeding to their classrooms
- All parents and visitors must wear a lanyard for safeguarding purposes at all times whilst on the school site

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Thank You