



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية  
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL  
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# Secondary Newsletter

21st 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,

The week 4 has now come and gone and the sands of time do seem to speed up and fall faster in our lives. As a teacher and as a human being, I am often heard quoted saying “we need to slow the world down and focus on doing two or three things really well.” Our focus as a Secondary is most certainly in aligning our pastoral care with the supports and challenges of our academic aspirations, and we require some collaboration with you all. Please emphasise the importance of attendance and being on time and how forming good habits all coalesce to strengthen our ethic of excellence. Our second weekly Learning Tip will focus on the benefits of low stakes testing, both at home and in the classroom:

**Retrieval Practice and Low Stakes Testing:** Learning does not miraculously ‘sink in’. It’s essential to use and teach retrieval methods routinely. Low-stakes quizzing, practice routines, mental rehearsal methods and well-designed assessment regimes that support the accumulation of knowledge over time are powerful ways to help students ‘practice remembering’. Teach students to replace weak revision strategies – such as ‘going over your notes’ and highlighting – with other techniques such as self-quizzing and elaboration.

Also make sure any abstract ideas are linked to specific examples; it is this combination that supports the development of better long-term memory.

Have a restful weekend and as always, thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,



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



## UNIVERSITY

### Visits of Sixth Form Students



Sixth Form students will have access to a number of university visits available to them in the Common Room, during their extended break period. This will allow students direct access to university representatives on a one to one basis.

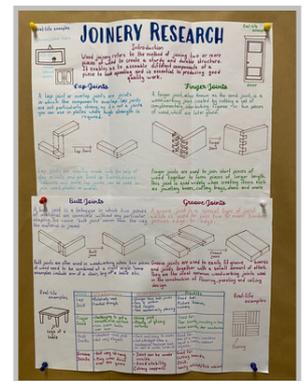
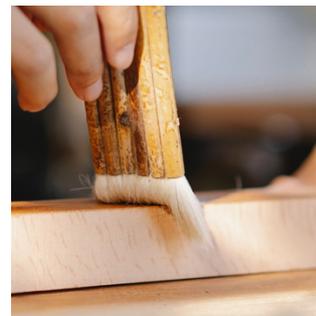
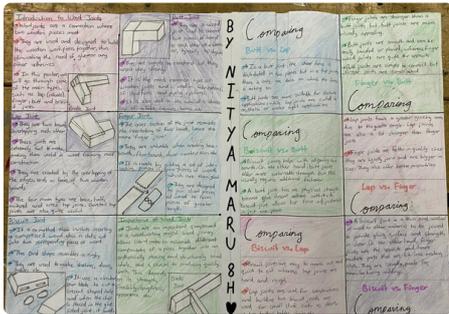
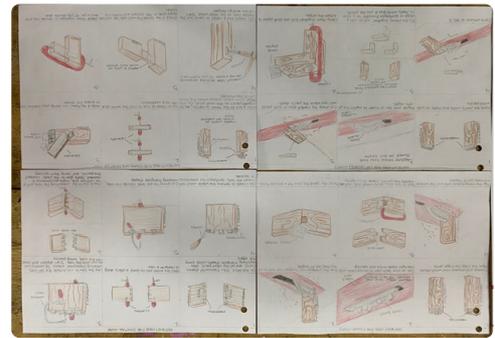
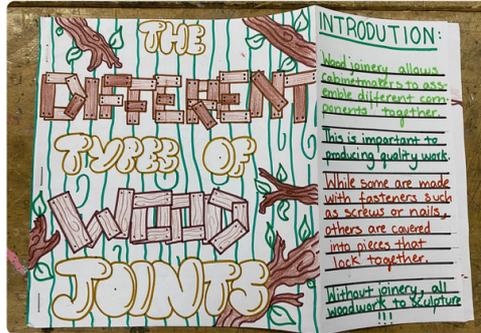
- On Wednesday 11th October at 2pm we are hosting a workshop for our Year 11-13 students, provided by **McMaster University** for our Mathematics enthusiasts.
- Monday 25th September **University of Beirut**
- Tuesday 26th September – **Glion & Les Roches**
- Thursday 28th September – **CUC Ulster University**
- Wednesday 4th October – **University of British Columbia**
- Wednesday 4th October – 14:00 **Carleton, Concordia, Dalhousie, Ontario Tech, Queen’s and York University**
- Monday 9th October – **Academic Bridge Programme**
- Wednesday 11th October – 14:00 – **McMaster University Workshop**
- Wednesday 18th October – **César Ritz/ Swiss Hotel Management**





## DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Here are some examples of great student work: Joinery research



Students in year 8 will be learning wood joinery this term and they were recently assigned a research task. The quality of submissions was outstanding.

We are also excited to have received our new 3D printer this year. Students were recently given a demonstration and are now working on their own designs.



## RECYCLING IN QATAR: THE ENVIRONMENT IS OUR FUTURE

Ecoschools are planning a recycling assembly to deliver alongside Mr Walles next week for the key stage assemblies. Issues being discussed will include what can be recycled? Why should we recycle? Where in Qatar can we recycle?

Here are some links to websites which shows you where you can recycle and all of the items that are possible to be recycled here in Qatar:

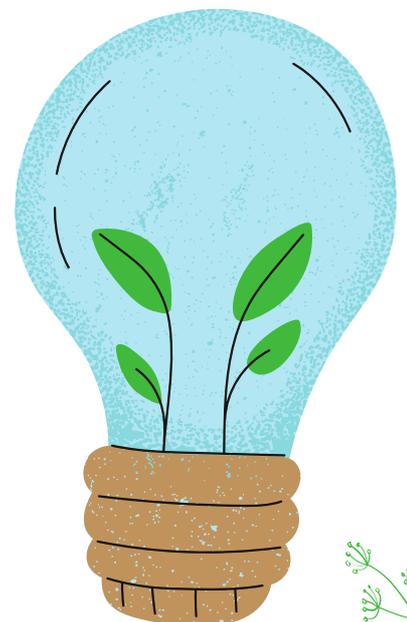


### ECOSCHOOLS

Source:

- Doha Family [\[Link\]](#)
- I Love Qatar [\[Link\]](#)

Save the earth!





## LEADING THE YOUTH OF QATAR



Year 10 student Rebecca Magness is a Lead Director at Qatar Youth Power, the first and only fully student-initiated and led platform in Qatar to empower the youth of Qatar to positively impact their communities through learning from the nation's brightest leaders and change-makers, impacting over 3000 students to date. On Saturday 9th September at the Wyndham Hotel West Bay, the Qatar Youth Power Conference 2023 concluded with roars of success!

The event brought together 250 students, 19 guest speakers, 8 sponsors including the Swiss Embassy in Qatar, Rayyan Water, and KPMG Qatar, and 3 partners including the Mexican Embassy in Qatar and Doha Debates, was organised entirely by 16 high-school and university students based in Qatar. The conference consisted of interactive workshops, keynote speeches, and panel discussions on a range of issues and topics including entrepreneurship, climate change, diplomacy, and emotional intelligence. Guest speakers included Nawaal Akram, a disability advocate acknowledged on BBC's 100 Women programme, Dr. Evren Tok, Associate Dean of Community Engagement at the Hamad Bin Khalifa University's College of Public Policy, and Jose Saucedo of DEAP Qatar. Founded in 2021 during the pandemic by then 17-year-old DBS student Natalie Magness, QYP began as an online conference which has now grown into a platform that regularly organises events and programs with brands and companies based in Qatar to expand opportunities to more young people. Examples include celebrating International Youth Day at the Hilton Hotel Doha and an insight evening into professional services at KPMG Qatar.

Upcoming events include a cultural exchange at the Mexican Embassy in Qatar in association with Doha Portals and a fitness workshop at Strongbox Fitness. To learn more about their work and get involved, visit their website: [\[Link\]](#)





## PASTORAL UPDATES!

Congratulations to all

*'Star of the Week'* winners this week!!!!



### BLUE HORSE HOUSE

- Aljilani, Mariam
- Mahendra, Arni
- Naeimi, Hasti



### GREEN SCORPION HOUSE

- Isaac, Domadios
- Latief, Rafa
- Ramadan, Sara



### PURPLE CAMEL HOUSE

- Adam, Muhammad
- Rasheed, Abdulla
- Salahat, Al Hoor Moy'ad Bashir



### RED ORYXES HOUSE

- Abbas, Jude
- Maru, Naysha
- Rea, Maiza Yasmeen Alisha



### YELLOW FALCONS HOUSE

- Banthia, Shagun
- Laidlaw, Lola
- Zapata Gutierrez, Jeronimo

## Extra-Curricular Activities

All Extracurricular Activities have now been finalised and will begin on Sunday and continue for the next 8 weeks.

## Parent Engagement

We invite all parents to complete the following survey (link [here](#)). Parent voice is an important and valued part of our school community. This survey is designed to capture your insights and feedback on global citizenship and our DBS guiding statements.

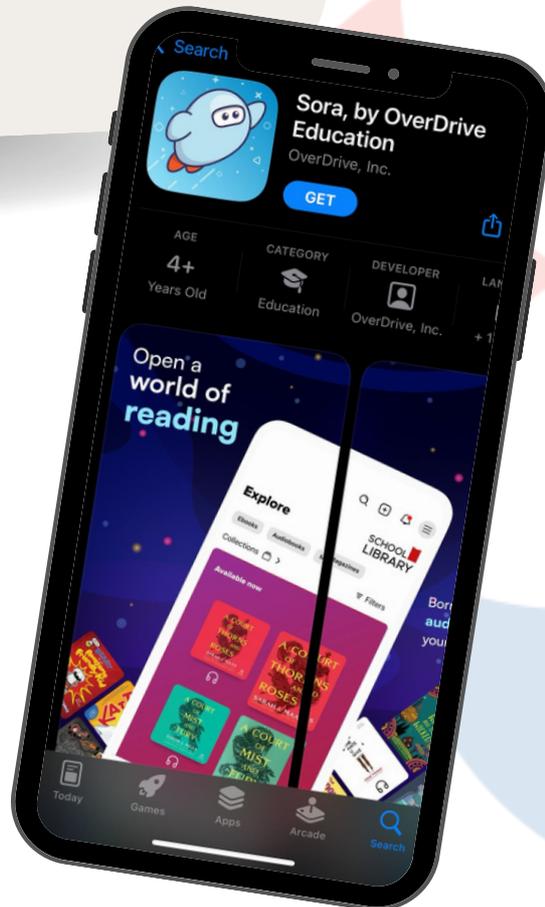


## NOTICE!

ATTENTION · ATTENTION · ATTENTION

STUDENTS CAN ACCESS THE SCHOOLS E-BOOKS AND AUDIO-LIBRARY (AGE APPROPRIATELY FILTERED) VIA THEIR GMAIL ACCOUNT, USING THE GOOGLE APPS SYMBOL AT THE TOP OF THE SCREEN AND SCROLLING DOWN TO SORA.

ANY ISSUES, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S CLASS/ FORM TEACHER





Winter Fair Poster competition by **Friends of DBS**

Design a poster by 27th September 2023

## Winter Fair

The details below must be included

- Date - Friday, 8th December 2023
- Time - 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- Location - DBS Ain Khaled

*Please submit your entries to the reception,  
or via email at [ea.dbs@dohabritishschool.com](mailto:ea.dbs@dohabritishschool.com).*



Click here to

[REGISTER](#)



IN SUPPORT OF EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

10th August 2023 - 3rd May 2024

## Event Details

**Date:** 10 August 2023 – 3 May 2023

**Time:** 10:00 am– 5:30pm





Reminder

**THIS SCHOOL IS  
NUT FREE**



**PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY NUTS  
OR PRODUCTS CONTAINING NUTS  
TO OUR SCHOOL**



Thank You