



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية  
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL  
AIN KHALED



# Secondary Newsletter

5th October 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

# Message from Head of Secondary



Dear Parents,

This has been an amazing week of learning at DBS Ain Khaled, where the curiosity of our students and intellectual inquiry never ceases to amaze me even after 33 years of teaching across the world. Some examples of student questions I have been asked this week to help convey this sense of critical thinking and intellectual capital includes:

- **Why is sleep so important to the way we learn and remember? (Two Sixth Form Students)**
- **How can we be certain of anything if the world is constantly changing, and technology and AI is evolving so quickly? (One of our Year 13 IB Students)**
- **What is happiness and how do we even know we are happy (Year 8 student)**

We are also delighted to be hosting our very first Parent Workshop next Wednesday, October 11th, 5-6pm in the MPH. In conjunction with our colleagues in Friends of DBS, we are co-hosting and organising this event on the basis of your requests so we hope you can attend and support our community. This event will highlight key developmental stages at Primary and Secondary Phases, combining theory with practical examples and strategies to manage and better understand the complexities of behaviors at such formative years of development. It will be facilitated by Dr Luke Cheater (Head of Primary) and Mr. Mark Healy (Head of Secondary) and we hope to foster dialogue with you all in order to gain valuable insights that will help support our students navigate their DBS journey at home and school. We also want to build upon and continue to foster a supportive environment and community spirit here at DBS, Ain Khaled. We look forward to the company of everyone and hope some fascinating and thought provoking dialogue ensues.

Finally, our fourth weekly Learning Tip will focus on the benefits of elaborative Interrogation:

Elaboration is a really broad concept- at its core, it just means connecting or adding information. "Elaborative interrogation" is a strategy within this broad idea, and it involves asking "how" and "why" questions and finding those answers (1) Students can do this independently, with the teacher helping, or in pairs of groups. Once they come up with the questions, students must also find the answers!

For example, how much you learn about the physics of flying? You could do it by answering lots of fact- based questions, but you can also supplement this by asking and then answering elaboration questions, such as "why does a plane need an engine?" and "how does a plane take off?"

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

Best wishes,



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





## INSIA NAQVI IB STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



*I'm Insia Naqvi from 13C, and I'd like to express my gratitude for choosing the IB Pathway.* Opting for a diverse range of six subjects appealed to me because I hadn't settled on a specific career path and wanted to explore various options. The concept of coursework (IAs) and engaging in Theory of Knowledge (TOK) to shape my understanding of the world further attracted me.

Let me share the core aspects of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme and why I cherish the IB experience!

### So, what are the core components to IB?

#### **CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service):**

It's all about sparking creativity, staying active, and giving back to the community, stressing the need for a well-rounded education that goes beyond just books and classes.

#### **EE (Extended Essay):**

You get to dive deep into a topic you love with a 4,000-word independent research project, honing your research and writing skills along the way.

#### **TOK (Theory of Knowledge):**

It's all about digging into how we know the things we do and encouraging you to think critically and reflect on it.

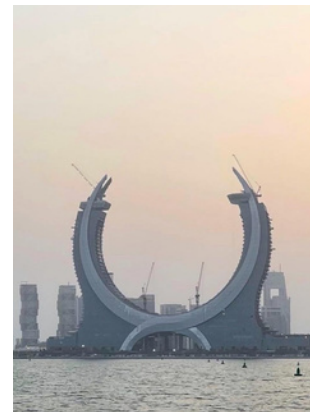
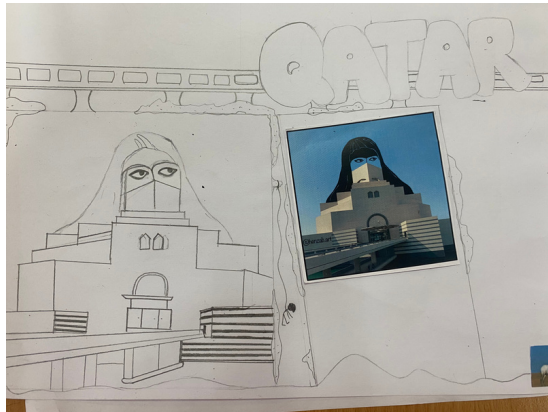
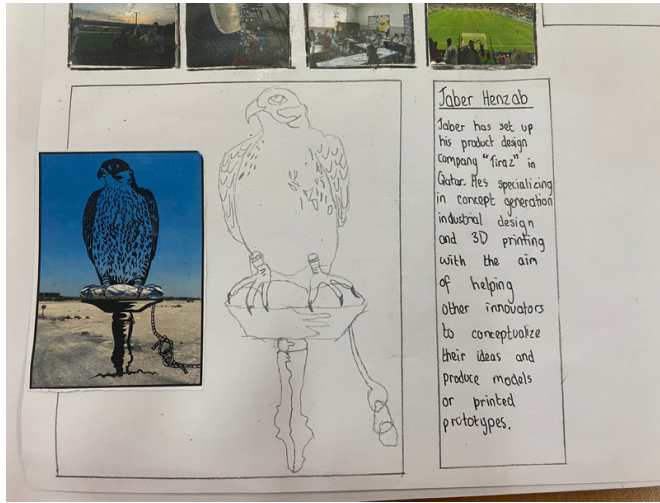
Despite the demands of IB, it's a dynamic experience that boosts university admissions. Choosing IB has been totally worth it for me. Our lessons are never boring, and teachers keep things interesting. If you're considering or committed to IB, talk to any IB student – they'll honestly tell you what a fantastic opportunity it is for all of us.





## YEAR 7 & 8 ARTIST RESEARCH

Year 7 and 8 Students are currently working on a project based on the theme-  
**“What Qatar Means to Me”.**



We have been researching a local Qatari artist called Jaber Henzab who aims to promote awareness of our surroundings. Jaber Henzab achieves this by creatively blending photography and illustration to provide a fresh perspective on Qatari architecture and renowned landmarks, giving them new narratives.





## REEM AHMED READER OF THE MONTH

At the beginning of each month, the Secondary Librarian will announce the Reader of the Month and display it on the library notice board. The Reader of the Month is honored with a certificate acknowledging their achievement, gift voucher and unlimited library pass to the library during the month.

**Reem Ahmed from 7O is the first Reader of the Month (for the month of September)**

*Keep up the good reading and enthusiasm you show!*

Ms. Rima El Murr



Crescent Bookshop will be visiting DBS AK **15-20 October** to sell books. You will find them at the school entrance, where they will have a variety of titles suitable for children aged **3-17 years**.

See you there !

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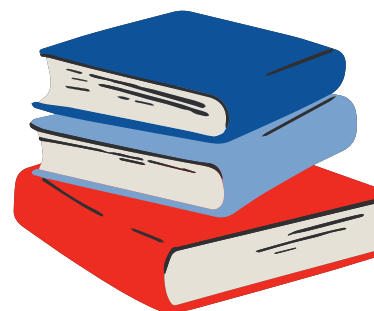
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## CRESCENT BOOKSHOP







## DBS LIONS U16'S SUCCESS

DBS Lions have **WON** the u16's Volleyballs competition on 1st October, which was held at ASD. Along the way to the final (after winning 2/3 group games) we beat both the formidable Doha College, and ASD (who not only were the hosts, but were very strong favourites for the whole competition), before defeating SEK in the final.

We will now face the winners of the Al Khor section, in the overall Qatar final. We will keep you posted.

*Here's to many more successes for the* **DBS Lions!**





# CAREER NEWSLETTER



The sixth form careers department will be very active over the next few weeks getting ready for worldwide applications and deadlines. We are excited to see that students are starting to narrow down their university choices in anticipation of submitting applications to some of the finest institutions of higher learning in the world, and we look forward to hearing success stories from this cohort of students. We have already met with fifteen university admissions recruiters this year to discuss ways to simplify the application process for our students while also learning more about the programs they offer and the prerequisites for acceptance.

Please encourage your child to engage with the admissions professionals from the additional universities that have been invited to join us throughout the months of October and November.

Career Newsletter ([Link here](#))



## PRAYER PROCEDURE

We are pleased to provide you with detailed information about our school's prayer procedure. Please click the following attachment (link [here](#))



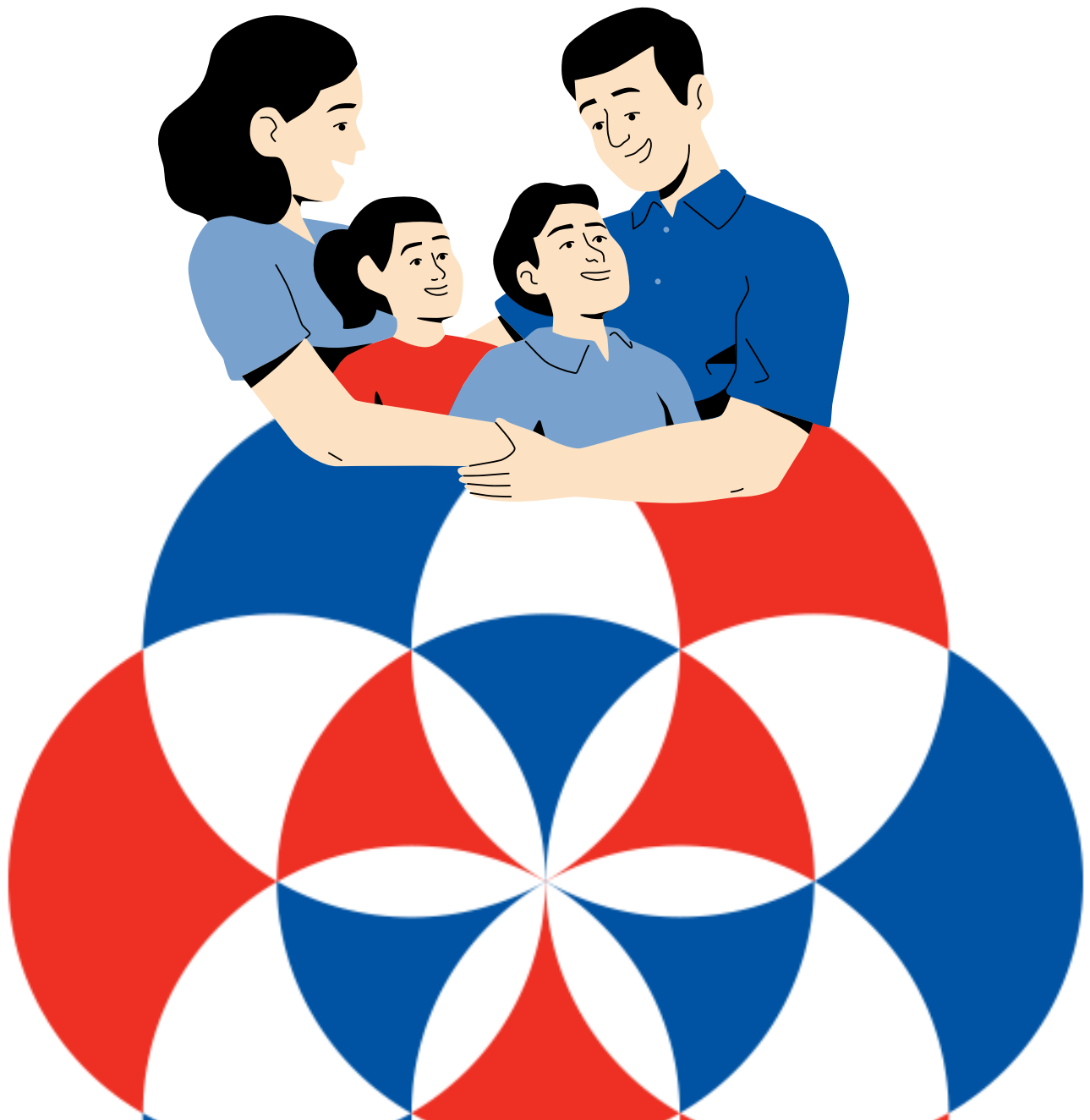




We invite all parents to complete the following survey (link [here](#)).

*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.





## TRAFFIC AWARENESS AT DBS AIN KHALED

- **Stop in a safe area:** Do not stop or unload passengers in the middle of the road. This can create dangerous situations.
- **No Overtaking:** Refrain from overtaking into oncoming traffic. Everyone is waiting their turn, and patience is vital for safety.
- **Seatbelts:** Ensure that all children wear their seatbelts correctly in the car. Seatbelts are essential for their safety.
- **Speed Limit:** All drivers should maintain a maximum speed of 30 KPH near the school. Slower speeds greatly enhance safety.
- **Slow Driving:** Drive very slowly around the school, especially during peak drop-off and pick-up hours.
- **Crossing the Road:** Please ensure that children are encouraged to look both left and right for traffic when crossing the road and all Primary students to hold hands with an older sibling, parent, family member, nanny or driver.
- **Supporting Security:** Please cooperate with the security and senior staff as they manage traffic flow. Their guidance is crucial for the safety of everyone.
- **Kindness and Respect:** Please be kind and respectful to fellow drivers and DBS staff. Keeping children safe is of the utmost importance.





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

Design a poster submission by 19th October 2023

## Winter Fair

The details below must be included:

- Date - 8th December 2023
- Time - 1:00 pm to 6:00 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).*



Thank You