



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية  
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL  
AIN KHALED



# Secondary Newsletter

16th November 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,

The weather is at last beginning to cool and it is a perfect backdrop to school life at present; the basketball courts, football courts and outdoor areas alive with the passion and smiles of our students. We are most definitely gearing up towards our Mock Examinations in the coming weeks and please support us by reinforcing the following messages:

- Tomorrow always approaches but never arrives therefore procrastinating and waiting till then is rarely a strategy to support doing well in exams.
- It is never too late to start, but the later we leave studying, the less beneficial the encoding and retrieval strength of cramming just before exams
- Plan timetables for studying and create a sense of routine- every cell in our body has a clock and as learners, we like routines and consistency.
- And finally, if any support is required for the forthcoming exams, please reach out as soon as possible.

We also cast our eyes forward to the key events this term which we welcome with warm anticipation:

- Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening (22nd November 3-6pm)
- Our Year 6 Transition Open Evening (29th November, 2.30pm)
- Our Winter Fair in collaboration with Friends of DBS. The plans are looking very exciting and so much work and energy has been voluntarily put into making this event successful, so please support. (8th December)

Finally, our 8th weekly learning tip will look at how we can use flashcards effectively when revising. The main purpose of flash cards should be self-testing to strengthen information in long term memory and provide instant feedback to identify gaps in students' knowledge.

I have known students to spend hours literally transferring information from a textbook to a flash card. This does show students are revising, investing time, effort, and energy into their studies but often they are simply copying their notes onto cards and re-reading, which we know are not the most effective study techniques.

When students use flash cards that contain a question on one side and answer on the other (or keywords and definitions on the back) this promotes self or pair testing ensuring active recall – retrieval practice is actively taking place.

Using flash cards for testing is simply the best way to use flash cards. The mantra we share with our students is that 'flash cards don't need to be flashy'. Question and answer: simple

As always thank you for your continued support and I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,



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





Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are delighted to announce Doha British School's first virtual Careers Fair #Sparkthatinterest.

At Doha British School, we believe in providing our students with comprehensive guidance and support as they explore their future pathways. The Virtual Careers Fair is an innovative platform designed to help our students understand the importance of transferable skills, connect their school subjects to real-life applications, and gain valuable insights into various career options.

We understand that parents play a pivotal role in shaping their children's aspirations, and we invite you to actively participate in this event. Your experiences, wisdom, and words of advice can have a profound impact on our students as they embark on their journey towards a fulfilling career. Your involvement will make this initiative even more enriching.



## What We're Looking For:

We invite parents who are willing to be involved to create a 3-5 minute video recording in which you share your career journey, your current occupation, and offer words of advice and encouragement to our students. Additionally, we kindly request a short bio and a photograph to accompany your video. To make the process seamless, we will provide a link to a secure Google folder where you can upload your materials. Please rest assured that only you and the school will have access to this link, ensuring your privacy and data security.

## Why Your Participation Matters:

This Virtual Careers Fair will serve as a powerful educational resource for our students. We will compile all the submitted materials into an interactive website, which will be accessible exclusively to the Doha British School community through DBS email addresses. This website will provide engaging activities and invaluable insights for our students to explore.





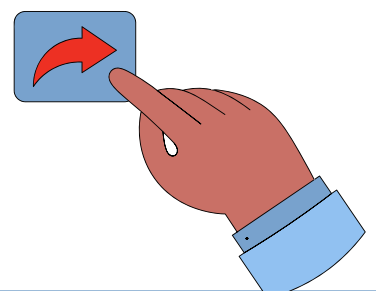
## Next Steps:

This letter serves as **an initial expression of interest**. We will follow up with those who express their willingness to participate at a later date with further instructions and details.

Should you wish to be involved, please complete the [Google Form](#)

**We look forward to your enthusiastic participation in the Virtual Careers Fair and the positive impact it will have on our students' futures.**

**REGISTER  
HERE**





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## Policies

As partners in your child's education, we want to keep you informed and engaged in the various aspects that contribute to our vibrant school community. Today, we'd like to highlight the importance of our school policies.

Our school policies are not just a set of rules; they are a reflection of our shared values, vision, and mission. They play a crucial role in shaping the unique culture and community that we all chose to be a part of, contribute to, and uphold. These policies serve as the guiding principles that help create a safe, inclusive, and nurturing environment for all our students.

To ensure accessibility and transparency, we want to remind you that our school policies are readily available on our [school website](#). We encourage you to take a moment to familiarise yourself with these policies, as they are designed to support the well-being and success of every student within our community.

Your commitment to understanding and adhering to these policies strengthens the foundation of our school community. By aligning with these guidelines, we collectively contribute to the positive and enriching experience that defines our school. We appreciate your ongoing partnership in creating an environment where each student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Thank you for being an integral part of our school community.





## Winter Fair



This will be a tremendous event, an amazing opportunity to welcome the community to our school whilst feasting on fabulous food and enjoying the wonderful games and planned activities.

Finally, the Friends of DBS have been working hard behind the scenes and have secured some exciting prizes and sponsorship (also on the briefing). A raffle will take place each half hour, plus competitions!





## JAD BSHENNATY IB STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



*My name is Jad Bshennaty, I am currently in my first year of IBDP pathway. Having only been in Year 12 for 3 months, my IB experience has been phenomenal so far. Immersed in a variety of coursework, one standout project is my Geography IA.*

### Theory of Knowledge (TOK) Highlights

Over the last week, we've diligently prepared for it, and in a few days, we embark on a trip across different areas in Qatar to collect data on elements like pedestrian count and noise levels.

Another highlight is my mini TOK (Theory of Knowledge) exhibition, a preparation presentation for the final exhibition which will take place in my second year of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. Our recent TOK excursion took us to an escape room, providing a platform to demonstrate teamwork, communication skills, cognitive thinking, and creativity.

It also offered a valuable breather to unwind from the academic pressures and apply research to real life learning.

My classes are equally enjoyable, offering engaging and enlightening experiences. The content is not only interesting but also presented in a fun and knowledgeable manner. The overall journey has been truly fantastic, and undoubtedly, the IBDP Pathway has prepared me well for my future pursuits.







# HAMILTON AQUATICS

Dear Parents,

Delighted to inform you that Hamilton Aquatics is back within the campus of Doha British School! Assessments are available after school hours and on Saturdays.

Please use this [link](#) to book your free assessment appointment easier and faster.

Please refer to our flyer below for any additional information.

**HAMILTON AQUATICS**

*Swim with*  
**HAMILTON AQUATICS**

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### OUR PROGRAMMES

- LEARN TO SWIM**  
Ensures safe and confident swimmers through progressive learning across 8 levels. Dive into water fun and skill development with us!  
*SWIM SAFE, SWIM FUN in the water*
- SQUADS**  
Progressive squad structure aligned with Long-Term Athlete Development, tailored to age, ability, and goals. Our programme supports young swimmers to compete locally and internationally.  
*COMPETE IN THE Water*
- ADULT LESSONS**  
Dive into swimming at any age with our adult programme - From beginners to competitive swimmers, we've got you covered!  
*MASTER THE Water*

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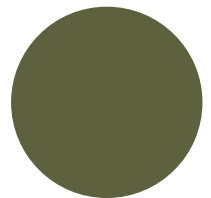
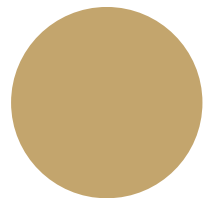


# ECA SPOTLIGHT

## *Textile*



**Textile Design** enables students to develop their communication, research, analytical thinking and modelling skills in order to design unique outcomes to meet the needs of a range of stakeholders, whilst also taking into consideration wider environmental factors that will determine the outcome's.





## Great Art

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## See Things Differently

Comic Art Workshop by the Lakes International Comic Art Festival (LICAF)

**Date:** 24 November 2023  
**Time:** From 01:00 pm to 06:00 pm  
**Where:** EXPO 2023 Doha, Exhibition Hall no 2, Cultural Zone, Near to the Al Bidda Metro Station.

## See things differently

Join us at the Family UK Day to enjoy:

Live Art Workshop

Comic Art Workshop by the Lakes International Comic Art Festival

Photography Award

**Date:** 23 November 2023  
**Time:** From 04:30 PM to 07:30 PM  
**Where:** British Council Office, 99 Al Sadd Street

# QATAR UK FESTIVAL 2023

In the run-up to the global event "Horticultural Expo 2023 Doha Qatar" that brings together countries, private sector, civil society and public around interactive activations, conferences, workshops and more. The British Council is delivering the 8th Qatar UK Festival 2023, aiming to foster a positive view of the UK's engagement with Qatar through an integrated British Embassy, British Council partnership and engaging with local stakeholders. Qatar UK Festival 2023 will run between 20 Nov 2023 to 26 November 2023 under the theme of Sustainability and Communities through promoting social inclusion for diverse communities, endorse the devolved nations and supporting diversity through various activities; an installation socially engaged project promoting textile recycling and the power of reinvention, artistic sustainable fashion shows, art workshops and comic workshops, while engaging the youth, women, girls and different communities and schools in Qatar.

**Festival activities will spread between different venues; Horticultural EXPO 2023 Doha, M7 and the British Council.**

## Comic Art workshop at Expo 2023

An engaging family day where a Comic/Art workshop will be delivered by UK Artists from by the Lakes International Comic Art Festival about Sustainability and Communities. There will be a fashion show around using recycle material. Material used will be environmentally friendly, making it an eco-conscious experience for the young audience.

Venue: Expo 2023 Doha, Exhibition hall no. 2, Cultural Zone, near to Al Bidda Metro station

Time: From 01:00 PM to 06:00 PM

## The Family UK Day

A Family UK day will be organised at the British Council and launched by the UK Ambassador and British Council Country Director attended by British Council customers, families, and staff through a cultural family event featuring revealing a mural conducted by a Qatari Artist and students, Live Art workshop, a Comic Art workshop delivered by the Lakes International Comic Art Festival (LICAF), musical show, and concluded by announcing photography competition winners.

Venue: British Council, 99 Al Sadd Street

Time: From 04:30 PM to 07:00 PM





## READER OF THE MONTH

Well done to our dedicated student Awab Elgaali in 7H for being the Reader of the Month! Awab is a regular visitor to the library.

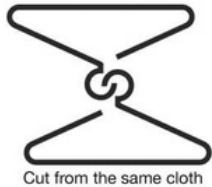
He reads on a daily basis, returns his books on time and is currently writing his own story!

*Keep it up Awab!*



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Week Commencing the 16th November 2023



Cut from the same cloth



As part of the Qatar-UK Festival 2023, this project promotes textile recycling as a metaphor for the movement of people and the power of reinvention. If your closet is overflowing with clothes you no longer wear, don't toss them out; instead, transform them into a masterpiece! Together, we'll breathe new life into old garments, turning them into something beautiful and eco-friendly

You can drop off your used closed at this location: Wooden Box, Ground Floor, British Council, 99 Al Sadd Street, Doha, Qatar. We would like to extend an invitation for you to visit M7, which is located in Msheireb Downtown Doha on Abdullah Bin Thani Street in Doha, Qatar.

The exhibition will be held from 20th to 25th November 2023. During the event, you will have the opportunity to see and contribute to the amazing artwork created by the UK artist Teresa Albor, and a group of volunteers using the used clothes. We hope to see you there!

## QATAR UK FESTIVAL 2023

## SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY:

### Lens on a Sustainable World photography competition

As part of the Qatar UK Festival 2023 activities, the British Council announces a photography competition. The participants are encouraged to capture photos that showcase sustainability, and communities.

The British Council and Festival partners will select three winners from each category (children and adults' categories) that will be awarded by UK Ambassador, British Council Director and Khalifa Al Obaidly, Director of Fire station (Artist in Resident) Director of TASWEER Photo **Festival on 23 November.**

Great Sustainability

See Things Differently

Lens on a Sustainable World  
Photography Competition

24 Oct - 16 Nov 2023

Ready to Register?

#SustainabilityThroughLenses





# Fog PALESTINE

## Join Us in Supporting HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS IN GAZA

We are pleased to announce that, for the next two weeks, we will have a cash box available in the foyer of our for donations to aid the Humanitarian relief efforts in Gaza.

Thank you for being a part of our compassionate community, and for helping us make a difference for the people of Gaza.





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**For those parents and students attending the beach clean up:**

**Date:** Friday 1st December

**Time:** 2:45pm

**Meeting Place:** Singing Sand Dunes

**Note:** Own transportation required.  
Limited spaces.

This is the general area for the cleanup. Please note that the exact location may change up to 2-3 kilometers.

(Location Link [here](#))

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# BEACH CLEAN UP

## SINGING SAND DUNES

Friday 1st December  
4pm

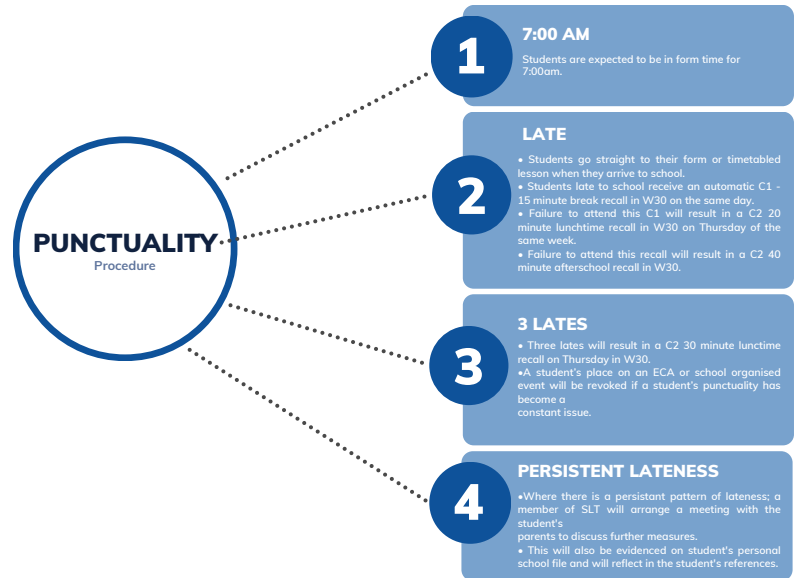
**SEE YOU THERE!**



# PUNCTUALITY PROCEDURE

As part of our ongoing commitment to transparency and collaboration with you, parents/guardians, we would like to highlight an important aspect that greatly contributes to our students' achievements – punctuality. Since the beginning of Term 1, we have witnessed a significant improvement in our students' punctuality. This positive development is a testament to the combined efforts of our teachers, staff and most importantly, your continued support at home.

By emphasising the importance of being on time, we foster a productive and respectful learning environment that sets our students up for success. It is crucial to acknowledge that punctuality is not just about reaching school on time; it also encompasses a range of skills and values that will benefit our students in the long run.



When students consistently practice punctuality, they develop traits such as responsibility, self-discipline and time management – skills that are highly valued in the professional world.

Apart from these broader benefits, it is important to note that there are specific consequences in place at our school for students who do not meet the punctuality standards. We aim to teach our students the significance of punctuality by instilling a sense of accountability and responsibility.

These measures ensure that students understand the consequences of tardiness and create a positive impact on their overall academic performance. By adhering to our punctuality expectations, students not only honour their personal commitments, but also demonstrate one of the DBS characteristics of respect to their peers, teachers and the wider school community.









Thank You