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DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
AIN KHALED



Secondary Newsletter

5th December 2024

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

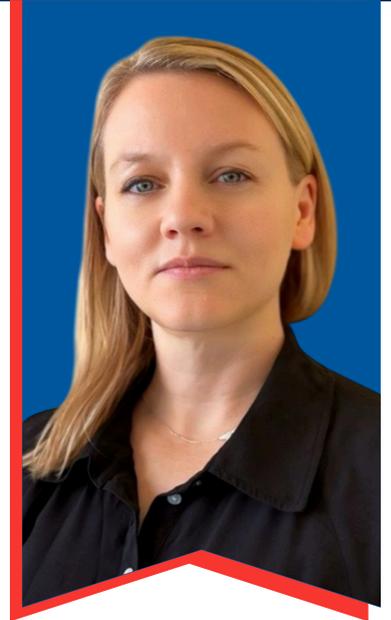


Welcome to Doha British Schools

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

MRS. LYNETTE GRANT



Celebrating Our School Community

As we approach the final weeks of the term, I'm looking forward to the wonderful experiences ahead of us. These moments truly showcase that school is about so much more than what happens within classroom walls.

Our calendar is brimming with incredible events that highlight the vibrant spirit of our school. The Year 6 team is set to bring the inspiring story of Mulan to life in their upcoming production, promising to be a memorable performance. Our Winter Fair, meticulously organised by our amazing Friends of DBS, will be a fun-filled extravaganza that brings our community together. And yes, we'll also have our mock exams (perhaps not quite as exciting as the fair, but equally important!), along with our Qatar National Day celebrations.

At the heart of everything we do are the connections, memories, experiences, and opportunities we create together.

I am genuinely proud to be part of a school community that truly delivers on these promises and so much more.

A special acknowledgement goes to our supportive parent community. Your involvement makes all the difference – whether you're attending events, helping to organise, volunteering for trips, stopping for a conversation while we're on duty, or simply offering a smile and a good morning. Each of these moments contributes to the warmth and strength of our school family.

#weareDBS





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HEAD OF SECONDARY (INTERIM) MESSAGE

MR. TIMOTHY BAYLEY

This week has seen the start of mock exams for Year 11 and Year 13 IB students. Mock exams play a vital role in preparing students for their final exams by providing an opportunity to practice under timed, exam-like conditions. These assessments help students develop effective exam techniques, manage time, and reduce anxiety by familiarizing them with the format and expectations of their final assessments.

For teachers, mock exams serve as an invaluable tool for identifying areas where students may need further support, allowing for targeted revision and personalized learning strategies. This is a stressful time for these students and we are also there to support them through the next two weeks with staff experienced in this area. If you notice your son or daughter is struggling, please do reach out for support. I wish all the students sitting exams all the very best. Reports will be published this coming week on Tuesday 10th December for all year groups. The reports will be available to access via the parent portal.

It is now all hard work at this time of year and I look forward to meeting you at the Winter Fair that is taking place this weekend. We have had continued sporting success with the U12 girls at the QUESS championship, who went through the tournament without concerning a single goal.

We have also 27 intrepid male explorers heading into the desert for the weekend to complete their Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition following on from the 22 girls who took part earlier this term. A busy time as we come towards the end of Term 1.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

STAY TUNED FOR MORE UPDATES!

Winter Fair 2024

The Friends of DBS warmly invite you to our much-anticipated Winter Fair! Join us for an afternoon filled with festive fun, laughter, and community spirit.

Date: Friday, 6th December 2024

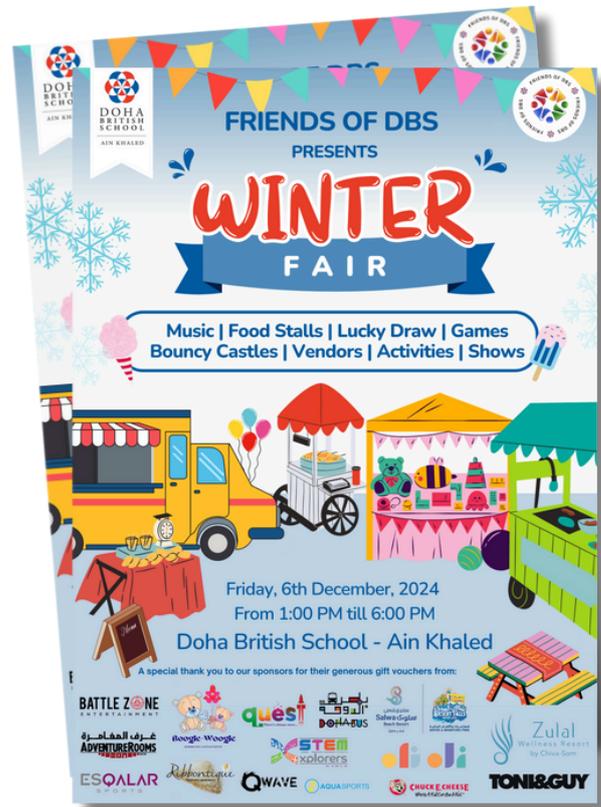
Time: 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Venue: Doha British School, Ain Khaled

What to Look Forward To:

- 🎵 Live Music
- 🍔 Food Stalls
- 🎰 Lucky Draw
- 🎮 Games
- 🎈 Bouncy Castles
- 🛍️ Vendors
- 🎪 Activities & Shows

Don't miss out on this exciting event!



Year 6 Presents "Mulan"

We are excited to invite parents to Year 6's production of Mulan! Performances will take place on:

- Monday, 9th December
- Wednesday, 11th December

Tickets will be on sale after school near the canteen from **Tuesday, 19th November to Thursday, 21st November**. The children have been working hard and look forward to sharing their performance with the school community.

Don't miss this wonderful showcase!





YOUR WINDOW INTO SCHOOL LIFE

P A R E N T P O R T A L

We're excited to remind you about the wealth of information available through our school's parent portal. This digital platform is your key to staying connected and informed about your child's education journey.

What You'll Find in the Parent Portal

- **Timetables:** Easily view your child's daily and weekly schedules
- **Staff Connections:** Access information about your child's teachers and key staff members
- **School Policies:** Review our current school policies and guidelines
- **Workshop Resources:** Explore materials from recent parent workshops and presentations

Our Approach to Student Support

We want to clarify an important aspect of our student support system. While our platform uses the term 'detention', we approach student behaviour differently. What might be labelled as a 'recall' is actually an opportunity for meaningful dialogue.

Restorative Approach

A recall is not a punishment, but a constructive conversation. It's a chance for:

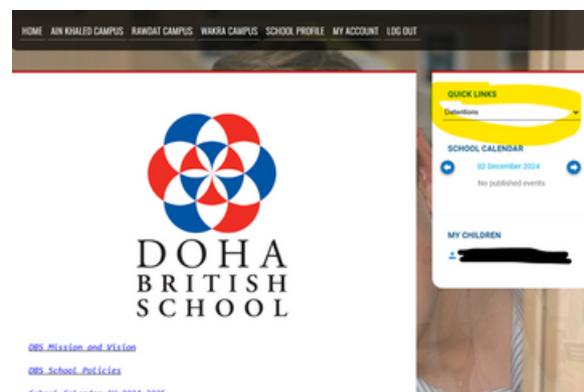
- Reflection on behaviour
- Understanding the impact of actions
- Developing strategies for positive change
- Working collaboratively with staff to move forward

This approach aligns directly with our commitment to character education, focusing on personal growth, understanding, and positive development.

How to Access the Parent Portal

- Visit our school website
- Click on the parent portal link
- Log in using your unique credentials
- Explore the various sections and resources

We believe in transparent communication and supporting every student's journey. The parent portal is just one way we're working to keep you informed and involved.





MOBILE PHONE POLICY REMINDER

UPHOLDING SAFETY, FOCUS, AND RESPECT IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY



In an era of constant digital connectivity, we have become increasingly dependent on mobile phones. These devices have seamlessly integrated into our daily lives, offering instant communication, information, and entertainment at our fingertips. However, within an educational environment, this constant digital presence can significantly disrupt learning, personal interaction, and student well-being.

We are writing to remind you of our school's clear policy regarding mobile phones on school premises. Our position is resolute and designed to maintain the highest standards of student safety, behaviour, and academic focus.

Mobile phones are strictly not permitted during school hours. Any mobile devices brought to school must be completely switched off and stored in school bags or lockers throughout the academic day. This policy is detailed in our Student Code of Conduct, which is available through the parent portal and our website, and is fundamental to our safeguarding and health and safety protocols.

We must emphasise the serious legal implications under Qatari Law. Taking photographs or videos without explicit permission is illegal, as is the sharing of such images. These regulations are not merely guidelines but legal requirements that all members of our school community must respect.

We recognise that parents may occasionally need to contact students during school hours. In such emergencies, we ask that you contact school reception directly. Our staff will ensure that any urgent messages are promptly communicated to students.

The support and cooperation of every parent and student are crucial in upholding these guidelines. As members of the DBS Ain Khaled community, we expect full compliance to ensure a safe, respectful, and focused learning environment.





MATHEMATICS

Team Championship at QNCC

THIS WEEK IN MATHS



Mohammed Qamar
Assistant Head and
Subject Leader
Mathematics



Anze Chen

Anqi Chen

Yu Xuan Lee

Ibrahim El Seidi

Yzekiel Daniel Las

Awab Elgaali

Hao Wen Chew

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Our most recent success was at the World Mathematics Team Championship, hosted at QNCC over three days. Unlike other prestigious Mathematics competitions, such as the American Mathematics Competitions (AMC) or the International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO), this event emphasises teamwork. Students from around the world formed teams and competed in a central location, engaging in a series of challenges over the course of the event.

The championship featured three distinct competition types: individual, relay and team events. Our students excelled, particularly in the individual competition, where their hard work and talent earned outstanding results.

Team Awards

In the team competition, the top-performing teams received special plaques and certificates. Additionally, 30% of all participating teams were ranked and recognised with plaques and certificates, while the remaining 70% received participation certificates.

We are delighted to announce that our team secured a Top Team Award, recognising their exceptional collaboration and problem-solving skills throughout the competition.

The dedication and passion displayed by our students in the World Mathematics Team Championship are a testament to their hard work and our department's commitment to fostering mathematical excellence. These events not only highlight their achievements but also inspire them to continue exploring the beauty and depth of mathematics. ***Congratulations to all our participants, you have made us incredibly proud!***



Individual Awards

The individual competition follows a tiered medal system:

Gold Medal: Awarded to the top 10% of participants

Silver Medal: Awarded to the next 20%

Bronze Medal: Awarded to the following 30%

Merit Certificates: Awarded to the next 20%

Participation Certificates: Awarded to the remaining 20%

We are thrilled to share the results of our students' achievements:

Gold Medal: Anze Chen 7S

Silver Medals: Awab Elgaali 8H, Yzekiel Las 8C, Anqi Chen 8S

Bronze Medal: Hao Wen Chew 7O

Merit Certificates: Ibrahim El Seidi 8F, Yu Xuan Lee 7S





ONE BOOK, ONE DOHA CAMPAIGN

LIBRARY UPDATE

Celebrating Innovation and Reading:

One Book, One Doha Success



Rima El Murr
Secondary Librarian



Awab Elgaali Represents DBS Ain Khalid with a Creative Invention

As part of the One book, One Doha campaign, a nation-wide school competition was designed to engage students in reading and innovation. Students had to design an invention that could help someone survive in a water tank, a critical setting in the book "Men in the Sun".



Awab Elgaali



Awab Elgaali from 8H represented DBS Ain Khalid in the competition as his invention was shortlisted!

Awab presented his project in a very clever and confident way that made the jury very impressed. Well done to Awab!

Well Done

Awab!





EXCELLENCE IN EVERY MATCH

UPDATE IN SPORTS



BSME -CAIRO

BRITISH SCHOOLS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

November 21st we took our fantastic students to Cairo, Egypt to compete in the BSME U13 Football Games. Knowing the competition would be very strong, it was important for us to compete - and we did just that. After the league table stage our girls sat in 1st position, while our boys sat 3rd, both qualifying for the knockout fixtures.



Our girls went all the way to the final, where they came up against the host school British International School of Cairo (BISC). The game was tight, and went to the dreaded penalties. Sadly, the girls lost out in the shoot out, but amongst the devastation and tears, we as a school were bursting with pride. Competing at a BSME event where the most reputable schools in the whole of the Middle East are is one thing, but to come home with a medal is an unbelievable achievement.

Resilience and Determination Shine Through in Championship Victory.

After the boys did exceptionally well to qualify into the knockouts, they too had to face the host school and just like the girls - it went to penalties. Sadly, the same result that the girls had in the shoot out, the boys did too. There was plenty of frustration and emotion with the boys, which ultimately got the better of them for the bronze medal match, finishing 4th overall. But, just like with the girls, we are so proud of them all.

What makes us most proud about the event is that out of the 17 students we took, only 4 of them were in Year 8, with 13 actually being a year below, playing a year up. Next year we have our targets, and one of them is to bring back gold!



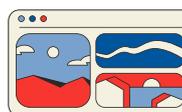
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
LIONS



While the trip was a great success in the form of medals, the whole experience was a truly remarkable one and from even an experienced team of PE teachers, the level of organisation and facilities was something we had never experienced before.

A trip of a lifetime for us all.

Please click the slideshow [here](#).



"Here's to many more for the remarkable DBS Lions!"



RED ORYNES HOUSE LEADER | ROBBIE LAMBERT





ECA WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT

AT DBS AIN KHALED

Unlocking Creativity and Technical Skills



Jason Wheelhouse
Assistant Head of Secondary
Pastoral- Character
Enrichment



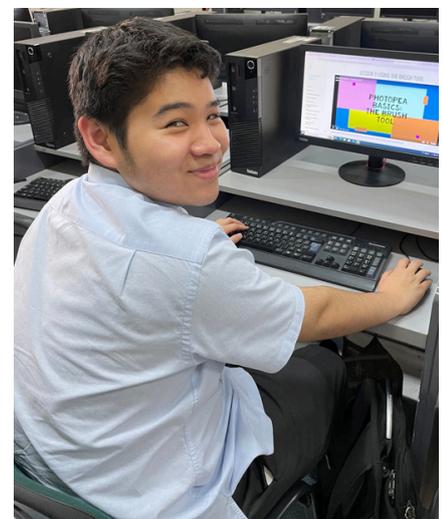
PHOTO EDITING

Our Photo Editing ECA has been a hit with students, offering a creative outlet while also developing valuable technical skills. Throughout the sessions, students have learned how to enhance and manipulate images using various editing software, exploring everything from basic adjustments to more advanced techniques like photo retouching and graphic design.



Beyond just learning the tools, students are gaining important skills in problem-solving, attention to detail, and creativity. This ECA not only allows them to express their artistic side but also equips them with skills that are increasingly valuable in today's digital world.

We are excited to see the growth and creativity our students continue to showcase through their work!





HOUSE BATTLES

A SPOTLIGHT ON TALENT AND CHARACTER



OPEN MIC



Talent & Character

Our recent Open Mic event was a huge success and a fantastic addition to our new 'House Battles' initiative.

This event gave students the opportunity to showcase their talents in front of a supportive audience.

More than just a celebration of talent, the event aligned with our focus on developing key school character traits such as self confidence, community spirit, and resilience. The House Battles initiative encourages students to step outside their comfort zones and grow in a variety of areas and the Open Mic event was a perfect example of this in action.

We are incredibly proud of all the students who took part and look forward to more opportunities to foster their growth and leadership.





SWEET TREAT THURSDAY

A DELICIOUS WAY TO SUPPORT PROM AND STUDENT LEADERSHIP



Our recent Sweet Treat Thursday was a fantastic success, with students baking a variety of delicious sweet treats at home to enter into a House competition.

The event not only brought out some impressive culinary skills, but also played an important role in supporting our prom organisation. A key component of these initiatives is to help create more leadership opportunities for our students.

We are incredibly grateful for the participation and generosity shown by our students and families, and we look forward to seeing how these leadership opportunities continue to grow.





TRANSITION EVENING

AT DBS AIN KHALED

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Event

Last week, we held a successful transition event for our Year 6 students, preparing them for their upcoming move to Year 7.



The evening began with a warm welcome and an informative presentation, where students were introduced to key members of the secondary leadership team. This gave everyone a chance to meet the staff who will play an important role in supporting them next year.



After the presentation, the students participated in a variety of fun and engaging activities, designed to help them get to know some of the teachers and feel excited about the new opportunities ahead. It was a wonderful evening filled with laughter, teamwork, and a real sense of anticipation for the journey ahead.

We look forward to seeing our Year 6 students step into Year 7 with confidence and enthusiasm!





SIXTH FORM SPOTLIGHT

IB STAR OF THE WEEK: ADAM KANKOUCH



YEAR 12 0



**ADAM
KANKOUCH**



Congratulations to Adam in Year 12 for being named our IB Star of the Week!

Adam impressed us with his outstanding use of the pretérito indefinido during his presentation in Miss Markie's class. His dedication, preparation, and ambition truly shone through.

This achievement also highlights the IB Learner Profile attribute Communicator—expressing oneself confidently and creatively in more than one language, collaborating effectively, and valuing diverse perspectives.

Well done, Adam!





HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS!

GO TEAM!

Star of the Week Award	Star of the Week Nominations
<p>Blue Horse House – El Saleh, Mai Masri, Ayden Muhammad Karic, Talha (IB Star of the Week)</p>	<p>Blue Horse House – Al-Raeesi, Hamad Khalid Cirak, Taha Isaacs, Amelia Jordan, Diego Marghany, Lilly Mohammed, Manha Obaga, Jovani Tanrikulu, Alara</p>
<p>Green Scorpions House – Deeandra, Kimiko Mohamed, Hashim Abdelkarim Sarin, Divneet</p>	<p>Green Scorpions House – Lee, Yu Xuan Mustafina, Zhansaya Pillay, Cherise Saba, Natalie</p>
<p>Purple Camels House – El Ghannam, Joud Febrianita, Salma Ciuculan, Antonia (Star of the Week)</p>	<p>Purple Camels House – Albalushi, Jassim Ali, Ahmed Rami Aouad, Pia Maria El Tantawy, Aser Karaca, Nil Kayla Las, Yzekiel Daniel Mohamed, Nasma Tarig Abuelgassim Naqvi, Muhammad Miqdad Semaan, Luca Taiebi, Amani</p>
<p>Red Oryxes House – Benbow, Grace Heriba, Nabaa Hilani, Leia Rosic, Elena</p>	<p>Red Oryxes House – Abu Hijleh, Jana Adam, Amelia Cheater, Maisy Frances Fachriza, Athar Kosyi Gelvis Benavides, Alessandra Helleman-Michelsen, Elias Mohamed, Dhuha Tarig Abuelgassim Ngetich, Ian Shaaban, Mohamed Tabakov, Daniel Tomazoli, Enrico Bernardi</p>
<p>Yellow Falcons House– Alomar, Rama Imad Abdulbaki Garcia Garcia, Pablo Maddah, Mila</p>	<p>Yellow Falcons House– Abdelkhaleck, Sami Sharqawi, Amal Ashraf</p>





UNLOCK FUTURE-READY SKILLS

AI & ROBOTICS WINTER CAMP 2024 - EXTENDED REGISTRATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 19, 2024



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December 19th, 2024!



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Camp Details

- **Dates:** December 22, 2024 – January 2, 2025 (2 weeks)
- **Location:** City University Qatar - Lusail Campus
- **Language:** English Only
- **Timing:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Why Join?

- **Hands-On Learning:** Master Python programming, Arduino, and robotics systems
- **Advanced Concepts:** Explore AI/ML, including machine learning and computer vision
- **Career-Ready Skills:** Build leadership, teamwork, and entrepreneurial expertise
- **Project-Based Learning:** Design, build, and present your own robotics system

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Program Fee: QR 4,600 (Limited Seats)

Seats are Limited! Don't miss this chance to elevate your STEM journey.

[Register Now](#)



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Thank You