



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
AIN KHALED



Secondary Newsletter

6th February 2025

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



We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents who took the time to engage with us in reviewing our Guiding Statements. Your feedback and insights are invaluable as we continue to refine and strengthen our school's vision and values. This process is key in shaping the future of our school and ensuring that we remain aligned with the needs of our students and wider community.

This week, we were pleased to welcome IB accreditors to DBS Ain Khaled as part of our ongoing efforts to maintain the highest standards in education. Their visit allowed us to showcase the incredible work happening in the IB Diploma Programme, from curriculum development to student engagement. Thank you to those parents that volunteered to come and meet the accreditation team.

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We are proud to say that at Doha British School Ain Khaled, safeguarding is our highest priority. And online safety plays a critical role in ensuring the well-being of our students. During the week beginning 16th February, we will be running a series of assemblies, discussions, and activities to educate students about staying safe in the digital world.

With technology playing an increasing role in children's lives, this is one of the most important areas where our partnership with parents is essential. While we will be working with students in school, we encourage families to take an active role at home by discussing:

- What apps and platforms your child has access to
- Privacy and safety settings on devices
- The importance of not using devices unsupervised
- Encouraging open conversations about safe and responsible online behaviour

In Secondary, our commitment to safeguarding can also be seen in the introduction of Yondr pouches, ensuring that mobile phones do not become a distraction during the school day. We appreciate parents' support in reinforcing the importance of this approach.

By working together, we can help our children develop healthy digital habits, make responsible choices online, and stay safe in an ever-changing digital world. Thank you as always for your continued engagement and support.





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HEAD OF SECONDARY (INTERIM) MESSAGE

MR. TIMOTHY BAYLEY



This past week we were honored to welcome the International Baccalaureate (IB) evaluation team to our school. This visit marks an important milestone in our journey toward providing exceptional education aligned with the IB's rigorous standards. We deeply valued the opportunity to showcase our commitment to fostering a dynamic learning environment that encourages critical thinking, inquiry, and personal growth.

Throughout this process, our staff, students, and the entire school community worked collaboratively to embrace the IB philosophy, ensuring that our school upholds the highest educational practices. We will receive the report in due course but the initial feedback was very positive and I would like to thank the IB team for their dedication in delivering this valuable pathway.

The IB is one of a number of pathways offered at our school and this week's Options Evening allowed our Year 9 and 11 students to explore their next steps. It was nice to see such positive engaging discussions, as students and parents explored the next exciting steps in their education. The Year 9 Parent Teacher conference on the 19th February will allow an opportunity for these conversations to continue.

Next week allows the space for everyone to recharge their batteries, especially the Duke of Edinburgh Boys who are on their expedition this weekend. I hope that all can refresh as we will return to the much anticipated Sports week. I wish everyone safe travels for the holiday.





Key Details for the Use of Yondr Pouches at DBS

- Implementation of the Yondr Pouches will commence in Term 2 2025. Every Secondary school student will have the opportunity to purchase a Yondr Pouch.
- Students without a Yondr pouch will be required to leave their mobile phones at home.
- Students found in possession of mobile phones at school and who are not using a Yondr Pouch will have the device confiscated.
- A dedicated phone line is available at the school reception for students to make any emergency phone calls.
- The BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) policy encourages students to use their own tablets or laptops for educational purposes. These devices must be registered with the school's IT department. The

Benefits of Using a Yondr Pouch

- Improved Focus.
- Reduced distractions ensure students remain engaged in their studies.
- Enhanced Safety. Minimises the risk of pastoral issues associated with mobile phone use. At Doha British School, our vision is to cultivate a culture of excellence in learning while maintaining a safe and supportive environment for all.

How it Works



Pouch

As a student enters school, they place their phone in their assigned Yondr pouch.



Secure

The pouch is closed and secured. Each student keeps their pouch throughout the day.



Exit

When leaving school, the student taps their pouch to an unlocking base to release their phone.

CREATING SAFE SPACE

AT DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

**JENNIFER
MCLELLAND**

SECONDARY COUNSELLOR



DIGITAL WELLBEING IN A CONNECTED WORLD



In today's fast-moving digital age, technology is central to education and social life. While it offers great opportunities for learning and connection, it is important to support students in developing healthy digital habits that promote both safety and wellbeing.

TIPS

SCREEN TIME

A key part of this is managing screen time. Encouraging children to take breaks, engage in offline activities, and set boundaries around device use can help improve focus and prevent digital fatigue. Families can support this by creating tech-free spaces, such as keeping devices out of bedrooms to promote better sleep and overall well being.

DIGITAL LITERACY

At the same time, digital literacy is more important than ever, particularly as social media has become a daily part of life. Teaching children how to think critically about online content, protect their privacy, and use the internet responsibly helps them navigate the digital world safely. Schools and families play a vital role in shaping these skills.

OPEN DISCUSSION

By setting clear expectations and encouraging open discussions about online safety, we can help children build a balanced relationship with technology, one that supports both their learning and their wellbeing in an ever changing digital world. This includes talking about appropriate online behaviour, recognising risks such as cyberbullying or misinformation, and knowing when to seek help. Creating an environment where children feel comfortable discussing their online experiences ensures they are supported in making informed and confident choices in a digital world.

For more advice on supporting children with online responsibility, visit [Safe Space Qatar](https://www.safespaceqatar.org).



MOVIE UNDER THE STARS

F R I E N D S O F D B S



Tickets Available

Main Foyer – Pick-up & Drop-off: 7:00 AM – 7:15 AM

Pre-School & Reception Entrance – 1:00 PM

Canteen Area – 2:00 PM



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

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SCORPIONS



YEAR 11 S



**JIANNA
YUTUC**

SCHOOLS OLYMPICS PROGRAM SUCCESS

We are delighted to celebrate the outstanding achievement of **Jianna Yutuc (11S)** in the Schools Olympic Program this week.



Making Waves in the Pool

Jianna demonstrated exceptional talent and determination, winning gold in both her events - 50m Freestyle and 50m Butterfly.



A Proud Moment for DBS AK and Jianna



This remarkable accomplishment highlights Jianna's hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship. We are incredibly proud of her success!

Well done, Jianna!

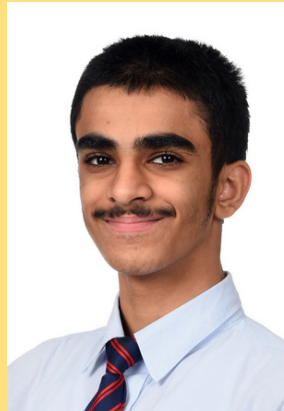
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

MATHEMATICS

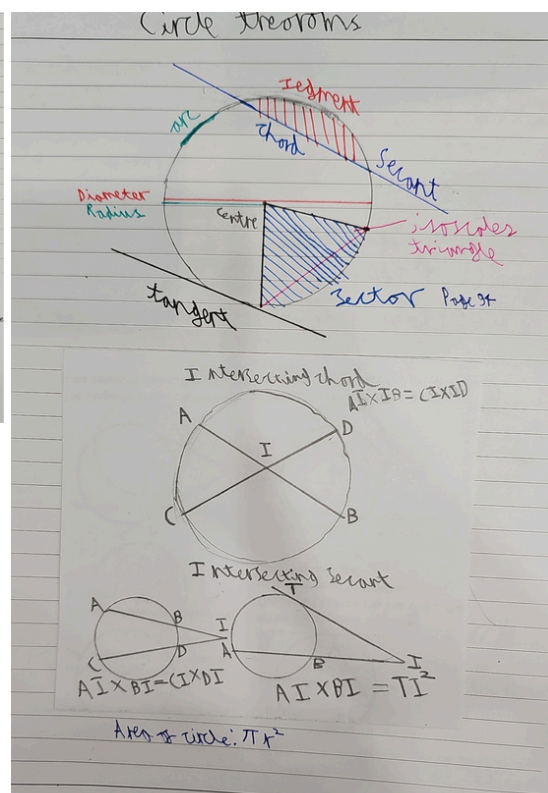
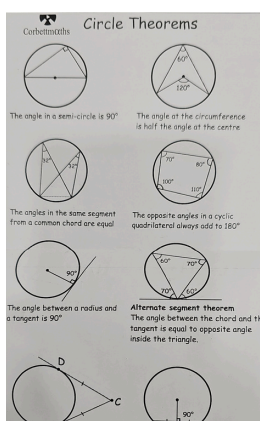
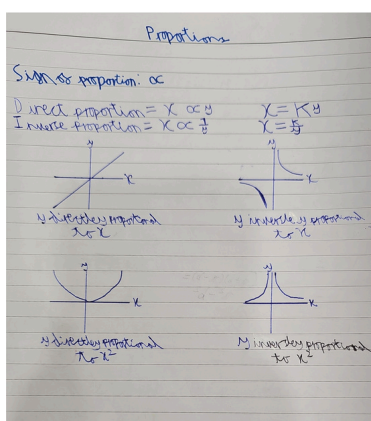
ABDULLA'S COMMITMENT TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



YEAR 11 C



**ABDULLA
RASHEED**



Abdulla has demonstrated tremendous improvement since the end of Year 10 to the beginning of Year 11. We have asked him to share what he did over the summer break which has enabled him to make a fantastic start to Year 11.

"Of course, summer is a time to take a break from school and study, but you often find yourself with a vast amount of spare time in it - spare time that can very easily be used to get ahead of the pack and give yourself a head start in the new school year."

I made it a habit for myself throughout the summer to spend about 40 to 60 minutes in the morning each day doing some practice problems or past papers in multiple subjects, but I especially focused on Mathematics. Throughout the summer break, I ended up solving many past papers and researching ahead on some of the upcoming Year 11 topics such as functions and vectors.

"After the year started, I made a conscious effort to focus as much as possible in class, and it would not be too long until I saw the fruits of my labour, as I achieved full marks in the first Mathematics exam of the year."

Abdulla has created notes with diagrams, definitions and examples for ICSE Mathematics. He has shared his **folder** with his classmates so they can benefit also.



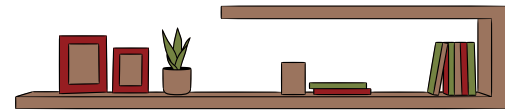
ENGLISH LITERATURE INTERVENTION

ECA SPOTLIGHT

SUPPORTING YEAR 11 STUDENTS for Exam Success



Jason Wheelhouse
Assistant Head:
Pastoral



Strengthening Exam Skills and Confidence Through Focused Revision

The English Literature Intervention ECA, designed to support our Year 11 students as they prepare for their upcoming exams. These additional sessions provide focused revision on key texts, exam techniques, and strategies to boost confidence. Students will have the opportunity to engage in guided discussions, practice writing under timed conditions, and receive tailored feedback from our dedicated English team.

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SWEET TREAT THURSDAY

A Delicious Way to Support Prom and Student Leadership

Our recent Sweet Treat Thursday was another fantastic success, with students having the opportunity to buy sweet treats during lunchtime. This monthly event plays an important role in supporting our prom organisation.

A key component of these initiatives is to help create more leadership opportunities for our students.



HUMAN CALCULATOR

House Battle A Maths Showdown!

Our recent House Battle event, "Human Calculator," organised by the Maths department, was a thrilling success! Students from all Houses competed in a fast-paced challenge to solve mental math problems as quickly as possible, showcasing their calculation skills and quick thinking. The event was filled with energy, excitement, and plenty of friendly rivalry as participants raced against the clock and each other.



SCORPIONS



1st Place
Anze Chen 7S

3rd Place
Anqi Chen 8S

2nd Place
Obaferanmi Ilori 8S

Congratulations to all our competitors and a special shout-out to the winning students for their impressive performance!

A big thank you to the Maths department for organising this fun and educational event. We look forward to more House Battles in the future!

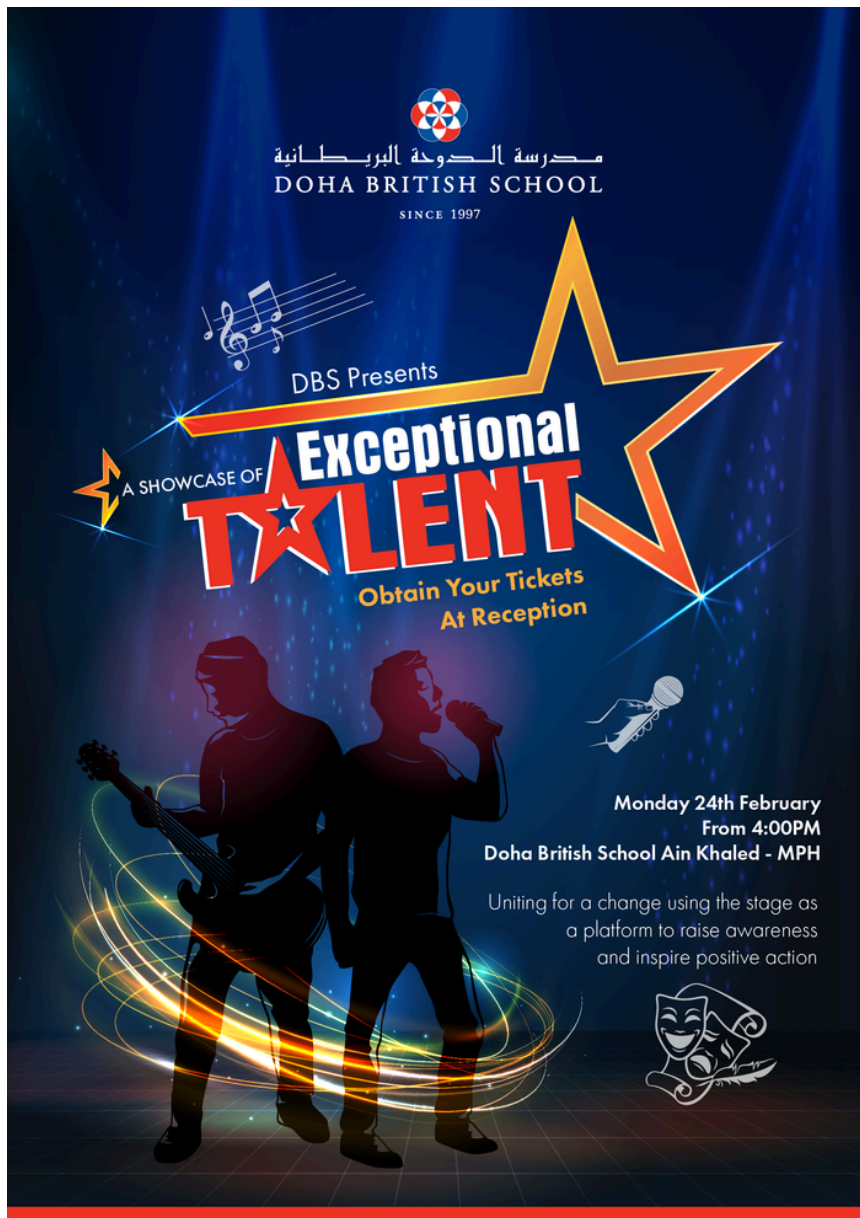




SECONDARY PRODUCTION

DBS Presents...

Don't miss our upcoming Secondary School Production, DBS Presents... on Monday, 24th February – DBS Presents...! This vibrant showcase will feature around 20 performances of singing, dancing, and drama, all centered around the theme of 'Unity'.



The production will highlight the incredible talents and teamwork of our students, delivering an inspiring and entertaining experience for all.

Be sure to get your tickets from the main reception and join us for this unforgettable evening of creativity and collaboration!





HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS!



GO TEAM!



Star of the Week Award

- Isaacs, Amelia
- Naeimi, Hasti
- Senthil Kumaran, Ishaan



- Abdalla, Hamad
- Sinno, Yasmira
- Lee, Yu Xuan (Star of the Week)



- Almonares, Adam Mijares
- Eldewy, Dema
- Tohme, Tina



- Abdelrazek, Haya
- Al-Yarbouei, Nayef
- Asif, Mohammed Imaan



- Ibrahim, Alexander
- Muhammad, Maryam
- Robson, Adam

Star of the Week Nominations

- Cirak, Taha

- Badran, Sarah
- El Hachmi, Yasmine
- Aboganeb, Malak Nader
- Las, Yohan David
- Mohamed, Moram Khalid
- Shatat, Sama
- Abu Hijleh, Mohamed Mofareg

- Anwaar, Aiza
- Aouad, Thea
- Ciuculan, Antonia
- Salazar, Sarah
- Sharma, Ridhima
- Konkimalla, Amrutha
- Abu-Annadi, Omar Sameer

- Bayramov, Riad Anar
- Heriba, Nabaa

- Al-Sulaiti, Maryam
- Blackbeard, Daniel Gabriel





Thank You