



DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL  
RAWDAT CAMPUS

## Secondary School Weekly Information Letter Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to share with you the first of our weekly information letters. The information letter will be used as a medium to celebrate and share activities, events and successes of our school community. It will also be the main means of keeping you updated of upcoming school procedures and events.

Please find below, key dates and information pertinent to the Secondary section of DBS Rawdat Al Hamama

### Secondary Leadership Team

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the leadership team in secondary school. Just so you aware of who is who as well as giving you an idea of who you can contact if you have a concern



Robnawaz Khan  
Principle



Marcus Thomas  
Assistant Headteacher  
Curriculum and Operations



Paula Lorente  
Assistant Headteacher  
Pastoral and Safeguarding

### Dates for you Diary

21st September - Year 7 Settling in evening - This will be an opportunity for parents of Year 7 students to sit down with their child's form tutor to get some feedback on how their child is settling into life in the secondary school and adjusting to the change from the primary school. By the 21st of September your child will have been in school for approximately 4-5 weeks and in some cases will have only seen their subject teachers on 4-5 occasions, as such it is too early to provide you with an update on academic progress at this stage. However, please be rest assured that if there are any concerns regarding academic matters we will contact you directly.

**Marcus Thomas**  
Assistant Head - Curriculum and Operations

### Star of the Week

As a school and in line with the 'DBS way' our core purpose is to ensure that every child or young adult, who comes through our doors, gains as much from the experience of being here as possible. We base this on our belief that all learners can, need and want to achieve. We will, therefore, provide the highest standards of teaching and learning together with substantive support for character development. We want our students to complete their education here as well-rounded individuals.

Whilst students are at DBS, we aim to develop and instil the following values:



Character development does not happen in isolation, for it to be effective, it needs to permeate all layers of your child's education at DBS. Within the classroom we aim to develop and recognise many of the facets of character development. One of the ways we recognise this is through our 'Star of the week'. Each week teachers nominate a student in their class that they feel has exhibited one or more of the character traits we aim to develop. The student(s) who receive the most nominations are awarded our star of the week. Although we normally only have one or two students in each year group who are awarded the Star of the week, many other students are nominated. To celebrate all our students' success, we will share with you through the newsletter all the nominations. If your child has been nominated or has been awarded the Star of the week, then please recognise their success with them.

### ★ Star of the Week

Y7 : Ishal MariamKaleeckal

Y8: Naomi Dsouza,

Y9: Kayaan Alami

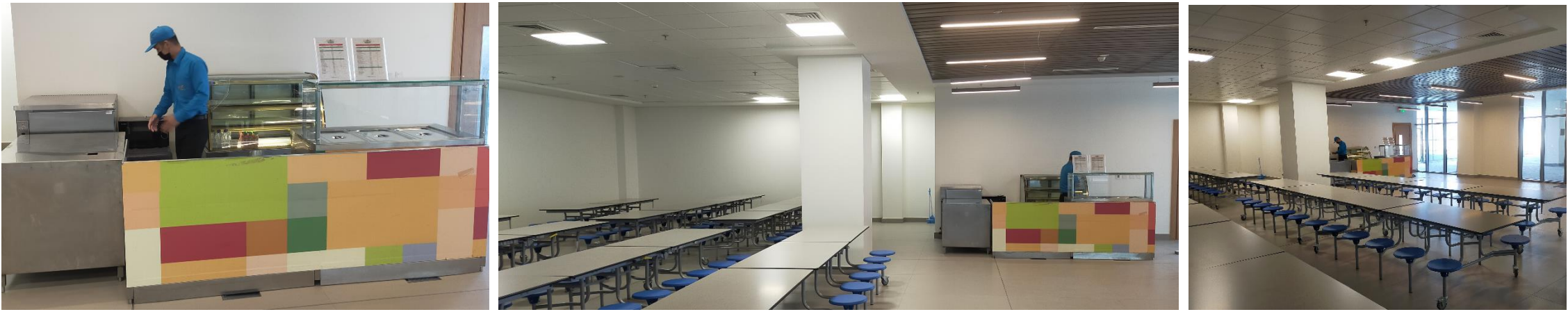
Y10: Saif Mohammed Kareeb

The full list of nominations can be accessed through the following link: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NzwOFFIEIS7\\_KWB2I\\_Hue1ENEUK\\_kRrt/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NzwOFFIEIS7_KWB2I_Hue1ENEUK_kRrt/view?usp=sharing)

**Paula Lorente**  
Assistant Headteacher - Pastoral

## Canteen

I am pleased to say that as a result of expediting discussions with our catering company we were able to open the canteen this Sunday. The canteen will be open at break and lunchtime for students to buy Sliders, Sandwiches (Brown and White bread options), Wraps, Snacks, Fatayer, Manakeesh, Pizza, Muffins, Croissant and Danish pastries. At the moment the option of paying is through cash.



## Communication

As mentioned last week, email communication forms an important part of home school communication. As many of you will be aware quite a lot of mailing service providers filter emails when you receive an e-mail from a particular address for the first time. I would like to again remind you that it would be prudent to regularly check your Spam/Junk box, to ensure that you receive all the communications from School.

## Pick up/Drop off

Thank you to all of the parents for their patience whilst some small changes have been made to the pickup and drop off the arrangements over the last couple of weeks.

A few things to note;

- Please keep the pathway to the gates on both entrances clear. Pulling up so students can quickly get out of their vehicles is fine but there should be no one waiting in this area as it could be required for emergency services to access the building.
- There is plenty of space around the perimeter of the school for parking so please avoid waiting in the road for extensive periods of time.
- It has been noticed that some cars need to U-turn to go back towards Leawaina Road, this has caused some traffic issues. Can we please request that if you need to do a U-turn, please can they perform the manoeuvre away from the school gate.

As the number of students increases, pick-up and drop-off routines are something that will require continuous monitoring and adapting. We appreciate everyone's patience and ongoing support in adapting to any changes so that all students and parents can remain as safe as possible.

**Marcus Thomas**  
Assistant Head - Curriculum and Operations

## Masks

Based on a decision of the council of Ministers, the Ministry of Education today announced that starting from today (Thursday September 1st) it is no longer mandatory to wear a face mask, for students, teachers and administrators in all kindergartens as well as public and private schools.

Kind Regards



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