



DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
RAWDAT CAMPUS

Secondary School Weekly Information Letter Thursday 15th September 2022

Dear Parents,

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

Dates for you Diary

Date	Event
Sunday 18th September	Extra-Curricular Activities start
Sunday 18th September	Computing Week
Wednesday 21st September	Year 7 Settling in/Meet the tutor evening.
WB Sunday 25th September	Languages Week

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.

Year 7: Ishal Mariam Kaleeckal ★

Year 8: Fawaz Allam ★

Year 9: Romaisa Bilal Hansrod ★

Year 10: Margarita Malochka ★

For the full list of students nominated, please click the following link [Student Nominations](#)

Paula Lorente
Assistant Headteacher - Pastoral

Year 7 Settling in Evening

Thank you for your support over the past few weeks while we have settled back into school routines and our new environment. For many of our Year 7 students this is also the transition from primary to secondary school, which adds another facet to the start of their academic year.

We would like to invite you to meet your child’s Form Tutor, Ms Zahid (Yunis), for a short meeting to discuss how your child has settled into school so far. This will be an opportunity for you to find out how your child is settling into school and for you to ask any questions about their learning. The Form Tutor will be able to give you feedback on how your child has coped with the changes that secondary school brings and discuss any concerns that have been raised. There will be an opportunity later in the year to meet with Subject Teachers for more detailed discussions regarding your child’s progress within their lessons.

The meetings will take place on Wednesday 21st September, between 3:00 and 5:00pm in the students form room (B1-29). If you would like to arrange an appointment, please can you access the google document below and add your child’s name next to a suitable time. Meetings will be only 5 minutes long but the Assistant Headteacher for Pastoral, Ms Lorente, and the Principal Mr Khan will also be available if you wish to talk to them following your meeting.

The appointment sheet to book your appointments can be accessed through the following link:

[Appointment Sheet](#)

Marcus Thomas
Assistant Head - Curriculum and Operational

Parent Pass

If you have not yet applied for a parents pass, please do so as a matter of urgency.

It is vitally important that all parents and their nominated representatives have a Parent pass and that they wear it when they are on the campus. This will ensure that any adult on campus is there for legitimate reasons. This is particularly important during drop off and pick up.

Please click the following link to request your pass. [Pass Request](#). Once you have completed this short form, we will contact you for photos of the people you have requested passes for.

Should you require more than one pass it will be 20 QAR for each extra pass.

We appreciate your support on this in advance.

Absence Procedures

As we progress through the academic year, it is inevitable that there will be occasions when children feel unwell and will be absent from school. Please see below guidance on steps to follow:

- If a student is unwell on any given day, the form tutor and reception must be notified of the absence

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Year 8 - alberto.rosas@dbsrawdat.com

Year 9- andrea.quinn@dbsrawdat.com

Year 10- shommari.waseme@dbsrawdat.com

Reception - micheala.smit@dbsrawdat.com

- For any Medical absences longer than two days, a medical note will be required for it to be marked as an authorised medical absence, all others may be classed as unauthorised.
- If a parent does not notify the school of the reason for the absence, on the day or the school does not authorize the absence it will be marked as unauthorized.
- All absence is recorded and it is a minimum requirement for students to attend 95% of school throughout the year.

If a student requests to be absent for any reason other than educational or medical, then the school will need to be informed and must authorize the request. If a student's attendance is below 97% then any request for leave will not be approved.

Welcome to Secondary Handbook

Before the start of this academic year, our admissions office sent a copy of the welcome to the secondary information pack in addition to sending it to new parents. In case you did not receive the information pack previously, please find below the link to the document, it contains important information regarding communication procedures, student absences, visiting the site amongst other things. [Welcome to Secondary](#)

Canteen

Earlier this week you were informed that the canteen would be shut for the remainder of this week. We are still awaiting confirmation of the canteen reopening on Sunday. Should you not get an update by Saturday, please send a packed lunch and suitable snacks with your child until further notice. We again apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Rob Khan
Principal

Table Tennis

In physical education students have just finished the unit of work on Table Tennis. As a way of showing off their new found skills in serving, driving and smashing the ball, 17 secondary school students put their names down to enter the in-house tournament. A round-robin competition where everyone plays everyone... the winner is yet to be decided but with a few very good players it will be a close call.



Final Results to be confirmed next week

Hanna Nash
Physical Education

Kind Regards



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