



DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL  
RAWDAT CAMPUS

## Secondary School Weekly Information Letter Thursday 22nd 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
WB Sunday 25th September	Languages Week

### Year 7 Parents Information Evening

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who were able to attend the Year 7 parents' information evening on Wednesday 21st September. I hope that you found the discussions useful. Mrs Yunis will collate your feedback and share it with the senior management team so that we can continue to improve provisions.

### Computing Week

This week the DBS cluster of schools had computing week. Students at DBS Rawdat were given the opportunity to practise coding activities from the 18th to the 25th September. I am proud to announce that students at DBS Rawdat from Year 7 to Year 10 participated in a world national event called Hour of Code.

What is Hour of Code?

The Hour of Code is a global movement by Computer Science Education Week and Code.org reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries through a one-hour introduction to computer science and computer programming.

Students will receive a coding certificate for their participation during this event. I would encourage to students to demonstrate what they have learnt to you and take a picture, as this will earn them extra house points.

Happy Coding :)



Kind regards

Mr K Thomas  
Computer Science/ ICT

### Table Tennis - The Final

As mentioned last week we had 17 secondary school students put their names down to enter the in-house tournament. A round-robin competition where everyone plays everyone. The final took place last Thursday after school so we can now reveal our winner and runners up.

1st - Mohammed Al Naimi (Y8)

2nd - Jasraj Bhatia(Y8)

3rd - Mohammad Rabbani (Y10)

Hanna Nash  
Physical Education



## ECA's

It was great to see the start of ECA's this week. I had the opportunity to go around to see some of the activities and it was wonderful to see so many students involved, and most of all to see happy students actively engaged and clearly having fun.

As a reminder please see below the programme of activities.

ECA	Member Of staff	Days	Year groups	Boys, Girls , Mixed
Running Fitness Club	Ms Lorente	Sunday	Y7 to 10	Mixed
Debate / Board games	Ms Bryan	Sunday	Y7 to 10	Mixed
Debate / Chess Club	Mr Dearden	Sunday	Y7 to 10	Mixed
Art and Crafts/ Arabic Calligraphy/ Origami	Ms Sabir Ms Waseme	Sunday	Y7 to 10	Mixed
Multi-Sports Club	Ms Nash	Tuesday	Y7 to 10	Girls
Dance	Ms Yunis	Tuesday	Y7 to 10	Girls
Football Club	Mr K Thomas Mr M Thomas Mr Medhat	Tuesday	Y7 to 10	Boys
French Club	Mr Hurtado	Tuesday	Y7 to 10	Mixed

On another note, can we please remind you that if students do not have an ECA they should make their way home at 1.30pm, and that siblings cannot wait for their brother or sister to finish an ECA. Almost all staff have commitments after school so students cannot be supervised after 1.30pm if they are not involved in an ECA.

## 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: Hana Abd El Samad ★

Y8: Jasraj Bhatia ★

Y9: Ana Ochoa ★

Y10: Mohammad Rabbani ★

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

**Paula Lorente**  
Assistant Head teacher - Pastoral

## Reminders from Last week

### 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 and has been sending it out to parents who joined after the start of the academic year. 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](#)

### 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

Year 7 - [zainab.yunis@dbsrawdat.com](mailto:zainab.yunis@dbsrawdat.com)

Year 8 - [alberto.rosas@dbsrawdat.com](mailto:alberto.rosas@dbsrawdat.com)

Year 9- [andrea.quinn@dbsrawdat.com](mailto:andrea.quinn@dbsrawdat.com)

Year 10- [shommari.waseme@dbsrawdat.com](mailto:shommari.waseme@dbsrawdat.com)

Reception - [micheala.smit@dbsrawdat.com](mailto: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.

### 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.

Kind Regards



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