



DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
RAWDAT CAMPUS

Secondary School Weekly Information Letter Wednesday 5th October 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
Thursday 6th October	School Closed - Half term break
Sunday 9th October	School Open
WB Sunday 9th October	Qatar Sustainability Week
Thursday 13th October	DBS Bake-off
Thursday 13th October	Year 9 reports to parents
Monday 24th October	Year 8 reports to parents
Monday 31st October	Year 7 reports to parents

DBS Bake-off

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Doha British School. To celebrate this, we will be having activities and competitions throughout the year. To kick start the event we will have a DBS Bake-off. What is a Bake-off I hear you say, basically it is a Baking Competition. We invite all students to Bake a cake/scone/dessert to celebrate 25 years of Doha British School.

The rules are simple,

- Choose a theme from one of the following:

Red, White & Blue Theme



25 Years Theme



School Theme



- Bake your cake at home and bring it to school on Thursday 13th October
- Cakes will be judged in the Central Quad at Lunchtime
- Please ask your child to let their form tutor know if they will be entering
- There will be house points for everyone who enters and prizes on offer

On your marks, get set, BAKE!

Volley Ball

With almost an 18-month gap since any school in Qatar last participated in a sporting fixture, we were finally able to resume tournaments and fixtures this week. To kick start Rawdat school, our very first Tournaments at Doha College Sunday 2nd and Monday 3rd October was for the U13 Boys and U13 Girls QUESS - the boys got through to the semi-finals but lost against DBS Ain Khalid. The girls did amazingly and lost out on a spot in the semi-final by one point after a close game against Doha College. Both teams did amazingly well and we are so proud of them. Looking forward to many more competitions and building sporting excellence at DBS Rawdat.



Hanna Nash
PE teacher

Planners

Last week we received our student planners and they were distributed amongst the students. The planners are an important tool in communication between home and school. The primary purpose of the students having planners is that it allows them to record homework set, submission dates, dates of tests as well as record a host of other information. An additional purpose they serve is as a communication tool, between parents and teachers, teachers if necessary will record comments for parents to see and parents can also use the planners to communicate information to teachers. The success of the planners ultimately comes down to students using them and recording information in them accurately.

To ensure that parents have an overview of the homework set, completion dates, information about any upcoming tasks and assessment so that they can support their child we expect parents to check the planners each week and sign the Thursday Page, as confirmation of having checked.

Rob Khan
Principal

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: Anas Mady ★

Y8: Ali Hassan Al-Naama ★

Y9: Monica Margarita Porrello ★

Y10: Saif Mohammed Kareeb ★

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

Paula Lorente
Assistant Headteacher - Pastoral

Ongoing reminders from previous weeks and for New Parents

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

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 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](#)

Kind Regards

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