

Secondary School Weekly Information Letter Thursday 17th November 2022

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of Term 1, I would like to thank you all for your support and understanding as we have settled in and made Rawdat a busy and productive learning environment for our students.

Wishing everyone happy holidays and I hope that you manage to get a restful break and of course have a great time if you are watching any of the football matches.

Dates for you Diary

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Date	Event
Thursday 17th November	Last Day of School - Term 1
Monday 2nd January	First day of School - Term 2

Important Change to pick up and drop off area - January 2nd

As we have gone through term 1, the number of students enrolled has been slowly increasing and will continue to do so in the future. The increasing numbers has also given a better insight into the traffic congestion and safety issues. Additionally, some of you have spoken to me personally about your concerns. To try and resolve some of the issues we will be implementing the following change from Term 1.

- Gate number one will be closed for pick up and drop off from January the 2nd
- All pick up and drop off should be done at Gate Number 2
- If you intend to park and walk your children into school, please can you park away from gate number two

We appreciate your support on this matter, as ultimately the purpose of this change is to ensure the safety of our school community.

• if you intend to just drop off, then please drop your child(ren) close to gate number two entrance.

We will also be requesting a further evaluation from Ashagal to look at traffic controlling measures, such as warning signs and speed bumps. Once this has been completed we will come back and visit the reopening of gate number one, for pick up and drop off only.

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Anti-bullying week

This week was anti-bullying week at DBS Rawdat. We were proud to support Anti-Bullying Week as a way of raising greater awareness of the issue. We have been working closely with the Anti-bullying Alliance and used ideas and strategies suggested by them to promote anti-bullying. Students participated in a range of school-wide activities to raise awareness such as Odd Socks Day and tutor time activities. The primary aim of anti-bullying week is to encourage students to come forward if bullied, highlight its effects, and reflect on what can be done to defeat it.

School Uniform - Home delivery

I would like to pass on my thanks to all our parents, one more time, for your support in ensuring that students come to school in the proper uniform. I know that on some occasions ZAKS have been out of stock and you have had to make several visits before an item is available, or have been unable to go back due to other commitments. I am pleased to inform you that ZAKS have confirmed that they have an option of home delivery. I hope that you find this additional service convenient and useful.

International Day

What an awesome day! DBS Rawdat held its first International day on Thursday 17th November, from our new campus. For those of you that were able to join us I hope you enjoyed the spectacle of colour and the cultural diversity shown by the 30+ nationalities currently represented in our student body.

The day began with a parade around the field with students and staff either wearing national dress costumes or wearing colours representative of their home country. I want to thank Anya and Ryan, our primary school head boy and head girl, for their commentary during the parade. This was followed by Thea and Margarita from the secondary school student council sharing interesting facts about each of the countries represented within our school community. To finish off we had student performances, Zainy Zainab's funky Bollywood Dance Crew, a song from our primary school choir and a song accompanied by musical instruments. Grand finale involved the entire school singing the School song.

Inevitably, all the parading around, singing and dancing left us feeling very hungry, so it was time to head over to the DBS Rawdat International buffet. Students and staff had brought in a traditional dish from their home countries to share, what a feast! The food was absolutely wonderful and provided us with an opportunity to try something new, adding to our cultural awareness.

Looking forward to next year, where I am hoping that we will be able to have parent involvement, leading to a bigger and better celebration.



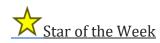
Star of the Week

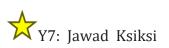
As a school and in line with the 'DBS way" our core purpose is to ensure that every child or young adult, who comes through our doors, gains as much from the experience of being here as possible. We base this on our belief that all learners can, need and want to achieve. We will, therefore, provide the 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.











The full list of nominations can be accessed through the following <u>link</u>

Paula Lorente Assistant Head teacher - Pastoral

Ongoing reminders from previous weeks and for New Parents (Please click the title)

Home School Agreement

Ties for Phones

Absence Procedures

Welcome to Secondary Handbook

Kind Regards



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