

# Secondary School Weekly Information Letter Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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 15 <sup>th</sup> January          | ECA Block 2 starts                  |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January         | Year 10 trip to the Museum          |
| Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th January | Individual and Class Student Photos |
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> February          | STEAM week                          |
| Wednesday 8th February                   | Year 7 Reports issued               |
| Thursday 9th February                    | Year 8 Reports Issued               |
| Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> February         | Sports Week                         |
| Tuesday 14th February                    | School Closed – Qatar Sports Day    |

#### **E-books**

I am pleased to confirm that the DBS family of schools, has recently purchased an online subscription for e-books. The subscription will allow our children to download and read popular books online. At this stage the e-library has been prepopulated with a range of reading material and audio books. As we move through the year, we will be able to add more books to the library collection, thus providing students with an even wider range of books.

The library can be accessed in one of two ways:

#### PC/Tablet/Phone

- Click on the following link <a href="https://soraapp.com/library/dbs">https://soraapp.com/library/dbs</a>
- A webpage will open, students should use their school google e-mail and password to login.
- Once they are in the library they should select the explore link at the bottom of the webpage
- This will open up the selection of book that are available
- If they click on a book, it will open a new webpage, from which they can click the borrow button to choose a book.

#### Tablet/Phone

- Go to the iPhone or android app store
- Download the Sora app
- Open the app
- Login to the app using the school google e-mail and password
- Click on the explore button to see the books in stock
- Click on the desired book
- Click on the borrow button

 $If you \ experience \ any \ login \ or \ technical \ issues, \ please \ email \ our \ IT \ help \ desk \ \underline{support@dohabritishschool.com}$ 

### **Friends of DBS**

Having now been on our new campus for one academic term and feeling settled, we now would like to move onto our next stage of development, which is greater involvement with our parent community. At DBS one of the ways we do this is through the Friends of DBS (FoDBS). This consists of parents, teachers and volunteers collaborating on projects to improve the school and increase community involvement. Throughout the school year, the FoDBS team manages numerous fun-filled events, including events such as the Winter Bazaar, Spring Fair, International day etc. If you would like to be involved in any way or would like to volunteer your time, can you please contact Mrs Kelly to express your interest felice.kelly@dbsrawdat.com

## **ICON and SPEED**

We are delighted to announce that we are extending our partnership with ICON Football Academy and SPEED Swimming Sports Centre to our Rawdat al Hamama Campus. Both companies are one of the leading providers in Qatar and deliver fantastic results for all participants. Discounts for DBS students are available. Both the Football and Swimming will be delivered from the Rawdat Al Hamama Campus.

If you are interested in joining, please contact them at:

ICON Football Academy

5070 0999 (call or WhatsApp)

SPEED Sports Centre

7751 2930 (call or WhatsApp)

Sincerely,

DBS Rawdat al Hamama

## **School Uniform - Home delivery**

A reminder from the last newsletter, ZAKS have confirmed that you can order online and have the item delivered to your home. I hope that you find this additional service convenient and useful.

### **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.

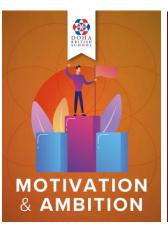
Whilst students are at DBS, we aim to develop and instil the following values:















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







Y10: Mukaddes Yagmur Ulugmayan

The full list of nominations can be accessed through the following **link** 

**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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