



DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL  
RAWDAT CAMPUS

## Secondary School Weekly Information Letter Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents,

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

Date	Event
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 9 Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Secondary School MAP (Most Able Programme) Presentations
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 10 Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Mid-Term Break (School Closed)
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	DBS Rawdat Book Fair
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Hanan Al Shanani (Vising Author) Year 9 and 10
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	World Poetry Day
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	1 <sup>st</sup> day of Ramadan (TBC)

### School Arrival

I hope this message finds you well. As we finish another week of school, I want to take a moment to remind you of our school's policies regarding student arrival times.

Over the past few weeks, we have noticed that some students are arriving too early or too late. As a result, we would like to stress the importance of punctuality and emphasize the impact it has on our school's daily operations.

We understand that the morning rush can be hectic, but please keep in mind that we cannot provide supervision for students before 6:45 am. It is essential that you ensure your child arrives at school no earlier than this time.

Furthermore, all students must be in their tutor bases by 7:10 am. If your child arrives between 7:10-7:30 am, they must sign in at the reception desk before heading to their tutor room. If they arrive after 7:30 am, they must go straight to reception to sign in late and receive a late card/slip. This card must be shown to their teacher for their first lesson.

In the event that your child is late to assembly, they must register with their tutor before taking their seat.

I cannot stress enough how important it is for your child to arrive at school on time. Not only does it allow for a smooth and efficient start to their day, but it also ensures they don't miss out on important information/reminders shared with students in tutor time.

As always, thank you in advance for your continued support and your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

### 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: Ishal Kaleeckal,

★ Y8: : Carlota Narvaez

★ Y9: Monica Porrello

★ Y10: Bareera Hansrod

The full list of nominations can be accessed through the following [link](#)

## Year 9 Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings

On Wednesday, March 1st, between 3pm and 6pm, we will be holding the Year 9 parent-teacher consultation meeting. These meetings offer parents an opportunity to receive feedback on their child's academic progress, including highlighting their strengths, weaknesses, and strategies for improvement. The Year 9 meeting is particularly crucial as your child will soon need to select their option subjects for Year 10 and 11. The feedback provided during the consultation will be invaluable in helping you determine which subjects your child should pursue. Please make an appointment using the link that Mr. Thomas has sent in a separate communication.

## PE trousers

I am pleased to confirm that ZAKS has informed the school that PE trousers are now available from their store. Therefore, if your child wishes to wear trousers instead of shorts for PE, please order them from ZAKS.

With these trousers now available, we will be expecting students to transition to them and discontinue the use of leggings, joggers, or any other non-uniform PE attire. We ask that this be done by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

## Google Classroom - Calendar

With technology playing an increasingly important role in education, many teachers are turning to Google Classroom as a tool for assigning and managing student work. Google Classroom is an online platform that allows teachers to create assignments, organize them, communicate with students, and track their progress.

One of the main benefits of using Google Classroom is that it provides a central location where students can easily access and submit their work. However, as a parent, it can be challenging to keep track of your child's assignments and deadlines on the platform.

To help parents stay up-to-date with their child's school work, it is recommended that they encourage their child to share their Google Classroom calendar with them. By doing so, parents can easily view all upcoming assignments and deadlines without having to log in to the platform each time.

To share the Google Classroom calendar, students simply need to follow these steps:

- Open the Google Calendar app on their device.
- Click on the three horizontal lines in the top left corner to access the menu.
- Scroll down and click on "Settings".
- Scroll down to "Settings for my calendars" and click on the calendar associated with their Google Classroom.
- Click on "Access permissions".
- Scroll down and click on "Add people".
- Enter the email address of the parent they wish to share the calendar with.
- Select the level of access they wish to grant (i.e. view only, make changes, etc.).

Once the calendar has been shared, parents can view all upcoming assignments and deadlines in their own calendar app. It's important to note that while students are expected to record their homework tasks in their planner, sharing the Google Classroom calendar with parents can provide an additional layer of support.

As the school continues to expand its use of Google Classroom, students may be asked to submit work and receive feedback online. However, the school recognizes the importance of developing traditional skills such as writing, art, and music. Therefore, many assignments may still need to be submitted physically, and teachers will inform students of the required format for each assignment.

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

Please find below links to previous articles, that are useful for our parents particularly useful for new parents

- [Access to E-library for Students – Information on how our students can access the free e-books library from home](#)
- [Home School Agreement – An outline of key expectations of students, parents and teachers](#)
- [Ties for Phones – Policy for students who do not have their ties](#)
- [Absence Procedures – Overview of what to do if your child is absent from School](#)
- [Welcome to Secondary Handbook – General information for parents who are new to DBS Rawdat](#)

Kind Regards



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