



DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
RAWDAT CAMPUS

Secondary School Weekly Information Letter Thursday 9th March 2023

Dear Parents,

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

Date	Event
Sunday 12 th – Thursday 16 th March	Mid-Term Break (School Closed)
Sunday 19 th March	School opens after mid-term break
Sunday 19 th March	Science Week
Monday 20 th March – Wednesday 22 nd March	DBS Rawdat Book Fair
Monday 20 th March	Hanan Al Shanani (Vising Author) Year 9 and 10
Tuesday 21 st March	World Poetry Day
Thursday 23 rd March	1 st day of Ramadan (TBC)

School day - Ramadan

It is currently expected that the first day of Ramadan will fall on Thursday, March 23rd; however, this date is yet to be confirmed. Starting from the first day of Ramadan, we will operate a shortened school day in accordance with the Ministry of Education's recommendation. Consequently, the following changes will be made to the day:

- School hours during Ramadan will be from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- Students must not arrive at school before 7:45 am as there will be no supervision available.
- There will be no ECA program during Ramadan.
- During Ramadan, the school canteen will be closed. Students who are not fasting will need to bring their own food and snacks.
- Indoor areas will be allocated for break and lunchtime for students who are fasting.
- Students who are not fasting should only eat and drink in the canteen area.
- We will continue to follow the full curriculum program, but will modify some activities.

To enable our students to follow their regular timetable as closely as possible, we will reduce the length of each lesson from 50 minutes to 40 minutes and shorten the lunch break by 10 minutes. Please refer to the table below for the lesson timings.

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Please see the table below, which gives the timings of the lessons

Activity	Time
Registration	08:00-08:10
Lesson 1	08:10-08:50
Lesson 2	08:50-09:30
Lesson 3	09:30-10:10
BREAK	10:10-10:30
Lesson 4	10:30-11:10
Lesson 5	11:10-11:50
LUNCH	11:50-12:20
Lesson 6	12:20-13:00

Book Fair Arrangements

Following on from the International day of books, we would like to remind you of the upcoming Book Fair at DBS Rawdat starting from Monday, March 20th, and running through Wednesday, March 23rd. This is an opportunity for our students to explore and discover new books, as well as enhance their love for reading.

The book fair is a wonderful opportunity to browse through a wide range of books, including fiction, non-fiction, educational, and popular series. We have something for everyone, from picture books for our youngest readers to novels for our more advanced readers.

Not only does the Book Fair encourage a love for reading, but it also supports our school's literacy programs. A proportion of the funds raised from the Book Fair go directly towards purchasing new books for our school library and classrooms. So not only will you be able to purchase books for your child, but you'll also be supporting the school in a meaningful way.

So, mark your calendars for Monday, March 20th, through Wednesday, March 23rd, and come join us at the Book Fair. Let's continue to foster a love for reading in our children and support our school's literacy programs.

The book fair will be open to parents at the following times – 07:00 – 07:30 and 12:45 – 14:00 on Monday and Tuesday and all day (07:00-14:30) on Wednesday 22nd March.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Travel and School Shoes

As we commence our mid-term break, and in light of the fact that some of you will be traveling, I would like to extend my well wishes for your safe travels. We understand that finding appropriate school footwear in Doha can be difficult at times, and therefore, I suggest that if you are planning to visit your home country, either during this holiday or any future ones, it might be an ideal time to purchase school shoes.

Should you require any additional guidance on the type or style of shoes, please feel free to contact Ms. Lorente at paula.lorente@dbsrawdat.com.

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MAP Presentations

The presentations were the culmination of months of hard work and dedication. Students were tasked with choosing a question that interested them, researching it thoroughly, and then putting together a presentation to share their findings with their peers and teachers. The range of topics covered was diverse and fascinating, covering a broad range of interesting and thought-provoking subjects.

What was truly impressive was the level of engagement and passion that the students brought to their research. They showed a deep intellectual curiosity, and their presentations were thoughtful, well-researched, and well-structured. It was clear that the students had put a great deal of time and effort into their work, and they were eager to share their findings with their peers.

The feedback from teachers, students, and parents who were able to join us was overwhelmingly positive. Teachers were impressed by the high level of research and presentation skills displayed by the students, and the students themselves were proud of their achievements. It was evident that the Most Able Programme had helped to foster a love of learning and an appreciation for the value of research and critical thinking.

To create a great atmosphere, we enjoyed a piano recital by Kenzy in Year 6 and Thea in Year 10, as well as a duet by Syali and Mea. To top it all off, we were treated to a dance performance by Ms. Zahid's dance crew.

I would like to extend a big thank you to all the students who took part in the MAP, (Sayali, Hadi, Ishal, Yamen, Karim, Yahya, Monica, and Naomi). An extra big thank you goes to Ms. Quinn and Ms. Zahid for arranging the performances, and a very special big thank you to Mr. Thomas for organizing the MAP competition, supervising the research, and supporting the rehearsals.

The next stage of the Most Able Programme will see the winners from DBS Rawdat compete against the winners from DBS Ain Khalid and DBS Wakra in a couple of months' time. Good luck Rawdat!



Staff v Students Basketball Match

During the sports week, the students issued a challenge to the staff for a football match. Despite their youthfulness and vigor, the staff emerged victorious with a 4-0 score, exhibiting their expertise. To boost the students' morale, a suggestion for a basketball game was made, and it was held during the break time today.

Both teams were eager to secure a victory, and the game was very competitive, with the students exhibiting great determination. Nevertheless, the staff once again illustrated that experience triumphs over youthful energy, and the students lost by 12-2. Although the students suffered defeat, the students and staff played the game in a spirit of camaraderie, and as always on such occasions, the connections forged between them outweighed the outcome of winning or losing.

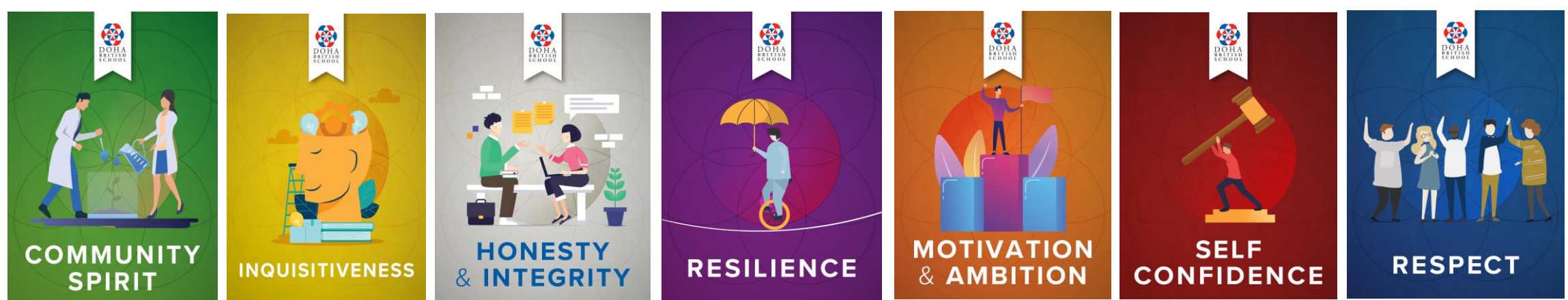


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Star of the Week

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: Sayali Pore

★ Y8: Naomi Dsouza,

★ Y9: Ana Belen,

★ Y10: Thea Seferian,

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

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

- [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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