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DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL
RAWDAT CAMPUS

Secondary School Weekly Information Letter Thursday 23rd March 2023

Dear Parents,

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

Amended 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 8:30 am to 1:30 pm.
- Students must not arrive at school before 8:15 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.

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

Activity	Time
Registration	08:30-08:40
Lesson 1	08:40-09:20
Lesson 2	09:20-10:00
Lesson 3	10:00-10:40
BREAK	10:40-11:00
Lesson 4	11:00-11:40
Lesson 5	11:40-12:20
LUNCH	12:20-12:50
Lesson 6	12:50-13:30

Book Fair

Between Monday 20th and Wednesday 22nd students, teachers, and parents of DBS Rawdat came together to take part in the school's first book fair. It was a vibrant event filled with books and enthusiastic readers.

The book fair was a brainchild of Ms Devis and Ms Hussain, who worked tirelessly to bring together a diverse selection of books from different genres. The main aim of the book fair was to encourage reading among students and also provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to explore new literature. Their efforts were highly appreciated by everyone who attended the fair.

Overall, the first book fair at DBS Rawdat was a resounding success. It provided an excellent opportunity for students, teachers, and parents to discover new books and authors, and celebrate the joy of reading.

As the fair came to a close, the students left with their newly acquired books, eager to delve into the stories and characters that awaited them. I for one am already looking forward to next year's book fair.



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Visiting Author

We were very fortunate to have Hanan Al Sharshany, a Qatari author, visit us on Monday 20th March. Hanan Al Sharshany is the author of "The Secrets of a Qatari Girl".

Born and raised in Doha, Hanan Al Sharshany studied English literature at Qatar University before pursuing a Master's degree in Creative Writing overseas.

During her visit to Rawdat Al Hamama, Hanan spoke about the inspiration behind her book and the challenges she faced in bringing it to life. She also shared insights into the cultural and social dynamics of Qatari society, highlighting the importance of travel as a way of building empathy and understanding in building bridges between different cultures.

Overall, Hanan Al Sharshany's visit was an eye-opening experience for the students and faculty of Rawdat Al Hamama. Her personal reflections and social commentary offer valuable insights into Qatari culture and the challenges of navigating cultural differences in today's globalised world. Overall, the message that came across loud and clear was that if you are really determined to do something, then go for it. Frequently, the restrictions we believe to exist are in our minds rather than in actuality.

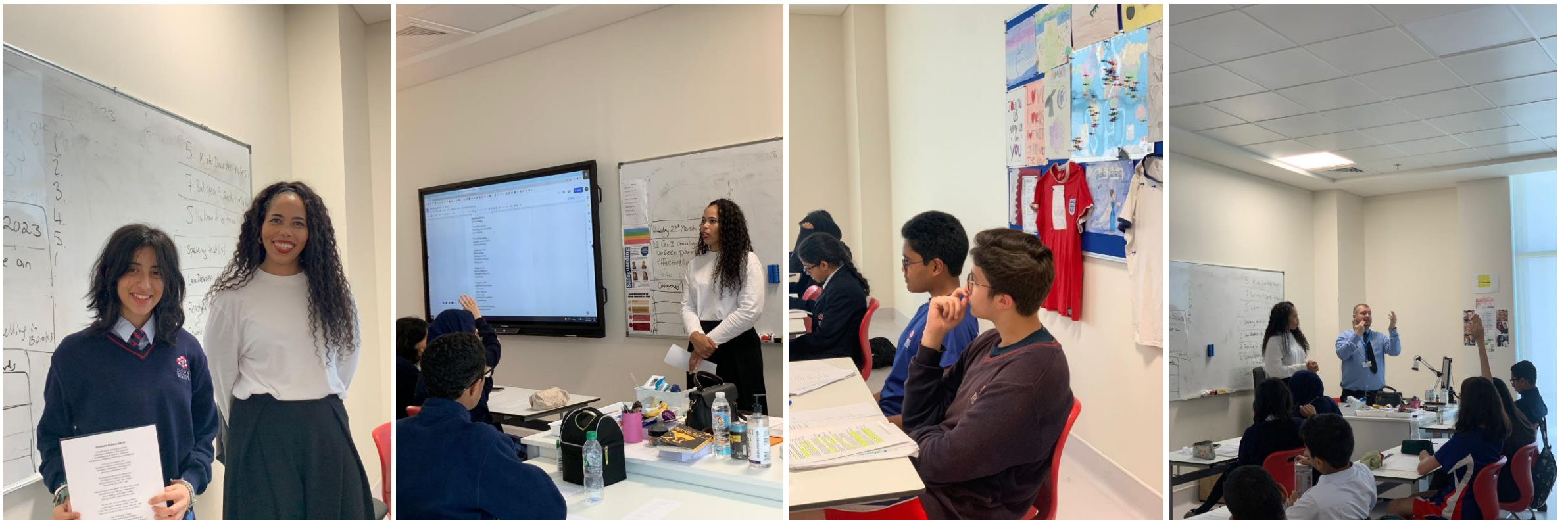


Visiting Poet

Our school had the privilege of welcoming Lara Dearden, a renowned poet, to conduct poetry classes on the occasion of World Poetry Day. The highlight of the event was Lara's reading of her poem: "Something like love," followed by an engaging workshop where the students analysed the poem and its meaning.

In "Something like love," Lara reflects on the complex nature of love. The workshop helped the students gain a deeper understanding of the poem's nuances.

Overall, Lara's visit was an enriching experience for our school community and we are grateful for the opportunity to celebrate World Poetry Day in such a meaningful way.



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: Mea Theron

★ Y8: Khalifa Abdulaziz

★ Y9: John Devhan

★ Y10: Ashar Rabbani

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

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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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