



Secondary School Weekly Information Letter Thursday 4th May 2023

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

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Sunday 14 th May	Head boy and head girl Interview
Wednesday 24 th May	Year 7 Parents Evening
Wednesday 24 th May	DBS Has Talent Show (Year 9)
Wednesday 7 th June	Most Able Programme (MAP) Final
Sunday 4 th June – Thursday 8 th June	Year 10 – End of year Exams
Thursday 15 th June	Secondary School End of Year reports issued

Lion King – Set design

Our primary school will be holding The Lion King play in June and we would like our secondary students to be part of the action. We are calling on all students to sign up and get actively involved in the stage design process. This will be on a Tuesday after school with Ms Khan and Ms Sabir.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to showcase their creativity and problem-solving skills. Working collaboratively with their peers, Students will construct rocks, trees, and other small props out of cardboard and other materials, bringing the African savannah to life on stage. In addition, they will get to show off their artistic abilities by painting the backdrop for two scenes of The Lion King.

We believe that this project will be a fun and engaging experience that will teach important skills and provide our students with valuable practical experience in the field of stage design. Who knows, it might even inspire them to pursue a career in the arts!

This will be DBS Rawdat's very first school show and we ask parents to encourage their child to take part, get them to sign up now to create a show to remember!

Parent Survey Feedback

I would like to extend my appreciation to all the parents who dedicated their time to complete the survey before the Eid break. As previously stated, as a new academic year began at the Rawdat campus, we aimed to gather your feedback on our strengths and areas for improvement. Our survey comprised of 18 statements, and it is encouraging to note that for 14 of these statements, over 90% of the respondents either agreed or strongly agreed with the statement. However, there were only 4 statements that received less than 90% support, as listed below:

Statement	Agreement %	Disagree %
2b My child's academic progress is good in most subjects and exemplary in others.	87	13
4a I believe that my child is currently making better progress at DBS Rawdat, than their previous school.	87	13
5c the curriculum offers my child an opportunity to partake in a large number of varied subjects.	87	13
7c as we have moved through this academic year; I can see increasing evidence of the school trying to involve parents in their child's education.	75	25

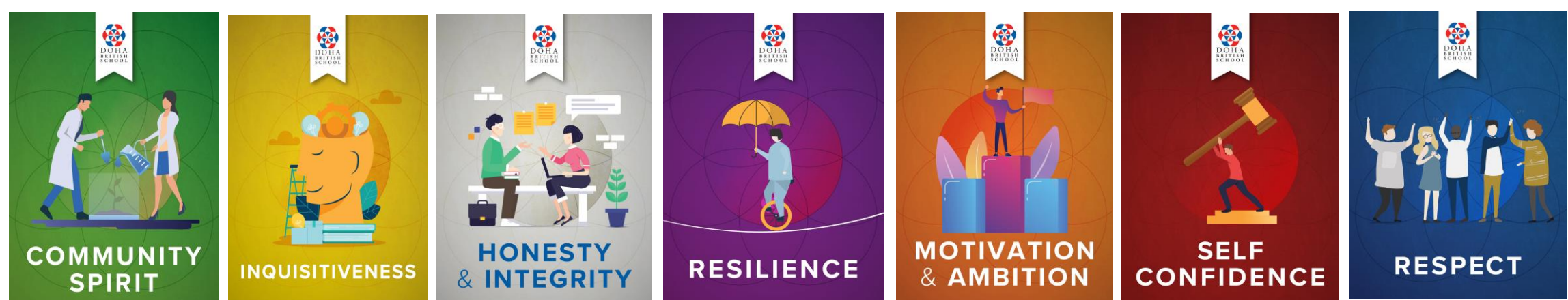
As we draw up plans for the next couple of years, we will be sure to address the issues raised in your feedback and continue to work on developing a strong partnership between school and home.

Again many thanks for your help and support during this academic year.

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: Olivia Paul

★ Y9: Ana Ochoa

★ Y10: Fahad Alkuwari

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

*Our core purpose is that every young person should gain as much as possible from our school, based on our belief that all learners can, need, and want to achieve.
Our vision: To be a vibrant, welcoming international school that provides a first-class class education enabling pupils to thrive within a dynamic, global environment
Our Mission: To prepare all pupils through a relevant, challenging curriculum and well-resourced facilities, to become lifelong learners contributing to a global community.*

Student Iftar

Due to the extended holiday, we regret we were not able to share with you the last event that occurred just before the Eid break.

Prior to the break, Lmar in Year 10 approached the senior leadership team with a request for a student Iftar. Recognizing the potential of bringing the community together through such an experience, Ms. Lorente and some of the students took the initiative to make the necessary arrangements.

We are delighted to report that our first student Iftar was held on Thursday, April 13th. We hope that this will establish a Rawdat tradition that will continue to expand in size and scope in the coming years.



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](#)
- [School Calendar 2023/24 - Calendar 2023/24](#)

Kind Regards



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