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Secondary School Weekly Information Letter Thursday 11th 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

Koran Recital Competition

The Annual Quran Reading Competition, this year was held at Doha Academy, the event brought together students from different schools across Qatar to showcase their knowledge of the Quran. This year, students from DBS Rawdat, Ain Kahlid and Wakra also participated in the competition and demonstrated their impressive skills in Quran recitation.

The purpose of the competition is to encourage young students to read and understand the Quran. It was open to students from different age groups and levels of proficiency in Quran recitation. The competition had several rounds, with each round becoming progressively more challenging, to test the students' abilities to recite the Quran with precision and fluency.

The DBS Rawdat students who participated in the competition put in a lot of hard work and dedication in preparing for the event. They had been practicing for weeks in advance. The students received support and guidance from their teachers, who worked tirelessly to ensure that they were well-prepared for the competition, thank you Mr Soliman, Mrs El Farrash and Mr Kotb.



BSME Creative Writing

At the start of 2023, I introduced students to a creative writing competition set and judged by Paul Ferris' team at Amity School, Abu Dhabi. The theme this year was Energy and the competition was open to all KS3 and KS4 pupils in schools within the Gulf region, who are part of the BSME (British Schools Middle East) network. Currently there are a 100 schools in the network.

From DBS Rawdat, we entered the top two entries from KS3, Sultan Kareeb (Yr 9) and Hana Abd ElSamad (Yr 7), and from Year 10, Zeena Stietiya and Nour Swiase, so I am grateful to these students for representing and showcasing the school's artistic merit in this way.

It is with great pleasure that I report that out of the hundreds of entries, Year 10 student Nour was announced runner up in the whole Gulf Region for the KS4 section. She has won some education vouchers, a laminated certificate, a celebratory display in the Secondary Library, and huge congratulations from everyone at DBS Rawdat and a hugely proud English Teacher!

Mr Dearden
 Teacher of English

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:



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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 Yamen Masalmeh

★ Y8: Adam Daou

★ Y9: Kayaan Alami

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

Kind Regards



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