



## Secondary School Weekly Information Letter Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Primary School Lion King production Show
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Primary School Lion King production Show
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Most Able Programme (MAP) Final
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> June - Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 - End of year Exams
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Secondary School End of Year reports issued

### Lion King - School production



Mark your calendars for an exciting event as the students gear up to showcase their production on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. The performances will commence promptly at 5.30pm. We strongly urge all parents and students to attend this remarkable production.

Tickets for the lion King Production are selling out fast, if you are still to purchase tickets, they can be obtained from the reception area in the morning and afternoon.

### Musical Youth

On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of being in the audience for our first major musical event. The Year 9 students put on a fantastic show that they had been preparing for most of this term. What was truly amazing was that most of the band members started to learn to play the instruments they showcased for the first time at the beginning of this term.

As the curtains opened, the anticipation in the air was palpable. The stage was set, and the spotlight illuminated the young talents before us. Monica took the center stage, her vocals sending shivers down our spines, while Fiza skillfully strummed away on her electric guitar, filling the room with captivating melodies.

The rhythmic beats of Kayaan on the drums added a powerful energy to the performance, complemented by Anna's gentle and melodic touches on the piano keys. Zaki looked effortlessly cool and collected as he played the keyboard, while Romaisa held it all together with her skills on the bass guitar.

It was truly astonishing to witness such a high-quality performance from a group of students who had only just begun their musical journey. The passion and dedication they displayed on stage were awe-inspiring. The audience was captivated by their talent, and we couldn't help but applaud and cheer for their remarkable achievement.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Ms. Quinn, whose vision brought this performance to life and played a vital role in nurturing our students' talents. She truly deserves a big thank you for her dedication and hard work in making this event a success. With her guidance and support, our students were able to add another string to their talents and showcase their abilities on stage.

Lastly, I would like to extend a big thank you to Devhan for his outstanding coordination of the lights and sound, which contributed to creating a truly fantastic live stage atmosphere. His meticulous attention to detail and technical expertise ensured that every moment of the performance was enhanced by the perfect lighting and impeccable sound quality.



[Link to one of the Songs performed](#)

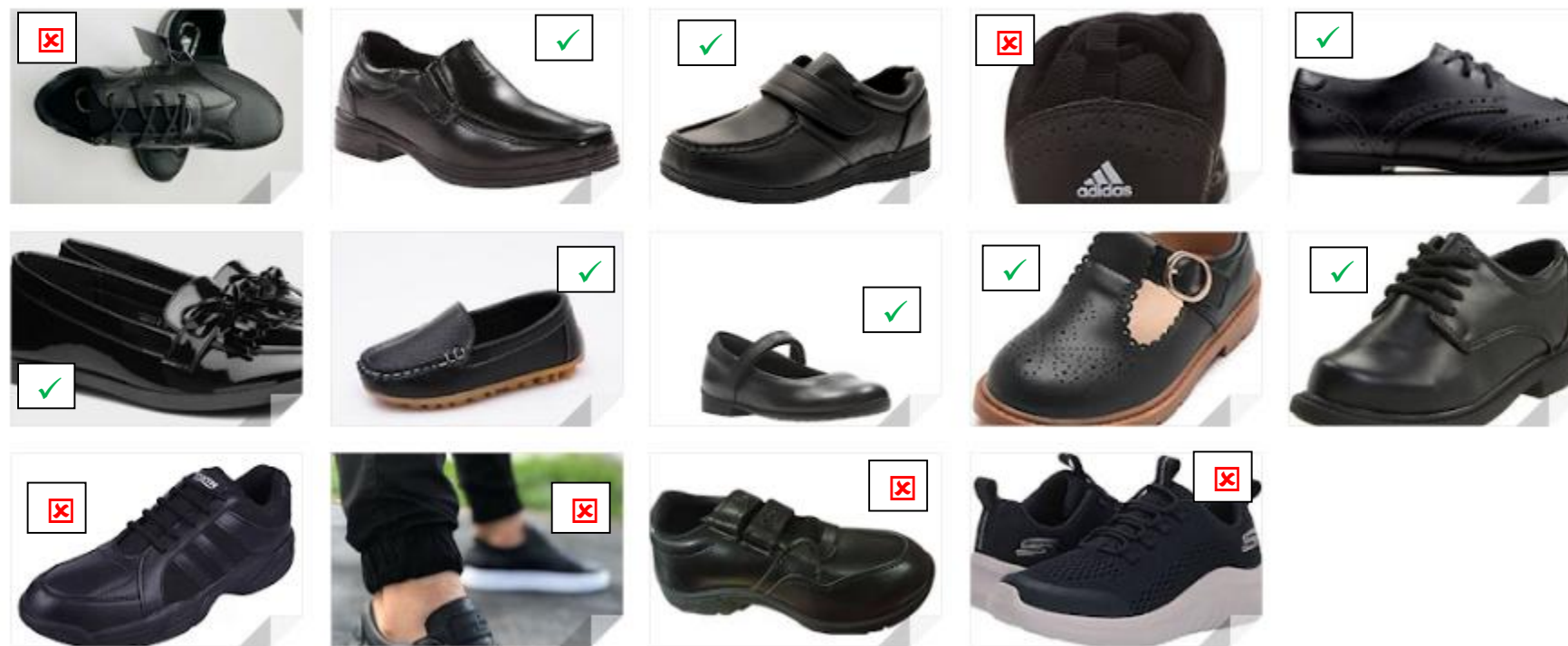
## School Uniform and School Shoes

As the academic year nears its end, we would like to kindly remind parents about the importance of school uniforms and the upcoming transition to the new uniform policy. School uniforms play a vital role in fostering pride, discipline, and unity among students. They also aim to promote fairness and reduce the influence of peer pressure related to fashionable trends. Beginning next year, all students are expected to follow the updated uniform guidelines.

We would like to emphasize the significance of appropriate school shoes. It is essential that students wear plain black shoes that can be polished. Shoes made entirely or partially of canvas or fabric materials are not permitted, and neither are shoes with a white sole. Additionally, shoes should not display any branding logos, such as Nike or Adidas. A useful guideline for shoe purchases is to opt for styles that are suitable for formal occasions or smart office wear.

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For students with wide feet, Clarks offers a selection of school shoes specifically designed to accommodate this. If your child has flat feet, it is highly recommended that you consider purchasing orthopaedic insoles or arch supports.

We appreciate your support on this in advance so that as a school we can focus our efforts on outstanding teaching, learning and personal development.

Our School Uniform Supplier is ZAKS and we would advise that to avoid the rush in August that you consider pre-ordering now. The uniform can also be ordered online, through the following link [Zaks Uniforms \(zaksstore.com\)](https://zaksstore.com)

## 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 Ghazal Mowafi

★ Y8: Naman Abada

★ Y9: Hadi Batayneh

★ Y10: Abdulaziz Shamlan

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](#)

*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.*

Kind Regards



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