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Secondary School Weekly Information Letter Sunday 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
Monday 5 th June	Primary School Lion King production Show
Tuesday 6 th June	Primary School Lion King production Show
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 - School production



Our Primary School Lion King production is upon us, if you have not already purchased your tickets, this is the last call. The students completed a dress rehearsal today and will be performing on Monday 5th June and Tuesday 6th June.

Year 10 Careers

Year 10 is a critical juncture where students begin to explore career options. Recognizing this significance, Mr Dearden organised for Jenna Abu-Shaikha and Tala Chaar from Liverpool John Moores University to visit Rawdat: Their aim, to educate young students about diverse career paths and engage them on the thought-provoking discussion of dreams, before a range of courses was introduced to show where to access the relevant information and to broaden students' horizons by exposing them to a wide array of potential career paths.

Jenna and Tala highlighted the various fields of study, including BSc (Hons) courses in Mechanical Engineering, HR Management, Quantity Surveying, and Computer Science. Watch this space for a trip to the University in September for Year 11 students to meet with Lecturers and course organisers.

We are also looking to arrange a visit to [CUC, affiliated to Ulster University](#) and part of the ACES group, which is the parent company for the DBS cluster of schools.

By
Rawdat Head Girl, Zeena Stietiya

Under 12 Netball

Well Done to the U12 Netball team playing in the QUESS Tournament today. Most of them have never played or even heard of netball before it was introduced as part of the curriculum earlier this year by Miss Nash. The girls have learnt and progressed so much in the last month or so, it was a tough competition with 3 defeats. But they are full of celebrations after winning their first ever game 1-0 at the end of the day. I look forward to taking this team into year 8 after the summer and seeing their progress. Well Done Girls!!!



Qatar Energy – Summer Activities Programme

As part of an initiative by the Ministry of Education and Higher education in conjunction with Qatar Energy we are pleased to share some programs that students can attend in July.

As part of our constant endeavor to provide our students the support and awareness needed to help them successfully plan their educational future, and with reference to the above topic, we appreciate it if you can forward the invitation attached to your students in grades (nine, ten, eleven, and twelve) to register for this program through the registration website link before the end of this week. Please urge them to participate in this summer program, which will be held at Qatar Energy headquarters, for a full week for each of the students' groups. The program will include educational and interactive activities and field trips to Dukhan and Ras Laffan enabling them to learn about the energy sector available at Qatar Energy Corporation and the requirements and conditions for joining the appropriate professional fields for them.

Dates for each of the groups:

- * Group 1: from June 18th till the 22nd
- * Group 2: from July 9th till the 13th
- * Group 3: from July 16th till the 20th
- * Group 4: from July 23rd till the 27th

Event times: starting at 8am till 2:30 pm

Location: Qatar Energy head quarters

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 Aliah Maisery

★ Y8 : Carlota Rodriguez

★ Y9: Hammam Gannan

★ Y10: Margarita Malochka

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

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)

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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