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Secondary School Weekly Information Letter Thursday 8th June 2023

Dear Parents,

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

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Thursday 15 th June	Secondary School End of Year reports issued
Tuesday 27 th June	Last Day of School for 2022-23 Academic year
Sunday 27 th August	First School day of the 2023-24 Academic year for students

Most Able Programme (MAP)

In the March 9th Newsletter, I previously mentioned that the students enrolled in the Most Able Programme had showcased their projects. These presentations marked the culmination of several months of unwavering dedication and commitment. Students were entrusted with the task of selecting captivating questions, conducting thorough research, and constructing presentations to share their findings with peers and teachers. Subsequently, a panel of judges deliberated and chose one winner to represent Rawdat in the final competition among our cluster of schools.

On Wednesday, Rawdat Al Hamama hosted the eagerly anticipated finals, where our exceptional winners demonstrated their presentation skills, intellectual acumen, and ability to present well-rounded arguments against their counterparts from Ain Khalid and Wakra, our sister schools. It was a remarkable evening, characterized by remarkable presentations from students across all three campuses, complemented by delightful musical interludes.

As the event drew to a close, judges from the three campuses faced the challenging task of selecting a winner. All students returned to the stage, and Mrs. Judge from Ain Khalid announced the third-place winner, which unfortunately wasn't from Rawdat. Then, she announced the second-place winner, once again not from Rawdat. The atmosphere grew tense, and Mrs. Judge added a dramatic pause before revealing the names of the winners. Another suspenseful pause followed, and she finally proclaimed Ishal and Syali from DBS Rawdat as the triumphant winners of the Most Able Programme. The elation that followed was indescribable! Being the smallest school in terms of numbers, our students not only held their ground against formidable competitors but emerged victorious.

The response from attending teachers, students, and parents resounded with overwhelming positivity. Teachers were astounded by the students' exceptional research skills and polished presentations, and the students themselves radiated a profound sense of pride in their accomplishments. The Most Able Programme made an evident and indisputable impact, fostering a genuine passion for learning and nurturing a deep appreciation for research and critical thinking.

I couldn't be prouder of our students' performances, both in the preliminary rounds and the final showdown. While we celebrated our success, I also acknowledged the outstanding performances from students across our cluster of schools and felt a tinge of disappointment that we could only crown one winner. Congratulations to all the students who participated; your achievements are truly commendable.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the students who took part in the Most Able Programme from the three campuses. It takes tremendous courage, effort, and composure for our young students to stand before an audience and present their arguments. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Judge for spearheading the MAP programme, and a big thanks to Mr. Thomas from Rawdat for his unwavering support, guidance, and coaching throughout the past five months.

Now, our challenge lies in defending the trophy next year!



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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 Faisal Al-Kobaisi

★ Y8: : Bader Al-Sada

★ Y9: : Devhan Rebb

★ Y10: : Sraiya Al Kabi

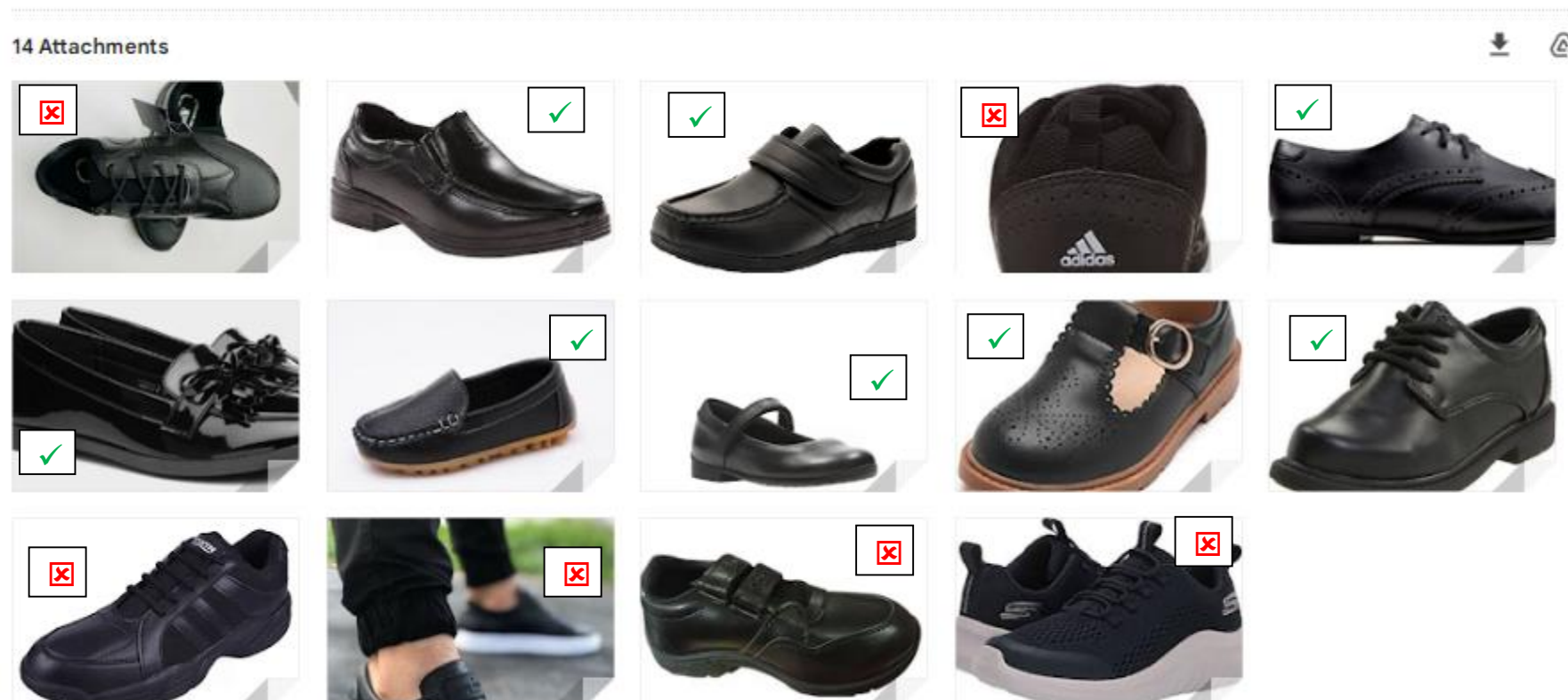
The full list of nominations can be accessed through the following [link](#)

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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