



Secondary School Weekly Information Letter Thursday 7th September 2023

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

Dates for you Diary

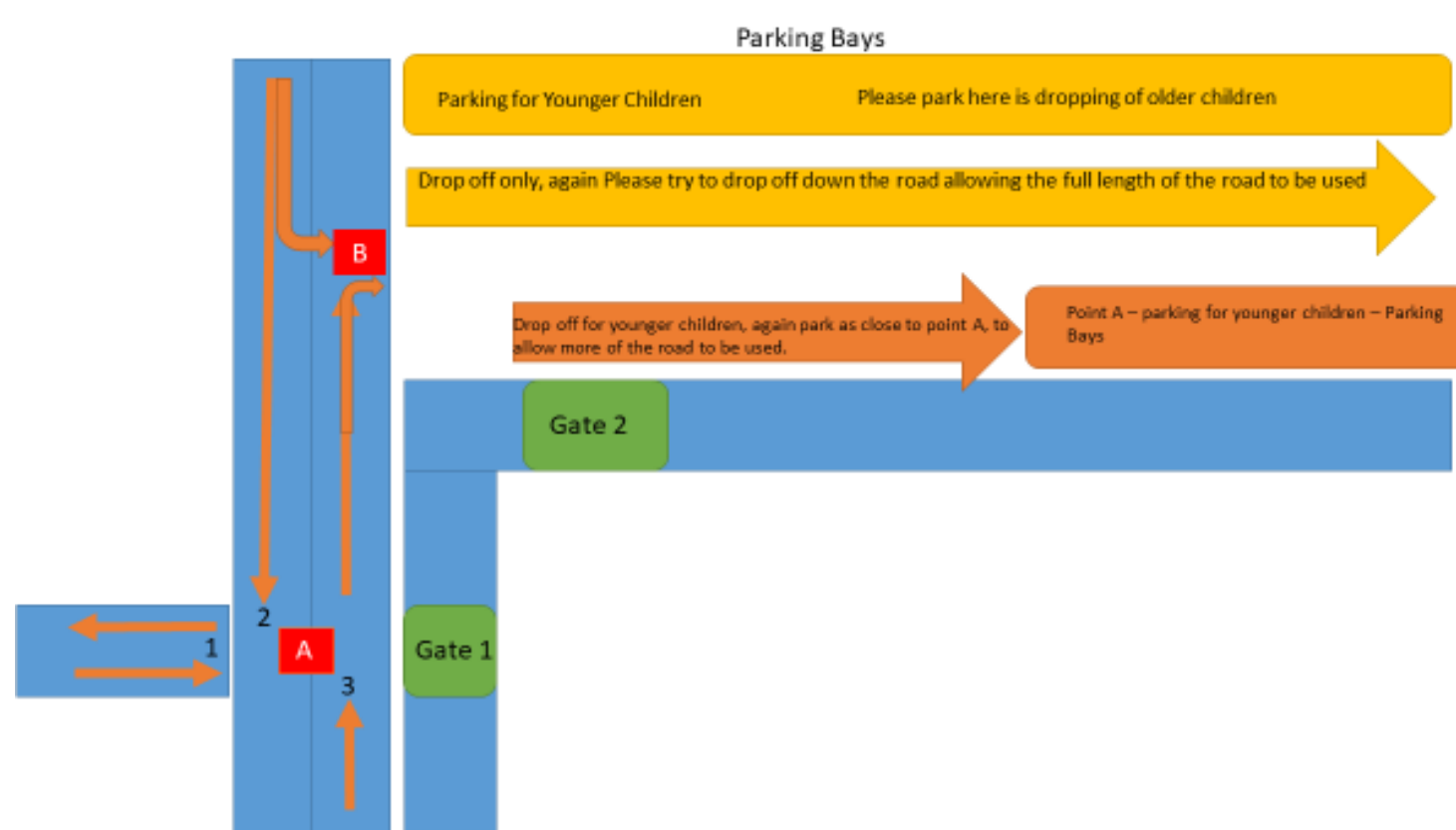
Date	Event
Wednesday 13 th September	Meet the Tutor
Sunday 24 th September	ECA Season 1 Starts

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Update on Pick up and Drop off



I would like to convey my gratitude for your patience during the past few weeks as we assessed and modified the school's traffic flow. Additionally, I extend my thanks to the parents who shared their feedback and ideas. From these discussions, we identified two traffic congestion points, specifically at Point A and B, as illustrated in the diagram below.

To ensure smooth traffic flow, we've stationed staff at Point A and B to facilitate the orderly movement of cars at these crucial junctions and prevent gridlocks. These personnel will regulate traffic from one direction, allowing cars from the opposite direction to pass, and then alternate.

It's evident that parents have been remarkably cooperative in following the recommendations below, contributing to increased safety.

If you have someone driving your children to or from

school, kindly relay these guidelines to them.

- If you are dropping off older children only, please consider letting them out further down the road. This will enable more cars to enter the area near Gate 2, making it easier for parents with younger children to drop off closer to Gate 3.
- If you plan to park and accompany your children into the school, please utilise the designated parking bays. For those with older children, we recommend using parking bays that are farther from the school gate, leaving the closer bays available for families with younger children.
- We'd appreciate it if parents with children in both primary and secondary grades aim to complete drop-offs by 6:50 AM. For those with children only in primary or secondary, the ideal drop-off window is between 6:50 AM and 7:00 AM.

Lastly, a few parents have suggested opening gate one. Yet, as depicted in the diagram above, the area outside gate 1 is a junction where traffic from three directions meet. Opening gate one would likely exacerbate congestion, impeding the flow of cars to gate 2. Rest assured, we will persistently assess the situation and methodically implement further measures as necessary.

Meet the Tutor

On Wednesday, 13th September, our secondary school is hosting a 'Meet the Tutor' evening. This significant event offers you as parents the chance to connect with your child's form tutor, the primary point of contact regarding your child's education and well-being. Two weeks into the school year, this evening serves as an invaluable platform to discuss initial observations. We can provide feedback on how students have adjusted and share any preliminary observations. This early intervention allows us to collaboratively address potential issues. Parents are also encouraged to share positive experiences and any settling-in challenges they've observed. While it's too early to comment on academic performance at this point in time, we want to ensure open communication from the outset. As the term progresses, parents will be given another opportunity to meet with subject-specific teachers, gaining a more detailed insight into their child's academic progress and attainment.

Mr Thomas will be sending out details by Sunday 10th September at the latest regarding how you can sign up.

Looking forward to meeting you face to face, early next week.

Doha British School's ECA Programme: A Catalyst for Holistic Development

Come Sunday, 24th September, the corridors of Doha British School will reverberate with more than just academic discussions. The school is launching its Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA) programme, a testament to the school's commitment to fostering holistic development.

The ECA programme stands as a valuable platform for students to venture beyond textbook knowledge. Whether it's delving into the world of arts, pursuing a new sport, or exploring a novel hobby, the options are as diverse as they are enriching. The programme doesn't merely offer activities; it presents opportunities for students to cultivate new skills, challenge their potential, and forge character in the crucible of diverse experiences.

Scheduled between 2:10 pm to 3:00 pm, the ECAs are seamlessly integrated into the school day, ensuring minimal disruption to students' routines. What's commendable is the school's approach in ensuring accessibility – all activities are overseen by the dedicated school staff and are offered free of charge.

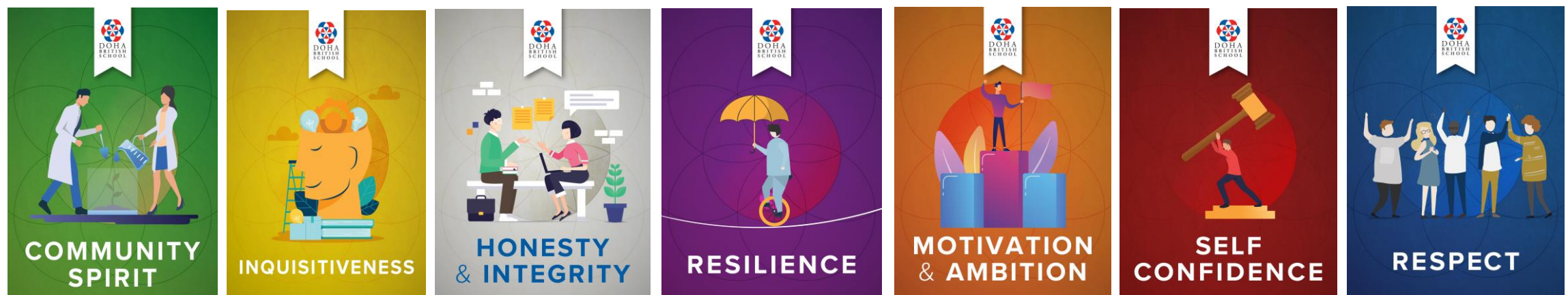
In an era where character education and skill development are just as crucial as academic achievements, Doha British School's ECA initiative truly resonates. It underscores the belief that learning doesn't stop when the bell rings, and every moment can be an avenue for growth.

Mr. Dias oversees the coordination of the ECA programme. He will distribute details about the available ECAs and the procedure for students to register.

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.

This week's Stars of the Week are:



For the full list of students who were nominated please use the following link: [Star of the Week](#)

Ongoing reminders

- [Access to E-library for Students – Information on how our students can access the free e-books library from home](#)
- [School Calendar 2023/24 - Calendar 2023/24](#)
- [School Uniform and School Shoes 2023-24](#)

Kind Regards



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