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## Secondary School Weekly Information Letter Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023

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

### Dates for you Diary

Upcoming Events	
Date	Event
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	ECA Season 1 Starts
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Poetry day
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> October – Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Mental Health Awareness Week
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	IGCSE Students Geography Field Trip
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 8 Parents Evening
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Doha Expo Visits (Year groups TBC)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 9 Parents Evening
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	International Day
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October – Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term – School Closed
Further ahead	
Date	Event
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November – Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Whole School and Individual Photos
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 10 and 11 parents Evening
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 7 reports sent home
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 7 Parents Evening
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Arabic and Islam End of Term examinations

### ECA's – Start September 24<sup>th</sup>

I hope you've had the opportunity to review the ECAs, and that your child(ren) have identified suitable ECAs to register for. With a larger staff team, we've been able to introduce a significantly more diverse and expansive program this term. The ECAs will commence on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> September and will be held from 2:10 pm to 3:00 pm daily. Please make sure to collect your child on time, as we are unable to supervise students beyond the conclusion of the activity.

Secondary Term 1 - ECA Programme									
Sunday	Table Tennis	Wellness	Chess	Apps and Research	Volleyball Boys	Board & Card Games	ECO Schools		
Monday	No ECA's								
Tuesday	Sports Performance Squad	Art workshop	Photography	Drama	Karaoke	Swimming Boys Club	Boys Football (Year7 and 8)		
Wednesday	Rock Band	Badminton	Fantasy Football Club	Origami	Culture Club	Humanities Club	Makers Club	Book Club	Boys Football (Year 9 to 11)
Thursday	No ECA's								

### Friends of DBS

As a reminder from last week's communication, at DBS, we are dedicated to fostering deeper bonds with our parent community. One key avenue for this is our "Friends of DBS" (FoDBS) initiative. FoDBS is a collaboration of parents, educators, and volunteers who work collectively on endeavours to enrich the school atmosphere and encourage greater community involvement. Throughout the year, the FoDBS team spearheads various events like Winter Bazaar, Spring Fair, and International Day, to name a few. If you're keen on contributing or volunteering, we'd love to hear from you. Kindly get in touch with Mrs. Kelly at [felice.kelly@dbsrawdat.com](mailto:felice.kelly@dbsrawdat.com) to express your interest.

### 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

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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:

BH:  
GS: Monica Margarita Porrello  
PC: Romaisa Bilal Hansrod  
RO: Hana Tamer Berry  
YF: Lamis Mohamed Abdelnaby

 **Blue Horses: Marwan Mahmoud Sabry Allam**

 **Green Scorpions: Monica Margarita Porrello**

 **Purple Camels: Romaisa Bilal Hansrod**

 **Red Oryxes: Tamer Berry**

 **Yellow Falcons: Lamis Abdelnaby**

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

### World Peace Day

Peace is important and something we all try to work towards. Each year on September 21st the United Nations encourages all schools around the world to celebrate International Day of Peace. This year, the Secondary School did its part for peace, on the educational front.

below are some of the pictures of our Peace One Day assembly and activity that was outside of the Sec. Library.



By: Melissa Hernandez  
Secondary Library

### 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](#)
- [Staff email contact list](#)
- [Welcome to Secondary - Handbook](#)

Kind Regards



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