



## Secondary School Weekly Information Letter Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 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 19 <sup>th</sup> November – Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Whole School and Individual Photos
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Doha Expo trips (Year 7-11)
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	U16 Boys Football at Doha College
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	U14 Boys Football at Dukhan English School
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 10 and 11 Parents Evening
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 7 reports sent home
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 10 and 11 DT trip to M7
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 7 Parents Evening
Further ahead	
Date	Event
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Arabic and Islam End of Term examinations
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	FODBS – Movie Night (5.30pm -7.00pm)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 10 reports sent home
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 11 reports sent home
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 8 reports sent home
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 9 reports sent home
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Last School day of Term 1

### School Photos – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November

On Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, all secondary students are scheduled for individual and class photos. Parents, we kindly request your assistance in ensuring that students arrive dressed in complete school uniform, including the appropriate footwear.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

### Important Notice for Parent & Guardian Campus Access



For the continued safety and security of our entire school community, all parents, drivers, nannies, and guardians who need to enter the campus for child drop-off or pick-up must visibly wear the red parent lanyard.

Please ensure you have your lanyard displayed. Entry to the campus will not be permitted without it. If you do not have a lanyard, you can order one from the main reception desk after being signed in by security.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to this policy, ensuring the safety of our staff and students.

### 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:

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.

 **Blue Horses: Ulkar Abasova**

 **Green Scorpions: Monica Porrelo**

 **Purple Camels: Hassan Ebeid**

 **Red Onyxes: Natra Al-Naimi**

 **Yellow Falcons: abdulghany AlShoka**

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

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

This past week's focus on Anti-Bullying Week at our school was a resounding success, featuring an array of engaging activities that reinforced the importance of kindness, respect, and inclusivity.

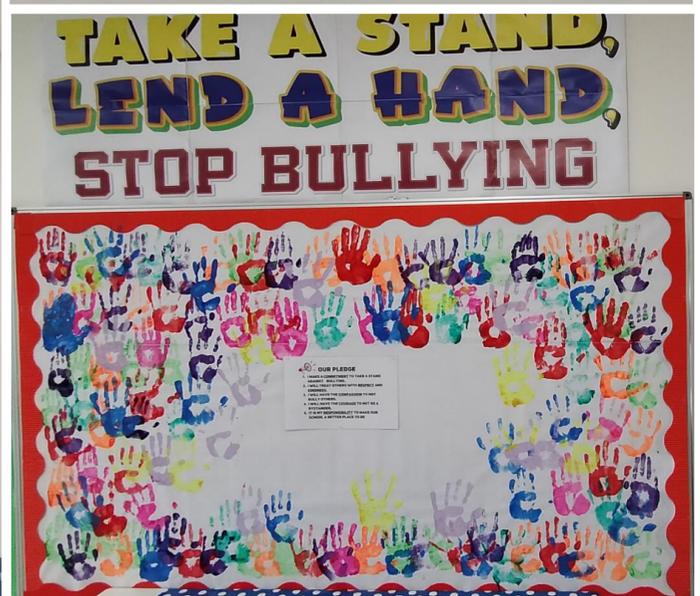
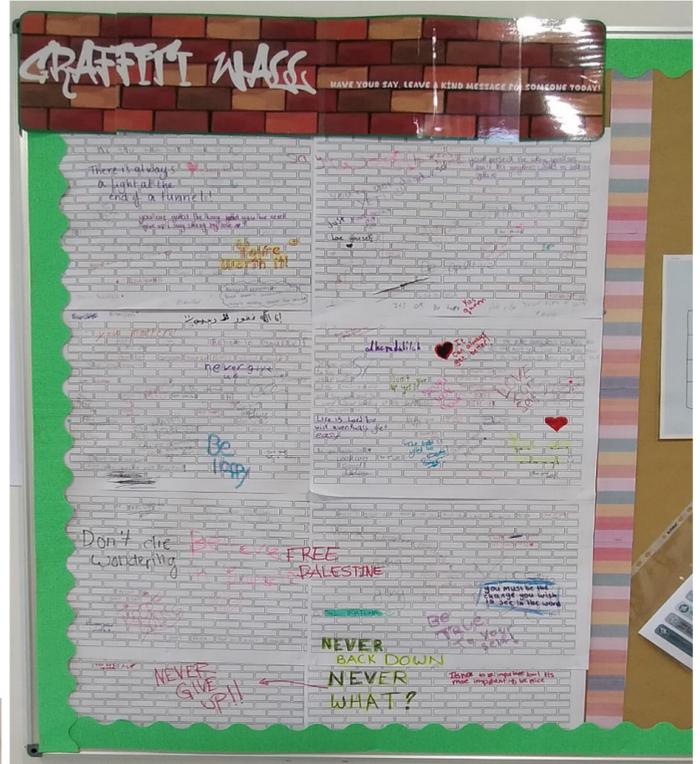
From the light-hearted gesture of wearing odd socks on Monday to the intense yet friendly staff versus student's football match, served as a spirited and enjoyable way to reinforce solidarity and camaraderie among everyone. The match wasn't just about sportsmanship; it was a platform where students and staff joined forces, emphasizing teamwork and mutual respect. On this occasion the staff nipped a victory by one goal, thanks to Mr Thomas who scored a hat-trick. the week was a testament to our commitment to standing against bullying in all its forms.



Moreover, students actively participated in interactive sessions using platforms like Kahoot and Blooket, discussing pertinent questions like 'When does banter become bullying?' and 'Is there such a thing as an innocent bystander when seeing someone being bullied?' These debates sparked thoughtful conversations, encouraging everyone to consider the nuances of bullying behavior. Another impactful initiative was the Kind Messages Board, where



students shared affirming and uplifting notes, creating a supportive atmosphere that resonated throughout the school. Complementing these activities was the Anti-Bullying Pledge Display, where students and staff publicly committed to fostering a bully-free environment through their actions and words. Furthermore, the Student Council led a poignant Anti-Bullying Assembly, delivering a powerful message of unity and empathy, urging everyone to stand together against bullying.



As the week concludes, the impact of these activities extends far beyond their immediate presence. They've sowed the seeds for ongoing conversations, fostering a culture of compassion and understanding that will continue to thrive in our school. This week's success serves as a reminder that combating bullying requires collective effort, and our school community stands strong in this commitment.

### **Ongoing reminders – Useful to Know (New Parents)**

- [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](#)

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- [Welcome to Secondary - Handbook](#)
- [Google Classrooms](#)

Kind Regards



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