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## Secondary School Weekly Information Letter Thursday 23<sup>rd</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
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
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Last Day of Term 1 ECA's
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)
Further ahead	
Date	Event
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

### Doha Expo

This week, students from Years 7 to 11 attended the Doha Expo, an event focused on cultural exchange and global awareness. The expo featured an array of countries, each showcasing its traditions, innovations, and lifestyle. For me one of the highlights was the NEOM project exhibition, where we explored futuristic city planning and sustainable living concepts. At the innovation center, students had the opportunity to engage in arts and crafts, and even used robots to create art, blending traditional creativity with modern technology. Students feedback was that this opportunity for hands-on experience broadened their understanding of how technology can be harmoniously integrated with cultural practices. The expo proved to be a perfect blend of education, cultural insight, and a glimpse into the future of global cooperation.



I would like extend a very big thank you to Ms Waseme for organising the trips, and giving our students such a fantastic opportunity for experiential learning in addition to all the staff who accompanied the students.

## FODBS Movie Night



You are all invited to join us for the first DBS Rawdat community's Outdoor Movie Night, featuring "Minions: The Rise of Gru"! Open to all students and family members, this entertaining evening starts at 5 PM on Thursday, 7th December. Tickets are 500 QAR, with popcorn and a drink included. Remember to bring your picnic mats or chairs for a comfortable viewing experience under the stars. Join us for a night of family fun and entertainment!

Tickets are available for purchase from Sunday, 26th November, at student pick-up and drop-off times. Find us just outside the main entrance, before the reception area.

## Changing Room – Cubicles

We appreciate the concerns raised by parents with Mrs Kelly and Myself, regarding the delays experienced by students when changing for swimming and PE due to the limited number of changing cubicles. Please be assured that we have taken this matter to heart from the outset. While we regret the wait, finding the right solution was imperative, especially one that remains viable as our school grows to full capacity. We're pleased to announce that a suitable plan is now in place. Orders for additional cubicles are being placed, with installation anticipated by January. We seek your understanding for potential shipping delays, as the cubicles are coming from abroad, but rest assured, we will keep you updated on the progress. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## ECA's – Last day 30<sup>th</sup> November

A reminder that the last day for ECAs this term will be Thursday, 30th November. Please ensure that students are picked up at 2 PM for the final two weeks.

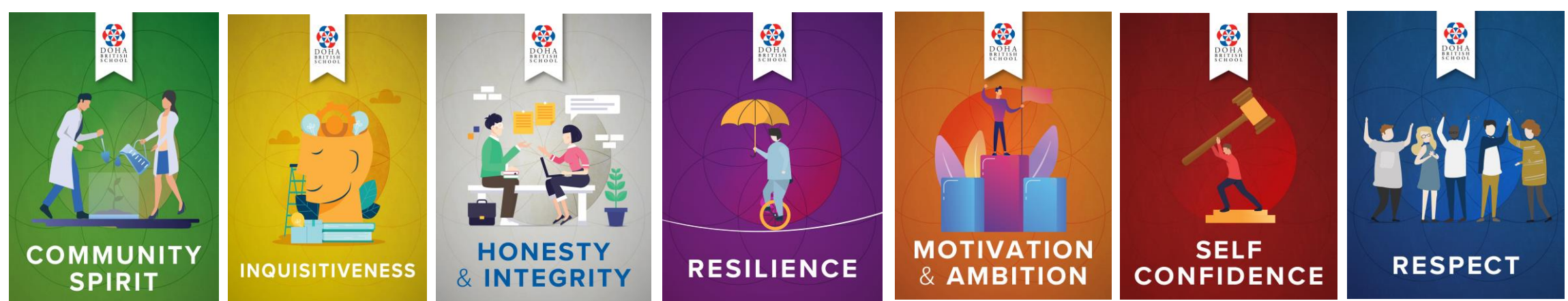
## World Disability Awareness week

The week commencing Monday, 27th November, is internationally marked as World Disability Week. During this week, students will develop awareness and understanding of different disabilities and how they can impact the lives of disabled people. As part of this week, on Thursday, 30th November 2023, DBS students will be asked to wear jeans (of any colour) in support of this great cause. A donation of 5 QAR is requested, and the money will go to local charities supporting disabled individuals.

## 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:

 **Blue Horses: Yunjin Jung**

 **Green Scorpions: Salma Al-Aufi**

 **Purple Camels: Jacob Hortaleza**

 **Red Onyxes: Ishal Kaleeckal**

 **Yellow Falcons: Fahad Al Kuwari**

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

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## Sports

The restrictions from last year due to COVID have all been removed, as such I am incredibly pleased to see that this term, we have returned to normality with regards to sporting events and fixtures. This week we participated in the following events:



The Year 10 and 11 boys competed in the U16s competition, with Marcus providing an earlier update on their performance.



Our U14s team travelled to Dukhan for the U14 football competition. They faced a challenging group, drawing in one game and losing three, ultimately placing fourth. (Team photo attached).



The Year 10 and 11 girls participated in a fitness program led by an external company, Pound for Fitness. Over the past four weeks, they engaged in exhilarating activities focusing on cardio, strength, and plyometric training, offering a unique fitness experience.



Additionally, the Year 10 and 11 boys had the chance to participate in a callisthenics workshop conducted by Mr. Ramos. It was an excellent opportunity for them to test their strength, challenge themselves, and explore a new perspective on fitness. Mr. Hussein even joined in, displaying impressive skills!

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

Kind Regards



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