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## Secondary School Weekly Information Letter Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 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                                |
| 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            |
| Further ahead                       |                                      |
| Date                                | Event                                |
| Tuesday January 2nd                 | First School day of Term 2           |

### A Spectacular Showcase of Talent at DBS Rawdat: "DBS Has Talent" Competition

We are thrilled to share with you the highlights from the inaugural "DBS Has Talent" competition at DBS Rawdat. Prior to the final over a hundred auditions were held, and the talent on display was truly extraordinary.

In the final round, six primary and six secondary students, chosen from a highly competitive audition process, took to the stage. The younger students from the primary section amazed everyone with their performances, which included beautifully rendered songs, lively dance routines, impressive instrumental pieces and even some stand-up comedy that filled the room with laughter. Watching these young talents, we were reminded of the boundless potential and creativity inherent in our children.

The secondary students brought a different but equally captivating energy to the competition. Their performances included emotionally charged vocal performances, skillful instrumental pieces, masterful dance presentations, the maturity and dedication exhibited by these students were a testament to their hard work and passion.

"DBS Has Talent" was more than just a competition; it was a vibrant celebration of our students' abilities and a testament to the supportive and nurturing environment our school community provides. It was another example of the supporting of character development, allowing students to boost Confidence and Self-Esteem, teaching them to be resilient and Providing a Sense of Achievement and Purpose amongst many other things.

It was a joy to see students confidently expressing themselves and showcasing their talents.

We eagerly anticipate next year's competition and hope to continue fostering a space where our students can shine and share their unique gifts. Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement, which makes events like this possible and successful.



I want to express my deepest gratitude to Ms. Godman and Mr. Papini, our music teachers, for their incredible support and nurturing of our students' talents, as well as for their efforts in organizing the talent show.



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## U12 Football – Al Khor



On Sunday, our enthusiastic U12 football team embarked on a journey to Al Khor International School, eagerly anticipating the football tournament ahead. Upon their arrival, they were met with a vibrant atmosphere and a challenging array of teams. Displaying remarkable teamwork and skill, the boys performed admirably in the competition. They successfully navigated through the group stages, emerging as joint winners, a testament to their hard work and determination.

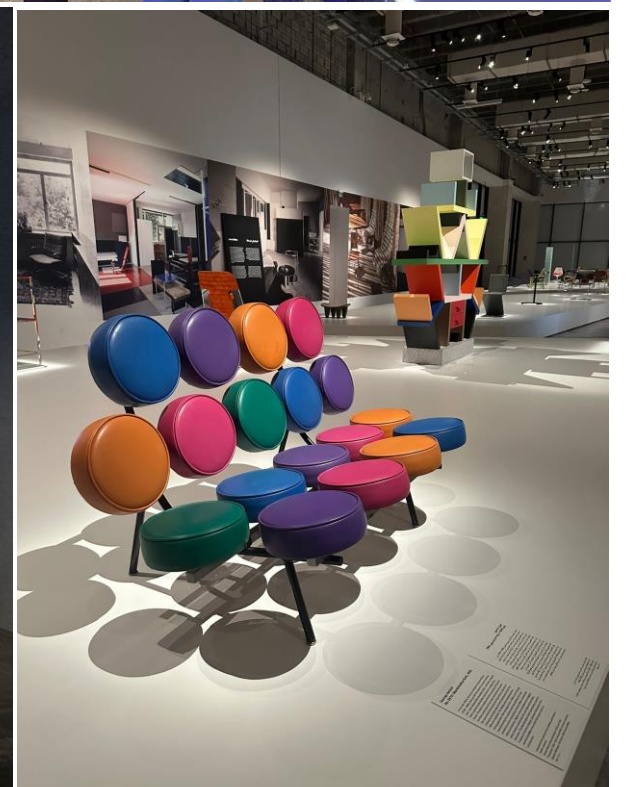
Despite their strong start, the team faced a tough challenge in the quarter-finals. In a closely contested match, they unfortunately experienced a loss, ending their journey in the tournament. However, this experience was far from disheartening. The team's spirited performance and the achievement of their first two wins in the competition marked a great start to their football endeavors. Their efforts and sportsmanship were a source of pride and set a positive tone for future competitions.

## Trip to M7 – Design and Technology

The Year 10 GCSE students this week embarked on an educational visit to the M7 Masterpieces of Furniture Design Exhibition. Their objective was to seek inspiration for their forthcoming design and technology making project. During the visit, they delved into an extensive collection of chair designs that spanned over 200 years, the exhibition also featured some original creations from renowned designers like Zaha Hadid, Alvar Aalto, Le Corbusier, and others.

The guide leading the tour was thoroughly impressed with the students' keen interest and active engagement. She commented on how our student's willingness to critically analyse and pose thought-provoking questions highlighted their deep involvement and understanding of the subject. She appreciated the unique perspectives they brought to the exhibition and eagerly anticipated their participation in future M7 events. The trip proved to be incredibly inspirational for the students, offering them a wider lens through which to view the design world.

Thank you Ms Khan for organizing the trip and supporting our student's development



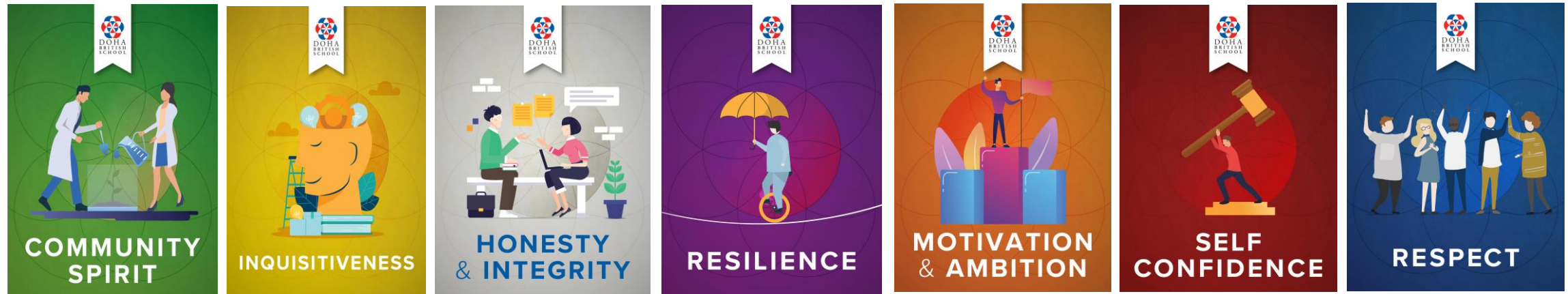


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## Star of the Week

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: Mukaddes Ulugmayan**

 **Green Scorpions: Lyan Alganad**

 **Purple Camels: Jacob Hortaleza**

 **Red Onyxes: Saad Alsulaiti**

 **Yellow Falcons: Lamis Abdelnaby**

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

## 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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