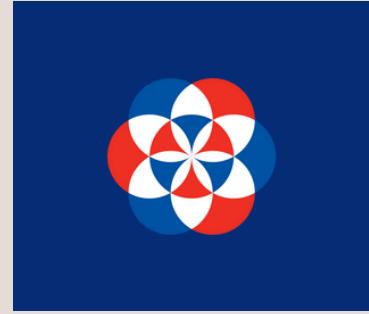
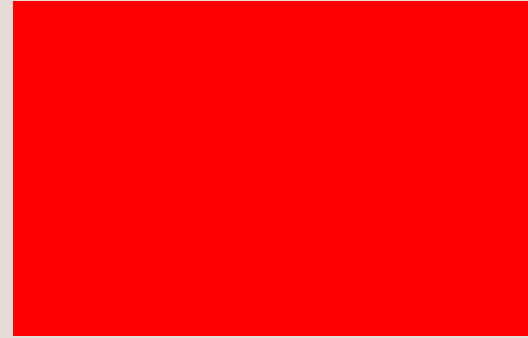


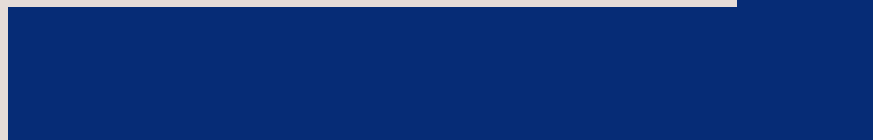
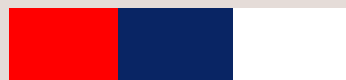
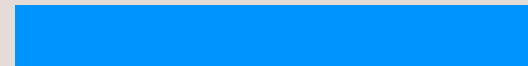
Our core purpose is that every young person should gain as much as possible from our school, based on our belief that all learners can, need, and want to achieve.  
Our vision: To be a vibrant, welcoming international school that provides a first-class class education enabling pupils to thrive within 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.



# SECONDARY SCHOOL WEEKLY

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 11th January 2024





# Dear Parents



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

## Dates for you Diary

Upcoming events	
Date	Event
Tuesday 2nd January - 11th January	Year 11 mock exams

Further ahead	
Date	Event
Sunday 4th February	U14 Boys Basketball at Qatar International School and Hamilton
Sunday 4th -12th February	Sports week Cross school sports fixtures
Wednesday 7th February	Year 9 and 11 Parents / Options Evening
Sunday 11th February	Parent workshop: Safer Internet
13th February - 15th February	Half-term break
Sunday 18th February	U13 Girls Basketball at Qatar International School and ACS
Tuesday 20th February	U12 Girls Basketball at Qatar International and Park House
Saturday 2nd March	Spring Fair
Sunday 3rd March	Attendance
Thursday 21st March	Dealing with exams stress



## 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.



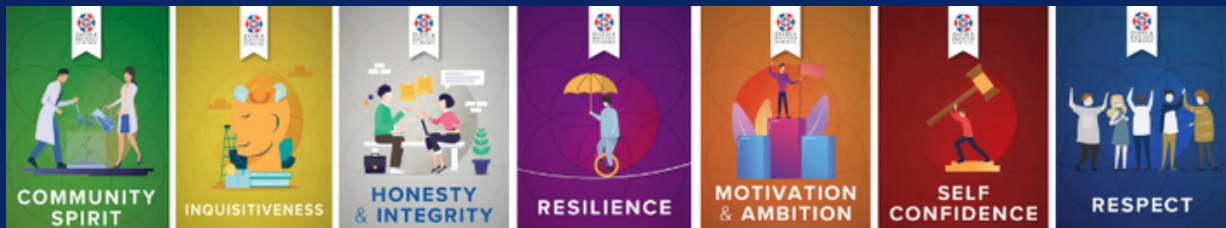
Please ensure you have your lanyard displayed. Entry to the campus will not be permitted without it. If you do not have a lanyard, you can order one from the main reception desk after being signed in by security.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to this policy and 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 instill the following values:



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 awarded the Star of the week, please recognise their success with them.

This week's Stars of the Week are:

 Blue Horses: Fernandez, Rianna Ashley	 Green Scorpions: Moore, Jack James	 Purple Camels: Mohamed, Tamara
 Yellow Falcons: Waqas, Aman	 Red Oryxes: Dsouza, Naomi	

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



## Physical Education

This week saw the start of the U16s basketball morning team training led by Mr Hussein; preparing for the QUESS tournament which will be held on Tuesday 23rd January at Qatar Academy.

The boys will be facing other international schools located in Qatar. We are sure the competition will be fierce, but the boys have shown great determination and commitment to do brilliantly!



## Wellbeing workshop; Boundaries and Healthy Friendships

In the fast-paced world of adolescence, building and maintaining healthy friendships is an essential life skill. Our dedicated school counsellor is taking the initiative to support and empower our students with the knowledge and tools they need to navigate the intricate dynamics of relationships.

Through the engaging workshop, students will have the opportunity to take part in insightful discussions, use role-play to explore different dilemmas and scenarios, create artwork, and have the opportunity to learn from their peers. This will help students learn to strike a balance between cooperation and personal space, fostering meaningful connections.

Students get the opportunity to engage in lessons on emotional intelligence, communication, and the art of setting healthy boundaries. Let's empower our students to build friendships that not only enrich their lives today but also lay the foundation for strong, resilient relationships in the future.

## Geography: Community Spirit

It's wonderful to hear that our year 7 students, Natra Al Naimi and Sarp Bayir, have been volunteering to read to their class and showing great self-confidence in their reading skills. It's heartening to see our students working within the community and taking the initiative to enhance their skills.

## Computer Science

We celebrate and congratulate the following Year 9 students who performed exceptionally well during their MS Access Assessment in Computer Science, students have received the Star of the Week award:

- Mohammed Khalid Alkaabi
- Lamis Mohamed Abdelnaby
- Fawaz Allam
- Ahmad Wael Alnahhal
- Tariq Wael Alnahhal
- Adam Kamel Daou
- Rianna Ashley Fernandez
- Maya Adel Chobrial
- Daniela Mejía Simon
- Tamara Mohamed
- Jack James Moore
- Aman Waqas





## Changing Room – Cubicles update

Continuing from our 23rd November newsletter, where we discussed plans to add more changing room cubicles to both the boys' and girls' swimming changing rooms, I am happy to report that this task was completed during the Winter break. Both the boys' and girls' changing rooms now feature an additional five cubicles each. This enhancement should ensure ample cubicle availability for our students, significantly reducing potential waiting times.

I would like to thank all those of you who had initially raised the issue and for your patience and support.

## School Uniform

As we start a new term of learning, I wanted to remind you of the importance of adhering to our school's uniform policy for shoes and coats. Your child must wear black polishable shoes that meet our uniform policy and refrain from wearing Nike Air Force or trainers.

Please note that students can only wear the school jumper, fleece, or blazer while in school or wear a plain white or black long-sleeve t-shirt under their school shirts as the temperature drops.

We truly appreciate your cooperation in ensuring your child follows the uniform policy, as it helps create a sense of unity among students and promotes a focused atmosphere in the learning environment.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this update, please contact Mrs. Lorente at [paula.lorente@dbsrawdat.com](mailto:paula.lorente@dbsrawdat.com).

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to another productive term at our school.



### School shoes- good examples





# Library News

JAN.7-11

Books of the Week

THE GIVER

GENRE: DYSTOPIAN FICTION, SCIENCE FICTION

The Giver, the Newbery Medal winner, has become one of the most influential novels of our time. The haunting story centers on twelve-year-old Jonas, who lives in a seemingly ideal, if colorless, world of conformity and contentment. Not until he is given his life assignment as the Receiver of Memory does he begin to understand the dark, complex secrets behind his fragile community.

Borrow today!

Today in History

- Jan. 8th, 1942. English theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking, who developed a theory of exploding black holes that drew upon both relativity theory and quantum mechanics, was born.
- January 9th, 1960. Construction began on the Aswan High Dam in Egypt, and upon completion in 1970 it generated enormous amounts of electric power and allowed for the control of the annual Nile flood.
- January 10th, 1920. The first United Nations General Assembly met in London and The League of Nations was established in Geneva.

Source: Britannica.com

## Ongoing Reminders – Useful to Know (New Parents)

- [Access to E-library for Students – Information on how our students can access the free e-book 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/Teacher contact details](#)
- [Google Classroom](#)

Kind regards,

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