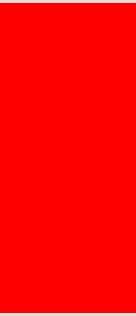
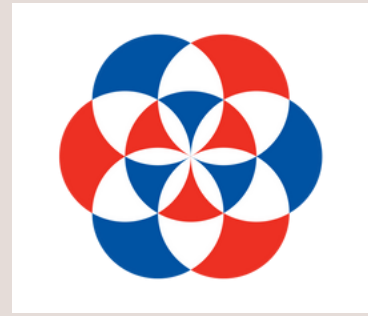


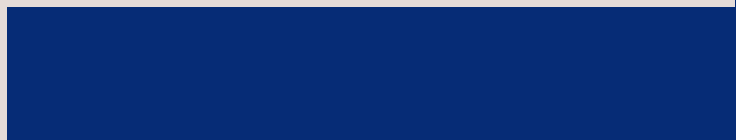
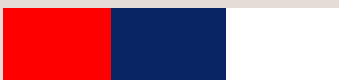
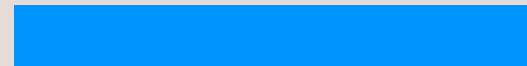
Our core purpose is that every young person should gain as much as possible from our school, based on our belief that all learners can, need, and want to achieve.
Our vision: To be a vibrant, welcoming international school that provides a first-class class education enabling pupils to thrive within a 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 18th January 2024





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 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
Tuesday 20th February	INJAZ Qatar: STEM and Robotics Workshop
Saturday 2nd March	Spring Fair
Sunday 3rd March	Attendance
Sunday 3rd - 7th March	Book Week
Thursday 21st March	Dealing with exams stress workshop

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.

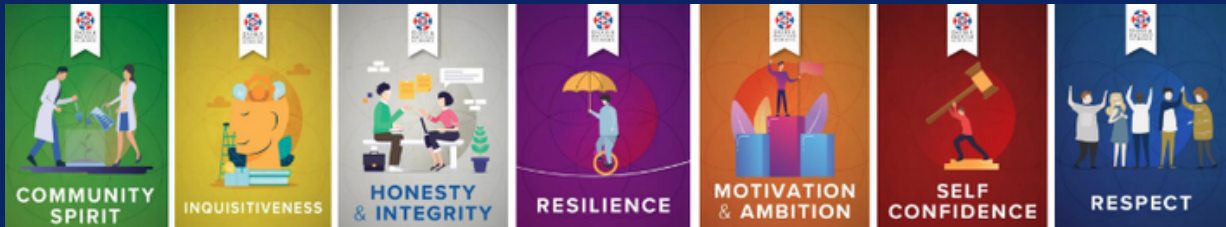
We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to this policy and ensuring the safety of our staff and students.



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: Al-Hajri, Amna		Green Scorpions: Kilic, Kuzey		Purple Camels: Matni, Zoi
	Yellow Falcons: Malochka, Margarita		Red Oryxes: Garcia, Anya Lois Orcullo		

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

Physical Education

This week, our Year 10 GCSE PE students embarked on a captivating exploration of gym training at Raise The Bar Gym in Fox Hills, Lusail. Guided by Coach Charmaine, a seasoned expert with a decade of coaching experience in Doha, as well as Miss Omar, a Sports Science graduate, the students immersed themselves in three invigorating workshops—Plyometric, Weight, and interval training.

Special thanks extend to RTB's manager, Miss Julia, for her gracious hospitality, guaranteeing a transformative and impactful learning experience for our students.





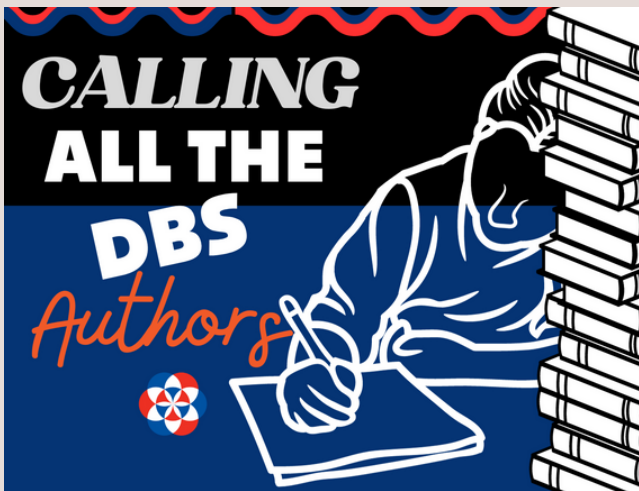
Wellbeing workshop; Boundaries and Healthy Friendships

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.

DBS Authors Forum Invitation



The Secondary Library cordially invites you to join us and other DBS parents, staff, and student authors in celebrating the upcoming Book Week in March at the DBS Author Forum. This event is just one of several exciting activities planned for the week.

During the forum, you will have the opportunity to discuss your writing, share what motivates you to write and read a small excerpt from your work. If you are interested in joining us, please [fill out the following form](#). We are extending the invitation to ensure a good program for all our activities.

The DBS Author Forum will be held on Wednesday, March 6th, 2024. We look forward to your participation!

ECA - Term 2 - Options

DBS Rawdat Secondary is exceptionally pleased to publish this term's ECA activities. We look forward to all pupils actively engaging in our broad and balanced activities.

ECA TERM 2									
KS3/4 Activity Schedule									
Sunday	Football (KS3 BOYS)	Yoga	Study Club	Basketball (Girls)	Debate Club	Drama	Art Club		
Monday	Badminton	Table Tennis	Rock Band	Fantasy Football	Apps & Research Club	Basketball (Boys)	Photography	Wellness crafts and drawing	
Tuesday									
Wednesday	Football (Girls)	Swimming (Boys)	Mandala Meditation	Card and Board Games	Book Club	Chess Club	Astronomy Club		
Thursday									



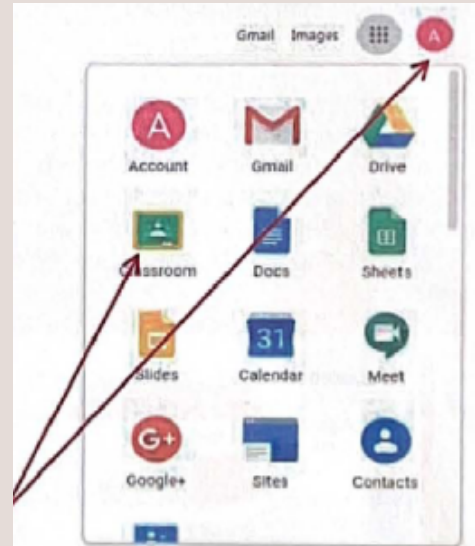
How to Log on to Google Classroom

Students can log into their Gmail using their school email address and their password.

Their school email will be their first name and surname @dbsrawdat.com (example dbs2024@dbsrawdat.com).

Once your child has have logged in, they will need to click on the google apps button and then select 'Google Classroom' Your child will then be able to see all of the classes they belong to.

They will then need to click on the class they want to use resources for and take a look at everything that their class teacher has posted for them to work on. They will be able to download items and make comments on them. Teachers will be regularly posting new work on their Google Classrooms.



Top Tips for Our Students

- Students must keep up to date with their lessons by using Google Classroom every day.
- Use their workbooks to complete the work shown on their Google Classroom.
- Don't slack on presentation! Keep their notes in order of the lessons on the Google Classroom.
- Year 11 students, there will be revision materials available on Google Classroom. Please use them.

What to do if your child is Missing a Subject in their Google Classroom?

If your child is missing a Google Classroom for one of their subjects, they will need to click on the addition symbol, followed by 'Join Class' and then enter the Class Code for their missing subject.

Class Codes are available from their subject teacher.

Class code

Ask your teacher for the class code, then enter it here.

Class code



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.

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

LIBRARY NEWS

JAN.14-18

Book of the Week

Borrow today!

SEE YOU IN THE COSMOS

GENRE: ADVENTURE

If you made a recording to be heard by the aliens who found the iPod, what would your record?

For 11-year-old Alex Petroski, it's easy. He records everything. He records the story of how he travels to New Mexico to a rocket festival with his dog, Carl Sagan, and his rocket.

He records finding out that a man with the same name and birthday as his dead father has an address in Las Vegas. He records eating at Johnny Rockets for the first time with his new friends, who are giving him a ride to find his dead father (who might not be dead!), and losing Carl Sagan in the wilds of Las Vegas, and discovering he has a half sister. He even records his own awful accident. Cheng delivers a sweet, soulful debut novel with a brilliant, refreshing structure.

Today in History

- January 14th, 1911. One of the greatest figures in the history of polar exploration was Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen, who left Norway for Antarctica in June 1910 and on this day in 1911 became the first person to reach the South Pole.
- Jan. 15th, 2001. Wikipedia, a free Internet-based encyclopaedia that operates under an open-source management style, debuted; it was founded by Jimmy Wales and Larry Sanger.
- January 18th, 1986. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day was first celebrated as a national holiday in US. Martin Luther King Jr. was from the United States, he played a key role in the American civil rights movement through his leadership and advocacy for racial equality and justice.

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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