



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

RAWDAT AL HAMAMA



Secondary Newsletter

Thursday 1st February 2024

Our 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

Is to be a vibrant, welcoming international school that provides a first class education enabling pupils to thrive within a dynamic, global environment

Our Mission

Is to prepare all pupils through a relevant, challenging curriculum and well-resourced facilities, to become lifelong learners contributing to a global community



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
20th February	U12,U13,U14 Boys Badminton at Mesaieed International School
Tuesday 20th February	U12 Girls Basketball at Qatar International and Park House
Tuesday 20th February	INJAZ Qatar: STEM and Robotics Workshop
25th February	U13 Boys Basketball at Qatar International School and ACS
27th February	U12 Boys Basketball at Park House/ Qatar International School
27th February	U12,U13,U14 Girls Badminton at Mesaieed International School
Saturday 2nd March	Spring Fair
Sunday 3rd March	Attendance Workshop
Sunday 3rd - 7th March	Book Week
Thursday 21st April	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.

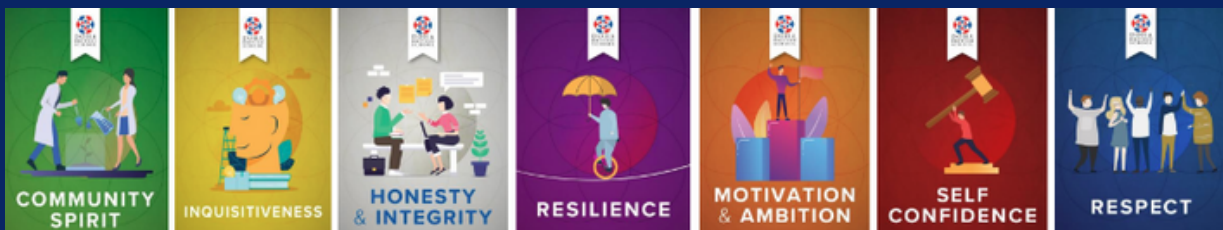
Please ensure you have your lanyard displayed. Entry to the campus will not be permitted without it. If you do not have a lanyard, you can order one from the main reception desk after being signed in by security.

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: Kretzschmar, Ryan Ruben		Green Scorpions: Mejía Simon, Daniela		Purple Camels: Hortaleza, Jacob Xavier Sapinoso
	Yellow Falcons: Allam, Fawaz		Red Oryxes: Gnanam, Emjay Simbulas		

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



EAL Department

Year 7

Our students have successfully analysed the language and structural techniques employed by Shakespeare in Macbeth. They have also determined why different characters use these techniques and the effect they have on an Elizabethan audience.

The students have included these techniques in their successful writing of Point Evidence Explain paragraphs. They have focused on the power Lady Macbeth has over Macbeth, proving their points with quotes from the text, and explaining them with themes and context in the play. Despite facing challenges like reading the original text, the students were able to overcome them.

They watched the cartoon which has the lines in Shakespearean English at the bottom, to make it audiovisual. They also followed a hard copy of the script which allowed them to listen to the correct pronunciation simultaneously. To improve their analysis of the text for language techniques, they studied the key scenes, analysed the main quotes, and justified their reasoning and their opinions on the writer's intention.

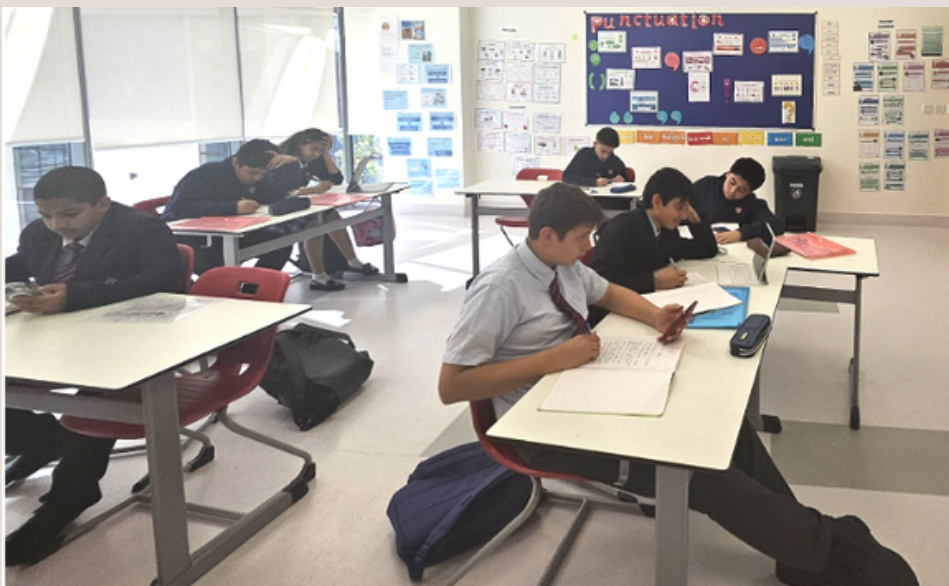
Year 8

The students have analysed the primary dialogues used by Shakespeare in his play "A Midsummer Night's Dream." They have shown how these dialogues illustrate the changes in the behaviour and personality of the characters concerning relationships. The students have written Point Evidence Explain (PEE) paragraphs effectively, using quotes and points from the text and explaining them in the context of the play's themes and their impact on the Elizabethan audience.

The students encountered various challenges while analysing the play, such as reading the original text by watching the cartoon. The cartoon had lines in Shakespearean English at the bottom, which made it audiovisual, and the students followed a hard copy of the script as well. This strategic approach helped them listen to the correct pronunciation while also understanding the text.

To enhance their analysis of the language techniques used in the text, the students studied the key scenes, analysed the main quotes, and justified their opinions on the writer's intent.

Well done years 7 & 8!





Physical Education

DBS Rawdat Al-Hamama Secondary students held a cross-country race in Dukhan on January 28th, Sunday. They performed exceptionally well, securing notable positions. In the U13 girl's category, Duyghu Abasova achieved 4th place out of 45 runners. Tamara Mohamed secured the 7th position out of 42 runners in the U14 girls category, while Margarita Malochka earned the 6th and Fiza Shaik the 9th spot out of 40 runners in the U16 girls category. The school's representatives in various age groups included:

U12 boys & girls: Ryan, Zachary, Mustafa, Aleksej, Anya, Shahad, Alma, Clarissa, and Kenzy.

U13 boys & girls: Duyghu, Yosser, Mea, Zoi, Abdulghany, Ioannis, Teejay, Joshua, and Arsen.

U14 boys & girls: Tamara, Cloe, Carlota, Yahya, Aman, and Fawaz.

U16 boys & girls: Jacob, Mo Ashar, Saif, Fiza, Margarita, Al Maha, Al Jazi, and Thea.



DBS Rawdat Al-Hamama Secondary U16 Basketball Team

The boys' basketball team of DBS Rawdat Al-Hamama Secondary U16 participated in their debut tournament and gave an impressive performance that led them to the quarterfinals. However, they faced a close defeat of 15-11 against Doha College, the strongest team in the competition. The tournament was hosted by Qatar Academy Doha on Wednesday, the 31st January.

The school was represented by the following students: Hadi Mahmoud Batayneh, Zeyad El Hassan, Hammam Gannan, Jacob Xavier, Sultan Mohammed, Devhan John, Mohsen Al-Hajri, Mohammad Ashar, Mahmoud Tamer, Joshua Joaquin, and Adam Kamel.

"Congratulations to our students for their tremendous effort!"





Secondary - Sports Day

We are delighted to invite you to our upcoming Sports Days, where you can witness an exhilarating showcase of athleticism and teamwork. Your presence and encouragement will no doubt add an extra layer of excitement to this grand event.

Here's the schedule for the Sports Days:

- Year 8: Sunday, 4th February
- Year 7: Monday, 5th February
- Year 9: Tuesday, 6th February
- Year 10 and 11: Wednesday, 7th February

Each day promises a thrilling display of talent, with events starting at 10:05 AM and ending at 2:00 PM. We encourage you to come and support your children as they engage in friendly competition, fostering a sense of teamwork and sportsmanship. Parental involvement is not only encouraged but warmly welcomed. Your cheers and applause will undoubtedly boost the morale of our budding athletes and contribute to the overall success of the Sports Days.

Anticipate an extraordinary Sports Day filled with memorable moments and shared joy. We look forward to your enthusiastic participation as we celebrate the achievements and talents of our students. See you there!

Year 8 Arabic trip: Qatar National Museum

Our Year 8 Arabic students recently visited the Qatar National Museum to learn about the history of Qatar. During the trip, they compared the landscape, wildlife, and plant life of Qatar in the past to what it is like now. They also learned about the differences in the ways of life of the people of Qatar in the past versus the present, as well as the advancements in technology that have taken place over time. Additionally, they were fascinated by the changes in Qatar's national dress over the years.

The students also watched an informative film about the Battle of Al Wajba, which the Qatari army won against the Turkish army. They had the opportunity to see the swords and clay pots that were used during that period.

Students found the trip to be both educational and enjoyable.



Music Department

Secondary Music is proud to announce that we will be hosting an Open Mic event every Thursday during lunchtime. We aim to provide our talented students with as many opportunities to perform as possible, which will help strengthen our music culture within the school and motivate upcoming musicians. The event is also open to all staff who would like to perform.

For further details, contact: giorgio.papini@dbssrawdat.com



Secondary Library


Book Week 2024 is just a month away, and we would like to extend an invitation to parents and students to participate in our exciting program. Below are three invitations that you can choose from to join us:

1. **DBS Author Forum:** During Book Week, we welcome parents, staff, and students to join us for the DBS Author Forum on March 7. For more information, please send an email to secondary.library@dbsrawdat.com or fill out the [following form](#).
2. **Book Week Logo Competition:** Secondary school students are invited to participate in our logo competition by submitting their best hand-drawn or digital designs via email to secondary.library@dbsrawdat.com by February 12th, 2024. The winner will receive a special prize and the title of the official Book Week 2024 logo designer!
3. **Book Swap 2024:** We are collecting books that students want to exchange throughout February. The book swap activity will take place during breaks in the library and is exclusively for students and staff who bring books to swap.

We appreciate your participation in these exciting activities and look forward to seeing you there!



Library News




LIBRARY NEWS

JAN.28-FEB.1

Book of the Week

Borrow today!



MONSTERS IN THE MIST

JULIANA BRANDT

MONSTERS IN THE MIST



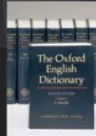
GENRE: MISTERY

When Glennon McCue's father takes an overseas position, Glennon finds himself relocated from Minneapolis to his Uncle's light house on Isle Philipeaux, smack dab in the middle of Lake Superior surrounded by nothing but black, ominous waters.

The place is frightening and becomes even more so when a storm rocks the island and a ship wrecks outside the lighthouse. Even worse, the survivors are terrified to learn they've washed up on the phantom isle.

There are many stories about Isle Philipeaux; sailors wash ashore...and are never seen again. Suddenly, Glennon finds himself in the middle of a real-life ghost story, and unless he can figure out the mystery of the island... he and his family will be lost forever, too.

Today in History

- Jan 30, 1948. Indian leader Mahatma Gandhi—considered the father of his country and internationally esteemed for his doctrine of nonviolent protest (satyagraha) to achieve political and social progress—was assassinated on this day in 1948. 
- Jan 31st, 2020. The United Kingdom formally left the European Union, more than three years after the country voted for "Brexit." 
- Feb 1st, 1884. The first of 10 volumes of the Oxford English Dictionary was published in London, the final volume being published April 19, 1928. 

Source: Britannica.com



Spring Fair

We are thrilled to announce our "Poster Design Competition" for the upcoming Spring Fair.

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Spring Fair

POSTER DESIGN
COMPETITION

DBS Rawdat Al Hamama upcoming Spring Fair, the fair will include
Magic Show- Bubble Show - Arcade Games - Jumping Castles-Face
Painting - Henna - Art & Crafts - Live Music and more.

Any Medium including crayons, watercolours, acrylic, digital art or
photography.

- A4 Portrait Size
- Submit to your form tutor / Class teachers
- Open to All DBS Rawdat from all levels.

Deadline submission 11th of February



School Uniform

A reminder 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 Ms. Lorente at: paula.lorente@dbsrawdat.com.

Thank you for your attention to this matter!



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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