



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

RAWDAT AL HAMAMA



Secondary Newsletter

Thursday 21st March 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
Monday 11th March to Thursday 4th April	Ramadan School Days
Monday 25th March	Community Iftar
Monday 25th March	Parent Workshop - Effective Study Habits
Further ahead	
Date	Event
Sunday 7th April - Thursday 18th April	Spring Term Break
Thursday 21st April	Dealing with exams stress workshop
Thursday 21st April	Boys Table Tennis



Ramadan

I am delighted to inform you of the school schedule during Ramadan, as confirmed by the MOEHE. We anticipate that the first day of Ramadan will be on Monday, 11th March. The school day will be as follows:

EYFS - 8:30AM to 1:15PM

Year 1- Year 11 - 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM,

Students will be permitted to enter the school starting at 8:15 AM with lessons commencing from 8:30AM.

Wishing Everybody in our community Ramadan Mubarak.



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.

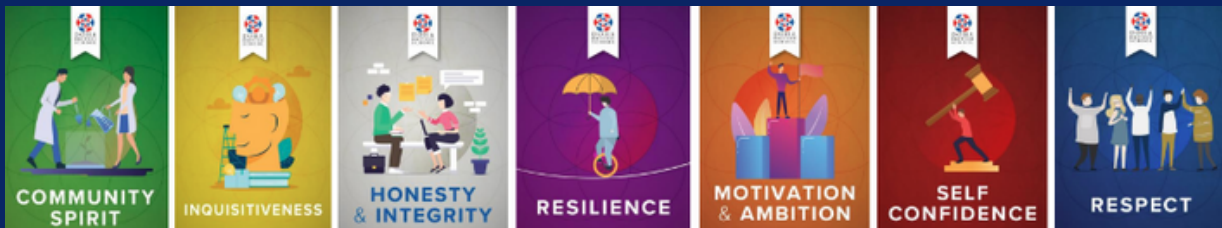
Please ensure you have your lanyard displayed. Entry to the campus will not be permitted without it. If you do not have a lanyard, you can order one from the main reception desk after being signed in by security.

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: Bayir, Sarp		Green Scorpions: Daou, Adam Kamel		Purple Camels: Ochoa, Ana Belen
	Yellow Falcons: Mohd Zamri, Sofiya Hana		Red Oryxes: Gnanam, Emjay Simbulas		

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



DT

We are thrilled to share with you the remarkable accomplishments of our students in the DT workshop. They've invested significant effort in a project utilising various tools and techniques, including tenon saws and hand drills, to craft a wooden block robot tailored for children. Their relentless dedication to research, analysis, design, and meticulous planning has culminated in the creation of an exceptional prototype from wood.

We're truly impressed by their diligence and creativity throughout this endeavour. Attached are some pictures showcasing their outstanding product. Please join me in extending our heartfelt congratulations to them for this commendable achievement.





Parent Workshop - Effective Study Habits

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming online workshop, entitled "Effective Study Habits" on Monday, 25th March at 8:00 pm. In this session, we will outline what research and the best evidence suggest in terms of effective approaches to study techniques and what that means for our students. We will also highlight why some techniques are more beneficial than others and explain the science of learning behind this.

Please find the Zoom meeting link details below:

Date: **25th March**

Time: **8:00-9:00 pm (Arabian Standard Time - Qatar)**

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96082456628?pwd=dEiUQmd5R0VnWVF6VFVqcjByTFllZz09>

Meeting ID: **960 8245 6628**

Passcode: **689654**

We look forward to your company and the opportunity to engage in dialogue to best support our students.

If for any reason you are unable to join us, please be rest assured that the presentation will be recorded and shared with all parents afterwards.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hill

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AN INVITE FOR ALL DBS PARENTS

Unveiling
**WHAT WORKS
WHAT DOESN'T**

**Effective Study Habits
Online Workshop**

Co-presented by:
Mr Mark Healy
Ms Alicia Hill, Mr Steven Miles

Date: Monday 25th March
Time: 8:00 pm, Online










DBS Rawdat Al Hamama Community Iftar

Dear parents,

As we welcome the holy month of Ramadan, we are delighted to extend a warm invitation to join us for our community Iftar on Monday 25th March. This event promises to be a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a school community and celebrate the spirit of Ramadan.

Event Details:

-  Date: **Monday, March 25th**
-  Time: 5:45 pm
-  Venue: School Courtyard
-  Ticket Prices:
 -  Adults: 120 QR
 -  Secondary Students: 100 QR
 -  Primary Students: 50 QR

Important Note: All primary students must be accompanied by a family member.

Tickets are on sale from Tuesday 12th March at the start and the end of the day, and also from the admissions office throughout the day.

As Garangao will be the night before our Iftar, we invite families to celebrate this occasion with us too.

Ramadan Kareem.





Yearbook Cover Competition

DBS students from all campuses and of all ages are invited to submit entries for the Yearbook 2023/24 'Cover Design Competition'. The winning entry will be published as the front cover.

Theme - 'Shaping Futures and Building Dreams at Doha British School'

Criteria:

Creative Conceptualisation:

- The extent to which the poster demonstrates innovative thinking and originality in its design and presentation.
- Creativity in the use of visual elements, layout, and overall aesthetic appeal.

Clarity of Idea Communication:

- How effectively the idea or message of the poster is communicated to the audience.
- Clear and concise presentation of information, ensuring easy understanding.

Quality of Final Work:

- The overall attention to detail is evident in the finished poster.
- Technical proficiency in design elements, resolution, colour usage, and quality





Complaints Policy

Did you know that your child spends approximately 180 days annually in school? This translates to 1350 hours or 81,000 minutes. During the same period, they spend about 86400 minutes sleeping (averaging 8 hours per night) and have around 91800 minutes for everything else, including homework, leisure, eating, showering, family time, and perhaps even tidying their rooms! We hope that, regardless of whether they are in school, sleeping, or engaging in other activities, they are primarily happy and content. Based on our interactions with students, it appears that this is the case for most of our students most of the time.

However, on rare occasions, something might occur that prompts you to seek further clarification from the school, request additional information, or even lodge a complaint. Often, the incident that causes concern occurs in just one minute out of the 81,000 they spend at school. Although it represents a tiny fraction of their total school time, the impact of the incident can lead to extended periods of discomfort.

Our goal as a school, once we are informed or become aware, is to support your child and you in finding a resolution to whatever issue arises. To help channel your concern to the right person to help expedite a resolution we have a complaints policy, that we ask all parents to make themselves aware of. The purpose of the policy is to try and resolve the problems closest to the roots of the cause and if it can't be resolved, you have a clear pathway for escalating your concern.

Please find a copy of the policy, through the following link [DBS Rawdat's Complaints policy](#).

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!





MOE - Circular on Traffic Safety

We have been requested by the MOEHE to remind all parents of the importance of ensuring the safety and well-being of our children during pick-up and drop-off times.

Therefore, we kindly ask all parents to observe the following guidelines:

Adhere to Traffic Safety Laws: It is imperative to closely follow all traffic regulations. This not only ensures the safety of our children but also sets a strong example for them to follow in the future. Compliance with traffic laws reduces the risk of accidents and promotes a safer community for everyone.

Avoid Parking in Restricted Areas: Please refrain from parking your vehicles in front of entrances, exits, and the pavement. Doing so can create unnecessary hazards and impede the flow of traffic.

Do Not Block Traffic: Ensure that your vehicle does not stop in the middle of the road or in a place where it obstructs the flow of traffic.

Use Designated Parking Zones for Drop-off and Pick-up: This ensures that children can enter and exit vehicles safely.

By adhering to these guidelines, we can collectively contribute to a safer, more orderly, and efficient environment during school activities.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to our community's safety.

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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