



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

RAWDAT AL HAMAMA



Secondary Newsletter

25th January 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.

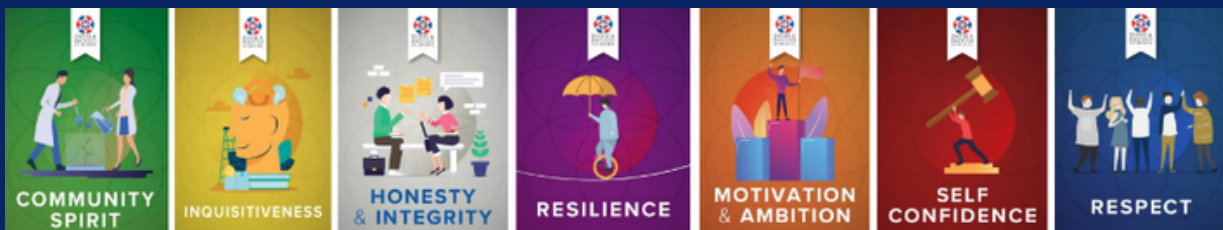
Please ensure you have your lanyard displayed. Entry to the campus will not be permitted without it. If you do not have a lanyard, you can order one from the main reception desk after being signed in by security.

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: Gamal El Din, Hannah		Green Scorpions: Alganad, Lyan Ammar		Purple Camels: Ebeid, Hassan Ahmed
	Yellow Falcons: Abuslima, Khadija Mohamed		Red Oryxes: Kambal, Mohammed Eihab		

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



Science

The Year 7 Science class took part in a dissection of a buffalo heart as a way to improve their understanding of the heart's chambers, valves, and vessels, and gain a deeper understanding of the circulatory system.

This hands-on approach proved to be an exciting and informative experience for the students, allowing them to observe and explore the heart's inner workings. This experience was memorable for all those involved, and we commend Year 7 for their participation and engagement.



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!

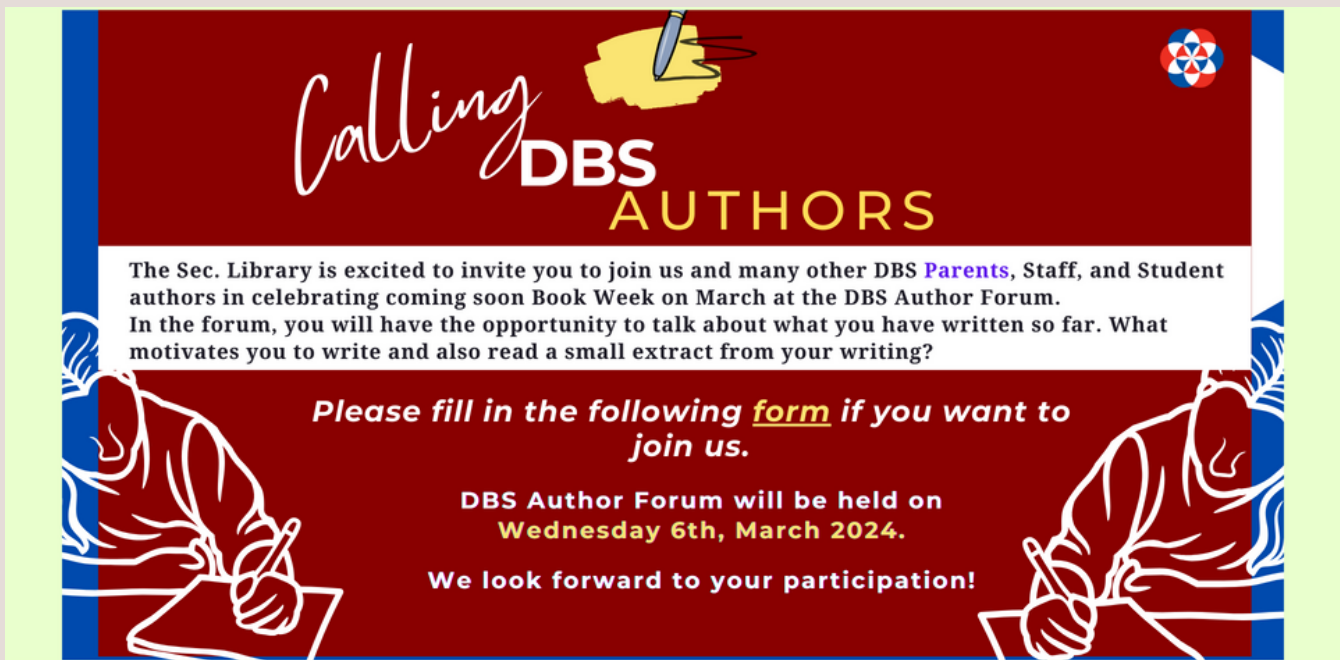


ECA - Term 2

“Our dedicated students participate actively in various extracurricular activities such as Robotics, Boys' Basketball, Astronomy club, and Chess club.”



DBS Authors Forum Invitation



Calling **DBS** **AUTHORS**

The Sec. Library is excited to invite you to join us and many other DBS **Parents**, Staff, and Student authors in celebrating coming soon Book Week on March at the DBS Author Forum. In the forum, you will have the opportunity to talk about what you have written so far. What motivates you to write and also read a small extract from your writing?

*Please fill in the following **form** if you want to join us.*

DBS Author Forum will be held on Wednesday 6th, March 2024.

We look forward to your participation!

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@dbsbrawdat.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



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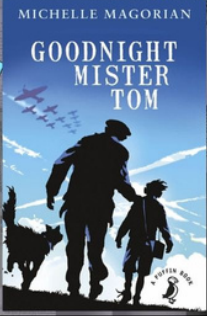
Book of the Week

GOODNIGHT MISTER TOM




GENRE: DRAMA

This moving and evocative novel has won the Guardian Children's Fiction Award. Goodnight Mister Tom tells the story of a young boy called Willie Beech, who is evacuated to the countryside during a War, and the relationship he develops with his new carer Mr Tom.

Willie a sad, deprived child, he slowly begins to flourish under the unlikely care of grumpy old Tom Oakley. But then his new-found happiness is shattered by a summons from his mother to return to London. As the weeks pass by Tom begins to worry when William doesn't answer his letters, so he goes to London to find him, and there makes a terrible discovery.



Today in History

- Jan 21, 1905. Fashion designer Christian Dior, whose label became an enduring worldwide success, was born in Granville, France. 
- Jan 25th, 1961. The animated film One Hundred and One Dalmatians was released in the United States, and it became a Disney classic, especially noted for the villainous character Cruella De Vil. 
- January 25, 2010. It is reported in China that health officials have removed dairy products from store shelves in Guizhou province after finding that several food companies have supplied products tainted with the toxic industrial ingredient melamine. 

Source: Britannica.com

Borrow today!



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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