



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية  
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

RAWDAT AL HAMAMA



# Secondary Newsletter

*Thursday 28th 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

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## **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

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## **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

Further ahead	
Date	Event
Sunday 7th April - Thursday 18th April	Spring Term Break
Sunday 21st April	Dealing with exams stress workshop
Thursday 21st April	Boys Table Tennis

## Ramadan

A reminder that during Ramadan 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.

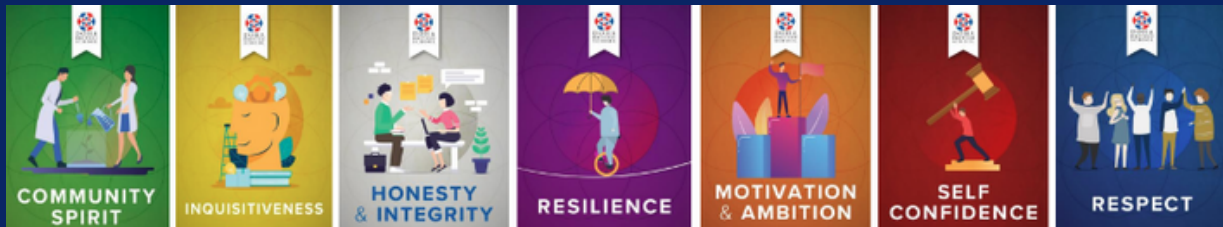
We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to this policy and ensuring the safety of our staff and students.



## 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: Abdel-hafez, Humza Ahmad	 Green Scorpions: Gardezi, Hussain Ali	 Purple Camels: Hortaleza, Jacob Xavier Sapinosa
 Yellow Falcons: Batayneh, Hadi Mahmoud	 Red Oryxes: Garcia, Anya Lois Orcullo	

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

## KS4 Study Skills Workshop

This week, Doha British School Rawdat Al Hmama Secondary hosted study skills classes specifically for Year 10 and Year 11 students. Students eagerly participated in discussions and interactive exercises, guided by the session's emphasis on effective revision strategies and how to maintain good mental well-being during this time. The classes provided students with useful insights into stress management and the practical application of breaking down revision tasks into manageable chunks based on their learning style.

With enthusiasm, students absorbed these essential skills, recognising their significance in preparing for upcoming exams. From mindfulness practices to breaking down study materials, students left the session equipped with newfound knowledge and strategies. DBS Rawdat Al Hamama eagerly anticipates the continued growth and success of students in their academic journeys and wishes them the best of luck during this exam season.



## Parent Workshop - Effective Study Habits

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you for attending the online workshop on Effective Study Habits held on the 25th of March. Your active participation and engagement truly made the event a success.

We hope that you found the workshop informative and that you gained valuable insights into cultivating effective study habits. The exchange of ideas and discussions during the session were invaluable, and we appreciate your contribution to creating a supportive learning environment.

We are pleased to announce that due to the positive response and interest shown, we will be organising a follow-up session in the near future. This session will delve deeper into specific study techniques and strategies, tailored to address your individual needs and concerns.

We look forward to the opportunity to continue supporting you in your academic journey and helping you achieve your goals. Stay tuned for further details regarding the follow-up session, and we encourage you to reach out if you have any specific topics or questions you would like to see addressed.

Once again, thank you for your participation and enthusiasm. Your commitment to enhancing your study skills is commendable, and we are here to support you every step of the way.

## PE Department

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that even during Ramadan, students are still expected to bring in their PE kit for PE lessons. PE plays a vital role in promoting overall health and well-being, and we want to ensure that all students have the opportunity to participate fully in these activities.

Over the past week, we have noticed a significant number of students arriving without their PE kit. This poses challenges not only for their participation but also for the smooth running of our PE sessions.

We kindly request your cooperation in ensuring that your child comes to school prepared with their PE kit, regardless of the observance of Ramadan. Encouraging this habit will not only benefit their physical health but also instil a sense of responsibility and discipline.

Your support in reinforcing this expectation with your child is greatly appreciated. Together, we can ensure that all students have a positive and enriching experience during PE lessons.

## DBS Rawdat Al Hamama Community Iftar

"We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the families in our community who joined us for the DBS Rawdat family community Iftar. It was a delightful occasion filled with engaging conversations and the pleasure of savouring an exquisite buffet spread. Your presence truly enhanced the event, and we look forward to more memorable gatherings in the future."



## 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



## Role Announcements

We are thrilled to share some exciting news regarding growth and development within the DBS community. As we continue to strive for excellence in education, we are delighted to announce several significant changes in leadership roles that will further enhance our commitment to providing a nurturing and enriching environment for our students.

Firstly, we are pleased to announce that Mr. Simon Berry will be stepping into the role of Executive Principal, working collaboratively with all three DBS campuses. Mr. Berry brings a wealth of experience and a deep understanding of our values and mission, making him an excellent fit for this pivotal position.

Additionally, Mrs. Lynette Grant will be assuming the role of Principal at the Ain Khaled campus. Mrs. Grant's dedication to our school community will ensure stability and continuity as we continue to grow and evolve.

These appointments mark an exciting chapter in the journey of DBS, and we are confident that under the guidance of our esteemed leadership team, we will continue to provide outstanding educational opportunities for all our Students.

We thank you for your continued support and partnership as we embark on this exciting new phase together.

**SIMON BERRY**  
Executive Principal

**LYNETTE GRANT**  
Ain Khaled Principal



## 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](mailto: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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