



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

RAWDAT AL HAMAMA



Secondary Newsletter

Thursday 8th 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 -12th February	Sports week Cross school sports fixtures
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,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
Sunday 25th February	U13 Boys Basketball at Qatar International School and ACS
Tuesday 27th February	U12 Boys Basketball at Park House/ Qatar International School
Tuesday 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 and Book Fair
Thursday 21st April	Dealing with exams stress workshop
Monday 4th March	Boys Athletics U12, U13, U14
Wednesday 6th March	Girls Athletics U12, U13, U14



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.

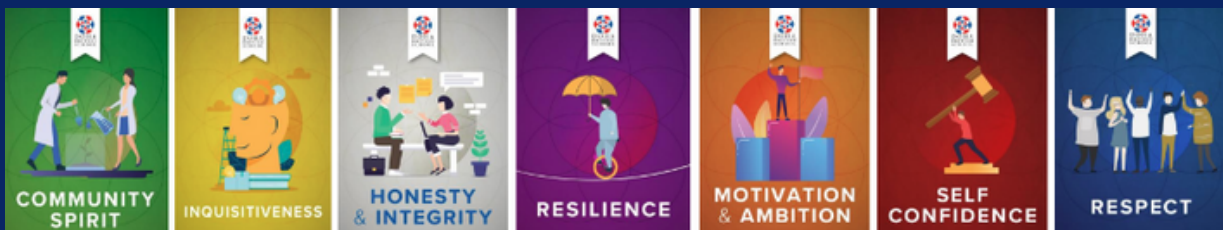
Please ensure you have your lanyard displayed. Entry to the campus will not be permitted without it. If you do not have a lanyard, you can order one from the main reception desk after being signed in by security.

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: Bayir, Sarp		Green Scorpions: Abu Khalaf, Farah Bashar		Purple Camels: Boraiei, Adam Mohamed
	Yellow Falcons: Swiase, Nour		Red Oryxes: Al-Sada, Bader Ahmed		

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



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Designer of the month for January 2024: Aisha Al-Dosari (Yr 8).

Aisha is a Year 8 student who joined DBS in January. Despite being new to the subject, she has already demonstrated a remarkable level of independence and skill during practical sessions. She is enthusiastic about completing her wooden block calendar and has shown a commendably positive attitude. Well done, Aisha!



Physical Education

QUESS U12 Girls and Boys Basketball

It is with great pleasure that we announce that for the first time, we will be hosting some QUESS fixtures at DBS Rawdat AL Hamama. This will include our U12 Girls' Basketball tournament on Sunday 18th February.

This will run from 3:00 pm until approx. 6:00 pm. The following nine other schools in attendance:

- SEK
- DESS
- DC
- QFIS
- AKIS
- Pearling M
- Pearling G
- RGS
- Dukhan

DBS Rawdat Al-Hamama Secondary U14s Basketball Team : Sport week

Several outstanding activities took place during our sports week. The range of sports includes basketball. It was quite impressive how they won all of their games and qualified for the finals after topping their group. The girls were at QIS for their basketball tournament. However, our girls demonstrated great resilience despite being in such a challenging group.



"Congratulations to our students for their tremendous effort!"



Sports week - Step Challenge

Congratulations to Mr. Connolly for winning the step challenge! Achieving 50,856 steps over 4 days.

National Sports Day 2024 activities

Qatar celebrates its annual National Sports Day, and this year it falls on Tuesday, 13th February 2024. The purpose of this day is to highlight the role of sports in promoting overall well-being, including physical and emotional health. It also aims to motivate a lifestyle that includes regular involvement in sports. In line with these goals, we are excited to share with you the MOEHE has planned to host external events in centers on the occasion of this year's Sports Day, as follows:

Tuesday 13 February 2024

Boys Center: Doha Old Port Park

Girls Center: Qatar Primary School for Girls

Music Department

Below are some amazing pictures of our First Open Mic event at DBS Rawdat Al Hamama.





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



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



WHEN SECRETS SET SAIL
GENRE: ADVENTURE

Usha is devastated when her grandmother Kali Ma passes away. Then straight-talking Imtiaz arrives - her new adoptive sister - and the two girls clash instantly. They both feel lost. Their home is full of history and secrets. Many years ago it was the House of the Ayahs - for those nannies who couldn't return to their homeland - and Kali Ma made a promise she couldn't keep. Today, the house is run as a home for refugees, but eviction threatens. The precious documents that could save them are lost. As the house slowly fills up with ghosts that only the girls can see, they realise they have to save more than just one grandmother. Usha and Immy must set off on a quest through London -- if they can set the secrets of generations free, will they be in time to save their home?

LIBRARY NEWS

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Today in History

- Feb 4th, 2004. The Web site Facebook was launched (as TheFacebook.com); later it would become the largest social network in the world.
- Feb 5th, 1985. Portuguese football player Cristiano Ronaldo, one of the finest forwards of his generation, was born in Funchal, Portugal.
- Feb 7th, 1999. Abdullah II became king of Jordan hours after the death of his father, Hussein.

Source: Britannica.com



Parent Survey

I want to express my gratitude to all the parents who have filled out the parent survey and remind everyone that the survey will remain available until Thursday, 15th February. The insights we gained from last year's survey played a crucial role in guiding our development plans for this academic year. To help us evaluate our progress and keep enhancing our efforts, we would appreciate it if you could spare around 10 minutes to share your further feedback with us.

The survey can be found at this link - <https://forms.gle/vByKvNAci4Ld6wp58>

Thank you in advance for your help and support in completing this survey.

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!



Internet Safety workshop invitation

Dear Parents,

I hope this email finds you well.

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of our students in today's digital age, I would like to invite you to our Internet Safety Workshop for parents.

In this digital era, where technology plays an increasingly significant role in our daily lives, it's crucial for parents to be equipped with the knowledge and tools necessary to navigate the online world safely alongside their children.

This workshop aims to provide valuable insights, practical tips, and resources to empower you to foster a secure online environment for your family.

These are the details of the workshop:

- Date: 11th of February
- Time: Morning session 7:15 am and afternoon session: 2:15 pm
- Location: Doha British School Rawdat Al Hamama- Auditorium
- Duration: 1 hour
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If you would like to attend, please complete the following Google form stating which session you would like to attend.

<https://forms.gle/gwTMv2yUp2mieK877>

Kind regards,

Ms Lorente



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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