



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية  
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

RAWDAT AL HAMAMA



# Secondary Newsletter

*Thursday 29th 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

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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
Saturday 2nd March	Spring Fair
Sunday 3rd March	Attendance Workshop
Sunday 3rd - 7th March	Book Week 2024
Tuesday 5th March	Secondary Students Book Fair Day
Wednesday 6th March	Parents Book Fair Day
Wednesday 6th March	Girls Athletics U12, U13, U14
Thursday 7th March	Story Book Character Day
Monday 4th March	Boys Athletics U12, U13, U14
Wednesday 6th March	Girls Athletics U12, U13, U14
Sunday 10th March to Thursday 4th April	Ramadan School Days

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



## 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.

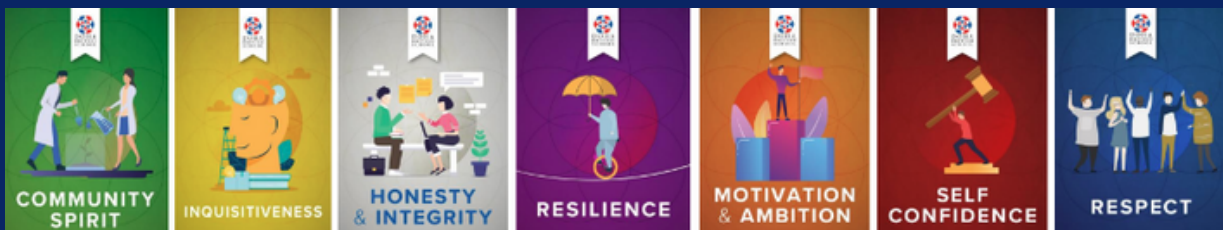
Please ensure you have your lanyard displayed. Entry to the campus will not be permitted without it. If you do not have a lanyard, you can order one from the main reception desk after being signed in by security.

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: Hawareen, Mohammad Ihab		Green Scorpions: Al-Aufi, Salma		Purple Camels: Hortaleza, Jacob Xavier Sapinoso
	Yellow Falcons: Maisery, Aliah Waleed		Red Oryxes: Paul, Olivia Nicole		

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



## Physical Education

Fiza Shaik, our Year 10 student, secured victory in the 50m backstroke swimming event this weekend. Competing against formidable talent, she demonstrated exceptional skill and determination, ultimately earning the gold medal. Congratulations to Fiza on this outstanding achievement!

## Qatar Environment Day - Beach Cleanup

Our students volunteered to clean up a beach at Al Thakira Mangroves to celebrate Qatar Environment Day. Their hard work resulted in the collection of 130 kilograms of litter, including plastic bottles and cans, among other items. Their meticulous cleaning efforts helped restore the natural beauty of the area and protect the fragile ecosystem surrounding the mangroves. This experience aided the students in gaining a deeper appreciation for environmental issues and instilled a sense of responsibility towards the planet's well-being.



## Ramadan

Ramadan is approaching, and we want to ensure that everyone at DBS Rawdat Secondary is well-informed about the timings and arrangements during this holy month. We will keep you updated with the necessary details as they become available. We kindly request all parents and teachers to stay informed and be mindful of any adjustments to schedules or activities that may occur during Ramadan. Your relentless support and understanding are greatly appreciated as we strive to support our community during this special time.

## ECAs

We would like to inform you that Extra-Curricular Activities (ECAs) will conclude on Wednesday, 6th March. Kindly ensure that your child is aware of this schedule. We appreciate your support and participation in our ECAs program, and we look forward to seeing the progress and achievements of our students in these activities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.



## Secondary Library

### Secondary World Book Day Assembly: DBS Authors

The Secondary community had the honour of hosting the first DBS Author Forum. During the event, some of our talented students and staff shared their literary works, inspiring everyone with their passion for writing. We encourage them to keep pursuing their passion for writing and invite all students to explore the world of literature.

Here is the list of DBS Authors 2024:

- Adam Habash
- Ali Habash
- Sayali Pore
- Yosser Ahmed
- Hannah Gamal
- Rianna Fernandez
- Mrs. Shommari Waseme

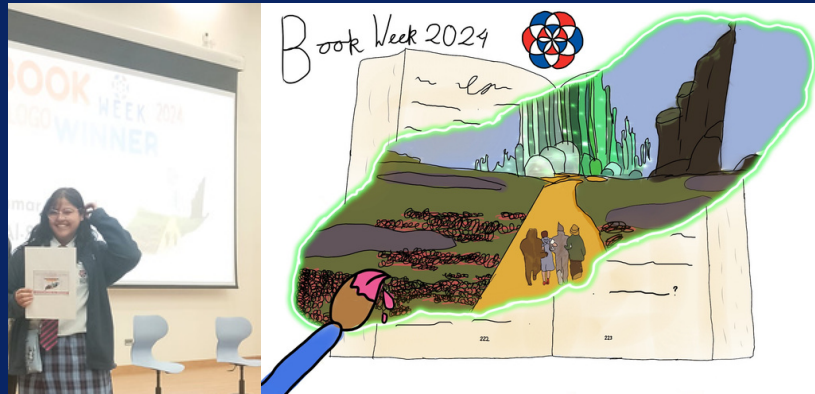
We are exceptionally proud to share the achievement of two of our DBS Authors from year 7, the **Habash brothers Ali and Adam**. They recently published their first book at the Qatar National Library, which is a tremendous accomplishment. As a school, we are immensely proud of them, and we want to emphasize how inspirational they are for our entire community





### Book Week Logo Winner.

Congratulations to Lamar Al-Shamari, who won the Logo Competition for Book Week 2024. She drew inspiration from the World Book Theme 2024, "Reading is Magic." In her design, Lamar skillfully conveyed a magical city where book characters enter their homeland. Well done, Lamar!



### Book Week 2024

Next week it's Book Week 2024, and we would like to invite parents and students to participate in our exciting program. Below are a couple of invitations to choose from:

1. Book Fair 2024: From March 4th to 6th, come and discover all the wonderful books that will be on sale! Support our local bookstore by purchasing locally.
2. Story Book Character Day: On March 7th, students and staff are welcome to dress up as their favourite book characters.

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

**Book Fair 2024**  
Read and Fuel your imagination

Primary: Monday, March 4  
Secondary: Tuesday, March 5  
Everyone: Wednesday, March 6

Multipurpose Room  
Open from 6:45am - 2:45pm

In Partnership with 

*Join us and discover all the wonderful books that will be on sale!*

*Please bring some money to buy cool books!*

*Purchase locally and support our local bookstore.*



## STORY BOOK CHARACTER DAY

**THURSDAY 7TH MARCH**

**STUDENTS & STAFF ARE INVITED**

**TO DRESS UP LIKE THEIR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER!**

- Dressing up is optional
- Character must be appropriate according to the school guidelines

## SECONDARY BOOK WEEK 2024 PROGRAM

MARCH 3-7

Sunday March 3	Monday March 4	Tuesday March 5	Wednesday March 6	Thursday March 7
1- Book Week Trivia - During Both Breaks	1- Book/Art Workshop <b>Ramadan Kareem</b> - Previous Registration Required	1- Book Fair Students and parents are invited - During both Breaks	1- Book/Art Workshop <b>Ramadan Kareem</b> - Previous Registration Required	1- Dress up as a favourite character
	2- Book Week Trivia - During Both Breaks	2- Designing bookmarks competition (During Both Breaks)	2- Music Performance by: Lamar and Khadija	2- Music Performance by: Lamar and Khadija!

### Library News

**Book of the Week**

**Borrow today!**

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**FEB. 25-29**

**AM I MADE OF STARDUST?: DR MAGGIE ANSWERS THE BIG QUESTIONS FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS**

Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock MBE is a space scientist and pioneering figure in communicating science to children and adults. She is committed to inspiring new generations of astronauts, engineers and scientists. Dr Maggie has spoken directly to over 350,000 people globally and, in 2009, was appointed an MBE for her services to science and education. In 2016 she was nominated for a Children's Presenter BAFTA and she recently won the Institute of Physics gold medal for exceptional services to science education and physics communication. She is the current President of the British Science Association.

**Today in History**

- Feb 27, 1967. Saint Kitts and Nevis (with Anguilla) became an independent state associated with the United Kingdom.
- Feb 29th, 2004. The Return of the King—the last installment in the film adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's epic fantasy The Lord of the Rings—received 11 Academy Awards, tying the record held by Ben-Hur (1959) and Titanic (1997).
- Feb. 29th, 1920. A new, democratic constitution was adopted by the National Assembly elected by Czech and Slovak leaders, furthering the consolidation of the two states into Czechoslovakia.

Source: Britannica.com





## Workshop invite

Dear Parents,

I hope this email finds you well

As part of our ongoing commitment to your child's journey at Doha British School we would like to extend an invitation to you for an upcoming workshop focused on the vital role that consistent school attendance plays in academic success and overall student well-being. This workshop, titled "Attendance Matters" aims to bring together educators, parents, and community members to discuss strategies and best practices to promote regular attendance and punctuality among students.

These are the details of the workshop:

Date: 3rd March

Time: Morning session 7:15 am and afternoon session: 2:15 pm

Location: Doha British School Rawdat Al Hamama- Auditorium

Duration: 1 hour

If you would like to attend, please complete the following Google form stating which session you would like to attend.

<https://forms.gle/ccm23kKsEnb2GzVz8>

Kind regards,

Ms Lorente

## 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.



## 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!





## 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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# Spring Fair

We are thrilled to announce our upcoming Spring Fair.



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FRIENDS OF DBS

# Spring Fair

# Save The Date

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024  
Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tickets Available 18th -21st February 2024  
7:00am & 1:00pm at School Entrance



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