



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

RAWDAT AL HAMAMA



Secondary Newsletter

Thursday 25th April 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



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Please find below, information pertinent to the Secondary section of DBS Rawdat Al Hamama.

Dates for you Diary

Upcoming events	
Date	Event
Sunday 28th April	Dealing with exams stress workshop
Sunday 28th April	Girls Swimming U12 U13 U14
Tuesday 30th April	Boys Swimming U12 U13 U14
Tuesday 7th May	U12 Netball
Wednesday 8th May	Year 10, Parents Evening
Sunday 12th May	U13 Netball

Further ahead	
Date	Event
16th-20th June	Summer Half Term Holiday
Wednesday 26th June	Last day of School Year 23/24



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.

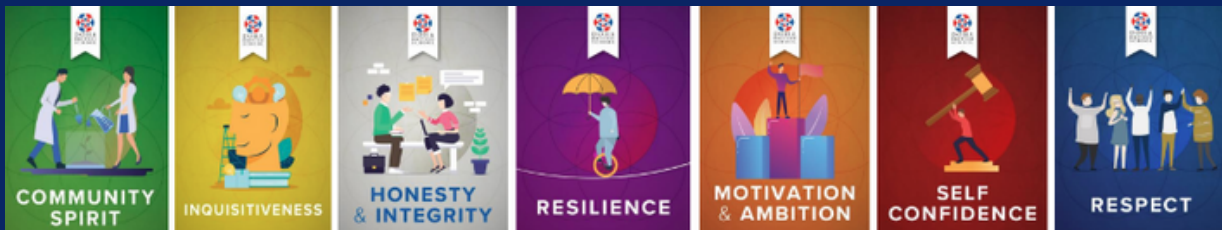
Please ensure you have your lanyard displayed. Entry to the campus will not be permitted without it. If you do not have a lanyard, you can order one from the main reception desk after being signed in by security.

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: Allam, Marwan Mahmoud Sabry		Green Scorpions: Mejia Simon, Daniela		Purple Camels: Hortaleza, Pore, Sayali Anand
		Yellow Falcons: Aisyahera, Tsumaiya Jenna			Red Oryxes: Waqas, Aman

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



Science Department

"Continuing with separation techniques Mrs Mekhalfia's class Y7B kicked off their week exploring filtration and crystallisation. Students had hands-on experience with both techniques and were able to understand when to use each method. On Thursday, they will be shown another separation technique - distillation!"



Science Week

We are excited to announce that Science Week is just around the corner.

From Sunday 28th April - Thursday 2nd May 2024, our Secondary school will be immersed in a week-long celebration of science, exploration, and discovery. Science Week offers a fantastic opportunity for our students to engage with various scientific concepts, conduct experiments, and ignite their curiosity about the world around them.

Throughout the week, our dedicated teachers have planned a range of exciting activities, demonstrations, and interactive sessions tailored to each year group. These activities will not only enhance your child's understanding of scientific principles but also foster their creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.

We encourage you to get involved in Science Week by engaging in discussions with your child about the fascinating topics they will be exploring. You can also support their learning by encouraging them to ask questions, conduct simple experiments at home, or explore science-related resources together.

LET'S HAVE FUN!

SCIENCE WEEK

Sunday 28th April - Thursday 2nd May 2024

Engage in hands-on activities, including student-led projects, that will challenge and inspire you to explore the depths of scientific discovery. Whether you're a budding biologist, a curious chemist, or an aspiring physicist, there's something for everyone to discover and enjoy.



End-of-day pick-up time

As we continue our academic journey together, I would like to kindly remind you of our school's closing time and the importance of punctual pupil collection.

School ends at 2:00 pm from Sunday to Thursday. It is imperative that all pupils are collected on time, with no later than 2:10 pm as the discretionary deadline. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring the timely pickup of your children.

If you anticipate being five minutes late for pickup, we encourage you to please contact the school reception to inform them of the delay. This proactive communication helps us ensure the safety and well-being of our pupils while maintaining efficient operations.

Your adherence to these guidelines is greatly appreciated, as it contributes to the smooth functioning of our school and the welfare of our students.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to assist you in any way we can.

Thank you for your attention to this important reminder. We look forward to your continued support and cooperation.

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.

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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