



مدرسة الدوحة البريطانية  
DOHA BRITISH SCHOOL

RAWDAT AL HAMAMA



# Secondary Newsletter

*Thursday 2nd May 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 6th May and Tuesday 7th May	Production of 'The Wizard of Oz'
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

## Celebration Success

As a school, one of the most joyful aspects of any school year is celebrating our students' achievements, whether they are academic, athletic, or in the performing arts. Recognising our children's efforts not only encourages them to set higher goals through positive reinforcement but also motivates them and helps them feel appreciated and special. Similarly, many of our students participate in activities and achieve considerable success outside of school. We are eager to celebrate these accomplishments too. If your child has any notable achievements outside of school, please let us know. If you could click on the following link and enter the information, that would be hugely appreciated.

<https://forms.gle/QEMcKs4fd3RALHxb6>



## 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.

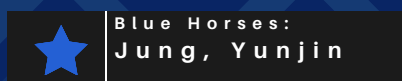
Whilst students are at DBS, we aim to develop and instill the following values:



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:  
Jung, Yunjin



Green Scorpions:  
Badr, Maleeka



Purple Camels:  
Ana Belen



Yellow Falcons:  
Kharal, Raiha  
Aymen



Red Oryxes:  
Soumelidis,  
Ioannis

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





## Science Department: Science Week

### Y7 Crossword Day:

To introduce students to STEAM careers, we distributed a crossword puzzle. The puzzle sparked curiosity and competitiveness among the students. They were racing to complete the crossword, and they were excited to learn about intriguing professions that they had never encountered before, such as entomologist.

### Y7 Bridge:

In teams, the students worked together to build a bridge using straws, paper, and tape. We added a budget to encourage students to use their enterprise skills and consider which materials were most important.

### Y10 Chemistry - Bouncy Balls:

The Y10 Chemists made bouncy balls using a polymer. This activity was not only fun but also linked with Unit 4 - Organic Chemistry, where polymers are taught.



## Physical Department

### U14 Boys Basketball Team

Mr. Hussein, our PE teacher, is excited to announce that our U14 boys' basketball team has been selected to represent the Cleveland Cavaliers in the Jr. NBA league. We would like to invite you to cheer them on as they compete against the Chicago Bulls in their first match this Friday at 4:45 pm at the Multaqa Students Centre in Education City. Let's show our support and root for our team!



## Art Department

Year 10 students have exhibited admirable resilience and a growth mindset throughout their academic journey. They have embraced the "heavy lifting" concept and shown a willingness to confront challenges head-on and persevere through difficulties to achieve success. This positive mindset has been evident in their lessons, where they actively engage with tasks that require effort and perseverance.

By accepting that intelligence and abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work, these students have demonstrated their commitment to personal growth and cultivated essential skills that will serve them well in their academic and personal lives. The proactive approach of Year 10 students in applying a growth mindset to their learning experiences reflects their determination to excel and their readiness to embrace challenges as opportunities for growth and development.

"Great job, Year 10! You have provided an insightful explanation of your learning journey."



## 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.



## The Wizard of Oz Production at DBS Rawdat



Year 6

# THE WIZARD of OZ

Production



**Showtime: Monday 6th May and Tuesday 7th May at 5:30pm**

**Tickets Available: DBS RH Reception**

**Daily from Sunday to Thursday**

**Morning: 6:45am - 7:15am and Afternoon: 1:30pm - 2:00pm**

**Ticket Price: QR 30**





## 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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